

# **CALVARY CALLS**

## *A Note from the Director*



**Psalm 91:14-16 The Message (MSG)**<sup>14-16</sup> "If you'll hold on to me for dear life," says GOD, "I'll get you out of any trouble. I'll give you the best of care if you'll only get to know and trust me. Call me and I'll answer, be at your side in bad times; I'll rescue you, then throw you a party. I'll give you a long life, give you a long drink of salvation!"

Dear Friends:

When the phone rings before 6:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, it's usually not going to be good. So when the phone rang before 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 19, it wasn't good. Apparently someone had broken into the Mission, setting off door alarms. Then this person proceeded to set off motion sensors as they walked through the halls. I had to throw on some clothes and drive from Massillon, so I told the police to meet me in 20 minutes. Rod & I arrived at the Mission to find an officer waiting. Thank you Canton Police Department! We entered the door, not knowing what we'd find. The first thing was a piece of the alarm system that had been ripped off the wall. Found out it was the part that made the sound. I guess our criminal thought they had turned off the alarm by doing that. Wrong! Then we found the steel gate at the Pantry ramp door moved and the door not shut tight. Also, a piece that kept the door locked had been disconnected and was laying on the floor. The racks of coats and tables of clothes in the hall were not touched, but the doors that led to the Pantry hall and the locked room at the back where our Christmas gifts were stored, were broken. These doors were damaged so that they could no longer be locked and the wood at the top of the doors around the deadbolt into the top of the frame was separated into layers. Someone had put some effort into opening them. The hall contained some leftover egg plant and onions from Thursday night's pantry—probably not what our intruder was after. But the back room contained Christmas! Bikes and dolls and legos and remote control cars and all sorts of gifts for the children and teens who had been adopted for Christmas. I held my breath as I walked back that hall. The door was still shut and locked. The gifts were still there. Thank you, Lord! Rod and the officer checked out the rest of the building. The visitor was gone.

What made this person stop? Was it the beeping sound coming from the 2nd alarm box in the back beside that room? Did they hear something that scared them away? Did they suddenly develop a heart and decide that what they were doing was wrong? We'll probably never know.

But what I do know is that God was watching over us and protecting Canton Calvary Mission that morning! What could have been a disaster was only damage that we can eventually repair.

Canton Calvary Mission is 15 years old this year! 15 years of "serving Christ in the heart of the community...." 15 years of being a safe haven for children, teens, adults and families. 15 years of meeting physical needs with food programs, clothing, bedding and more. 15 years as a center of learning for youth and adults, helping them to get through school and to get through life. 15 years of faithful volunteers and supporters serving as Christ's hands and feet in this special place.

God was watching over us that morning. Canton Calvary Mission is here to serve and love and care for His children. We've prayed for that intruder. We'll continue to pray that their heart is touched as their belly is probably being filled by our food programs.

And I ask for your prayers for the Mission.....

Blessings,

*Marie*

*Winter  
2016*

January  
February  
March

*Mission  
Statement*

*"Serving  
Christ in the  
heart of the  
community  
by creating a  
safe haven  
and center  
for learning  
as well as  
providing for  
the spiritual  
and physical  
needs of the  
community."*



**Serving since 2001**

*"The King will  
reply, 'Truly I  
tell you,  
whatever you  
did for one of  
the least of  
these  
brothers  
and  
sisters  
of mine, you  
did for me."*

Matthew 25:40  
NIV

## Blessings...

Our Community Partners and friends: **Mature Services, Jobs and Family Services, Buckeye Health, United Healthcare, Care Source, Molita Healthcare, ACME in North Canton, Community Harvest, the Aultman Health Foundation WOW Van, Aultcare, Stark County Hunger Task Force, the Akron/Canton Regional Food-Bank, the Ohio Department of Education CACFP & SFSP programs, Gibbs Elementary School, Jackson Elementary cafeterias, Lighthouse Ministries, Malone University, Walsh University, Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton, Stark Community Foundation, Chick-Fil-A and CIRV.**

Our volunteers: hairdresser **Jessie Ochrang**; **Joel Becher** for pick-ups every Tuesday at the FoodBank; **Sheran Hess and Denise Brown** for handling food from Community Harvest; our **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday Food Pantry Volunteers**; our monthly **Direct Distribution volunteers**; our weekly **BackPack volunteers**; our **Wednesday Hot Lunch volunteers**.

