

SPECIAL GIFTS

To R and R Fund in honor of Della Rose Johnson by Adam and Shea Johnson.
To World Hunger in memory of Nancy Fennell by Stella Schlagowsky.
To World Hunger by Amy Borhaug.
To CUMMC in memory of Nancy Jeffries Fennell by Don, Melanie and Megan Mills.
To R and R by Ted and Brenda Alexander.
To UMAR by Ted and Brenda Alexander, Calvary United Methodist Women.
To World Hunger by Ruby Vincent.
To Hurricane Florence by Ray and Marsha Smith, Earl and Becky Beckham, Ted and Brenda Alexander, and the Bill Cobb Sunday School Class.
To CROP WALK by Ray and Marsha Smith, Betty Matthews, and June Blotrick.

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THE POWER of GOD: A FRESH EXPRESSION CHURCH

Calvary UMC has made a five year plan, the POWER of God, based on Philippians 4:13. "POWER" stands for five actions to commit ourselves to put under the power of God.

- P: Prepare (clarifying our core values, identity, and mission) – 2017
- O: Organize (lay leadership development / organizing teams) – 2018
- W: Worship (strengthening the existing service and creating a new worship for the Uptown Charlotte millennials) – 2019
- E: Empower (impacting the local community with imaginative and fresh expressions) – 2020
- R: Renew (re-create ministries for the future of Calvary UMC) – 2021

Calvary has envisioned a new kind of worship service to meet God and others on the margins by reaching out to dechurched millennials in Uptown Charlotte. Calvary has hoped to be a multigenerational church in which more diverse and young people are welcomed and invited to be an active part of church. Calvary's leadership team strongly senses that a fresh expression church, Side by Side, is very well aligned with the vision and mission of Calvary.

As the spiritual leader, I acknowledge that ministry for millennials is tough and extremely challenging. Through the partnership with other churches, I plan to initiate a fresh expression church, Side by Side, which emphasizes relationships with God and others.

Our missional goal is to start a new worship group for Wilmore neighbors and Uptown millennials with new and fresh ways to express God's love toward them. I will contact our District Vitality Strategist, District Superintendent, and neighboring churches to ask their support. Let us courageously take our steps toward God's vision. It is a crucial time for us to pray more, encourage one another, and act in the spirit of God. Let us put ourselves in the power of God!

Peace and love, Jae



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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
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PRAYERS FOR ALL



Henry Forrest, Annette James, JB Spurrier, Dean Edwards, Cheryl Rogers, Pat Tesh, Stella Schlagowsky, Shirley Weeks, Brendon Boxler, Brenda Alexander, Angel Sheridan, Kathleen Shaw, Dina Faquin, Mary Stockton, Laura Krown, Brian Dobbins, 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.



Weekday Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 11am. Currently we are studying the Parables of Jesus Christ from the Gospels. We invite you to join us in this lifelong learning community.

CHURCH LEGACY INITIATIVE ASSESSMENT



Calvary congregation had church assessment with Church Legacy Initiative of WNCC. Many members participated in the assessment on Sept. 30th and had meaningful listening and conversations. We will have follow-ups in the future.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Calvary will publish a new church directory in October. If you have new phone number or email address, please let our church office know as soon as possible.



The Youth group is collecting any pocketbooks that you don't want anymore! We are going to fill them with items and give them to the women's shelter. Items that we will be looking for would be sanitary items, shampoo, conditioner, hand wipes, baby powder, etc. If you have anything, please give them to any of the youth group. There is no timeline on this as we will take them as we have the items to fill them and deliver them to the women shelter. Thank you as always for support!!

Patty Pressley



PROJECT AGAPE REPORT

The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone for the donations to Project Agape. Twenty-two boxes were packed consisting of clothing, school supplies, and 67 pair of children's shoes. We especially appreciate your monetary donations to buy so many pair of shoes for the children.

