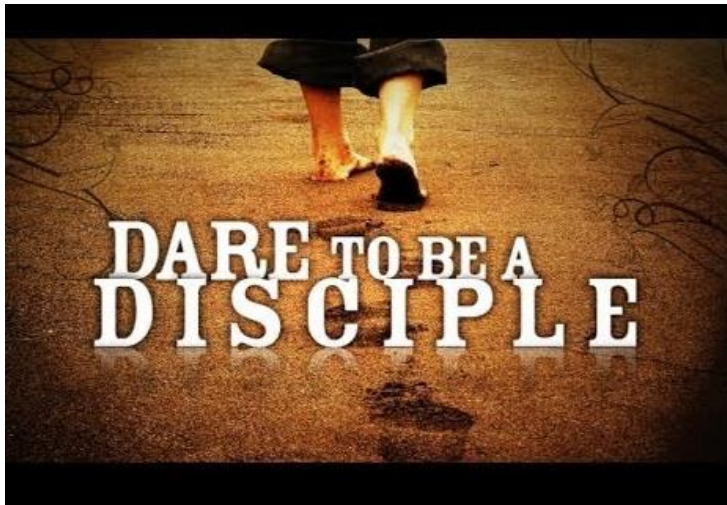


SPECIAL GIFTS

To CUMC in memory of Henry McCannon by Cindy McClain, June Severs and Tom Phillips.
To World Hunger by Wade & Karen Cobb.
To R & R Funds by Earl & Becky Beckham.



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TIME TO REFLECT, NOT REACT

You are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. (Philippians 1:27b)

As a United Methodist pastor, I have a deep concern for our denomination's future. Just like you, I love the United Methodist Church which has always embraced a diverse theological and cultural spectrum. Please read the following article from Metro District Superintendent, Rev. David Hockett who also shares further information on General Conference 2020.

I join my Cabinet colleagues in offering a word of encouragement as we remain in prayer for The United Methodist Church and the upcoming General Conference (May 5-15, 2020). I know for some of you this has been a difficult year in ministry. There is much anxiety and uncertainty in our system, and we are navigating this time in the Church while our society is increasingly coarse, angry, divided, and fearful. And yet, I am hopeful because, as I have stated previously...

- *The Church is not ours. It belongs to Christ. It is Christ's body and a gift of the Holy Spirit.*
- *We are connected not by of our institutional polity or because we agree with one another. We are connected by baptism.*
- *The Church, has a future, not because we are clever, but because God is faithful.*
- *Our inability, at times, to faithfully navigate conflict and division cannot counter God's work of reconciling all things, including us, making peace through the blood of the cross.*

Christ prayed that we might be one. Unity is central to the witness of the Gospel and our division hinders that witness. And yet, it is increasingly evident that we may part ways with some of our brothers and sisters, even if for a season. So, can we do this in a way that bears witness to our world that there is a more excellent way even in disagreement?

As we navigate this season of potential separation and change I encourage us to assume the posture of Wesley who calls us to do no harm; to

do all the good we can; and to stay in love with God. I urge us to humbly remain focused on our holy vocation of living and proclaiming the good news that in Christ Jesus there is hope, healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, and life for people. I pray we remain committed to seeking the thriving of all our neighbors, that we will prophetically speak the truth in love, that we will do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God until that day when we feast together at our Lord's banquet.

The following resources provide information from a variety of voices and perspectives. The list is not exhaustive but hopefully will help you stay informed and in conversation. As we move forward, know that I am committed to help you and your congregation be as faithful and fruitful in ministry as possible and that you remain in my prayers.

General Conference 2020

Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation, Formal Document:

<https://cdnsc.umc.org/-/media/umc-media/2020/01/03/15/48/Protocol-of-Reconciliation-and-Grace-through-Separation>

Protocol News Report:

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/diverse-leaders-group-offers-separation-plan>

Protocol FAQ document:

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/protocol-of-reconciliation-and-grace-through-separation-faq>

Statement from Bishop

Leeland: <https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/13134946>

“U.S. Regional Conference” (Connectional

Table): <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/connectional-tables-us-regional-conference-legislation-now-available>

This plan would create a new decision-making body for U.S. matters — a place for United Methodists to address retirement plans, property matters, resolutions and other issues that solely affect the church in the United States.

Dear Calvary family and friends, we will face a very challenging time as our denomination may go through a possible separation. However, I encourage you to prayerfully stand firm together in one spirit and reflect on what God does in this trial rather than emotionally reacting to rumors and news about our denomination. We will have further conversations and listening sessions about our church's future.

Blessings and love, Jae



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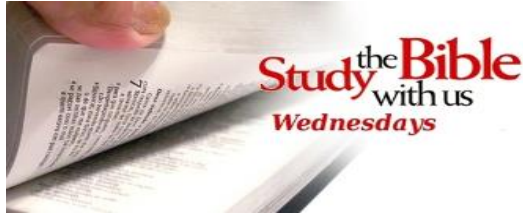
Calvary members: Betty Pinion, Betty Matthews, Ruby Vincent, Harding Shinn, June Severs, Henry Forrest, Donnie Smith, Wade Cobb, Shirley Weeks, Brenda Alexander, Kathleen Shaw, Daisy Dunlap, Margaret Bumgardner, Buck Bailes, Dale Harton, Preston Savage, Mason Butler, Faye Smith.

