

## SPECIAL GIFTS

- To Project Agape shoes by Norma Kennerly, Theresa McLendon, Harding Shinn and Kathleen Shaw.
- To Project Agape shoes in honor of Phyllis Hale's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday by Shannon Smith, Rachel Graves.
- To CUMC Music Fund in memory of Joy Covington by Ted and Brenda Alexander.
- To CUMC in memory of Maxene Shinn by Judith McAnulty.
- To CUMC Music Fund in memory of Joy Covington by June Severs and Vick and Sue Phillips.
- To R and R in memory of Joy Covington by Tom and Lib Phillips.
- To Project Agape Shoes by Annette James & Stella Schlagowsky.
- To CUMC in honor of all who serve and attend Calvary by Dot Richardson.
- To World Hunger by Shirley Weeks.
- To Project Agape Shoes by June Severs.
- To CUMC in honor of Shea and Adam John, Ray and Marsha Smith and Patty Pressley by Don, Melanie and Megan Mills.
- To CUMC Music Fund in memory of Joyce Covington by Mary Ann Warren, Melva Hannah and Juanita Fitzgerald.
- To CUMC Music Fund in memory of Joyce Covington by Weeks-Williams & DeVore, Inc.
- To Agape Shoes by Peggy Cromer, Jude Houghton and Rob Sheridan.
- To Children's Handbells by Barbara Pressley.

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for everyone...



## CALVARY CURRENT

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## BACK TO SPIRITUAL HABITS

Back to school! To be a good student or make a successful school year, the student needs to be faithful to the basics: regular attendance, doing homework, preparing class materials, attentive listening and following the instructions, eating healthy food, good night sleep, and so on. Likewise, it is time for us to come back to spiritual habits: regular worship attendance, reading devotions and Bible, daily prayers, attentive listening and caring for others, giving our offerings, serving others with missions...

When we are faithful to the basics, we practice "spiritual habits" for our healthy relationships with God. Church is a community of faith in which we lift up one another with the love of Christ Jesus. When we come back to spiritual habits, I want to invite you to practice "hospitality" as a Christian basic. In the months of September and October, can we stay at least 10 minutes in the sanctuary after worship service to chat with others, hug each other, and share our greetings?

About 10 years ago, I visited two large churches in Asheville area. The worship services were similar to each other, but hospitality was quite different. One church had a fellowship gathering over 30 minutes in the church lobby: They shared beverage, talked to each other, and welcomed visitors. On the contrary, in the other church, people began to leave the sanctuary even before the pastor's blessing in order to avoid a traffic jam in the church parking lot.

Practicing spiritual habits begins with a small thing. If we want to give our whole hearts to God through worship, it is necessary for us to greet one another with Christ's love. It is time for us to come back to our spiritual habits again!

*Blessings and peace, Jae*

## SPECIAL OFFERING FOR "UMAR"

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

# Special Offering

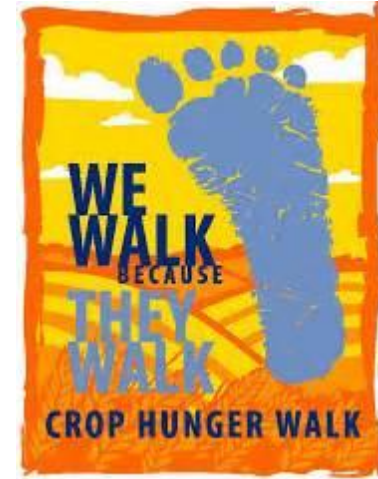


### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUME

Are you ready for learning the Word of God on Wednesdays? We will resume our Bible study on September 9 at 11:00am in the fellowship hall. Let us come together and polish our spiritual awareness with the Word. The leader is our own pastor Jae, and he looks forward to seeing you all! Don't forget to bring your bag lunch for fellowship!



Our faithful and dedicated choir has had a summer time break. We will resume our regular choir rehearsals right after Bible study and lunch around 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and each Wednesday thereafter. We will be preparing the music for our Homecoming. We will also start preparing for our special Christmas music. If you have any interest in serving with our choir, we welcome you.



