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PARSON TO PERSON

A Message from Pastor Rob Carter

VISION

“Calvary is a family unified in Christ, transformed and empowered by the love of God, guided by the Holy Spirit. Together we spread the Good News and serve God by serving others”

Recognize those words? They are our church mission statement. Recently both churches on the Calvary Shiloh Charge have begun a planning process. On January 15 twelve Calvary members came together with our District Superintendent, Dr. Ianther Mills to begin building a vision and a plan for Calvary United Methodist Church. That planning process will continue with another meeting with the Dr. Mills on Feb 12. On Sunday the 6th we invited Congregation members to share their vision for the church and received many thoughtful responses.

What vision do you have for Calvary? What call are you hearing? Let me share a little of my vision with you.

I believe God is calling us to get outside the walls. I see a church that is making a difference in our community. People have often said to me that our location is an obstacle to our growth. I think that that’s



true. We are not in a residential community where people can walk to church. We’re not the nearest church for very many people. I’ve often thought that the layout of our buildings, hiding the main building behind the parish house and Old Chapel gives a false impression of who we are as a church. I think the only way we can overcome that location, short of moving to another location, is to be such a presence in the community that people talk about who we are and what we are doing. We need to get out into the community and beyond the community and touch lives for Jesus Christ. We have to touch those lives and proclaim the Gospel to people regardless of race, or social class. We have to be intentional about welcoming every person who walks

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Calvary's United Methodist Men

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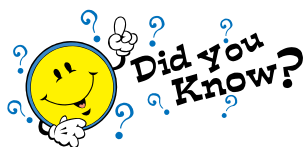
February 12, Calvary's United Methodist Men will be hosting our annual Sweetheart Dinner from 4:00 until 6:30 PM. This event seems to get bigger and better each year, and this year should be no exception. The men will be cooking and serving dinner. Anyone who desires is welcome to bring your favorite dessert for all to enjoy. In order to cover expenses, we will again this year, accept a free-will offering.

Our next scheduled event is the Gospel Concert which will be held Saturday, March 19. Specific details are still being finalized. Watch the Sunday bulletin for updates.

Also, the UMM will be exploring ways in which we, the Calvary church family, can better demonstrate God's love by making a difference in the lives of our neighbors and others around us. *Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself"* —Matthew 22:37-39.

We live our daily lives in a world full of crime, sickness, heartache, and hunger. Almost everyday, we see images of people around the world living in poverty and deplorable conditions, lacking food, adequate housing, with contaminated drinking water, and non-existent sanitary facilities. What can one person do with so much suffering in this world. One person can not alleviate all of the world's suffering, but if we are true to God's commandment—"You shall love your neighbor as yourself," together we can make a huge difference. One way we can help is with Calvary's Food Bank and/or make a donation to a local charity.

Be on the look out for upcoming projects that will present opportunities for each of us to take part in carrying out our commitment to "love our neighbors as ourselves." And, as you go about your day-to-day routine, remember to brighten someone's day with a smile.



There is nothing as beautiful as a SMILE, so keep a smile on your face. It takes 72 muscles to frown, but only 14 to SMILE.

GOD LOVES YOU AND WE LOVE YOU!

Gary W. Hall
President, Calvary United Methodist Men

through our doors and beyond that we have to reach out in invitation. Reaching out might mean evangelism and membership recruitment but it also has to mean helping and caring and serving. I see a church that is known for its love and warmth and service.

To fulfill such a vision we would have to be intentional. We may need to build ourselves up spiritually. This might mean more learning opportunities (and taking advantage of them) more prayer, congregation-wide education in welcoming and witnessing and any number of other steps, strengthening our life and ministry together. If more learning opportunities are going to happen we'll need to find people to lead them. If we're going to harness the power of prayer then we'll all have to covenant to pray. Enhancing our welcoming and inviting skills can only happen if we are willing to learn and make those skills part of our lives. It's going to take all of us.

Recently one of our members shared a vision that she had received for her ministry within our church. She's exploring that right now and it may very well become a reality. Perhaps you have a vision of what God is calling you to do. Don't keep it a secret. Share it with people who might welcome that vision. Share it with me. Let's test your call. God should be able to use all of us in the ministry of Calvary Church. How about it? Are you in?

In Christ,

Pastor Rob



Calvary's United Methodist Women

Highlight of Upcoming Events

Calvary's United Methodist Women are planning some exciting programs for this year. All women of Calvary—members, non-members and guests—are invited to join us. Our monthly meeting is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. The agenda includes program activities of various topics, a short business meeting and delicious refreshments.

