

## SPECIAL GIFTS

To World Hunger in memory of Dianne Bailes by Walter and Jane Bailes.  
To CUMC in memory of Joyce Beyer by Jimmy and Wilma Kilgo, Nancy and Louis Fennell.  
To CUMC in memory of Billy Short by Nancy and Louis Fennell.  
To Agape Shoes by June Severs, Annette James, and Ruby Vincent.  
To R & R by Harding Shinn.  
To UMCOR US Disaster Relief Texas by Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry by Stella Schlagowsky and Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To R and R by Earl and Becky Beckham, Ray and Marsha Smith.  
To UMCOR Hurricane Harvey Adv. #901670 by Earl and Becky Beckham, Ray and Marsha Smith, Ted and Brenda Alexander.  
To Agape Shoes by Kathleen Shaw.  
To R and R in memory of Joyce Beyer by Ty and Myra Lail.  
To R and R by Bob and Terry Smith, Tom and Lib Phillips.  
To UMCOR Adv.#901670 by Harding Shinn.  
To R and R in memory of Harold and Dot Ware by Ron and Donna Ware.  
To U.M.A.R. by Calvary UMW, June Sever, Ruby Vincent, Henry and Laretta Forrest, Skipper and Sharyn Johnson, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Ray and Marsha Smith.

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*<Special writing from Metro District Superintendent>*

### What Does a Disciple Look Like?

*By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. (Galatians 5:22-23)*

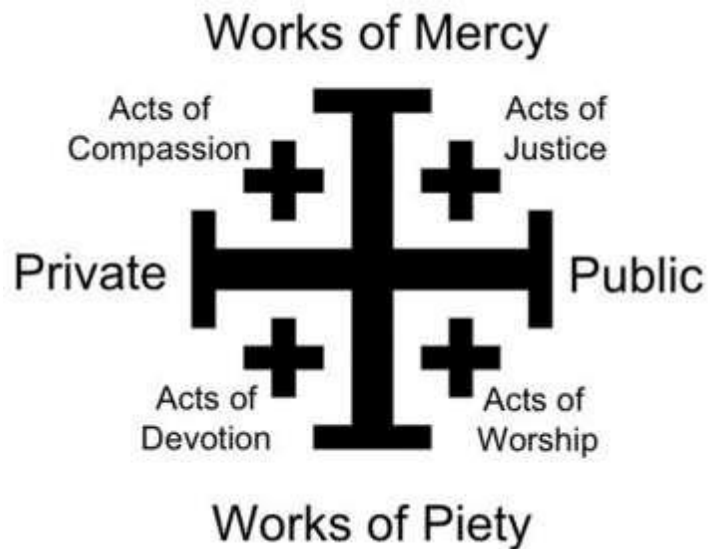
Mary Kearns was a shaker and mover at Bethlehem United Methodist Church back in the day when I was her pastor. A retired middle school science teacher, Mary was the orchestrator of ministries of fellowship and caring. She was a cooker of chickens for our annual Brunswick Stew Sale. She was the organizer of trips for senior adults and the planner of craft projects for our Basket Cases. If she complained about the “frog in her throat,” then it must have come from the “crick in her neck.” She approached life lightly, with a sense of humor, and a spirit of charity toward all. And she was only one of a host of Christians I’ve encountered in my life who help me define what a disciple of Jesus looks like.

I’ve been asking myself lately how to recognize a disciple. If the mission of the church is to “make disciples for the transformation of the world,” then we ought to have an image of what the goal is. If we have an idea of what a disciple of Jesus looks like, then maybe we can talk more seriously about how to form such a person.

Paul’s letter to the Galatians gives us such an image as he describes the fruit of the Spirit. I can identify several of those fruit, or attributes, in Mary Kearns. Another image that has been helpful to me of late comes from our United Methodist Discipleship Ministries. Using the traditional Jerusalem cross as an anchor image, they provide a graphic representation of characteristics of a fully formed disciple of Jesus Christ:

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As you can see from this image, a disciple is one who is spiritually formed in both private and public domains, in both inner devotion and outward action.

