

# CALVARY CURRENT

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## SPECIAL GIFTS

- To Loaves and Fishes in memory of Bill Pressley and Betty Doggett by Rev. Shirley Canty.
- To CUMC in honor of Marsha Smith's Laity Award by Tom and Lib Phillips.
- To R and R Fund by Tom and Lib Phillips
- To Calvary's 2016 Homecoming and R and R by Gary and Renee Rockett.
- To CUMC in honor of their 151<sup>st</sup> Homecoming by Ron and Donna Ware.
- To UMCOR for NC floods by Harding Shinn, Calvary UMW, Ray and Marsha Smith.
- To UMCOR for Haiti by Ray and Marsha Smith.
- To Red Bird Christmas toys by Calvary UMW.
- To World Hunger by Shirley Weeks.
- To UMCOR-NC Floods by Earl and Becky Beckham.
- To Operation Christmas Child by Ray and Marsha Smith.
- To CROP children's fund raiser by Nancy Short, Rob Sheridan and Joe Black.
- To Red Bird Christmas Toys by Ted and Brenda Alexander, Kathleen Shaw, Ray and Marsha Smith.
- To R and R in honor of Betty's birthday by Carl and Betty Pinion.
- To R and R by Ted and Brenda Alexander, Ray and Marsha Smith, Harding Shinn, and Joe Black.

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**10:00 AM Sunday School**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**



**To attend our Church**  
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## ONE THING I HAVE LEARNED FROM MINISTRY

People say, "Time flies," and I agree to it. It is already my 15<sup>th</sup> year in God's ministry. For the last 14 years of ministry, I have learned many things. One thing I have learned from ministry is "the power of togetherness"! When you and I become us, when we see a common vision, encourage one another, work together, and move forward a hopeful future, we can make a difference in our church. Beyond our church, we can make a difference in our local community. Of course, each moment we need God's help, God's intervention, and God's presence!

In Galatians 4, Paul reproves the Galatians who have become Christians but failed to change their old lifestyles. That is why he laments: "I am afraid that my work for you may have been wasted" (v. 11). From Paul's sighing expression, we can imagine that some Christians in Galatia have not followed the ways of Christ.

As your pastor, I see both challenge and hope at Calvary. If we stick to our weakness and limit, we cannot move forward. However, if each of us adds your prayer, presence, gift, service, and witness to our communal efforts, we will make positive changes at Calvary UMC.

Here are 5 actions I ask you to practice in the coming years:

1. **Always** pray (Prayer)
2. **Actively** attend (Presence)
3. **Joyfully** give (Gift)
4. **Humbly** serve (Service)
5. **Faithfully** share (Witness)

When we practice these five actions at Calvary, we will experience the power of togetherness. Jesus promises that "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). When we act together, we can make a difference and move toward a hopeful future!

*Blessings and love, Jae*

## **CROP WALK NEWS**

To say the least, the CROP walk was a huge success! Thank you to our walkers: Gwen Butler, Kristen Hunter, Becky Pinion, Jae Lee, Mike and Maddie Pressley. Thank you, children and youth, who participated in CROP Walk fundraising events. Thank you, Calvary congregation, for your generous support! This year we raised \$1,650!

*Patty Pressley*

## **CENTRAL MISSIONAL NETWORK CELEBRATION**

Our pastor Jae serves as the leader for Central Missional Network which includes 19 churches in Metro District. As we have individual charge conferences this year, there will be a celebrating time together among those churches and their leaders. Please attend the Central Network Celebration on Nov. 13, Sunday 4 pm at Mouzon UMC (3100 Selwyn Ave). Our D.S. Rev. Mark Andrews will preach and share some insights on our missions and ministries.

## **R & R LUNCH**

There was a quarterly Repair & Replace (R & R) Lunch on October 23<sup>rd</sup> after the Sunday worship service. We appreciate United Methodist Men who hosted and prepared the meal and all of you who participated and generously supported our church!

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

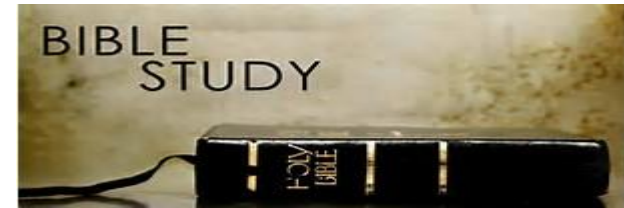
A Church Council meeting was held Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> after the R & R Lunch. We were in preparation for our Annual Charge Conference on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, we had to approve our church's apportionment, pastor's compensation, and lay leadership for 2017. A special thanks to the members of the council who attended this important meeting. Thanks for your service.

## **ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**

There will be Annual Charge Conference on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> right after our worship service in the sanctuary. All church members are requested to attend the Charge Conference. Our pastor Jae will be the presiding elder for the charge conference this year.

