This summer, we will have some staffing changes as John Melick moves to Boston and Andrea Walkup retires from her many years of service in our Music Ministry. The Staff Parish Committee met and adopted the following plan for the church. The committee took the job descriptions from both areas and combined them, then divided them in new ways. We are going to hire an Associate Director of Music and an Associate Director of Youth. The Associate Director of Music will assist Melissa in conducting our various ensembles and leading in our worship services. Our Associate Director of Youth will help Kris lead our youth ministry. Interviews will begin next week for the Associate Director of Music and we hope to have someone in place by July. As we began to think about staffing the Associate Director of Youth, The Staff Parish Committee voted to enter into an agreement with The Center for Youth Ministry Training (CYMT) who will provide us with a graduate resident for the next three years. The Center for Youth Ministry Training equips youth ministers and churches to develop theologically informed and practically effective youth ministries. CYMT was founded in 2006. Kris Lott graduated from the inaugural class in 2008. CYMT has 95 Alumni (Lauren Brooks and Maria Ghianni are other Calvary Alumni) and has worked with over 120 partner churches. Here are some of the core components of CYMT: COHORT - Residents are part of a dynamic, group learning community that provides encouragement and support as they walk through ministry together. COACHING - Residents and churches receive one-on-one coaching from a youth ministry veteran to help master and apply critical skills. CLASSROOM - In retreat-style, four times per semester, residents will be challenged to think theologically about ministry and empowered to create ministry programs that evoke deep, life-changing Christian faith. CHURCH - Residents get hands-on experience in a local church where they serve 25 hours weekly as a youth minister. CARE - Residents receive pastoral care and encouragement, empowering them to seek wholeness in their life.

I want to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new Associate Director of Youth Ministry, Olivia Keffer. Olivia grew up just down the road in Brentwood, and attended Ravenwood High School. She graduated from Auburn University in December of 2018 and just finished an internship this spring in Walt Disney World! She will be heading to Eleuthera, Bahamas for the month of June to volunteer and serve at Bahamas Methodist Habitat and will be with us at Calvary beginning in July. Her favorite things include traveling, eating Mexican food, and playing with her dog, Polly. Olivia is excited to be working with the youth at Calvary UMC! We are excited to welcome Olivia to our staff and to our church!

~B.J.
## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 26**
- 8:15 am Calvary Connection (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Estonia Meeting (223)

**Monday, May 27**
- MEMORIAL DAY—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
  - 7:00 pm Men’s Pickup Basketball (CLC)

**Tuesday, May 28**
- 8:00 am Covenant Group (Prayer Room)
- 10:00 am Book Circle—*Hidden Figures*—(307)
- 6:00 pm Staff-Parish Relations Mtg (223)
- 6:30 pm Calvary Brass (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday, May 29**
- 1:00 pm Pastor’s Bible Study (223)
- 6:45 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, May 30**

**Friday, May 31**

**Saturday, June 1**

**Sunday, June 2**
- 8:15 am Calvary Connection (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- **11:30 am United for Hope Celebration Lunch (FH)**
- 1:30 pm Youth Choir & Bells “Pre-Tour” Tour
- 6:00 pm UMYF (Youth Room)

## CHURCH FAMILY

**New Prayer Concerns**

Stephen Exton *(friend of Kathi Hall)*

Katherine Summerlin *(daughter of Bill & Shirley Drescher)*

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Our love and sympathy to Linda Wilkes and family, in the death of her sister, Peggy Jean Pigg Alexander, on May 19, 2019.

Our love and sympathy to Jim Crossman and family, in the death of Jim’s sister-in-law, Sharyn Crossman, on May 20, 2019 in New Mexico.

## COMMUNITY CARE FELLOWSHIP REQUEST

The laundry detergent supply is running low at Community Care Fellowship, which provides laundry services for homeless guests. Each guest can have up to 10 pounds of laundry done once each week. If you would like to contribute detergent — any brand, any kind, any size — leave in the plastic bin in the church office entryway.

## SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE PARKISON FAMILY

**Help us celebrate the 85th Birthday of Lee Parkison**

Sunday, June 2, 2019

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Brief remarks at 5:00 pm

Richland Place Atrium
500 Elmington Avenue
Nashville, TN 37205

Parking in front of building and on the western side. If you get lost, call the concierge at 615-269-4200

NO PRESENTS PLEASE
As I look around our building, I see a lot of highly educated folk everywhere. Masters of this and that, doctors of all kinds, teachers, lawyers, professionals of all sorts. Recognizing that it is never too late to improve myself, I have decided to go after my Minister of Facilities degree.

In its verb form, the following synonyms for “minister” are drawn from the dictionary:

- tend, take care of, look after, nurse, treat, attend to, see to, help, assist, succor; cater to, serve, accommodate...

Yikes! No wonder our ministerial staff gets gray hair so young!! Fortunately for me, most of the duties of a MF (Minister of Facilities) relate to inanimate objects. I might have to nurse a boiler or accommodate an event, but it is hard to imagine that I will have to succor anything.

All that being said, one of my first classes in my quest for my MF is called “Keeping It Real 101”. My first assignment in this class read “by taking something away and giving something back, keep it real in your facility”.

Well, I can do this. There are plenty of things I would like to take away. I looked around and I decided to take away some signs. Don’t get me wrong, we all need direction, but in the light of Keeping it Real 101, I thought maybe signs sometimes just confuse the issue, and really, who actually pays attention to signs?

I was walking with a truly intentional church member the other day and as we exited the building, he pushed open the door with the “Please use other door” sign on it. A humorous one is the “PLEASE MAKE SURE KITCHEN IS CLEAN BEFORE LEAVING” sign that is saturated in oil from the leaky door closer at the CLC Kitchen. But my favorite sign was on the Fellowship Hall Kitchen door before I removed it. It read “CAUTION: DO NOT OPEN DOOR FOR ANY REASON - Causes a Draft Which Extinguishes Stove Pilot Lights Allowing Gas to Escape”. Wow! This one sparks (aren’t I clever?) my inner 12-year-old boy self who wants to open the door to see if the building will blow up! If this really were the case, wouldn’t a padlock work better than a sign? I know I am frightening, but that door is now kept open therefore not allowing the threat of a sudden draft. I have now removed all the aforementioned signs.

When it came to my “giving something back” portion of my keeping it real in my facility assignment I brought in a thing that also involves a sign. The sign I am referring to does not use words, it uses a symbol. It is the recycling symbol, the triangle with the arrows that signify a reuse of papers and plastics that will help to reduce the insane amount of waste that our society generates. Now, recycling baskets have been placed into every Sunday School classroom. We have large rolling recycling cans on every floor of the facility. We have added a three cubic yard dumpster that gets dumped weekly to handle our recycling needs.

Last week we had a very large function in the gym where roughly 300 aluminum cans or plastic bottles were brought in for refreshment/hydration. As I looked the next day, maybe 30 or 40 of these vessels had been placed in recycling containers, the rest had been thrown into the trash. I sifted through as much as was practical to reclaim those bottles and cans.

Do I need to add some signs, reminding God’s children (we are all God’s children, right?) how to and what to recycle? I can’t do it, I just can’t do it. No more signs! There’s a list on page 6 here in From Our Hill of what can go in our recycle bins, and I hope you will use them. Do the right thing! Keep it real, read the signs, and please recycle!

Peace & Love,
David Low

David is the Facilities Manager at Calvary UMC in Nashville, TN. He is a self-proclaimed humorist and never gets published.
In the summer of 1996, I encountered my first musical missionary group. It was a group called The Celebrant Singers. There were four full-time teams of 20 or so who traveled across the US yearly, stopping in various towns and communities to offer worship and the message of God’s love through music. In the summer months, they would add some summer only teams, and each team was sent across the globe to all the continents (except Antarctica). When each team returned, there was a big reunion and sharing of each team’s mission experience overseas.

