

## SPECIAL GIFTS

To CUMC in memory of Phyllis Hale by Beth Phillips, Harding Shinn, and Terry Frye.  
To R and R in memory of Jessie Johnson by Beth Phillips.  
A very generous donation has been made to CUMC by the Estate of Dorothy Richardson.  
To Loaves and Fishes in memory of Jessie Johnson and Phyllis Hale by Ty and Myra Lail.  
To R and R in memory of Phyllis Hale by Carl and Betty Pinion.  
To the Bereavement Fund in memory of Phyllis Hale by Gene and Gaynell Lail.  
To CUMC in memory of Phyllis Hale & Jessie Johnson by Rick and Kathy Combs.  
To CUMC in memory of Jessie Johnson by Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To CUMC in memory of Phyllis Hale by Cotton Methodist Church in Hope Mill, NC, Donnie Smith, David and Iris Thomas, June Severs, Annette James, Ted and Brenda Alexander and Stella Schlagowsky.  
A very generous donation has been made to Calvary's Loaves and Fishes by Jean Johnson.  
To CUMC in memory of Phyllis Hale by Tom and Lib Phillips, Jackie Davidson, Skipper and Sharyn Johnson, Earl and Becky Beeckham.  
To CUMC in memory of Phyllis Hale by Doris Payne, Seth and Sydney Wofford, Ruby Vincent and Barbara Pressley.  
To Calvary Bereavement Fund in memory of Phyllis Hale by Nancy and Lewis Fennell.  
To Society of St. Andrews by Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To R and R in honor of our four new members by Shea and Adam Johnson.  
To R and R in memory of Jerry Jeffers, who was Warren Jeffries' sister-in-law and Nancy, David and Jimmy's Aunt by Nancy and Louis Fennell.

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**Christ Is Risen!**



## CALVARY CURRENT

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### Live in Resurrection Faith!

According to the Barna Group, most Americans consider Easter a religious holiday, but fewer correctly identify its meaning. "Two out of every three Americans (67%) mention some type of theistic religious element" on Easter. However, the research shows that "a minority of adults directly linked Easter to the Christian faith's belief in the resurrection of Christ. In all, 42% of Americans said that the meaning of Easter was the resurrection of Jesus or that it signifies Christ's death and return to life" (the Barna Group, March 15, 2010).

Many non-Christians describe Easter as a holiday for having parties with family and friends, family vacations with children's spring break, or having fun with dyeing and hiding eggs. What kind of meaning do we Christians find on Easter? The Barna Group states that "those who identify Easter explicitly as a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus were most likely to be evangelicals (73%), large church attenders (60%), born again Christians (55%), active churchgoers (54%), and Protestants (51%)."

Easter is a time for us to renew our resurrection faith in Christ Jesus. Not only did Christ Jesus resurrect but also we will experience our own bodily resurrection in God's time. We may not fully understand how it works, but we believe that Jesus Christ became the first fruit of resurrection and that we will participate in the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Faith is not about understanding or knowing all God's mystery. Rather, it is about trusting in the Lord even when we do not know or understand. "O God, help us our unbelief and make us believe!"

Blessings and love, Jae



Brenda Alexander, Michael Gill, Mike Webb, Paul Brackbill, Betty Matthews, Henry McCannon, Earl Beckham, Keith Faquin, Vernell Dye, Robert Black, Jim Gilman, Preston Savage, The Edwards family, Dillon Webb, J.C. Witte, Dale Hauser and family, Jackson Johnson, Jim Johnson, Stella Schlagowsky, Beatrice Brown, Daisy Dunlap, Mary Anne Koon, Mason and Shirley Butler, Joyce Beyer, Faye Smith, Barbara Pressley, Noah Collins, Linda Baucom, Annette James, Mary Brotherton, Mary Grace Covington, Alice Jarrell, Carl and Betty Pinion, Margaret Bumgardner, Millie King, Shannon Taylor, Joyce and Johnny Puckett, Tom and Lib Phillips and all of our sick and shut-ins and those serving our country.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Phyllis Hale, Marsha Smith mother. Keep this family in your prayers.



### LOAVES AND FISHES MARCH REPORT

Calvary's Loaves and Fishes Pantry fed 94 people with 1974 meals. Our volunteers worked 160 hours.



We would like to thank our Calvary family for the love, thoughts and prayers over the last three years with Mom's declining health and her recent passing. Your support means more than you'll ever know. A special thank you to Jae and Gene for the beautiful memorial service and to everyone for providing a delicious lunch for our family.

*With love, The Phyllis Hale Family.*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Easter Day, Calvary received four new members: **Jade James, Jamie Boudreau, Jessica Barnwell, and Justin Boyd.** It is our commitment to welcome them and support them to grow in the love of God at Calvary!

## BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

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## CHURCH WEBSITE: [calvaryumcnc.org](http://calvaryumcnc.org)

Please send recent pictures and reports to our church office for posting your pictures and reports on our church website. Our Pastor Jae also shares "Today's Word" with our church facebook friends Monday through Friday. Be a friend through facebook and meditate on the Word of God each day.



## R & R AND CHURCH COUNCIL

There will be Repair & Replace Lunch on April 3 right after our worship service. The lunch will be available at \$5, and the proceeds will be used for fixing and upgrading our church facilities. A Church Council meeting will follow the R & R lunch.

**"A joyful HEART is  
GOOD MEDICINE"**

### **"Ice Cream Is Sometimes Good for the Soul"**

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would thank you even more if Mom gets us Ice Cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for Ice Cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart." Then in theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "too bad she never asks God for Ice Cream. A little Ice Cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kid Ice Cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his Sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice Cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already!"

## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

**APRIL 17, 2016**

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special One Great Hour of Sharing offering laying the foundation for UMCOR's ministry of relief and hope.

The donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover UMCOR's costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs. UMCOR will continue their work in a project area until the designated funds have been exhausted.

**UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds**, so without your offerings, UMCOR would not exist.

UMCOR keeps operating costs under 10% of their total budget so undesignated gifts may actually exceed UMCOR's administrative needs. When that happens, support is channeled to under-funded programs where they're most needed. They also may be used to allow UMCOR to respond to disasters immediately after an event and before funds can be raised.

Because of your donation, UMCOR is ready to respond in times of crisis.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken April 17. On the memo line of your check, write UMCOR.

*Brenda Alexander, Outreach Chair*

### **TEN PREDICTIONS NO MATTER WHO WINS THE ELECTION**

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

**Isn't It Great To Know Who Is Still In Control?**