## **VITALITY TEAM MEETING**

There will be a Vitality Team meeting on Nov. 6 at Pop Smith Sunday Classroom following the Charge conference. We will discuss the Wilmore Community dinner in December, online giving, and other vital ministries.



## **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY / CHOIR REHEARSAL**

You are invited to Calvary's Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Bring a sandwich and join us. Choir members will have rehearsal after the Bible Study at 12:45 pm.

## **LAITY SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

We will have Laity Sunday on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and renew our calling as lay ministers in God's ministry. It will be a day of celebration and renewal of our spiritual life as lay members in the United Methodist Church.



### REYNOLDS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Our pastor Jae will participate in the Reynolds Leadership Program in Chapel Hill from Nov. 7 to 10. The primary goal for this session is to develop a vision that God desires. Jae looks forward to learning more on visioning process for our church's future.



### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

As we are having Thanksgiving Day this month, we will have a special worship service on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> to give thanks to God. We pray that all Calvary families and friends have a happy Thanksgiving!

### LOAVES AND FISHES REPORT FOR SEPT. 2016



Calvary's Loaves and Fishes Pantry fed 209 people with 4,389 meals. Our volunteers worked 203 hours. Thank you for your faithful service and support



### NEW BEGINNING: ADVENT

According to Christian calendar, we are beginning a new journey on Nov. 27 which is the first Sunday of Advent. Our sanctuary will be decorated with Advent wreath and Chrismon tree. This year's theme is "Don't Be Afraid." Let us prepare ourselves and wait for the Lord Jesus' coming into our lives!



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Please do not forget to move your clock backward as the daylight savings time ends on Nov. 6. We will have Sunday School classes at 10am and worship service at 11am as usual.

### 10/10 SPIRITUAL CLUB

There are young Christians who have committed to meet Sundays at 10 am for learning and growing and to give God their 10 minutes every day. 10/10 SC is having a study series, *simply Christian*, to learn and grow as disciples of Christ. If you know any young people, please invite them to 10/10 SC at Calvary.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER



Kathleen Shaw	3	Jae Lee	10
Lonnie Myers	11	Alice Jarrell	18
Elijah Browning	19	Kristen Hunter	21
Mary Brotherton	23	Mike Pressley	28
Becky Beckham	28		



Annette James, Ruth Pettus, Brenda Markham, Dina Faquin, Brenda Alexander, Merwin Foard, Henry McCannon, Paul Brackbill, Michael Gill, Vernell Dye, Robert Black, Preston Savage, The Edwards family, Dillon Webb, J.C. Witte, Dale and Dawn Hauser, Stella Schlagowsky, Beatrice Brown, Daisy Dunlap, Mary Anne Koon, Mason and Shirley Butler, Joyce Beyer, Faye Smith, Barbara Pressley, Noah Collins, Linda Baucom, Buck Bailes, Mary Brotherton, Mary Grace Covington, Alice Jarrell, 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.



The Outreach Committee has decided to offer a service as part of Helping Hands to anyone in our congregation who may have a need for transportation to a doctor, etc. Marsha Smith will be the transportation contact, and her telephone number is 704-399-8569. Please try to give her a two-week notice before the medical appointment to make the transportation arrangement. If you can volunteer as a driver, please speak with Marsha.

*Brenda Alexander, Outreach Chair*



## CALVARY'S HOMECOMING SUNDAY

We celebrated our 151<sup>st</sup> Homecoming on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. It was a great time of gathering and renewing our fellowship with one another. We give thanks to God and all the volunteers who worked hard to make our homecoming a success!



The Outreach Committee would like to thank our congregation for the donations to purchase children's shoes for Project Agape. Marsha Smith purchased 35 pair of shoes. Calvary sent 48 boxes consisting of new children's shoes, 10 Christmas shoeboxes, linens, winter coats, children and teen's clothing, women and men's clothing, men's socks, and school supplies.

I think this was our largest shipment ever. The shipment from the Western North Carolina Conference and North Carolina Conference provide the families in Armenia with the basic necessities.

My appreciation to Marsha Smith, Laretta and Henry Forrest for packing all these boxes. If you past by Pop Smith's classroom during August and September, you could see the boxes that lined the wall.

*Brenda Alexander, Outreach Chair*



## RED BIRD MISSION CHRISTMAS TOYS Deadline for Donations--November 6

Our UMW for many years has given our congregation the opportunity to make a donation to Calvary that will be forwarded to Red Bird Mission for volunteers to purchase toys to be distributed to the children that are served by Red Bird Mission. Many children would not receive toys at Christmas otherwise. You can write your check to Calvary UMC and on the memo line write, Red Bird Mission Christmas Toys. **Deadline for donations is November 6.**

The paragraph below outlines the ministries of Red Bird Mission.

Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic strive to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness; Community Outreach; Economic Opportunity; and Community Housing Improvement.

United Methodist Women appreciate your participation in this important ministry to the children.

*Brenda Alexander, UMW President*

**See you at Calvary UMC  
this Sunday!**