I joined The Celebrant Singers in 1998 and had the privilege of traveling with a full-time team for four months that summer. We started in Valencia, CA and traveled across the southern US to Miami. We stopped every night and offered a worship service and prayed with people. When we reached Miami in mid-June, we boarded a plane to Venezuela and spent a month there also traveling, singing, preaching, and sharing the message of Jesus’ love through song. (I actually got to preach at a woman’s conference in Venezuela, and no, I don’t speak much Spanish. I had an interpreter who repeated whatever I said for the women of the conference.) After a month in Venezuela, we flew back to Miami and headed back across the US to California for the big homecoming concert.

This summer is a summer of musical missions for Calvary as well! We have the Youth Choir & Bell Tour, June 3-7, where youth representing Calvary will offer their musical mission to Pigeon Forge and surrounding areas. After a day of travel on Monday, we have 2 concerts on Tuesday, 2 concerts on Wednesday, a fun day at Dollywood, and 1 concert Friday morning, followed by our Homecoming Concert on Friday evening at Calvary. We invite the whole congregation to join us about 5 pm for the Homecoming Concert.

The second musical mission of the summer is the Adult Bells heading to New Orleans June 12-15. A portion of our Adult Bells are attending the Handbell Musicians of America Area 6 Handbell Festival. This is a three-day festival of bells, bells and more bells. The adults have been learning music that we will perfect at the festival and give a local concert in Metairie, LA. I ask that the congregation hold each of these groups in your prayers during our travel and during our mission to these various communities.

Music has literally taken me across 3 continents, through 13 countries, 45 states, and I’m not sure how many cities, towns, and villages. But more than just the travel, music takes all of us to a place where we can see the kingdom of God at work.

~ Melissa A. Emerson, Director of Music Ministries
SSA IMPOSTER CALLS
Last month, the Social Security Administration (SSA) issued a warning that scammers were spoofing calls from the SSA’s Fraud Hotline. The imposters are telling lies that instill fear like “your social security number has been suspended for criminal activity” or “your benefits might be suspended if you don’t follow these instructions.”

Here are some tips to protect yourself:

• **Don’t Trust the Caller ID**: Scammers “spoof” numbers to look official, and there is no way to tell the difference. Your caller ID may read “IRS Fraud Line”, but that doesn’t mean it really is the IRS!

• **Think critically**: The SSA typically does NOT call you out of the blue and they DO NOT call from the Fraud Hotline phone number.

• **Safeguard private information**: Never reveal financial information, or account numbers, or social security numbers unless you made the call and are certain you reached the correct office.

• **Don’t wire money or purchase gift cards or bitcoin to give to callers**: These are payment methods demanded by scammers, because they are not traceable.

• **Hang up**: These scams use fear to take your money. If you feel pressured in any way, just hang up. If you suspect it is a scam, hang up.

• **Follow up**: Don’t call the numbers provided by the caller or through a robocall. Call SSA directly at 1-800-772-1213.

• **Share scam alert information**: Remember, knowledge is power, so tell your family and friends.
Once again this summer Calvary will participate in a mission with Project Transformation Tennessee. Project Transformation provides leadership training and career exploration summer internships for college age students. In turn, the interns implement academic, health, and spiritual programming for underserved children in Nashville. By fulfilling this mission, Project Transformation becomes a bridge builder, as it seeks to connect:

Young adults to their civic responsibility, their faith, and their innate need to serve; Inner-city and underserved neighborhoods to the surrounding community; Neighbors to one another and to a vision of vital community life.

One of the major aspects of Project Transformation is the reading program. Calvary will provide “reading listeners” for PT on the mornings of Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27. The only skill you need is a willingness to let an elementary age child read to you.

Did you know:

- Reading proficiency is a key predictor of a child’s future success, yet 80% of low-income children are behind grade level in reading.
- In kindergarten, children from lower income families and middle class families learn at about the same rate, but during the summer, the lower income children fall back about 2 months in reading skills.
- The same pattern happens after 1st – 5th grades. By the end of the 5th grade, the lower income children are 2 1/2 to 3 years behind their middle class peers, and the gap continues to grow during middle school.