As churches, a good question for us to ask ourselves is whether we are spiritually forming disciples who look like the above image? And if we are not, how might we change our disciple-making strategy in order to make disciples who are conformed to the image of Jesus? We might even ask if we actually have a disciple-making strategy? If making disciples is the mission of the United Methodist Church, do we have a system or a process in place aimed at creating fully formed disciples of Jesus?

I issue this as a challenge to each congregation in the Metro District that we ask ourselves these questions. In a world that is increasingly divided there is great need for disciples of Jesus Christ who are working to transform the world. May our churches be places and people where disciples are being made.

*God's Peace,*

*Mark Andrews, Metro District Superintendent*



### **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Come one come all!!! We will have a Sunday school class for kindergarteners to high schoolers starting on 10/15. We will be meeting in the sanctuary. We are very excited about this new class!! We will be using a one room curriculum. As the class grows we can start breaking down into individual classes more specific to the ages. Any questions please see Patty or Jae.

### **CALVARY UMW OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING**



Our UMW General Meeting will be on Sunday, October 15, after the worship service. Remember to bring a donation for the Relatives. As always, husbands are invited to join us for our salad luncheon.

Brenda Alexander, President

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Outreach Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 9:45am in Pop Smith's Classroom.

Brenda Alexander, Chair



Carl Pinion, Angel Sheridan, Dale and Jack Harton, Annette James, Kathleen Shaw, Brenda Markham, Delores Foster, Valerie Ware, Dina Faquin, Brenda Alexander, Merwin Foard, Henry McCannon, Paul Brackbill, Vernell Dye, Robert Black, Preston Savage, Dillon Webb, Dale and Dawn Hauser, Stella Schlagowsky, Daisy Dunlap, Mary Anne Koon, Mason and Shirley Butler, Faye Smith, Noah Collins, Linda Baucom, Buck Bailes, Mary Grace Covington, Alice Jarrell, Betty Pinion, Margaret Bumgardner, Millie King, Joyce and Johnny Puckett, Tom and Lib Phillips, and all of our sick and shut-ins and those serving our country.

## HURRICANES HARVEY & IRMA

As United Methodists, let us stand together in prayer and support of all of those who have been affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Hurricane Jose also looms behind, reminding us that storms are never far away. We are especially aware of Bishop Carter, one of our own, who leads the Florida Conference in the midst of the disaster. We also remember Bishop Lawson Bryan who is working closely with his churches in the South Georgia Conference as they serve evacuees from Florida.

## READY YOURSELF

Ensure that you and your congregations prepare for potential natural disasters. Know your evacuation routes, secure necessary documents, and review your congregation's emergency response plans. **Read- [Local Church Checklist: Are you ready for a disaster?](#)** It is also advisable to designate a church member to remain vigilant on the actions of the Western North Carolina Conference. Please take a moment and [visit Ready NC](#) to learn more ways to plan and prepare.

## DONATE TODAY & THROUGH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Your donations make it possible for Early Response Teams and others aiding in disaster to help survivors immediately. Beyond this, your donation dollars contribute to funding all aspects of disaster response and relief.

- Donations may be made payable to Calvary UMC, marked "Disaster Response." Then we will send one check to our conference office.
- Please continue to take special offerings this Sunday and next within your regular times of worship.

## COLLECT SUPPLIES

As partners with UMCOR, we have been tasked with the collection and shipment of cleaning buckets and hygiene kits. Instructions on flood bucket and hygiene kit assembly, as well as information regarding collection sites throughout our conference, are available on our website:

<http://missionwncc.org/mission-partnerships/disaster-response/>

## VOLUNTEER

There are several ways to volunteer in Western North Carolina and areas more significantly impacted. Not all volunteers need training.

