

SPECIAL GIFTS

To R & R by Herb & Pat Tesh.

To CUMC Flower Fund by Betty Matthews.

To CUMC Children's Fund by the Bill Cobb & Pop Smith Sunday Class.

CALVARY CURRENT

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A DINNER CHURCH: BLESSED TABLE

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. (Acts 2:46-47a)

Calvary will launch a dinner church (a new way of being a church / outside the box idea) in order to reach out to diverse people outside the church. Our dinner church is a relational and biblical movement from the Early Church and Wesleyan examples.

Our dinner church is called "BLESSED TABLE" – after more prayers, we changed the name – that recognizes the ministry of Jesus' sharing and the Early Church practice. As we share food, hospitality, love, and the good news of Jesus Christ by service, we will welcome, recognize, embrace, and develop our relationships with others at the dinner table.

Eating together is an ancient spiritual practice of welcoming, equality, and building relationship as well as a practical way of meeting people's physical needs. "BLESSED TABLE" will become an act of hospitality and love toward others.

Beginning a new thing or bringing a change is always challenging. We may take a risk with unexpected people and emerging surprises. However, we believe that it will be a great opportunity for Calvary to experience the presence of Holy Spirit.

The "BLESSED TABLE" will begin to serve:

- For those who are outside the church
- For those who seek for a community of care and love
- For those who have hunger for physical and spiritual needs
- Please RSVP to the church office for dinner headcounts

Please invite your loved ones to the BLESSED TABLE so that they may be blessed at the table.

Blessings and love, Jae



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WELCOME TO THE "BLESSED TABLE"





MARCH

Jeffrey Rockett	4	Jung Woo Lee	5
Harding Shinn	5	Erin Johnson	10
Gaynell Lail	12	Megan Mills	14
Ray Smith	19	Bob Braswell	20
Buck Bailes	31		



PRAYERS FOR ALL

Calvary members: Harding Shinn, June Severs, Ruby Vincent, Gaynell Lail, Henry Forrest, Annette James, 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, Danyel Healy, Dean Edwards, Dina Faquin, Mary Stockton, Cheryl Rogers, Elliott and Louise Cramer, Laura Krown, Brian Dobbins, Brenda Markham, 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 there is any change, please let church office know.*



Wednesday Bible Study continues every Wednesday at 11am. Choir rehearsal will follow the lunch fellowship after Bible study. We are a learning community, and all are invited!

ALTAR FLOWERS

2019 Altar Flower Chart is placed on the wall of sanctuary entrance. Please write your name on the Sundays when you want to remember or honor your loved ones.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



We will have two service options on Ash Wednesday on March 6th. One will be at 12pm in our church, and the other will be at 7pm in Dilworth UMC. Rev. Michelle Chappell will preach at Calvary, and Rev. Jae Lee will be preaching at Dilworth.

40 DAYS OF LENTEN JOURNEY

It is a special season of prayer and repentance. Please use a Lenten devotional from Society of St. Andrew on the sanctuary table for your spiritual journey with God. Let us come closer to God together through this Lenten journey.

2018 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN REPORT



United Methodist Women's PURPOSE

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

At each District and Conference meeting, there is a hands-on project. Calvary provided the following:

- Metro District Prayer Breakfast hands-on project was diapers and wipes for Bethlehem Center. Calvary sent an assortment of both.
- 10 Hygiene Kits were taken to the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska.
- 5 school kits were taken to Mission u at Pfeiffer College and 10 shoeboxes for Project Agape.
- 5 school kits were taken to Metro District Annual Meeting in August.

United Methodist Women will celebrate 150 years of being in mission on March 23, 2019. A Legacy fund has been established, and each UMW member has been asked to donate. Most of our unit members have donated to this fund.

At each quarterly General Meeting, members brought an assortment of donations for The Relatives located on East Boulevard.

Our unit donated 10 backpacks to the Richardson YMCA on West Boulevard.