HURRICANE FLORENCE RESPONSE

We have all watched on TV the devastation left behind from Hurricane Florence and felt the grief of those families who are grieving the loss of family members.

Bishop Hope Ward, the North Carolina Conference Bishop, visited areas around Fayetteville to see firsthand the damage caused by flooding and high winds. She said the recovery in the eastern part of our state would take a long time.

UMCOR has already responded with a \$10,000 emergency grant for Hurricane Florence, and the North Carolina Conference expects to receive additional funding after the damage has been assessed. Already 1,000 health kits have been distributed to the local shelters, and 1,000 cleaning buckets have been distributed to some of the counties where it was safe to travel.

In the past UMCOR assigned advance numbers to disasters such as this, but now they only have two advance numbers—Disaster Response United States and International Disaster Response.

The Outreach Team decided to forward the donations received directly to the North Carolina Conference because 100% of our donations will be used to help the people in the eastern part of our state affected by this hurricane.

If you would like to donate, make your check payable to Calvary UMC; and on the memo write, Hurricane Florence.

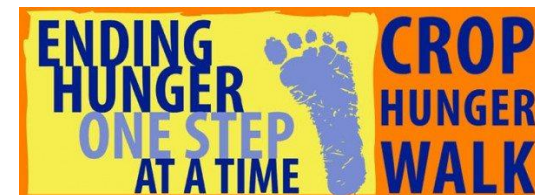
Brenda Alexander, Outreach Team Chair



Calvary will celebrate our 153rd Homecoming Sunday on Oct. 14th at 11:00am. It will be a time of gathering among families and friends of Calvary. Please invite your family and friends in advance. Our guest preacher is Rev. Amy Coles, Assistant to Bishop in the Western North Carolina Conference. You are cordially invited to come and join us!



We welcome Ellen and James Kim to Calvary! They emigrated from South Korea in 1972. Ellen is transferring her membership from Korean First UMC in Chicago, and James is joining us on profession of faith. James grew up in Chicago and graduated from Univ. of Florida. He has lived in Charlotte since 2004, working in information technology. Ellen moved to Charlotte to be close to her son James. Ellen has one daughter and two sons. We are glad that Ellen and James have found a church home at Calvary!



Calvary supports CROP WALK to stop hunger in our communities. We had a great luncheon on Sept. 30th and raised \$425 through your generous participation. So far, we have raised \$1,300 for CROP WALK which will be held on Oct. 13th Saturday. If you want to walk together, please let me know.

Patty Pressley

CHARGE CONFERENCE MISSIONAL NETWORK MEETING



North and Central Missional Networks will have 2018 Charge Conference meeting on Oct. 7th 3pm at Dilworth UMC. All are invited to attend for faithful conversation with Metro District Superintendent, D.S. Rev. David Hockett and other church leaders!

REPAIR & REPLACE LUNCH / CHURCH COUNCIL



We will have R & R Lunch on Oct. 28th, following our worship service. Calvary's young adult group (10-10 SC) will be the host. The lunch will be available at \$5, and your generous donations are appreciated.

As we prepare Charge Conference on Nov. 11th, there will be Church Council after R & R Lunch.

UMW GENERAL MEETING / OUTREACH TEAM MEETING

There will be a United Methodist Women General meeting on Oct. 21. Please bring your donations for your daughters and granddaughters. Husbands are invited to the fellowship meal before the meeting.

Calvary's Outreach Team will meet on Oct. 17, Wednesday, 9:45am at Pop Smith Sunday School Classroom.

Brenda Alexander



A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables; and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Joshua is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light on and began searching for more valuables.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Joshua is watching you." Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

"Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot.

"Yep," the parrot confessed, and then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you."

The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?"

"Moses," replied the bird.

"Moses?" the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses?"

"The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Joshua."



STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Calvary's SPRC will have a special meeting at Pop Smith Sunday School classroom right after our service on Oct. 7th. All SPRC members are requested to attend this important meeting.