



# THE CALVARY CONNECTION

Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.

APRIL 2026

## April Birthdays

1: Annette Sipe, George Walker, Jr.  
3: Matthew Coffey, Sandra Shugart  
4: John Davis  
5: Dawn Fordham  
6: Lily McKnight  
7: Ginger Furmage  
11: Truett Chadwick, Jr., Rhoda Hansley  
12: Caroline Segal, Alexander Stultz  
13: Mollie Fordham, Pam Goforth  
16: Linda Caudle  
18: Jordan Wiggins

20: Bertie Martinez  
21: Chelsea Blackburn, Eleanor Carter, Jan Wikel  
22: Jim Hall  
24: Mac Smith, Jean F. Smith  
25: Blake Ingram, Jane McCready, Linda Neighbors, Lexi Swing  
26: Jacob Patrick  
29: Ginni Baker, Jackson Childress, Jacob Clodfelter  
30: Lisa Cox, Christian Nichols



Thank you so much to everybody who filled a Blessing Bag full of food to donate to Sunnyside! We are so grateful to the generous spirit of Calvary members who stepped up to provide food for families in need.

# OUR 2025 IMPACT

**CALVARY  
MORAVIAN**  
Winston-Salem



## **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

**2 BLOOD DRIVES**

## **BOOKMARKS**

**3RD ANNUAL HOLLYWEEN COMMUNITY EVENT  
HOST SITE FOR ANNUAL BOOKMARKS FESTIVAL**

## **BREW YOUR FAITH**

**BEGAN COMMUNITY DISCUSSION GROUP AT LOT 63**

## **BRUNSON ELEMENTARY**

**ANGEL TREE FOR 47 STUDENTS  
COLLECTED 900 ROLLS OF TOILET PAPER  
COLLECTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

## **CALVARY WOMEN'S DAY**

**25+ ATTENDEES  
SERVICE PROJECT FOR SUNNYSIDE MINISTRY**

## **CARD MINISTRY**

**500+ HANDWRITTEN BIRTHDAY CARDS**

## **CONCERTS**

**HOSTED SALEM BAND'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
HOSTED MUSIC CAROLINA'S CELTIC CHRISTMAS**

## **THE DWELLING**

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL WINTER OVERFLOW SHELTER  
CHRISTMAS EVE BENEVOLENT DONATION  
ANGEL STOCKINGS FOR SHELTER GUESTS**

## **FORSYTH JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY**

**CHRISTMAS EVE BENEVOLENT DONATION**

## **FOUNDATIONS**

**HOSTED FOUNDATIONS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

## **LOVEFEAST IN A BOX**

**110 BOXES MADE FOR 2025**

## **MORAVIAN CHICKEN PIE MINISTRY**

**2 CHICKEN PIE MAKING SESSIONS  
NEW FREEZERS FOR MINISTRY**

## **NATIONAL FUND FOR SACRED PLACES**

**\$300,000 MATCHING GRANT  
FOR ROOF & STEEPLE REPAIR**

## **SALEM PRESBYTERIAN**

**WEEKLY WORSHIP AND EDUCATION**

## **SAMARITAN MINISTRIES**

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING COLLECTION  
CHRISTMAS EVE BENEVOLENT DONATION**

## **SUNNYSIDE MINISTRY**

**1000+ LBS OF FOOD DONATED  
CHRISTMAS EVE BENEVOLENT DONATION**

## **WS HOLIDAY PARADE**

**HUNDREDS OF FREE CUPS OF COFFEE SHARED**

# CHURCH COUNCIL MINISTRY REPORT

God of this place — of these walls and all that in them, of every hymn we sing and meal we prepare— we gather today as stewards of a message far older than ourselves.

We give you thanks for this congregation, for those who lead our ministries, volunteer their time, and for those we have the privilege to serve.

We pray for our city, for our neighbors on Holly Avenue and across the city.

We pray for wisdom today as we make decisions together, that our conversation would be guided not by anxiety but by trust; not by scarcity but by gratitude.

As we take up the business of this council, open our eyes to see what you are doing in this place — and give us the courage to join you in it.