The highlight of our **February 12th** program is a production by Becky Merkle and her fine actresses as they present an informative and entertaining skit about how the United Methodist Women got started. Becky is a history buff so you don't want to miss this! Also, Kathy Peters will be overseeing the completion of membership forms, explaining the process of pledging and helping with the exciting fun of picking our secret pals for the year.

March 12th program includes a hands-on workshop in which Kathie Auth and Rebecca Morris will be schooling us on the world of crafting. The project for the day happens

to be an Easter craft. Don't miss this; you know how crafty Rebecca and Kathie can be!

April 9th, Norma Bradbury and her partners will be sharing with us about "prayer and self-denial." Every year, the UMW engages in this special observance as a way of connecting ourselves spiritually with our sisters and brothers around the world through missions, prayer, and giving. This program is sure to touch each of us in a very special way.

In addition to the programs mentioned above, the United Methodist Women are planning many exciting events for the year: The annual Birthday and Advent Tea Party; a pajama breakfast; mother, daughter, and grand-daughter tea party; an overnight retreat; and, of course, our famous Ice Cream Social. Watch the Sunday Bulletin and monthly newsletter for additional information about these events, including dates and time.

We encourage all women to come out and be a part of this wonderful fellowship and to share in the purpose of the UMW.

Our Purpose: The UMW shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as a whole person through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive, fellowship; to expand concepts of MISSION through the participation in the global ministries of the church.

Marlene Phillips
President, United Methodist Women

What's Your Dream?

January 15th, many of the leaders at Calvary started the process of planning for Calvary's future. With the help of our District Superintendent, Dr. Ianther Mills, we examined our past and analyzed the present ("Where have we been, who are we, and, who are our neighbors?"). We also had the opportunity to start dreaming about our vision for Calvary in 5-10 years ("Where would you like Calvary to be 5-10 years from now?").

The next step is to develop goals and objectives to help us achieve our vision for Calvary. Saturday, February 12th, Dr. Mills will be returning to Calvary to help with the crucial second part of our planning retreat—establishing goals and objectives for Calvary. Committee Chairs, Council members and all who are interested, please mark your calendar and make every effort to attend. Plan to arrive a few minutes before 9am for light refreshments. We will begin promptly

at 9am and finish at 11am.

In preparation, please take a couple of minutes to review the charts posted on the walls of the fellowship hall. Pay extra attention to the "visions" already identified and think about steps we can take to reach these dreams. Consider adding to the list of dreams. Post-it notes and pens are provided in the 2nd Cup Cafe to add additional ideas for the Vision for Calvary.

The entire church is encouraged to participate in the planning of Calvary's future. Remember, this is NOT limited to Committee Chairs or members of the Church Council. All who are interested in helping Calvary become all we can be in service to the Lord are invited and encouraged to attend.

In His Service,
Cheryl Merkle
Church Council Chair

The Friendship Club

By Rebecca Morris

The expression “out with the old and in with the new” fared well with Calvary’s Friendship Club as they celebrated the end of 2010 and embraced the beginning of the new year.

Twelve members of the group gathered at the Olive Garden in Waldorf on November 22 to celebrate their third quarter birthdays. A relaxing atmosphere, delicious food and great fellowship was exactly the kind of function to which the group has become accustomed.

Celebrations continued with a December 6 Christmas/Dominoes Party at the home of Rebecca Morris in La Plata. The morning began with eight members playing dominoes to determine a “Queen for the Day.” At noon, seven more members arrived with their favorite dish for a pot luck meal. Pastor Carter also joined the group and led in prayer and the meal began. After lunch, Janet Talbert was announced as “Queen for the Day,” and Pastor Carter announced Dot Wisniewski as “Dominoes Queen for 2010.”

Next was the exchange of gifts which was coordinated by Hannah Ayer. Everyone had fun watching some gifts travel to several members before landing a home. Hannah kept the festivities on track and soon led into the reading of “Twas The Night Before Christmas.” With everyone joining in by memory from time to time, you could hear lots of voices, and

at times, fewer. Then on to the Christmas Carols. Janet Talbert played the keyboard and everyone else sang along, closing our day of prayer, fun and good food.

In addition to group fellowship and activities in 2010, the Friendship Club supported the Children’s Aide Christmas Connection by donating money for toys. The toys were enjoyed by several families in the Charles County area.

We started the new year with our regular business meeting and lunch on January 3 at noon. Eleven members were present. Pastor Carter joined us and led in prayer. The meeting began with a short devotion, followed by a discussion about plans for 2011. Some of our plans are:

- participate in a new members’ lunch with pastor;
- continue to support our Bereavement Committee, and;
- have fundraisers to continue making placemats.