We will be “reading listeners” at Trinity Community Commons, 204 E. Trinity Lane, from 9:15-12:15 on the above dates. Transportation from Calvary will be provided. If you can volunteer one or more mornings, contact Libby Baxter at libby@calvaryumc.com or at 615.297.7562.

### WHAT TO RECYCLE!

Please read David’s article on page 4 about some facility changes happening here at Calvary, and refer to the list below for what goes in the blue recycling cans situated throughout our building.

**You can put any of the following in the bins:**

- Clean paper (no food debris)
- Printer paper
- Recyclable plastic containers
- Plastic bottles
- Drink cans (don’t crush)
- Cardboard

*Help us be good stewards of the earth.*

### AED LOCATIONS

Calvary now has four Automated External Defibrillators. They are located as follows:

1) Masters Common beside the door to the stairwell
2) In the Admin Wing behind the Reception Desk
3) In the YCS near the door to the playground
4) In the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall across from the Men’s restroom

*Please make yourself familiar with these locations.*
BOOK CIRCLE

Tuesday, May 28
10 AM - Room 307

The Book Circle will meet on Tuesday, May the 28th, at 10 AM in room 307 to discuss *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly, the phenomenal true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space. Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets and astronauts into space.

*Hidden Figures* was chosen to be the ‘Nashville Reads' book for 2019, and is the basis for a major motion picture that was released in 2016.

Becky Cheplick will lead our discussion, which promises to be very interesting. Copies are available from the Nashville Public Library. Even if you haven’t read it, come just to participate in the discussion.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

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HILLTOPPERS TO VISIT AMISH COMMUNITY

On Thursday, June 20, the Calvary Hilltoppers will travel to Ethridge, Tennessee to visit the Amish community there. The visit will include a tour of the Amish countryside in a horse drawn wagon or trolley and a visit to the Amish Museum and farm.

We will leave Calvary at 8:30 a.m. and will return to Calvary at approximately 3:00 p.m. Cost of the tour is $16.00 per person plus the cost of your lunch. Lunch will be at Bob’s Café at the Amish Heritage Welcome Center and will consist of a meat and three sides. When you call Calvary to make your reservation, indicate which meat dish you prefer – hamburger steak, fried fish, grilled chicken breast, or fried chicken breast.

To reserve your place on the church bus or van, call the church at 615.297.7562 or sign up in your Sunday School class by June 10. Questions? Contact Libby Baxter at the phone number above or e-mail her at libby@calvaryumc.com.
TIME IS RUNNING SHORT!
SHOES AND SUPPLIES FUNDRAISING FOR ESTONIA

...Provide shoes for campers
(last time we took shoes was 2017!)
We have an amazon shoe wish list and costs range from $18 to $55.
http://lighthouse.shoes

...Provide supplies through the Amazon Wish List
These supplies are needed to make this summer camp happen, and
costs range from $3.00 to $20.00

Calvary’s Young Children’s School is celebrating its 50th year!

In honor of this special year, we are selling celebration bricks now
through June 3rd to build the Parthenon Block Center on the pre-k
playground. We hope you will buy a brick ($125) and dedicate it
to your family or other loved one.

To order online: https://calvaryumc.nm-secure.com/Bricks

CALVARY UMC FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Vacation Bible School
July 15 - 19
9am-12noon

One small step for a kid...one giant leap for God’s Kingdom!
Blast off with the first VBS to land on the moon! Join us as we travel “To Mars and Beyond”, where kids discover the wonders of God’s universe. Children will become
voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God’s power can take them.
Children must be 4 by July 15, 2019 through 5th grade.
Registration will open in March.

For more information on Calvary’s ministries with children & families,
contact Rev. Stephanie Dunn at stephanie@calvaryumc.com.