



CALVARY CONNECTION

June 2022

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We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of:

Eileen Kerwood

Pastor's Ponderings

When “thank you” isn’t enough. As you might imagine, the last 6-weeks have been quite a whirlwind for Paula and me. From initial diagnosis to additional tests and biopsies, refined diagnoses, change in chemo treatment regimen, several trips to the Hillman Cancer Center in Pittsburgh, and even a few days of vacation in the mix. From feelings of good health to feelings of desperation. During the worship service on June 5th, we also “celebrated” the Relay for Life Sunday of Hope and witnessed 175 luminaries around the sanctuary representing people connected to this congregation in some way who have dealt with cancer – either fighting now, a survivor, or in memory of those who lost their battle with cancer. The current Hamrick experience is only one of many.

As Paula and I have said many times through the years when someone faces hardship or loss, I do not know how people endure such a time without a relationship with God. Without hope, what is there? And while the hope for healing or the hope of a cure is part of that, our greatest hope lies in the fact that Jesus Christ is Lord of all creation and nothing can separate us from His great love! No matter what happens in this life, we are victors in the life to come when we have faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Jesus has accomplished everything needed for our forgiveness and our salvation and it is available to all who believe. Herein lies our comfort, joy, and peace.

One of the greatest manifestations of the peace and love of Christ is how His people, the Church, demonstrate that love to one another. You, my friends at Calvary and around the world, have been so very good at sharing the love of Jesus with Paula and I that “thank you”

does not seem adequate – appropriate, just not adequate. From buying the Paula’s Prayer Posse t-shirts to the gifts of gas cards and cash to offers to mow the yard to landscaping to bringing food to sending cards to Facebook comments to hugs to prayers to tears shed and smiles shared to prayer shawls and prayer quilts to little gifts to brighten the day (and other expressions that I have failed to list). Your demonstrations of sincere caring have humbled us and encouraged us. Thank you for being the Church and sharing the love of Jesus in tangible ways. May it always be so and may it be true for everyone.

BE PREPARED FOR WORSHIP

Worship is supposed to be participatory with each person contributing to the worship of Almighty God. One way that you can participate more fully, is to come to Sunday worship prepared and expecting God’s presence. To assist your preparation, read and reflect on these scriptures and themes the entire week before worship:

- June 5th – The Gift of the Holy Spirit-Acts 2:1-21
- June 12th – The Holy Trinity-John 16:12-15
- June 19th – Christian Unity– Gal 3:23-29
- June 26th – Work of the Flesh vs. Fruit of the Spirit – Gal 5:1, 13-25

United Methodist Men

UMM picnic 6:30 at the church. This is the last meeting until September.



United Methodist Women

Circle Meetings



Mary Martha Circle

Mary Martha circle is scheduled to meet June 12 at 1 pm. at the Poole residence.

Deborah/Miriam Circle will meet June 15 at 11:00 am at the Roadhouse 2081 restaurant for a beginning of summer break luncheon. The Blood Drive was held May 19 from 1-6:00 pm. with a very good turnout. Thank you to all that donated blood and to everyone that helped at the drive.



Discovery Circle will not meet again until September. Have a great summer.

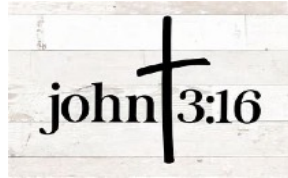


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John 3:16 Fellowship
John 3:16 met for their final time before summer with a Patriotic Picnic. Dallas Skeen was the speaker for the day and games were enjoyed by all in

attendance. Have a great summer and will see you again in September.

Vanessa Rothrock

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been knitting shawls at home during this pandemic. People knit/crochet shawls and lap robes for many reasons, to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those in despair. They may also be knit/crocheted to celebrate life and its milestones. The reasons to knit/crochet a shawl or lap robe are as numerous as the people who knit/crochet them. If you can knit or crochet (or would like to learn) and are interested in this mission, please contact Faye Milhoan or call the church office at 304-372-3203. Get those needles creating.



Prayers and Squares Ministry

The Prayers and Squares group meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. And, on as needed times if they have special projects. If you are interested in

being part of this ministry, please call Joyce Davis at 372-4555.

15th of the month so the newsletter can be printed by the 25th.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:

www.calvaryunitedmethodistchurch.com

EMAILS

We have had a very disappointing experience with our current attempts to send emails to the entire congregation through our online directory. Therefore, we recently entered into a contract with Constant Contact to provide an email service. Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter you will have already received an email from the new system. If not, contact the church office to make sure that we have your correct email address. We hope to be able to communicate more efficiently with the entire congregation in the days ahead – through email, an app for mobile devices, and our new website.



To everyone that donated items and/or worked the Church-wide Stuff Sale. You helped to raise \$1536.00 and these proceeds will go directly to the Principal on the mortgage of the new addition.



S a f e Sanctuary training is required for all persons that are working in any way with the youth of our church. You have the opportunity to participate in this training on either

**June 8 @ 6:00 pm or
June 12 @ 7:00 pm.**

Please make plans to attend and let Judy Lieving know which one of these sessions you will be attending.

CUMC Administrative Board will meet June 12 @ 6:00 pm at the church. Make plans to attend.



