

## SPECIAL GIFTS

To World Hunger by Nancy Short.  
To R & R in memory of Richard Keeter by Ruby Vincent.  
To CUMC in memory of Rob Sheridan's mother by Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To CUMC in memory of Lucille VanKoevering by Ted and Brenda Alexander.  
To R & R in memory of Rob Sheridan's mother and in honor of Robert Black, Alice Jarrell, and Kamyn Lail by Joe Black.  
To R & R by Ray and Marsha Smith, Ted and Brenda Alexander, and Harding Shinn.  
To R & R in honor of Calvary Methodist Men officers by Carl and Betty Pinion  
A very generous donation has been made to Calvary's Loaves and Fishes by Jean Johnson.  
To R and R by Shirley Weeks.

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## CALVARY CURRENT

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### THREE THINGS THAT GOD REQUIRES

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)*

During the Lent season, we will study on three things that God requires us to do based on Micah 6:8 every Wednesday at 11am. Our motto for Wednesday Bible study is “to live the Word,” and I hope that all participants may deeply engage with three things of doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God in their everyday lives.

If we used to give up our favorite things such as chocolate and sweet desserts, watching TV, or other entertainments during previous Lenten seasons, this year I encourage you to do more for God.

First of all, let us meditate on Micah 6:8 and read other resources on doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly. Recently I listened to a story of First UMC in Charlotte that has welcomed a Syrian refugee family and provided them with great care and help!

Christianity cannot remain a religion of only “believing in God.” Rather, it must accompany “actions and practices of faith in God.” Lenten season will be a great opportunity for us to “live our faith” in daily lives. How can we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?

Meditation and prayers are also needed for doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly. At the end of Lenten journey, we may truly celebrate Easter with our actions and practices of faith. I invite you to join us on Wednesday Lenten study for your growth in the love of Christ Jesus!

*Blessings and love, Jae*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### **Sam Hinson Sunday School Class (led by Bob Braswell)**

Sam was the teacher for over 50 years and passed away in 1986. John Tanzy, Willis Linder, Mary Brotherton, and Bob Braswell started to teach once a month, one Sunday each – then John passed away in 1993, leaving three of us until Willis moved away about 2000, leaving just two until Mary moved into assisted living at Sharon Towers several years ago. We are down to a small class now, but Hinson Sunday Class is a gathering among faithful Christ's disciples. We welcome you to visit us and become a member.

### **Bill Cobb Sunday School Class (led by Brenda Alexander)**

The Bill Cobb class is an older adult class that meets each Sunday morning at 10:00am. The International Bible Lessons for Christian teaching is the lesson material. The class members enjoy a time of fellowship after the lesson.

### **The J. Clyde Smith Sunday School Class (led by Henry Forrest)**

This adult Sunday School Class has been known as the "Pop Smith" Class for over 50 years. Prior to that period, the name was the Young Adult Class. All of the current members have been in the class for over 50 years. The class motto is "Small in Numbers and Large in Service."

### **Outreach Sunday School Class (led by Ray Smith)**

This class is made up of men and women from various ages. Our main theme is to learn how the Scriptures relate to us in today's daily life. We believe the Scriptures are more than a history lesson. We welcome all ages and races to our class.

### **10/10 Spiritual Club (led by Jae Lee)**

This is a new small group for young adults at Calvary UMC. Currently we are studying Christian core values. While our pastor is the primary leader, we always learn from each other. We believe that our network is a key for growing together. Come and experience our "cool" warmth!

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

The Outreach Committee will meet on March 8, Wednesday, at 9:45am at Pop Smith's classroom.

*Brenda Alexander, Chair*

## LAITY ROUNDTABLE SEMINARS

There will be a Laity training on March 25, Saturday, 9:00am to noon, at Central UMC, Concord (30 Union Street, North, Concord, NC 28025). The courses are Staff Parish Relations Committee, Lay Leader, Spiritual Gifts, Finance, Communication/Social Media, Missions, and Church Historian. If you want to register, please let church office know your name and your selected courses by March 15.

## FLOWER CALENDAR



The New Year's flower calendar has been posted in the side entrance of the church. Please sign the chart for the date you wish to place flowers.

## WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY



Lenten study is at 11:00 am on Wednesdays. 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.

## NURSERY WELCOMES LITTLE CHILDREN

Our church provides childcare during the Sunday School class and our worship service (10:00am to 12:10pm) at nursery. Taqea 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*

## R & R LUNCH/CHURCH COUNCIL

“Repair and Replace” Lunch will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>, and Church Council will follow the lunch fellowship. Please mark this special event on your calendars!

## LOAVES AND FISHES FEBRUARY REPORT



Calvary’s Loaves and Fishes Pantry fed 71 people with 1491 meals. Our volunteers worked 96 hours. We open the pantry only on Tuesdays from 10 am to 1 pm.



Annette James, Kathleen Shaw, Becca Boyd, Ruth Pettus, Brenda Markham, Valerie Ware, Doug Hinson, 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.



## MARCH

Jeffrey Rockett	4	Jung Woo Lee	5
Harding Shinn	5	Erin Johnson	10
Gaynell Lail	12	Megan Mills	14
Ray Smith	19	Bob Braswell	20
Buck Bailes	31		



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*

## LAY SERVANT TRAINING

Our Lay Servants, Becky Pinion and Justin Boyd, will attend Lay Servant Training on April 1 and 2. Becky will take an advanced course, and Justin a basic one. Please remember Becky and Justin in your prayers so that they may become effective lay servants for God’s ministries.



Calvary’s UMW will have a general meeting on April 2, following our worship service.

## THE LION’S DEN

Rev. Robert A. Pollauf of Detroit passed on this account of how Daniel saved his life in the lion’s den: King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon was astonished that the hungry lions had not eaten Daniel. He summoned Daniel and promised him that if he would reveal his secret, the king would give him his freedom.

"It was easy, your excellence," Daniel said. "I went around and whispered in each lion's ear — 'After dinner, there will be speeches.'"