

SPECIAL GIFTS

To Red Bird Christmas Toys by Calvary UMW, Ted and Brenda Alexander.
To World Hunger by Amy Borhaug.
To R and R by Stella Schlagowsky, Harding Shinn, Ted and Brenda Alexander, Ray and Marsha Smith.
To R and R in memory of Maxine Black and Robert Black and in honor of Jeffrey Springs and Alice Jarrell by Joe Black.
To Red Bird Christmas Toys by Ray and Marsha Smith.
To CUMC in honor of Kathleen Shaw's birthday by Don and Melanie Mills, Skipper, Sharyn, Erin, Adam, Shea and Della Johnson and in honor of Della Rose Johnson.
To CUMC in honor of Della Rose Johnson by Terry Frye.
To CUMC in honor of Della Rose Johnson baptism by Sharyn and Skipper Johnson.
To Red Bird Christmas Toys by Henry and Loretta Forrest.
To Red Bird Toys for Christmas by Ruby Vincent.

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PREPARE THE LORD!

Is there anything we cannot buy with money? Capitalism is very attractive, and it has great power! Several years ago, my family went to Universal Studio in Orlando, Florida. We were excited to have fun together, but a few hours later, we began to lose our excitement due to the long waiting lines. There were so many people, and we had to wait, wait, and wait! And I learned that there is an "Express" way! If we pay more, we can move much faster without standing in a long line. In fact, if we spend more money, we may have a lot of benefits just like 1st class service in airplane, express service in immigration process, special elevator service at Empire State Building, and so on. Money is powerful!

However, there are still things we cannot buy or should not buy. John the Baptist claimed that everyone should be baptized with repentance. Many people came to the Jordan River to receive the baptism from John: Pharisees, Sadducees, regular people, tax collectors, soldiers, women, and orphans. Diverse people came to be baptized and prepare the way of Christ. They were hungry with something that they could not buy with money! They experienced "inner peace," "salvation," and "spiritual renewal" by coming to the Lord.

Some people asked John the Baptist how to prepare for the way of the Lord, and John emphasized doing God's works at their daily workplaces: Sharing what you have with have-nots; not exploiting others' money and labors; and not oppressing others with power and violence.

In 2018 we are welcoming the Advent season again. How can we prepare for the Lord? Let us come to the Lord with a sense of repentance; let us renew a call to justice and compassion for the weak and needy; and let us believe and witness that Christ is the Lord!

Spiritual experience is priceless, and our covenant relationship with God cannot be purchased by money. It is achieved only by our faith in God's grace!

Peace and love, Jae

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May all of you have a blessed Advent and Christmas!





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Jack Harton	4	Gene Lail	16
Margaret Bumgardner	16	Don Mills	18
Autumn Smith	20	Brandi Harton	21
June Severs	23	Beth Phillips	25
June Kim	26		



PRAYERS FOR ALL

Calvary members: Henry Forrest, Annette James, JB Spurrier, Stella Schlagowsky, Shirley Weeks, Brenda Alexander, Kathleen Shaw, Daisy Dunlap, Margaret Bumgardner, Buck Bailes, Alice Jarrell, Betty Pinion, Henry McCannon, Preston Savage, Mason Butler, Faye Smith.

Friends of Calvary: Johnny Major, Donnie Smith, Suzanne Severs, Dean Edwards, Dina Faquin, Mary Stockton, Cheryl Rogers, Elliott and Louise Cramer, Laura Crown, Brian Dobbins, Brenda Markham, Delores Foster, Merwin Foard, Paul Brackbill, Brendon Boxler, Dillon Webb, Dale and Dawn Hauser, Mary Anne Koon, Linda Baucom, Millie King, Joyce and Johnny Puckett, Tom and Lib Phillips.

Community and beyond: Those who are suffering from Hurricane Florence and from wildfires in California, and all those who serve for our community and country.

**If you want to add or remove a name, please let church office know.*

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT SUNDAY

United Methodist Student Day Offering is observed today! Donations to this offering make it possible for students to serve the world God loves. United Methodists give because God first gave to us.

