

SPECIAL GIFTS

To R and R by Ted and Brenda Alexander.
To UMAR by Ted and Brenda Alexander, Calvary United Methodist Women.
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, Harding Shinn, and Justin Boyd.
To World Hunger in memory of Jung-Ja Kim by June Kim.
To World Hunger by Harding Shinn, Ruby Vincent, and Amy Borhaug.
To Hurricane Florence by Ruby Vincent.
To CUMC in memory of John and Sarah Tanzy by Ora T. Escott.
To R and R in memory of John and Martha Black by Melanie B. Mason.
To R and R by Henry McCannon, Ted and Brenda Alexander.
To Homecoming Fund by Lonnie Myers.
To Red Bird Christmas Toys by Calvary UMW, Ted and Brenda Alexander.

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WHY DID I APPLY FOR CHURCH VITAL GRANT?

Recently I applied for church vital grant from our annual conference. Why did I apply for the grant? Because I believe that Calvary has God's mission to reach out to people outside the church. This is what I proposed to our conference:

Calvary UMC is located at vicinity of Uptown Charlotte. The surrounding area is drastically changing nowadays, and it is more attracting millennials than anywhere in Charlotte. While Calvary is a multi-generational church, it is primarily an aged small congregation. While Calvary effectively serves the existing members with a traditional worship service and ministries, we are called to seek not necessarily religious but spiritual people in Wilmore Neighbors and Uptown Charlotte.

Our vision is to begin a fresh expression church, called "Side by Side." Our core values are relevant, relational, and inclusive in Wesleyan small group settings. Calvary's equipped vitality team will collaborate with other churches to reach out to millennials, African Americans, college students, and Asian Americans in dinner church settings which will be meeting inside and outside the church.

"Side by Side" is a fresh expression church start based on Wesleyan small group movement. Calvary confirms that small group setting works best among young and diverse people. Here are our goals and vision:

Goals: To create four small groups and make new disciples of 50 in four years
- Millennials, African Americans, college students, and Asian Americans

Vision: Lay leadership driven movement led by vitality team members of Calvary (It is a relevant, relational, and inclusive lay ministry)

I invite you to pray with me for God's dream and discern if you sense God's call to be part of it. There are many ways to participate in this movement such as your prayer, involvement, donation, and servant leadership. I pray that our Lord stirs each member at Calvary with God's Spirit!

Peace and love, Jae

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Welome to Calvary UMC and experience God's love!



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PRAYERS FOR ALL



Henry Forrest, Annette James, JB Spurrier, Dean Edwards, Cheryl Rogers, Elliott and Louise Cramer, 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.

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



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 through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.

For some of the children served by Red Bird Mission, the only toys they receive are those from the Christmas party held at Red Bird Mission. Calvary's United Methodist Women unit for many years has donated money to Red Bird Mission to purchase toys for the children. If you would like to donate, write Red Bird Mission toys on the memo line of your check. Cutoff date for donations is November 18.

Brenda Alexander, UMW President

NEW ADMIN ASSISTANT / MUSIC DIRECTOR

Due to Gene's upcoming retirement, Calvary is looking for an Admin Assistant and a Music Director. Please share the information with others. For more information, you may talk with Mike Pressley, Chair of SPRC.

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE



Calvary's Annual Charge Conference will be held on Nov. 11th right after our worship in the sanctuary. All church members are invited to the Charge Conference and participate in making our decision for our future!



A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found", the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Calvary will publish a new church directory in November. Please take one copy of the church directory for your family.