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Mission Updates:

MATTHEW 25:40 Truly I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters you did for me.



Food Pantry Ministry Annual Statistics

	2018	2019
2020		
# HH	2,413	2,987
# Individuals	8,103	9,179
Total lbs.	74,933	124,344

Month	YTD Monthly	
	Households	Individuals
January	157	497
February	167	477
March	172	509
April	168	449
May	125	378

The following items are needed on a daily basis to support the church food pantry:

- Chicken & Beef Broth
- Mac & Cheese
- Corn Bread Mix
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti
- Elbow Macaroni
- Soups
- Dried Beans

Monetary donations are also needed ...it enables us to fill-in (buy) food when supplies are low in any area.

Food Pantry Ministry May Report

Thank you for your continued food donations and financial support to this ministry. We also like to thank the following churches and organizations for their support during May: Ripley Library, Kroger, Walmart, Flatwoods United Methodist Church, and Grass Lick Baptist Church. And, for the financial contributions in memory of Freda Reynolds.

During May we brought in 6,214 lbs. of food.

Donations included 2,139 lbs. from USDA, 445 lbs. from Kroger, and 1688 lbs. from Walmart.

Food purchased: \$1,712 from Mountaineer Food Bank and \$369 from Kroger.

We served 125 households or 378 individuals.

We have no explanation for the drop in households/individuals served. We did resume our pre pandemic distribution process during May vs the drive thru process used during the pandemic. Also two more Food Pantries, Sandyville UMC and Bethel Baptist, opened in the last few months in Jackson County. They are also distributing USDA food. Prior to the pandemic only Calvary and No Hunger in Ravenswood distributed USDA food.

Thank You Volunteers for helping with the Ripley Library Food pickup (Friday 4:30 pm or Saturday Morning).

June 2022 Food Pick Up Schedule

- 3rd Senior High Class
- 10th Patty Smith
- 17th Connie Waybright
- 24th Dallas Skeen

Nicaragua Medical Clinic Mission

Nicaragua Update:

We continue to support the Clinic in Sandino Nicaragua. They are seeing about 25-30 patients in their 2 days a week. This includes infants up to 96 years of age so far. They are seeing a lot of respiratory virus. They have also seen an 8 year old, a 69 year old and a 44 year old that was sent for further testing and discovered a diagnosis of cancer. Jackie, the clinic director, says that they try to spread the gospel of Christ to everyone they are seeing. We continue to ask for donations to keep this worthwhile mission running. You can send a check to the church with memo Nicaragua Clinic. THANK YOU for your support.

Right now is the rainy season they are seeing more colds/flu and providing treatment. They recently made their 2nd purchase of medications to have on hand at the clinic.

PAULA's Prayer Posse – We sold 124 t-shirts to show our support for Paula and Pastor Steve in Paula's fight with cancer. T-shirts were also ordered for people from their past churches in Beckley and Huntington. A great showing of support. I would encourage you if you bought a shirt to join us June 10th at the Relay for Life in

Ravenswood and wear your shirt. Thank you for your support.

Attendance for April 2022

			9:00	Facebook	11:00		
April	3	Worship	136	273	27	Sunday School	104
April	10	Worship	111	443	30	Sunday School	92
April	17	Worship	137	185	21	Sunday School	92
April	24	Worship	123	156	18	Sunday School	85



Tithes and Offerings

2022 Budget	\$289,188.00
Needed Each Week	\$5,561.30
Rec. Year-To-Date	\$88,715.59

RENEW YOUR KROGER CARD

Time to renew Calvary UMC Food Pantry as your selection for Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you are supporting the Calvary UMC Food Pantry by connecting your Kroger Rewards Card to the Food Pantry on Kroger Community Rewards Program, then it is time for you to renew that connection for the coming year. To renew, please do the following:

1. Go online at KrogercommunityRewards.com and click on Sign-In/Register.
2. Use your email address and password to sign in.
3. Once you are signed in, click on View Your Rewards Details.
4. Scroll to the bottom of your Account Summary to view your Community Rewards selection.
5. Select Calvary UMC Food Pantry by either typing it in or using our NPO Number which is 83824.
6. Make sure you get the Calvary UMC in Ripley (83824) because there are three Calvary UMC's listed.

If you have been participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program but do not have access to a computer or do not have an email account, please contact Melanie Purkey at 304-372-6910 (H) or 304-377-6339 (C). If you have not participated in the program but would like to, follow the enrollment directions in each week's church bulletin.

Amazon Smile

Help raise funds for our local mission projects. During their regular meeting on January 30, 2022, the Administrative Board approved a request to establish **an account through the AmazonSmile program.** This is very similar to the Kroger card program that many of you may already use. When you order from Amazon use **Amazon Smile instead of simply Amazon and under your profile select Calvary United Methodist Church, Ripley, WV (make sure it is our church; there are several Calvary United Methodist churches on the list)** and Amazon will send **0.5% of the**

purchase price to us and it will be designated for local missions through the “Tom Goad missions account.”

ONLINE GIVING

The QR code has changed for online giving. Please use this barcode for your online giving through your credit or debit card or your bank account number. This can be a one time or regular transaction. You can also choose to pay the fee or have the church pay the fee.





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