

CALVARY CURRENT

Special Edition for July 2021



*"For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD,
"plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."
(Jeremiah 29:11)*

CHURCH NEWS

1. Calvary's Worship & Ministries

Calvary provides both "in-person" and "livestreaming" worship service at 11am on Sundays. For livestreaming, you can join us via YouTube or Facebook. Please subscribe to "Calvary's YouTube" or (and) make "Calvary UMC Congregation" your Facebook friend so that you can easily find our livestreaming each Sunday!

2. Calvary's Zoom for Bible Study or Online Meetings

By computer: CalvaryUMCnc.org -> Worship -> Wednesday Bible Study -> Click Here to Join
By phone: Call at 301-715-8592 and enter Meeting ID: 854 324 5409#
*Our zoom address will be the same for all virtual meetings.

3. Welcome, Our New Pastor, Rev. Suzanne Dornsmith and her family!

Please read Suzanne's greetings on the next page.

4. Special Prayers

For June Severs, Preston Savage, Gaynell Lail, Brenda Alexander, Mary Arnold, Mike Earnhardt, Margaret Bumgardner, Mason Butler, Wade Cobb, Daisy Dunlap, Henry and Lauretta Forrest, Betty Matthews, Theresa McLendon, Betty Pinion, Kathleen Shaw, Ray Smith (Calvary);
Jackie Davidson (Communities).

For healing of our nation and the world from the COVID-19 and human divides.

5. Let's be a generous & cheerful giver!

*Mail your offerings to Calvary UMC at 512 West Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28203.

*Use "bill pays" at your online banking or visit "Conference Online Giving" at

<https://www.wnccumc.org/online-donations-to-churches> (Calvary UMC, Charlotte / Metro District / Pastor Jae Lee / Your email address)

GREETINGS FROM NEW PASTOR

Dear Calvary friends,

I am looking so forward to meeting you all and beginning ministry together with you in July! I know that God has called me to be your new pastor, and I am excited to see what God has in store for us in the days ahead.

It feels as if the world is waking up with things opening back up after being closed for so long. And at the same time, we are still in a season of uncertainty with this pandemic. We will try to navigate this as a community as the body of Christ loving and caring for one another and for the world around us.

I come to you having served for the last ten years as the Associate Pastor at Forest Hill UMC in Concord. In my ministry, I focused on the missions and outreach activities of the church, pastoral care, and leading small groups such as studies and a Centering Prayer group. With this change in appointments, my family and I did not have to move our home. We live in the Northeast part of Charlotte, not far from Harrisburg. My daughter, Seren (from the word “Serendipity”), will be a ninth grader at Northwest School of the Arts which is not too far from Calvary UMC. My husband, Eddie, is an accountant for a local medical billing company and is working mostly from home these days.



As a family, we are big fans of the MCU (Marvel movies), love playing board and card games, and enjoy visiting National Park sites. Personally, I enjoy creative activities, exploring new parts of the city, period dramas, reading, and spending time with people. I look forward to sharing more about myself and learning about each of you!

In God's love, Suzanne

BLESSING BAGS

Calvary's Outreach Team has prepared "Blessing Bags" for those who stand and ask for help on the street. Blessing bags are on the table in front of the sanctuary. Please take one or two bags and share them with those who are in need. Thank you for your active participation in ministry!

Brenda Alexander, Outreach Team Chair

CROP WALK TO STOP HUNGER



Hello, Fellow Charlotte Crop Hunger Fighters! We are so excited to bring you some information on our 2021 Walk! The good news: We can meet and walk in person! With respect to changing social distancing guidelines, we will be hosting a 'Hybrid' walk where those who are comfortable meeting in person will walk in Memorial Stadium on Sunday, October 24th. Those who would prefer can still hold a virtual walk on their own terms. Our hope is that this hybrid-style walk will help in this transitional year until we can walk in our traditional fashion on our usual route. More information will be forthcoming, but we wanted to get you the date as soon as possible so you can start your efforts in fundraising and spreading the word! As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Patty Pressley, Calvary's CROP WALK Coordinator

A THANK YOU NOTE

"Dear Calvary UMC, It has been our blessing to be able to praise the Lord through music. We really appreciate the handwritten cards and gift you sent to us. Special thanks to Rev. Lee, Marsha & Ray, and Rachel & Shannon. We hope that one day we get a chance to share our music with you all at Calvary UMC."

With gratitude and love, the Koo Family

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING

Who stole my eight years at Calvary? It just flew away like a flying arrow, and I believe that my eight years were filled with joy, gratitude, and life together with you all. As I reflect on my time at Calvary, I want to give you my heartfelt thanks for your trust and support as your pastor. Even though we went through difficult moments, we overcame them together with our caring love and prayers. We also celebrated our life's events together. Again, it was my honor to be part of your life's significant moments. Your loving care has also enriched my wife and children! We will keep those beautiful memories and our friendship as we continue our spiritual journey in the Lord. I ask you to support and continue your faith journey with Rev. Suzanne Dornsmith at Calvary.

May God's peace and blessings be with you and your family!

Peace and love, Jae Lee

BLESSING CABINET

Thank you for your generous and thoughtful donations for Calvary's Blessing Cabinet. Blessing Cabinet has provided food for those who need daily meals during the pandemic. Blessing Cabinet locates behind the church building, and anyone can stop by and take food as much as they need. Your donations are always appreciated. If you like to know more detailed information, please feel free to contact me at 704-541-6766.

Brenda Alexander, Outreach Team Chair



2021 Annual Conference was held on June 12 via zoom this year. Bishop Paul Leeland will retire in September, and Bishop Ken Carter will serve both Florida Conference and Western North Carolina Conference until 2022. There was a special offering for UMAR and the Northern Haiti Mission Connection in honor of Bishop Paul and Janet Leeland, and the Annual Conference approved the 2022 Conference Budget. If you want to know more about the Annual Conference, please visit wncumc.org/ac2021.