**THANK YOU** to **Sharon Jacot** and **Marie Nedrow** for 7 years of serving our children through "BackPacks for Kids." They have now retired and will be missed!

Groups that have come in for service: **Target** leadership staff Lunch & Pantry on October 27, **Ohio State University Young Scholars Program** on November 2 helped with Direct Distribution, **Dr. Mellion's office** Lunch on November 11, **Dr. Fanno's office** Lunch on November 18, **Nationwide Employees** Lunch, Pantry & hats & Gloves on November 18, **Time Warner Cable** evening pantry and Family Night on November 19, **McKinley High School Girls Basketball Team** on December 3 set up Santa's Shop, **Portage Collaborative Montessori Middle School Class** December 16 lunch, pantry, packed kids Christmas bags, prepared cookie plates.

**Church of the Lakes Youth** sponsored another wonderful party for our children on December 13!

Thank you to **Crystal Park United Methodist Church** on October 18 and **Newcomer's Chapel United Methodist Church** on November 29, **Alliance Union Avenue United Methodist Church** on January 24 and **Massillon Trinity United Methodist Church** on January 31 for inviting Rod to speak. Thanks also to **Canal Fulton United Methodist Church** on October 18 and the **Women's Exchange** at Church of the Lakes on November 11 for welcoming Jennifer to speak.

Thank you to **Darlene Violet** and **Shared Blessings** for their support and for inviting us to their meeting on December 3. We not only received financial donation, but men's hats, gloves and socks and blankets. They are definitely a blessing!

Thank you to **Colleen** for her support throughout the year and for the wonderful gifts that helped to make Christmas brighter for many and to **Westbrook Park Preschool** for their donation of hats and gloves and Backpack Food in December.

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who has donated hats, gloves, scarves and coats this winter.

## More Blessings....

Thank you to the **McKinley Step Team** for entertaining at Family Night and for their help in other ways.

Thank you to the **Mt. Tabor United Methodist Youth** for providing the personal products that filled our kids' gift bags at Christmas.

Thank you to **Buckeye Corvettes** for not only providing dinner on Saturday, December 19, but also bringing along Santa and Mrs. Claus. The kids that evening were treated to photos and bountiful treat bags.

Thank you to **Joel Berresford** for sharing his musical gifts with our after-school program and for tuning our chapel piano.

We are blessed by the couple who donated gift cards that helped to make Christmas brighter for our teens.

Thank you to **Carolyn Gemma, Barb Espinchied, New Life UMC, Mona Bichara, Avalon Foods, Werner UMC, Carol Thomas, Uniontown UMC, Ellen Kroh and family, the Jackson Lunch Ladies, Chapter AC and Colleens School of Dance** for adopting or providing gifts for our adopted teens and children for Christmas.

Thank you to **Terry Admonius, Peace United Methodist Church, Epworth United Methodist Church and Portage Montessori Middle School Class** for baking cookies so that our dinner guests could take home treat plates at Christmas.

Thank you to the **Women's Exchange** for providing hoodies for kids and to **everyone who brought in blankets**, which were given to kids, teens, families and individuals.

Thank you to **everyone who donated items for Santa's Shop** and to all those who volunteered that week.

Because of your generous donations of used toys, holiday and household items, clothing and everything else, we were able to have a free "Christmas Shop" in the chapel on December 13 & 14. Lots of smiles those days!



### 2016 Board of Trustees

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### Thank You for Your Financial Support !

Your financial commitment and support keeps Canton Calvary Mission's doors open! We appreciate every penny that is received and put it to work in service to our neighbors in the best ways possible.

