

# News from Calvary

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## From the Pastor:

At Christmas I received a card from a friend of more than 45 years. Andy, or AC as I call him, had attended my College and run cross country there several years before I arrived at Hiram. When I was running there Andy would get other former runners to contribute so runners like me could go to the NCAA races. I even lived in a little apartment, with him and his wife, for three months after college, while I was coaching cross country and he was the Assistant Director of Development. Even though we have lived far apart we have kept in touch over the years, which is fairly miraculous considering how much I dislike writing.

In this year's Christmas card AC told me that this June was going to be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his graduation from Hiram College. Then his note continued about how he was starting to do a little running, and he intimated that he was thinking that we might run a little race... four quarters with a quarter jog in between.

My mind went back to an old Cosby Show where Cliff, "Combustible Huxtable," raced his old nemesis "Tailwind" Turner at the Penn Relays. I remember how bad both of those old men looked when they finished their running, and I am absolutely sure I do not want to be seen or remembered like that.

Still I do regularly think of running on that track at Hiram College. In fact, every morning as I do my stretching and breathing exercises I visualize that track. Each breath I take takes me another 110 yards around that track, and in my mind I see the parking lot,



the curves, flag pole, trees, maintenance shed, the gate going up the hill, and the stands. I cover that familiar ground in my mind as I breathe, and it helps me maintain a consistent rhythm ... much as the physical circuits of that track used to discipline me.

As the Church year began its new three year cycle in November I began my eleventh trip over those same assigned readings. To many people, this might appear to be an annoying redundancy, covering the same ground, but I am surprised that there are still new things that I have never discovered before in those readings. Maybe it is because I have aged, or maybe it is because the times have changed, but either way these rhythmic waves of scripture provide both a restful rhythm and a powerful challenge to me as I live and breathe. I hope, this year, you will find that this annual rotation provides your life a similar cadence to assist you in walking faithfully.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Wednesday Evening Programs as usual.**

6:15 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice

### **January 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:00a.m. Brunch for Neighbors with Needs

### **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Communion.

### **January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee Hour immediately following Church Service.

### **January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**12 Noon** – Annie Armstrong Circle

**7:30 p.m. Needles & News.**

meeting in the home of Ann Ray.

### **January 12<sup>th</sup>**

5:45 p.m. Board of Deacons meeting

### **January 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 p.m. Friendly coffee house

*The January Friendly Coffeeshouse will feature ragtime and stride pianist Jon Salkov. Jon Salkov's improvisational piano style invokes comparison to old piano rolls, full of bouncy, intricate rhythms and lush harmonies.*

### **January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Sarah's Hope 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come when you can.

### **January 30<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 Noon – Congregational Business Meeting following Church Service.

Service at Pickersgill Retirement Home

2:00 p.m.

Pick-up cakes for Our Daily Bread and return by Saturday.

*Please pick-up your Church Offering Envelopes from the back vestibule.*

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Mary Lou Doty will take care of your flowers at Church for dedication, or in honor of birthdays and anniversaries. Please phone Mary Lou at 410-252-1862.

**Youth Skiing Trip:** If you are interested in going as a skier or chaperone speak with Fred (410-825-5366), or the Church Office (410-825-3360), sign-up on the back of an attendance card. Friends are welcome. If you need financial help in going, talk to the pastor.

*Dear Calvary Church Friends:*

*On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Community Assistance Network, thank you for your generous contribution of \$300.00. We greatly value your support on behalf of low-income Baltimore County residents. Because of your caring and generosity, we are able to expand our programs and services to those in need. May your lives be touched because of your generous gift.*

*Sincerely,*

*A. Antonio Coffield, Sr.*

*Executive Director*

Item in Church Budget 2010

*Dear Members of Calvary;*

*Ruth and Dil Kulkarni would like to thank all of you who came to help us celebrate, brought cards and personal greetings, and kept their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary reception a secret from Ruth until the minute Dil announced it in church. It was great to have you with us.*