

## SPECIAL GIFTS

- To CUMC Video System by Mike Earnhardt, Zero Waste Recycling, LLC (Will Simmons), and Luke Selzer.
- To CUMC in memory of Tom and Mary Hoover's wedding anniversary on April 17 by Pat Hoover Tesh and Herb.
- To Society of St. Andrew by Ted and Brenda Alexander, Ray and Marsha Smith.
- To R and R in memory of Jane Saxon by June Severs, Ray and Marsha Smith.
- To CUMC in memory of Jane Wingate Saxon by Charles "Bud" R. Shaney.
- To World Hunger by Harding Shinn.
- To CUMC in memory of Jane Saxon by Stella Schlagowsky.
- To CUMC in memory of Bill Pressley by Barbara Pressley and Pat and Herb Tesh.
- To Project Agape by Stella Schlagowsky.
- To Project Agape in honor of Pat Smathers and Pam Bane by Ted and Brenda Alexander.
- To Project Agape by Henry and Laretta Forrest, Rob Sheridan, John Hale, Harding Shinn, Jae and Kim Lee, Ray and Marsha Smith.

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## LIVING AS A STRANGER

What a cultural shock I have experienced in South Korea! I recently attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christian Forum for Reconciliation in Northeastern Asia in Jeju Island, South Korea. There were 78 participants from Japan, South Korea, China Mainland, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the US, including the program staff.

At the Forum, I was introduced as a participant from the US and treated as a foreigner by the Koreans. At the same time, I still felt foreign among the US participants. Living as a stranger – a US citizen from the Koreans' viewpoint and a Korean immigrant to Americans – is not easy. However, it has brought me some thoughts on Christian identity and lifestyle.

First, we are a resident alien on earth. While we live in the US, our ultimate citizenship is in God's kingdom. We belong to God. In other words, we are the people of God and citizens of God's kingdom! Our living on earth as a resident alien is temporary compared to the eternal living in God's kingdom.

Second, we need to embrace strangers and those who look different and live in different ways. As resident aliens, we are called to embrace foreigners and strangers and welcome them into our church as our brothers and sisters.

During a dinner fellowship, I heard various languages and dialects at the opening banquet. While different people were mix-mingled and shared their stories, I suddenly sensed God's presence in our diversity.

All of us may live as strangers to each other due to our different family tradition or lifestyle. When we open our hearts, minds, and doors toward God and others, we may become a mature and loving church where all are welcomed and embraced!

*Blessings and love, Jae*

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you seek a deeper relationship with God and want to be part of Calvary UMC, please see our pastor who will meet you at your convenient time and guide you for this process. Calvary welcomes all people of God who want to live and grow in the loving relationship with Christ Jesus.



### In the Month of JUNE

Betty Matthews	2	Addie Smith	7
Rob Sheridan	9	Sandra Brown	9
Mason Butler	14	Ruby Vincent	21
William B. Shinn	23	Hope Johnson	23
Adam Johnson	24	Gene Oliver	27
Annette James	29		

## 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*



Calvary's Loaves and Fishes Pantry for the month of May fed 97 people with 2037 meals. Our volunteers worked 135 hours. Thank you for your faithful service and support!



Betty Matthews, Annette James, Kathleen Shaw, Ruth Pettus, Brenda Markham, Melanie Mason, Delores Foster, Valerie Ware, 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, Noah Collins, Linda Baucom, Buck Bailes, 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.

We pray for Patty Pressley at the loss of her brother, and for Theresa McLendon at the loss of her granddaughter.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Mike Pressley and his family as his mom, Barbara Pressley was received into God's eternal home.

We also extend our sympathy and prayers to Kent Brotherton and his family as his mom, Mary Brotherton was received into God's eternal home.

## 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Pastor Jae and Brenda Alexander will attend Annual Conference from June 22 to 24 at Lake Junaluska. Many important agendas will be discussed and decided at the conference. If you want to know more, please visit our conference website at [wncumc.org](http://wncumc.org) and click annual conference. For the conference, our Bishop Leeland invites us to donate a special offering for church's young leadership development. Please support it with your generosity.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR METHODIST MEN

In the future when you pay dues or make donations to Methodist Men, please make a check to “Calvary UMC” for Methodist Men. Thanks.

*Harding Shinn, Treasurer*



### UNITED METHODIST MEN’S SUNDAY

Calvary’s men celebrated Methodist Men’s Sunday on June 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a great celebration of worshipping our Lord for God’s abundant blessings upon men’s ministry. Thank you, UM Men for your servant leadership!

### CONGRATULATIONS



Kaylan Viola Pressley graduated from Myers Park High School. We are so proud of her accomplishment!

Hayley Harton graduated from USC on May 6, majoring in Public Relationship. The proud parents are Jack and Dale Harton.

Kim Lee graduated from Wingate University School of Pharmacy on May 20 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Kim deeply appreciates your prayers and support during her studies.

Calvary UMC will celebrate “Graduation Sunday” on June 25 with the recognition of our graduates.

### CHILDREN’S MINISTRY



Calvary’s children hosted a kids’ luncheon, “the Greasy Spoon,” on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all who have joyfully participated and supported our children’s ministry!