Donations can be made to Canton Calvary Mission in several ways:

- By mail to 1345 Gibbs Ave. NE, Canton, OH 44705
- In person Monday-Thursday, 9am-4:30pm. Call for Friday hours.
- Electronic Fund Transfers for regular donations
- Through our website, [www.cantoncalvarymission.net](http://www.cantoncalvarymission.net)  
Simply go to the website and click the **donate** button.

#### You can use PayPal or any credit card.

- United Methodist Church Advance Special #9151
- Jennifer can also take credit card donations in the office!

**Club 500** was begun to help Canton Calvary Mission meet the expenses needed to operate the building that provides a safe haven and a healthy environment for its ministry and services. The 500 part comes from a goal of 500 members.

Simply make a commitment to support Canton Calvary Mission financially by filling out the membership form and sending it to the Mission office. You can choose the amount the you would like to contribute and when you would like to do so.

Your donations can be made in several easy ways:

- checks** made payable to Canton Calvary Mission
- our website** [www.cantoncalvarymission.net](http://www.cantoncalvarymission.net)
- Electronic Funds Transfer** (call to arrange)

***I want to become a Club 500 member and help Canton Calvary Mission "serve Christ in the heart of the community..."***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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I want to give \_\_\_\_\_ \$25/month  
or another amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

I plan to give \_\_\_\_\_ monthly  
\_\_\_\_\_ quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ yearly  
\_\_\_\_\_ other

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



### Wills, Estate Planning, Memorials, Celebrations

When planning for the future or when celebrating special events, consider making a donation to Canton Calvary Mission. Honor your loved ones for birthdays or anniversaries! Remember the Mission in your will or memorialize a loved one with a donation in their name. If you have questions, please call us at (330) 454-8610.

### Canton Calvary Mission Permanent Endowment Fund

Gifts to the Endowment Fund can be made by sending a check to Canton Calvary Mission, marked Endowment Fund. Names of donors will be added to a plaque in the Director's office as donations are made.



### Mission Program Available

Do you need a speaker for a program? Do you want to find out more about what Canton Calvary Mission does?

We have speakers available for worship services, classes, men's or women's groups, youth meetings, clubs and organizations. Presentations can range from 5 minutes to a sermon time or whatever fits your needs. Call (330) 454-8610 to schedule a date or for more information.

### How to Contact Us

Regular office hours are  
**Mon.-Thurs., 9:00a.m.-4:30p.m..**  
Call for Friday hours.

Staff members are in for specific programs only on Fridays and Saturdays.

We can be reached by phone at **(330) 454-8610**,  
by FAX at (330) 456-4044,  
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**Check out our NEW WEBSITE**  
**[www.cantoncalvarymission.net](http://www.cantoncalvarymission.net)**  
It is full of great, new features!



We are also on Facebook!

**Club 500**





## Mission Food Programs

Food - a physical need that we can supply at Canton Calvary Mission thanks to **YOU** and to the **Akron/Canton Regional FoodBank, Stark County**

**Hunger Task Force, Community Harvest and the Ohio Department of Education CACFP and SFSP programs.**

We were able to provide some special things for folks for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanks to **Church of the Lakes**, we had Fisher Food Gift Certificates to distribute. Thanks to **Buckeye Health** we had turkeys and hams for folks. Because of your generosity, we were able to have doorprize drawings during pantry every Wednesday in December. What special blessings. Lots of tears and thank you's!

Meals for kids ages 1-18 were available during Christmas break from school. When kids that normally eat meals at school are home, it is a strain on many families to provide those extra meals. We are happy that we can offer this service.

Our Backpacks for Kids program was blessed in January by **Walsh University** and **Stark County Hunger Task Force**. As a special MLK Day project, a group from Walsh provided and packed an extra day's meals for our Backpack program. For that long weekend the kids received 3 days of food instead of 2!

If you are interested in serving a Saturday evening meal, please call Jennifer at 330-454-8610 to reserve a date or get more information. We are reserving dates for 2016 now. Don't wait to call!