**Amen.**

## **Our 2025 Impact**

As we gather this week, I want to begin by celebrating the breadth of what God has done through Calvary Moravian in 2025. Our impact card tells that story.

So let's look at some of that. We...

- Hosted 2 American Red Cross blood drives;
- Provided an Angel Tree for 47 students at Brunson Elementary along with 900 rolls of toilet paper and school supplies;
- Shared hundreds of free cups of coffee with our neighbors at the WS Holiday Parade;
- Donated over 1,000 pounds of food to Sunnyside Ministry;
- Hosted our 2nd Annual Winter Overflow Shelter with The Dwelling along with Angel Stockings for shelter guests;
- And gave Christmas Eve benevolent donations to The Dwelling, Sunnyside Ministry, Samaritan Ministries, and Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministry.
- Our Card Ministry sent more than 500 handwritten birthday cards.
- Calvary Women's Day brought together more than 25 attendees and included a hands-on service project for Sunnyside. And we ...
- Hosted the 3rd Annual Halloween community event;
- Served as a host site for the Annual Bookmarks Festival;
- Launched Brew Your Faith as a community discussion group at Lot 63;
- Held 3 Chicken Pie making sessions and added new freezers to support that beloved ministry;

- Hosted the Salem Band's Christmas Concert and Music Carolina's Celtic Christmas;
- Hosted the Holiday Celebration for our neighbors, Foundations Early Learning Center;
- And continued providing weekly worship and education space for Salem Presbyterian Church.

These are not a small thing. Taken together, these are the marks of a congregation that is genuinely *present* in its city — not turned inward, but opened outward.

A major impact of 2025 is that Calvary Moravian Church was awarded a \$300,000 matching grant from the National Fund for Sacred Places for our roof and steeple repair. This grant deserves some context, because it is not simply a large check. It is a recognition.

The National Fund for Sacred Places is a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It is the only nationwide program of its kind, providing capital grants along with tailored technical assistance to support historic preservation efforts, community engagement, and enhanced fundraising.

The National Fund for Sacred Places is funded by the Lilly Endowment and has, since 2016, awarded or pledged over \$33 million to 167 community-serving congregations representing 28 faith traditions across 45 states. To my knowledge we are the first Moravian congregation ever to be awarded this grant. This year, 319 congregations applied. Calvary was among just 30 selected nationwide — the largest single cohort in the program's history, representing \$8.73 million in total grants awarded. To be chosen from that field, in that company, is genuinely significant.

What makes this grant especially fitting for Calvary is the philosophy behind it. The program's leaders describe sacred places not simply as architectural treasures but as **vital centers of congregational life and community anchors.**

That is a description of us. I want each of you to hear that. That is *you*. You are a vital center of congregational life and a community anchor. *This is who you are.*

Look back at our impact card — the winter overflow shelter, the food donations, the concert hosting, the free coffee at the parade — and you see exactly why a program like this would look at Calvary and see a congregation worth investing in.

We enter this season with real momentum. We go into this next chapter of Calvary's life in mission, in community presence, and now in a nationally recognized investment in our building and our future. Let us continue to draw from the deep streams of living water God is flowing through this place.

May Jesus still lead on,  
Amen.  
Rev. Dr. Chaz Snider

# A READING RECOMMENDATION

Looking for a good book reflecting on aging and later life? I highly recommend *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old*, by noted author Parker J. Palmer. The book contains a series of short reflective essays he has written on various aspects of aging with grace and gravity. The essays are short, so you can pick the book up, read for ten minutes, put it down, and pick it up again later, or the next day, or the next ...

It seems to me that so many of our words around aging carry negative overtones “old” ... “aged” ... even “maturing” sounds like something you do once and get it over with. In reflecting on this book, I find myself using words like “ripening,” or “blossoming,” or “fruiting” – in ways that are unexpected and life-giving. Contrary to our youth-obsessed society (anybody use anti-wrinkling cream?), Palmer presents the accumulation of years as a continued growth in insight, knowledge, and, yes, even wisdom unavailable to the merely young-in-years. He advocates for strong relationships between the generations, reflecting that we can all learn from each other; that the old can pass along perspective and wisdom, and the young can pass along energy and innovation.