Friends of Calvary: Annie Bailes' family in China, Jackie Davidson, Michael Maynor, Becky Blackmon, Dean Edwards, Chuck Comer, Mary Arnold, Betty Bradley, William Hart, Michael Morgan, Marianne Sabo, Suzanne Severs, Danyel Healy, Dina Faquin, Mary Stockton, Cheryl Rogers, Elliott and Louise Cramer, Laura Krown, Brian Dobbins, Brenda Markham, Paul Brackbill, Dillon Webb, Dale and Dawn Hauser, Mary Anne Koon, Linda Baucom, Millie King, and Tom Phillips.

Community and beyond: Wilmore neighbors, coronavirus patients and health providers, and all those who serve for our communities and country.

**If you want to add your loved one to our prayer list, please give the name to church office.*

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



We gather and have Wednesday Bible Study at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. In the month of February, we will practice “Lectio Divina” (Divine Reading) based on Philippians. Please come and join us in this learning community every Wednesday so that we may live out the Word of God.

The choir will have rehearsals from 10am on Wednesdays.

BLESSED TABLE ON FEB. 23rd



**BLESSED
TABLE**
A DINNER CHURCH

Calvary’s dinner church, “Blessed Table” is a new kind of faith community where we eat dinner together, share our stories and listen to each other, and embrace one another as sisters and brothers as Christ Jesus called us. Next dinner church will be on Feb. 23rd at 5:00-6:30 pm. Please invite your FRANKs (friends, relatives, associates, neighbors, and kids) to the Blessed Table!

R & R LUNCH / CHURCH COUNCIL

We will have an R & R (repair and replace) Lunch on Feb. 2nd following our worship service. R & R Lunch is a fundraising fellowship to maintain and upgrade our church facilities. Your generous support is always appreciated.

Church Council will meet after R & R Lunch. All council members are requested to attend.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY



Calvary’s Commitment Sunday for 2020 will be on February 2nd. All church members are asked to return your 2020 Commitment Cards as a spiritual discipline. During the worship service on Feb. 2nd, all worshipers will be invited to come to the altar rail and put your Commitment Card in the basket with your prayers.

If you cannot attend the worship service on Feb. 2nd, you can mail your Commitment Card to our church. Let us practice our joyful giving as our faith grows in the Lord!

2020 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

Altar Flower Calendar is available outside the sanctuary. Please write your name on Sundays when you want to celebrate, honor, or remember your loved ones by donating money for altar flowers. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Combs.

METRO DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Metro District invites lay people to a leadership training on February 1, Saturday, 8:30am to 12pm at University City UMC. The keynote speaker is Brian Zehr, and there will be small group sessions as well. If you have passion to strengthen your ministries, please attend this great learning event.

PILGRIMAGE TO SOUTH KOREA FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL



As a Korean-American pastor, it is my honor to lead a pilgrimage to South Korea from March 4 to 12. Bupyeong Methodist Church in South Korea will host this pilgrimage for UM pastors and lay leaders. I will have 28 clergy and lay people from Western North Carolina Conference, including two clergy from other conferences. From our church, Shannon, Rachel, and Kim will join me in this pilgrimage. Please keep our group members in your prayers so that they may have a transforming life experience through the pilgrimage.

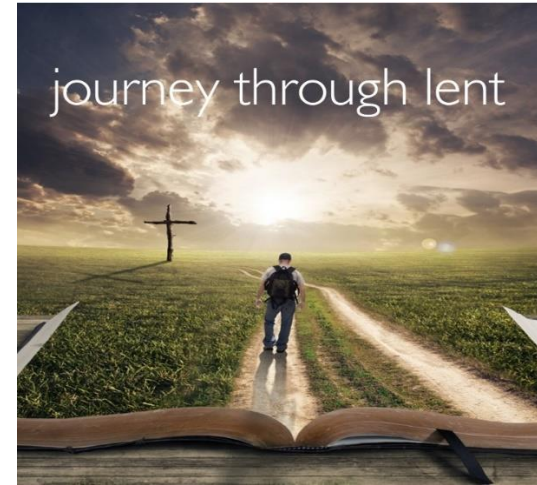
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



Ash Wednesday is Feb. 26th and there will be two worship service opportunities: 12pm service at Calvary UMC, and 7pm service at Dilworth UMC. Please plan to attend one of these services and begin a Lenten journey with Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: We confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. Let us experience God's love in the light of Christ Jesus. All are invited!

LENTEN JOURNEY



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays – because Sundays are always little Easters, – which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word, *lencten*, which means “spring.” The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism and penance. Calvary will provide our church members with Lenten devotionals from Society of St. Andrew and with Lenten Study on Wednesdays at 11am. Let us journey together and make this Lent a season of encountering God in our daily lives.

OUTREACH TEAM MEETING



Calvary's Outreach Team will meet on Feb. 19th, Wednesday, at 12:30pm in the Pop Smith Classroom. The team will allocate our outreach funds for God's people.