The Club is open to new members. You are invited to join us on Mondays in the fellowship hall for devotion, prayer, food and fellowship. Regular business meetings are held every other Monday at noon. We enjoy lunch together. The designated hostess for the day is responsible for bringing a special dessert for all to enjoy, and each member is responsible for bringing their own lunch. After lunch we have devotion, led by Pastor Carter. Mondays in between, we

meet at 10:30 am for a fun day of dominoes and fellowship.

We encourage all women from Calvary and/or Shiloh to let 2011 be the year you decide to join the Club. ~



Hope you’ve been enjoying the musical selections so far in this new year. The choir has been striving for variety in musical styles, as well as continued coordination with the themes of the worship services.

The music for next week will focus on the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus, with an old classic, as well as a newer, more contemporary piece.

Look for the praise team and drums to be in action later this month, and some special music on February 20th.

Once again, I would like to extend the invitation to any who might be interested in joining or rejoining the choir to come on out to rehearsal. The choir meets Wednesday at 7:00p.m., but also practices at 8:45a.m. and immediately following the service on Sunday mornings for those whose schedules do not allow a weeknight practice.

Musically Yours,
Karen

Children's Sunday School

February Lessons

Feb. 6, 2011 — The Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 22:36-40)
The Old Testament teaching called the Shema is the Hebrew word for “hear or listen.” The Shema tells us how we are to live. The children will learn one of the ways we show God's love is by serving others, and we are to love God with all our heart, soul and might.

Feb. 13, 2011 — The Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31)
Children will learn that treating others the way we want to be treated is the way we show God's love. We'll be making a special valentine to give to someone we love.

Feb. 20, 2011 — The Lilies of the Field (Matthew 6:25-33)
The children will learn we should put our trust in God. He will take care of us and we should not worry. The Bible tells us we should put God first.

Feb. 27, 2011 — Blessed are the Peacemakers (Matthew 5:1-12)
Jesus taught us how God wants us to live. These important teachings are call Beatitudes. Children will learn that we are called to be peacemakers. God wants us to get along with other people. ~

Funnies

The Ten Commandments

It A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to *“honor father and thy mother,”* she asked, *“Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?”*

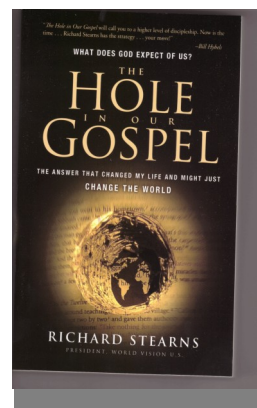
Without missing a beat on e little boy answered, *“Thou shall not kill.”*

Calvary receives generous donation

Calvary announces to the congregation that Mr. Robert Beverage, a roofing contractor the church hired to do some repairs on the roof back in the fall, not only did an excellent job of repairing the damaged areas, he made a very generous donation to Calvary in the amount of \$1500. As you know, Mr. Beverage is not a member of the Calvary church family. So his generous and unexpected donation was very much received as a gift of love from the heart. We all greatly appreciate Mr. Beverage's contribution to the Ministry.

In the event any of you need repairs done to your personal property, we highly recommend using Bobby Beverage. We're sure he would appreciate the business. ~

OUR STUDY BEGINS...



Super Bowl Sunday “kicked off” our 8-week study group for “The Hole in our Gospel,” a book by Richard Stearns, US President of World Vision. We can walk closer with God and make a difference in this world...one Christian at a time.

It's not too late to join us! Our group meets in the library during bible study hour after Sunday service. If you are unable to attend this class but would like to read this amazing book on your own, see Dawn Townsend to purchase a book for \$5 (proceeds will be donated to Calvary's Health and Welfare Ministry). This book has touched so many hearts, it WILL touch yours!

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LEADERSHIP - 2011 ADMINISTRATION

1. Offices

Conference Lay Member: Dale Merkle
Lay Leader: Andy Anderson
Church Council Chair: Cheryl Merkle
Church Council Vice-Chair: Bobby Russell
Church Council Secretary: Amanda Vickery
Assistant Secretary: Kathy Peters

2. Committee on Staff-Parish Relations

Class of 2011: Susan Cunningham (Chair); Mike Vickery
Class of 2012: Ed Van Cleaf
Class of 2013: Rebecca Morris, LaSage Mickina
Conference Lay Member: Dale Merkle
Lay Leader: Andy Anderson