Hoping this sparks your interest, I include here two quotes that spoke to me:

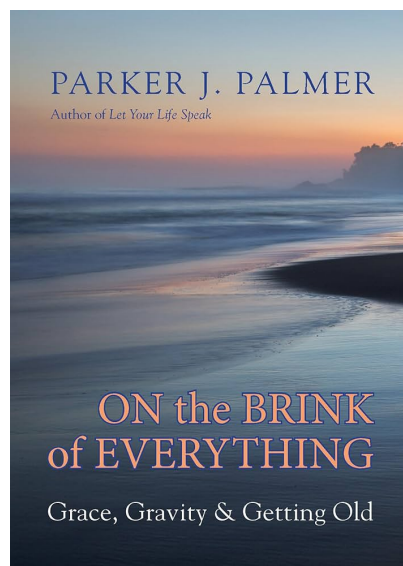
“... the notion that old age is a time to dial it down and play it safe is a cop-out. Those of us who are able should be raising hell on behalf of whatever we care about: freedom’s just another word for not needing to count the cost.” (page 25)

... and ...

“Imparting hope to others has nothing to do with exhorting or cheering them on. It has everything to do with relationships that honor the soul, encourage the heart, inspire the mind, quicken the step, and heal the wounds we suffer along the way.” (page 63)

After hearing about this book, I ordered it from our neighbors at Bookmarks (support your local independent bookstore!) and was able to walk over and pick it up in a little over a week.

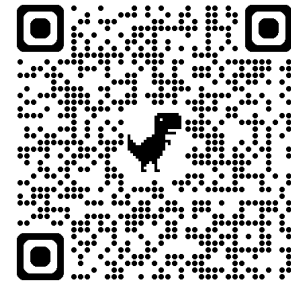
Happy reading!  
Pastor Nola



# WORKSHOP: FACING DEATH AS A CHRISTIAN

In all of scripture, there are only two recorded instances where a human being “was taken” but was not seen to have died; these are Enoch: “Thus all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years. Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him” (Genesis 5:23-24), and Elijah: “As [Elijah and Elisha] continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven” (2 Kings 2:11). Knowing, then that we will die, the psalmist prays for wisdom:

The days of our life are seventy years  
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;  
even then their span is only toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.  
Who considers the power of your anger?  
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.  
So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart (Psalm 90:10-12).



On Sunday, May 3rd, following worship, we will have a lunch and workshop. In this one-hour presentation and conversation, we will explore what we can learn from the Bible about death. How is death viewed in scripture, and how can we, as Christians, prepare for and face our own death? What have we to look forward to, when the body declines and dies? Come and reflect with brothers and sisters, knowing that God always accompanies us on every journey – even this one! Sign up to attend at [forms.gle/o47QTYYeE7aMvYeq5](https://forms.gle/o47QTYYeE7aMvYeq5), by scanning the QR code above, or by calling the church office. Questions? Contact Pastor Nola ([nola@calvarymoravian.org](mailto:nola@calvarymoravian.org)).

## TRIBUTES

### MEMORIALS

#### **Jan Trivette**

Sarah Kane

#### **Paul Marshall**

William Briggs  
Romaine Poindexter

#### **Earline Pryor**

Mary Bland  
Romaine Poindexter  
Linda Smith  
Mary & Hoyt Beard  
Mary Spainhour  
James Hall

### HONORARIUMS

#### **Spencer & Jan Bullins**

Clyde & Pat George

#### **Elaine (Lee) Palmore**

Clyde & Pat George

Please note that this reflects tributes as of March 20th, 2026.

All tributes received after that date will be included in the next *Calvary Connections*. A special thanks to Sabrina Maksi & Carol Middleton for compiling these!

If you have any questions, please contact us by emailing our financial secretary, Sabrina, at [sabrina@calvarymoravian.org](mailto:sabrina@calvarymoravian.org).

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