- **To volunteer**, please visit our online form to volunteer. More info here: <https://form.jotform.us/72505324945154>
- We also offer **Early Response Team training** that allows groups and individuals to enter disaster zones at the invitation of local emergency management officials. More info here.

*From Bishop Paul Leeland and the Committee on Relief*



Please mark Calvary's Homecoming Sunday on your calendar, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Our guest preacher is Metro District Superintendent, Rev. Mark Andrews. It will be a joyful celebration of Calvary's 152 years of ministry. Let us invite our families and friends in advance.



2017 CROP Walk will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. This year we plan to invite our children, youth, and adults to walk together for stopping hunger in Charlotte area. Please join us in this meaningful action and support it with your generous donations.

### THANKS

Thank you so much to Jae, Mike and Gene Lail for being our special guests for vacation bible school. We celebrated them as heroes in our church. I wish I could have had everyone there to celebrate the rest of the wonderful heroes we have in our awesome church. It was a great day that ended with a wonderful time bowling and fellowship!!

### IMPORTANT NOTICE for CHURCH FINANCES

When the Apostle Paul was faced with tough challenges, he would remind himself that “he could do all things through Christ who gave him strength” (Philippians 4:13). Calvary’s current challenge is that our expenses are more than our income due to unexpected building maintenance.

Church repairs have been really high for the last several months: A/C over \$17,000; water heater and other repairs \$3,500. This has depleted our “Repair and Replace” (R & R) account. Calvary needs your help! Please consider making a generous donation to the R and R Fund. Remember Philippians 4:13 – “We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.”

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support!

<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Finance Chair</i>	<i>Council Chair</i>	<i>Trustees President</i>
<i>Rev. Dr. Jae Lee</i>	<i>Rachel Graves</i>	<i>Ray Smith</i>	<i>Earl Beckham</i>

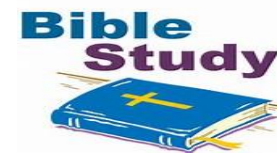


Central Missional Network Celebration will be on Oct. 8, Sunday, 3pm at The Vine UMC. This missional network gathering includes celebration worship with Holy Communion, ministry stories from various churches, and fellowship time with refreshments. All people are invited!

### R & R LUNCH AND CHURCH COUNCIL



There will be Repair & Replace (R & R) Luncheon on October 22. It is our fundraising fellowship to keep up with church facilities. Church Council will follow the R & R in order to prepare annual Charge Conference which will be held on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.



Our Wednesday Bible Study is at 11am and we invite anyone who wants to learn and live the Word of God. We will continue to study *the Book of Hebrews*. Please bring your bag lunch for fellowship after study. Our leader is our own Dr. Jae.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS

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



Calvary UMC's Annual Charge Conference will be held on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary, following our Sunday worship service. All members are requested to attend the Charge Conference.

## CAR WASH & BAKE SALE

The Calvary kids will be having their car wash and bake sale on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to raise funds for the CROP WALK. The ticket will be \$5 per car wash or by donation. There will be plenty of wonderful goodies to buy as well. Please see any of the kids, Mike or Patty for tickets. Thank you for supporting CROP WALK!



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Annie Bailes	2	Daisy Dunlap	7
Faye Smith	14	Jim Jeffries	15
Shirley Weeks	18	Shea Johnson	24
Isabella Browning	24	Sharyn Johnson	25
Betty Pinion	27	Theresa McLendon	28
Marty Mulligan	29		

## AGAPE PROJECT

We give many thanks to your generous donations and support for our Agape Project to support children and adults in Armenia. The shoe and clothing boxes are full of your love and will become joys to many children! The monetary donations for children's shoes for Project Agape were \$640 so Marsha Smith was able to purchase 53 pair of shoes.

The shipment was 42 boxes consisting of women's and men's clothing, school supplies, linens, quilts, children's clothes and new shoes, sewing supplies, and 10 Christmas shoeboxes. The Outreach Committee appreciates your generosity and commitment to the Project Agape project.



Brenda Alexander, Outreach Chair

## HUMOR