3. Board of Trustees

Class of 2011: Logan Marsh (Chair)
Gary Hall (Vice-Chair)
Class of 2012: Jennifer Santos, Stacy Feldman (Chairs)
Class of 2013: Carrie Akins (Secretary)
Zack Maggett

Trustees Subcommittees

Cemetery: Dawn Townsend (Chair)
Everett Currie, Bill Olsen, Ron Black,
Bob Boettcher

Groundskeeping: Everett Currie, Edsel Bradbury
Kitchen: Bertie McConnell (Chair), Jean Turner

4. Committee on Finance

Chair: Keith Akins
Ex Officio: Pastor, Lay Members of Annual
Conference, Lay Leader, Treasurer, Committee on
Staff Parish Relations representative, Trustees representa-
tive, Church Council Chairperson
Financial Secretary: Kathy Peters
Treasurer: Norma Bradbury
At Large: LaSage Mickinak

5. Lay Leadership Committee

Class of 2011: Stacy Feldman, Janet Ferrell
Class of 2012: Myrtle Currie, Brenda Russell
Class of 2013: Ron Colby, Doris Sawyerr-Guest

6. Communications Work Area

Bulletin Boards: Jeanne Turner
Internet Site Coordinator: Keith Akins
Newsletter Editor: Mildred Jackson
Outdoor Sign: Dale Merkle

7. Membership Secretary: Mildred Jackson

8. Church Historian: Wayne Welsh

9. Librarian: Janet Ferrell

10. Nursery Coordinator: Sandy Schliep

*PROGRAM AREAS OF NURTURE
OUTREACH & WORSHIP*

11. Scouting Coordinator: Ron Black

12. Youth Coordinator: Logan Marsh

13. Bereavement Committee: Friendship Club
Janet Talbert

14. Prayer Partners: Sharon French

15. Education Work Area

Sunday School Superintendent: Marlene Phillips/
Lisa Brown

Vacation Bible School: TBD
Assistant: TBD

16. United Methodist Men: Gary Hall (Pres.)
Everett Currie (VP)

17. United Methodist Women: Marlene Phillips

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18. Outreach Committee

Chair: Karen Smith
At Large: Dale Merkle, Cheryl Merkle
 Marlene Phillips, Andy Anderson
 Linda Anderson, Carolyn Carter, Becky Merkle

19. Health and Welfare Committee

Chairs: Kathy Peters, Marsha Thompson
Assistants: Janet Talbert, Ron Colby
 Hannah Ayer, Gene Talley

20. Committee on Worship

Chair: Pastor Carter
Music Director: Karen Smith
Organ & Piano: Ramona Black, Janet Talbert & Linda Fenlon
Acolyte: Diane Phillips
Communion Stewards: Jean Turner
Sound: Dale Merkle, Keith Akins, Bob Boettcher,
 Rusty Milheim, Emilia Milheim
Ushers: Ruthie Kaclik

21. Church Council At Large

Everett Currie	Kellee Milheim
Myrtle Currie	Russ Milheim
John Blom	Edsel Bradbury
Wayne Welsh	Bill Olsen
Marion Schreiber	Janet Talbert
Marie Bowling, Honorary	Carolyn Carter
Bobby Russell	Brenda Russell

Church Council Members

Church Council Chair: Cheryl Merkle
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 Lay Leader: Andy Anderson
 Trustees Chair: Stacy Feldman
 Committee on Finance: Keith Akins
 Financial Secretary/: Kathy Peters
 Health & Welfare Comm. Chair
 SPRC Chair: Susan Cunningham
 Sunday School Supt/: Marlene Phillips
 United Methodist Women Pres.
 United Methodist Men Pres.: Gary Hall
 Outreach Committee Chair: Karen Smith
 Health & Welfare Comm. Chair: Marsha Thompson
 At Large Members (See #21 above)



February Birthdays

Kevin Broadwater	4
Jimmy Brown	5
Taylor Short	5
Ardith Stultz	6
Ruthie Kaclik	19
Linda Ann Anderson	20
Shepherd Riley Fields	22
Carolyn Carter	24
Linda Gundling	28
Robin L. Graham	29

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Drummond	6
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Currie	22
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Broadwater	22
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Milheim	27

THANK YOU

Dear Members & Friends of Calvary:

We would like to express our gratitude to all of you for selecting us to receive the Nellie Shelor Award last month. As I said on Sunday, we appreciate being appreciated. It meant a lot to both of us; but even more so receiving it together. We both felt like the other deserved it more and it would have been hard to be excited about receiving it if the other one had not.

Thanks again,

Edsel and Norma Bradbury



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