

SPECIAL GIFTS

Our *Calvary Kids for Christ* raised \$213.00 on their luncheon and graciously donated their proceeds to the Calvary R and R Fund.
To Project Agape by Stella Schlagowsky, June Severs, Kim and Jae Lee.
To Calvary's Children's Fund in honor of our new confirmands by Earl and Becky Beckham.
To R and R by Ted and Brenda Alexander and Marty Mulligan.
Bridge to Recovery by Henry and Laretta Forrest, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Ray and Marsha Smith.
To CUMC in honor of Della Rose Johnson and Ruby Vincent's birthdays by Harding Shinn.
To CUMC in memory of Vernell Dye by Brenda Alexander.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD

Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. 1 Cor. 1:10 (CEB)

Happy 50th anniversary! Fifty years ago, institutional segregation prayerfully ended with the merger of two denominations, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church; and the merger of the Central (black) and Southeastern (white) Jurisdictions of the Methodist Church. We became the United Methodist Church!

Yes, the UMC is only 50 years old. We think of the Methodist Church as being around a few centuries. On April 23, 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren merged to create a new Christian denomination, the United Methodist Church. The union was facilitated by theological traditions steeped in the Protestant Reformation and Wesleyanism.

1729: The "Holy Club" started at Oxford
1784: Methodist Episcopal Church organized
1800: United Brethren in Christ organized
1807: Evangelical Association organized
1845: Methodist Episcopal Church South organized
1939: The Methodist Church organized
1946: Evangelical United Brethren organized
1968: The United Methodist Church organized
2018: Celebrating 50 years of unity

Today, we are able to call ourselves United Methodists because of the foundation laid nearly three hundred years ago and the diligent and prayerful work of those people who, in the midst of the civil rights movement, believed the church itself should be one! (*from WNCC Archives*)

Peace and love, Jae



BIRTHDAY IN JULY

Jim Shaw	2	Deborah James	5
Shannon Smith	10	Jessica Browning	13
Gwen Butler	14	Stella Schlagowsky	19
Kane Browning	21	Scott Barr	20
Hazel Crump	27	Henry Forrest	29
Preston Savage	30		

PRAYERS FOR ALL



Annette James, Stella Schlagowsky, Shirley Weeks, Brendon Boxler, Brenda Alexander, Angel Sheridan, Kathleen Shaw, Dina Faquin, Mary Stockton, Laura Krown, Brian Dobbins, Ellis Withers, Brenda Markham, Delores Foster, Merwin Foard, Henry McCannon, Paul Brackbill, Preston Savage, Dillon Webb, Dale and Dawn Hauser, Daisy Dunlap, Mary Anne Koon, Mason Butler, Faye Smith, Linda Baucom, Buck Bailes, 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.



We will have a Summer break for Wednesday Bible Study for the months of July and August. Our Bible study will resume on the week of Sept. 12 after Labor Day week. We encourage you to continually read the Book of Exodus during the break.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



Our confirmands participated in the Confirmation Weekend at Lake Junaluska on April 27-29. We will celebrate Confirmation Sunday on May 20th, including a baptism and reaffirmation of their faith. Dee, Harley, and Maddie will be received as full members through Confirmation Sunday. Please come and support our young confirmands!

SYMPATHY AND PRAYER

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of Jessica Barnwell who lost her loving sister in June. Please also remember Dhe, Kendale, and Larry in your prayers.

ADDRESS UPDATE

Joe Black's new address is: 1505 Union New Hope Rd. Gastonia, NC 28056, and his phone number is 704 461-8540.

PROJECT AGAPE SHOE DONATIONS



As has been our custom for the past several years, the Outreach Team ask for donations to purchase shoes for the children at the AGAPE Children's Home.

The children cannot attend school without shoes. Donations of items such as these shoes are essential to the work done by Project AGAPE in providing for the children and families in the region.

Our congregation has been generous in giving for some years, and the team asks for your support again this year. You can write your check to Calvary and on the memo line write: Agape shoes. Deadline 7/29/18.



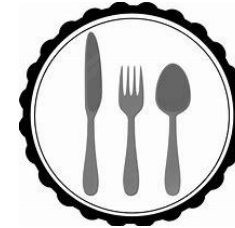
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our UMW General Meeting will be on Sunday, July 8, 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

SERVANT LEADERSHIP CLASS

Calvary's monthly Servant Leadership Class will be held on July 22 at 10:10am in the young adult classroom. If you want to learn Christian leadership, please feel free to come and join us!



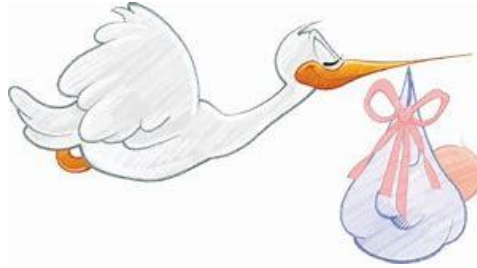
R & R LUNCH / CHURCH COUNCIL

Calvary will have Repair & Replace Lunch gathering on July 22nd following our worship service. R & R Lunch is a fund raisign fellowship with which we support our church to fix and upgrade our church facilities. Lunch is available at \$5, and your generous donations are always welcome and appreciated. Church Council meeting will follow the lunch fellowship! All Council members are requested to participate in the meeting.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP OUTING



On July 15th, Calvary's young adult group (10-10 Club) will have a fun outing in the Lake Wylie with boating. All young people are invited to come and have fun together. If you are interested in joining us, please let one of the group leaders, Rachel Graves, Jade James, and Justin Boyd know.



WELCOME OUR NEWEST FAMILY

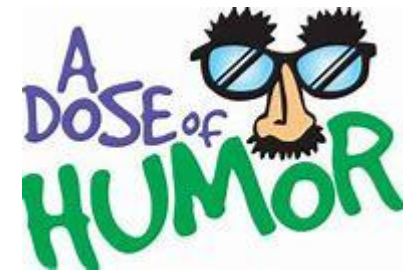
We congratulate the Johnson family at the safe arrival of Della Rose Johnson on June 14th. Calvary congregation are looking forward to meeting her in the near future at church. The proud mom and dad are Shea and Adam Johnson, and the proud grandparents are Skip and Sharyn Johnson.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Western North Carolina's Annual Conference was held in Lake Junaluska from June 21 to 24. It began with clergy session on Thursday afternoon and completed on Sunday with the fixing of the appointment worship service. There was a special report from Bishop Ken Carter about the Commion on the Way Forward which has discussed the issue on human sexuality in the UMC. The annual conference theme was "teaching plants the seeds for the future," and diverse worship services and sermons including laity speech were very impressed. I am honored to continually serve at Calvary UMC in this coming year.

Pastor Jae



CHURCH HUMOR

DEATH

"Do you believe in life after death?"
The boss asked one of his employees.
"Yes, Sir," the new employee replied.
"Well, then that makes everything just fine,"
the boss went on to say...
"After you left early yesterday to go to your
Grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!"



GRANDMA'S AGE

Little Johnny asked his Grandma how old she was.
Grandma answered, "39 and holding"
Johnny thought for a moment, and then said,
"and how old would you be if you let go?"