The son of two addicted parents, Ricky Blue grew up without much hope for a future. When Ricky’s church family—Louisiana’s Luling UMC—raised \$4,000 for Ricky to begin college, hope was born. Then the Gift of Hope Scholarship made possible only by the generous giving of United Methodists to the United Methodist Student Day offering allowed Ricky to continue his schooling. Today Ricky is a certified candidate for ministry in the Illinois-Great Rivers Annual Conference.

What no one person can do, United Methodists are doing together.

If you would like to make a donation, write your check to Calvary and on the memo line write UM Student Day offering.

Brenda Alexander, Outreach Team Chair

WILMORE NEIGHBORS DINNER TOMORROW



Calvary’s Vitality Team will host Wilmore Neighbors Dinner on Dec. 3 at 6:30pm in our fellowship hall. If you are able to support community dinner, please come and help us to serve our community together.



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.



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's shelter. Thank you as always for support!!

Patty Pressley

RED BIRD MISSION: TOYS FOR CHILDREN OFFERING



Red Bird Mission is in Beverly, Kentucky, in an isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission strives to meet these needs. We deeply appreciate your generous donations for toys for children in this area.

Brenda Alexander, UMW President

ADVENT SPECIAL SERVICES



First Sunday of Advent on Dec. 2nd with Korean First Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent on Dec. 9th – Special music presentation

Third Sunday of Advent on Dec. 16th – Becky Pinion preaching

Fourth Sunday of Advent on Dec. 23rd – Candlelight service

First Sunday after Christmas on Dec. 30th – Lessons and Carols

DAILY ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Society of St. Andrew's devotional booklet for this Advent season is entitled, "Surprises Along the Way." Advent is the four weeks leading up to Jesus' birth and is the beginning of the church year.

Society of St. Andrew works with the farmers in our country to send volunteers to glean in the fields to harvest corn, tomatoes, potatoes, or whatever the farmers are not able to sell in the markets or the produce that is not pretty enough to sell in the grocery stores. This food is considered imperfect or unmarketable. After the gleaning the food is taken immediately to nonprofits for distribution.

Please stop by the table at the front of the sanctuary and pick up a devotional booklet to read during the days of Advent. Also we have enough if you want to share one with a friend or a shut-in.

If you would like to make a donation to Society of St. Andrew, you can write your check to Calvary and on the memo line, write "Society of St. Andrew."

Brenda Alexander, Outreach Team Chair

MANY THANKS TO GENE OLIVER

Gene Oliver is retiring on Dec. 16th after 30 years of service at Calvary UMC as Music Director and Administrative Assistant. Calvary congregation deeply appreciates his faithful service. Even though he will be retiring from staff position, Gene is a beloved member of Calvary and will be back after some break time. Please pray for Gene as he will journey a new chapter of his life.

FRESH EXPRESSION: DINNER CHURCH



"Side by Side" is a fresh expression church start based on Wesleyan small group movement. Calvary UMC confirms that small group setting works best among young and diverse people. We need "small dinner group hosts" who can welcome neighbors and facilitate conversations while we eat together. If you have passion to reach out to new people and a sense of God's call for this new ministry, please let Pator Jae know. Jae will help you facilitate a small group.

2019 NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY



Calvary will publish a new church directory for connecting one another among members and friends at Calvary. Please take one copy of the church directory for your family.



WHAT'S NEW IN 2019?

From the first Sunday of January, all children will stay in the sanctuary after children's time. As a safe sanctuary church, all people will worship together and remain in the sanctuary. For toddlers, there will be some fun drawing picture books available in the sanctuary. For infants, parents may hold them on rocking chairs in the back of the sanctuary. For special children's activities, children's ministry director will coordinate and take children outside. Please support our safe sanctuary policy and make our church a safe place for all children of God!

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2019 Contribution Envelopes are ready for you to pick up on the table of the front sanctuary. They will be out each Sunday in Dec. **This envelope # is your account # for 2019.** All postings are done by the envelope number.

Please do not begin to use these envelopes until the first Sunday in January 2019, and also do not use 2018 envelopes in 2019. Envelope numbers are changed each calendar year. It is very important that you use the envelopes assigned to you. This will help the finance office to ensure the accuracy of the financial source.

Wanda Grant, Financial Secretary