

SPECIAL GIFTS

To World Hunger by Stella Schlagowsky.
To UMCOR NC Floods by Ted and Brenda Alexander.
To R and R in memory of John and Mot Black by Melanie Mason.
To Calvary's Children Fund in honor of Mike and Patty Pressley by Ray and Marsha Smith.
To CUMC in memory of Dick Keeter by Ray and Marsha Smith, June Severs, Harding Shinn, Shirley Weeks, Ted and Brenda Alexander, and Hazel Crump.
To Society of St. Andrew's in memory of Dick Keeter by Henry and Laurretta Forrest.
To Society of St. Andrew's by Harding Shinn and Stella Schlagowsky.
To Loaves and Fishes by Cindy McClain and UPS Girls.
To CUMC in memory of Dick Keeter by Earl and Becky Beckham.
To Calvary's Children Fund in honor of Mike and Patty Pressley by Ray and Marsha Smith.
To Loaves and Fishes in honor of Stella Schlagowsky, Skipper and Sharyn Johnson, Don and Melanie Mills by Kathleen Shaw.
To Society of St. Andrew's by Ted and Brenda Alexander.

10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
(Childcare is available from 10am to 12:10pm)



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HOPE FOR THE YEAR OF 2017

I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. (Leviticus 26:4)

As we greet the new year of 2017, I would like to remind you of the promises of our Lord to the people of God from the Book of Leviticus. If we follow the way of God and faithfully keep God's commandments, God will provide us with appropriate rains and make us produce abundant fruits (Leviticus 26). This is my prayer that God bless each member of Calvary UMC and grow us toward God's holiness in this new year!

I have two primary focuses in this new year's ministry: **Worship** and **Spiritual Growth!** I pray that all of us experience God's holy presence in our Sunday worship through our passionate and authentic worship services. I plan to invite more diverse people to participate in our worship service and build their leadership through worship opportunities. In addition to worship, I hope that our members get actively involved in small groups such as Sunday School classes, Wednesday Bible study, and other learning opportunities and grow their spiritual relationship with our Lord. Through spiritual growth, we may go beyond for God's missions.

In July of 2017, I will begin my fifth year to serve God's loving people at Calvary UMC as their pastor. As we mature our relationships together, I hope to see that our lives are transforming with the love of Christ. Through our worship and spiritual growth, let us come closer to God and live a life that reflects the light of Christ Jesus. Let's be more intentional in our worship and spiritual growth!

Blessings and love, Jae

R & R LUNCH / CHURCH COUNCIL

We will have our first quarter R & R (Repair and Replace) Lunch which helps us maintain and upgrade our church facilities on Jan. 8th right after our worship service. The lunch is available at \$5 and we will eat the world's top class BBQ with Papa Jack's sauce. The Church Council will follow the R & R Lunch. All Council members are requested to attend our first meeting in 2017.

Church Council Chair, Ray Smith

VITALITY MEETING

There will be a Church Vitality Meeting on Jan. 22, following our worship service. We will discuss how we develop our worship to be more vital and authentic so that all worshipers may experience the presence of God in our worship service.

Vitality Facilitator, Ty Lail



We give thanks to all our members and friends who faithfully support our church's mission and ministries with your presence, prayer, gifts, service, and witness. We will give out 2017 Pledge Cards from Jan. 8 and ask you bring it back with your commitment on Jan. 29. During the service, we will dedicate our pledge cards with a special prayer. If you cannot attend the service on Jan. 29, you may mail it to our church office.

Financial Committee Chair, Rachel Graves

MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. CELEBRATION

Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the UMC will host a special MLK Celebration on Jan. 14, Saturday, 10am – 2pm at St. Luke UMC in Hickory. It will be a time of rethinking of justice and reconciliation in our nation. If you are interested in joining the celebration, please talk to our pastor for registration.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will resume our Wednesday Bible Study on Jan. 18th at 11:00am. We will study Paul's Letter to the Galatians. This is a time for us to deeply meditate the Word of God so that we may live the Word in our daily lives. After the study, we will eat our lunch together. Please bring a bag lunch for fellowship. Following the Bible study, there is choir rehearsal as well.

UMW SUNDAY

There will be 2017 United Methodist Women's Sunday on Feb. 12. This is a special Sunday to acknowledge and celebrate our women's leadership and ministries at Calvary. We appreciate Calvary's women who have faithfully served the Lord through diverse ministries.

UMW President, Brenda Alexander

NURSERY WELCOMES LITTLE CHILDREN



Our church provides childcare during the Sunday School class and our worship service (10:00am to 12:10pm) at nursery. Taquea Aldamuy and one volunteer from our congregation will take care of your children so that young parents can fully participate in the Bible study and worship service. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Nursery Director, Sharyn Johnson

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 will begin a study series, *The New Beginning*, on Jan. 8th to learn and grow as disciples of Christ. Come and have a faith adventure with other young Christians!



Annette James, Becca Boyd, 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, 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.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY



Rick Combs	03	Harley Lail	03
Melanie Mills	13	Terry Frye	14
Derrick Wright	15	Kathy Combs	16
Kim Lee	16	Myra Lail	19
Joyce Beyer	27	Nancy Short	30



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.

Outreach Chair, Brenda Alexander



LOAVES & FISHES REPORT FOR NOV. 2016

Calvary's Loaves and Fishes Pantry fed 195 people with 4,095 meals. Our volunteers worked 188 hours. Thank you for your faithful service and support.