Brenda Alexander, President



Calvary will celebrate its 154th Homecoming on Oct. 13th, and our guest preacher is Rev. Bob Boggan, one of our beloved former pastors. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend with your family and friends.



2019 General Conference **United Methodists Seeking a Way Forward**



Delegates to the Special Session of General Conference approved the Traditional Plan that affirms church policies on homosexuality and strengthens enforcement by a vote of 438 to 384. Several petitions included in this vote were ruled unconstitutional by our Judicial Council, so the full implications of this decision are not yet known. The General Conference then voted to request a declaratory decision by the Judicial Council on the constitutionality of the petitions passed. The motion passed 405-395. The Judicial Council will review this request at its next scheduled meeting on April 23-25.

We know that some are pleased with this outcome, and others are saddened and in deep pain. Let us show love and care toward one another as a visible witness that ALL people are valued and of sacred worth.

On Friday, March 1, Bishop Leeland and the leaders of our Western North Carolina delegation, Jennifer Davis and Kim Ingram, will share a video message to our Conference on what happened and what's next.

Bishop Leeland will also gather with our Metro District lay and clergy for a time of worship and Holy Communion on March 10, 2:00 p.m. at Assurance UMC in Huntersville.

As this General Conference comes to an end, please know that God's call is for the United Methodist churches of the Western North Carolina Conference to continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in our churches and be in mission with our communities and the world.



Calvary United Methodist Women 2018 Report

Pledge to Mission	\$2,000.00
Health Kits	\$100.00
Center of Hope	\$50.00
Bright Blessings	\$50.00
Mothers and Their Children	\$50.00
Classroom Central	\$100.00
Holy Angels	\$100.00
Agape Shoes	\$100.00
Backpacks Richardson YMCA	\$50.00
UMAR	\$100.00
Red Bird Toys	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total	\$2,800.00

Calvary 2018 Designated Missional Funds

<u>Designated</u>	<u>Donation</u>
Society of St. Andrew	\$400.00
Hurricane Florence	\$610.00
UMCOR	\$315.00
UMAR	\$125.00
Project Agape – Children Shoes	\$830.00
Project Agape Offering	\$315.00
Red Bird Christmas Toys	\$350.00
Communion Rail Offering	\$1234.25
World Hunger	\$332.00
Bridge to Recovery	\$325.00
United Methodist Student Offering	<u>\$105.00</u>
Total	\$4,941.25

**Calvary’s Outreach Team 2018 Report
Budget \$6,000**

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Donation</u>
Project Agape Fellowship of 1000	\$400.00
Red Bird Mission	\$400.00
Mecklenburg Ministries	\$100.00
Cooperative Christian Ministry-UNCC	\$100.00
Salvation Army Center of Hope	\$200.00
Charlotte Family Housing	\$200.00
Men’s Shelter	\$200.00
Project Agape Children’s Shoes Project	\$300.00
Clara Biswas Street Children Ministry-Phnom Penh, Cambodia	\$200.00
Clara Biswas Missional Support	\$100.00
UMAR Donation	\$200.00
Zoe Project	\$200.00
Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries – Prison Ministry	\$200.00
Red Mission Children Christmas Toys Donation	\$200.00
Care Ring	\$100.00
Dr. Samuel Om-Missional Support-Cambodia	\$200.00
Red Bird Missionary Conference	\$100.00
Henderson Settlement	\$100.00
Dwaine Morgan-Missional Support	\$100.00
Agape Dental Ministry	\$200.00
The Children’s Home	\$200.00
UMCOR US Disaster	\$400.00
UMCOR International Disaster	\$200.00
North Carolina Storms	\$300.00
Bridge to Recovery	\$500.00
Mothers & Their Children – Prison Ministry	\$200.00
Korean Ross Culture	\$100.00
Refugee Ministry	\$200.00
Classroom Central	\$100.00
United Methodist Student Offering	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total	\$6,000.00

“The purpose of Calvary UMC is doing the mission of God in the world!”