If you have **grocery and other coupons**, that you don't use, please remember the Mission.

THANK YOU to the churches, organizations, businesses and individuals who donate food and other items. You are touching thousands of lives each month.

Check out our website for a "donation rotation" list. It can be used to make it easier to know what to bring in each month.

### Food Program Needs

Paper Grocery Sacks - used and new  
Plastic Grocery Bags - used and new

Soup with meat                      tuna/canned meat  
Peanut butter                      toilet paper  
Backpack food (Easy Mac, spaghetti, fruit cups, pudding cups, cereal, granola bars, soup, cheese & crackers)  
Inexpensive can openers (for homeless pantry clients)  
Toilet paper

Diapers size 4,5, & 6  
Infant formula (Similac Advance & Soy)  
Baby Wipes

## SUPER HERO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have an urgent need for volunteers in a few areas.



**BackPacks for Kids** needs 2 or 3 people for each Friday. During the school year it is from 1:30-4:00.

During the summer months from 12:15-1:30. Volunteers pack and distribute bags of food, as well as get to know some great children who come to pick up their weekend food.

### Direct Distribution

the 1st Monday of each month needs **back-up computer registration** from 1:45-4:15. Training will be provided. **Folks to help with distribution** from 2-4:15 are also welcome.

### Thursday Pantry

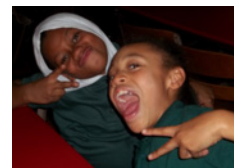
the 3rd Thursday of each month, 3:45 - 6:00 . We need shoppers, cart runners, computer entry. Training provided for all positions.

**Substitute Computer registration for all pantries** - Wednesday, Saturday and Thursday.

We need **back-up registration folks** to serve as substitutes when the folks who volunteer regularly need to be off. Training is provided.

Call the Mission to volunteer or to get more information. 330-454-8610

## Programs for Children & Youth



The Mission provides a "safe haven and center for learning" for Kindergarten through high school students after-school. Academics is a major focus, but they are also enjoying arts and crafts, music, dance and other activities. The older students are learning about careers and how to write a resume, dress for a job interview and more.

We thank **Live Well Stark County** for the exercise equipment (balls, hula hoops, cones, Frisbees, etc..) that they gave to us as part of a grant in November. The students have a fitness station program that they are participating in during CAPS (Calvary After-school Program.)

## "Senior Lunch & Learn"



Senior Lunch and Learn is open to all seniors age 60 and over. If you'd like to join us, please do! It is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.. We have devotions, lunch and a program, discussion or maybe play BINGO!



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## What's New and What's Coming Up?



**BIG HERO 6**  
Movie Night  
Fundraiser  
Saturday,  
February 27  
6:30 p.m.

At Church of the Lakes United Methodist  
5944 Fulton Dr., Canton, OH 44718  
**Freewill donation accepted at door along  
with food donations for Backpacks for Kids**  
Concession will be open also!  
Be a Big Hero and help this great cause!

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**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**  
Monday, April 18

6:15 p.m.

Canton Calvary Mission  
Dinner and Program  
RSVP by April 11  
**Come for Food, Fun,  
and Friends**



## Building and Property

The Mission was blessed with donations of some very needed items in November. They have made some things so much easier! Thank you to **Cathy & Bill Wendell** and to **Alice Fazzone, Alyce Ripple and Epworth UM Church** for the two new vacuum cleaners. Thank you to the **Regallis'** for the plungers, toilet brushes, cleaners and all that necessary stuff that filled the bag!

Our new exterior doors are going in! The first set went in on for Jan. 2. Thank you to the individuals and foundations who provided that funding for this project. They will make a difference with security issues, as well as keep the cold air out!



Security cameras are on the list for the near future also.

Our building and property committee has a new list of what needs to be done. If you have an interest in building repairs, please call us!

Some things on our building wish list:

Outdoor push broom	indoor brooms
Dustpans	Wet mop heads
2 commercial wheeled mop buckets with wringers	
a 3-step ladder	