

## SPECIAL GIFTS

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.  
To CUMC in memory of Dot and Harold Ware by Ron and Donna Ware.  
To CUMC in memory of Phyllis Hale by Richard Keeter and Margaret Bumgardner.  
To R and R in honor of Hinson Bible Class by Carl and Betty Pinion.  
To R and R in memory of Phyllis Hale, Jack Worley, Maxine Black and John and "Mot" Black by Joe Black.  
To R and R by Harding Shinn and Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To CUMC in memory of Phyllis Hale by Melanie Mills.  
To R and R in memory of Theresa McLendon's son-in-law, Louis Keith Faquin, by Brenda and Ted Alexander.  
To CUMC in memory of Phyllis Hale by Pat and Herbert Tesh, Martin and Linda Welch.

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### MARGINAL LEADERSHIP: FROM CENTER TO EDGE

Christian leadership is based on “followership” as we follow the life example of Jesus Christ. Focusing on Jesus’ leadership, I’d like to present marginal leadership.

One of church’s main concerns in this ever-changing cultural milieu is that Christian ideals and traditions are gradually receding in our communities. The rising generation may have little historical understanding on American Christianity and its traditions. In particular, more Americans are “largely distinguishable not by their lack of belief but by their rejection of organized religion” (Fischer and Hout). That is to say, church is not at the center any more, and Christians no longer feel at home in the dominant culture.

In this post-Christendom era, church leadership must shift its leadership focus from institutional maintenance to missional movements. The conventional leadership has positioned at the center based on status, prestige, power, and office. However, marginal leadership is different by locating the leaders in the periphery.

Today’s ministry requires church leaders – both clergy and lay leaders – to leave the center and move towards the margin, engaging themselves with those who are marginalized. The word, margin or edge means not only a bordering place of encounter among different people but also marginal places of exclusion in which humility and marginalization may be experienced.

By practicing decentralized leadership, church leaders work as a team among lay and clergy, seeking to be on the margin to experience the suffering Christ’s wound, listening to the stories of the marginalized, and motivating Christian believers to embrace others. From the edge, marginal church leaders serve the people of God, and by serving, they lead.

*Blessings and love, Jae*

## GENERAL CONFERENCE

[General Conference](#) is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church which meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs. 2016 General Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon on May 10-20. Please pray for the delegates who participate in the conference. You may find more information on the conference at [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org) and search for the general conference.

## 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL OFFERINGS IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS

CHURCHES + CHILDREN + SCHOOLS = TRANSFORMED COMMUNITIES!

It all adds up! When United Methodist churches reach out to children in our local schools, everyone scores an A+! We give thanks that congregations across our conference have been connecting with schools through food and backpack ministries, tutoring and homework help programs, school supply drives, and teacher support and assistance. In addition, the movement called C4C (Congregations for Children) is helping churches transform the lives of school children impacted by poverty through collaborative partnerships with public schools. But, we want to do more!

To encourage local churches and missional networks to connect in meaningful ways with schools in their communities, we ask that every church across our conference receive a special offering for Children and Schools on Sunday, June 5th. Gifts received are to be sent to your district office for later distribution within your district. Churches and missional networks will be given an opportunity to submit grant requests for a portion of this money to be used in connecting creatively with a local school and supporting its children.

We are asked to report the amount collected on June 5 to the district office promptly on June 6, so that we can celebrate the conference-wide offering when we gather for annual conference. Jesus had a heart for children and gave them his time and energy. So should we! Please give generously to these special offerings!

## MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Mother's Day is May 8<sup>th</sup>, and we will honor and appreciate our mothers through our worship service. Our children will play the handbells, and our pastor will preach and sing a special music for mothers.

### SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to Theresa McLendon and the family of Keith Faquin.



Brenda Alexander, Michael Gill, Betty Matthews, Henry McCannon, Earl Beckham, 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, Larry 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.



### LOAVES AND FISHES REPORT FOR MARCH

Calvary's Loaves and Fishes Pantry fed 94 people with 1,974 meals. Our volunteers worked 160 hours.

### MANY THANKS

Thank you, Calvary family, for your generous support and prayers for my study at Duke Divinity School. I will receive a Doctor of Ministry degree on May 14<sup>th</sup> through Baccalaureate Service. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Becky Pinion, Lay servant, will preach here at Calvary.

Pastor Jae



## MAY

Mike Earnhardt	2	Mike Keeter	3
Barbara Pressley	6	Skip Johnson	7
Marsha Smith	8	Joanna Lee	11
Lindsay Phillips	12	James Lee	20
Patty Pressley	22	Amy Raulerson	30

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### KIDS LUNCHEON/MILITARY THEME

Please join us on June 12th right after church for our next luncheon. It will be a Memorial Day/ military theme. We will be honoring those that have been in or still in the military. If you have any military items we could use as props or center pieces please let Patty know.

### KIDS COOK OFF

We will be having a kids cook off in July the date is still to be determined. We will do it right after church and it will be called First Annual Calvary Kids Cook Off. We will need judges as well as people to eat what is cooked. More information will follow.

### KIDS SUMMER OUTING

We are trying to get a kids outing planned in the near future . We are planning to go to Ray Splash Planet after church. We would get lunch as well.

## PASTORAL APPOINTMENT

The Book of Discipline of the UMC requires that every pastor be appointed for one year at a time. On behalf of the Western North Carolina Cabinet, I am pleased to inform that Rev. Jae Lee will again be appointed to Calvary UMC in the Metro District, effective July 1, 2016. We believe this will continue to be a good appointment for both Jae and your church.

Sally Langford, Metro D.S.

## CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

There will be a Luncheon after the worship service on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate the graduation of Rev. Jae Lee who will be receiving his doctorate degree on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Duke Divinity School.

## HUMOR

**A kindergarten teacher** was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say a blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy says," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

— via Charles Laine  
Franklin, TN