### CROP WALK ON OCTOBER 18

This year Charlotte's CROP Walk will be held on October 18. If you want to join the walking for raising funds to remove poverty, please let Patty Pressley know. Calvary will also have our own Children's CROP WALK at Freedom Park in October.



### LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

In order to prepare Annual Charge Conference, our lay leadership committee will meet on September 27 right after our Sunday worship service. Lay leadership committee nominates new lay leaders for the year of 2016.



Our older children and youth members had a great time for sleepover and pool party. We give thanks to Adam and Shea Johnson to open their home for sleepover and to Ray and Marsha Smith for pool party. It was a fun summer activity for our young people!

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Betty Matthews, Jim Gilman, Johnny Vincent, Jude Houghton, Preston Savage, Johnny Parker, The Eddings family, The Edwards family, Dillon Webb, Nancy Short, J.C. Witte, Jackson Johnson, Jim Johnson, Stella Schlagowsky, Beatrice Brown, Daisy Dunlap, Phyllis Hale, Mary Anne Koon, Mason and Shirley Butler, Joyce Beyer, Carolyn Kluttz, Faye Smith, Barbara Pressley, Noah Collins, Linda Baucom, Annette James, Mary Brotherton, Mary Grace Covington, Alice Jarrell, Dot Richardson, Betty Pinion, Margaret Bumgardner, Ellen Harton, Millie King, Shannon Taylor, Joyce and Johnny Puckett, Tom and Lib Phillips Dawn and Dale Hauser. and all of our sick and shut-ins and those serving our country.



**LOAVES AND FISHES REPORT FOR AUGUST 2015**  
Our pantry fed 195 people 4,095 meals for the month of August. With volunteer hours of 214.

### SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Carl Pinion and family at the death of his brother, Ray Pinion. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

### CHILDREN'S FUNDRAISER



Children's luncheon will be next Sunday, September 13. We are very excited, and our theme is "heaven." Tickets will be available at five dollars. It will go towards us buying a set of hand bells for children to use. Please plan to come and share in the food and fellowship and support this wonderful project.

*Patty Pressley, Children's Ministry*



### HOMEcoming SUNDAY

Our Homecoming this year will be celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please plan to be with us for this wonderful time of celebration and fellowship. The date for Homecoming is Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker will be our District Superintendent, Sally Langford. Please invite Calvary's friends and come together! We will have delicious dinner after the service!

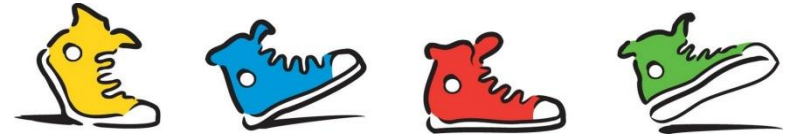


## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cody Smith	2	Peggy Cromer	11
Judith Houghton	22	Shirley Butler	27
Luther Morris	27		



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## PROJECT AGAPE FALL DONATIONS

The Outreach Committee would like to thank all of you who donated money for the purchase of shoes for the children at Project Agape. Marsha Smith has been shopping and has purchased 36 pair of shoes with your donations.

The Outreach Committee will be collecting items for Project AGAPE for the fall pickup. The following are needed:

### Children's, Women's, and Men's Clothes

The families who come to the Agape Center depend on the shipments from our Conference for clothes for themselves and their children. Please ask your family members for donations of used clothes as they shop for new school clothes for their children.

Winter coats for women, men, and children are really needed. If you bring the coats, I will wash them or have them drycleaned. **We need winter coats!**

The following school supplies are needed:

Pencils	pens	crayons
markers	rulers	children's scissors
glue	erasers	construction paper
colored pencils	Scotch tape	notebook paper
spiral notebooks		

### THE DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Food can no longer be shipped to Project Agape. Customs is now requiring a safety certificate from the supplier, and two or three truck loads from the same supplier are required to get the certificates. The food we have shipped in the past has made a **HUGE** difference in the lives of the people in Armenia. There is something we can do. If interested, see me.

Donations can be left in the Pop Smith's Sunday School Classroom.

*Brenda Alexander, Chair, Outreach Committee*