



Connections

JUNE 2014

CALVIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Faithful to Christ, Following His Call

Backpack Kids Ministry Feeds Hungry Kids

God Multiplies Support as Need Expands

By Polly Terman, Coordinator and Founder

The mission of the Backpack

Kids is to send out a message of love and hope to kids who are hungry in our community. Calvin Church has stepped up to that mission in amazing ways! Many of you are giving time, energy and funds to meet the needs of these kids.

Sometimes we talk about seeing the "face of God" in those we serve WITH. I am always aware of God's blessing and graciousness on food-packing day when many different people in our church put aside their own agendas for an hour or two. They help set up, pack and store a month's supply of foodpacks for hungry kids!

Sometimes we talk about seeing the "face of God" behind the anguish of those we serve. The needy, the hungry, the lonely, the distressed. The question is, what are our faces reflecting back out towards them? Is it our own busy, tired face? Or are we radiating out Gods love and hope like the lights in the darkness we are called to be?

More Churches Partner with Schools

I was talking to the director of a Hunger Intervention program in Seattle. She wonders "How can all the schools in Shoreline have access to food for their kids and not just the lucky ones with churches who are caring for them?"

Our amazing Presbytery also has stepped up once again by providing grant money to spread the light of God's love further in the Shoreline School District. This money is designated for seed funds to encourage more churches to be the

"face of God" to children in their community by starting their own foodpack program.

Please join me in praising God for his provision for these children! Please pray that churches and leaders would step forward to let the love of God shine out to our WHOLE community in word and deed!



Support Backpack Kids with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card

BackPack Kids has been added to Fred Meyer's Community Rewards program, non-profit number **NPO# 90203**. Fred Meyer donates \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

When you link your FM Rewards Card to Backpack Kids at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Backpack Kids earn a donation.

You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates.

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For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

A Thank You from a Grateful Grandmother

I just wanted to say thank you so very much for the snack/food bags you give my grandson at Park-wood Elementary each Friday. It helps us so very much.

I am on disability and my daughter (my grandson's mom) works full time at minimum wage. He is on a medicine that depresses his appetite and the tasty snacks have helped him keep slowly gaining weight. Thank you again.

God bless, Valerie



YOU CAN HELP BACKPACK KIDS EARN DONATIONS JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!

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Children's Ministry

"Assisting families in raising children to be lifelong Disciples of Christ."

Karen Kirkman, Director of Children's Ministry



Monthly Friendship Dinner

Saturday, June 14, 6 pm



The best gift you can open is your heart.

Come together with other Calvin families, with or without children, to discover each other and God's plan for us all through His church. This is a monthly dinner bringing families at Calvin together in fellowship.

Adults come to the home of **Josh and Lindsey Bain-McCorkle** for potluck dinner at 6 pm after dropping children at Calvin at 5:45 pm for childcare and pizza.

For more information, and to register for childcare, please watch your e-mail, or contact Karen Kirkman through the church office.



Summer Sunday School begins Sunday, July 6

Classes for children 3 years old through 4th grade offered at 9:15 only

Summer Teachers for Children are Needed Sundays at 9:15. Teaching Teams (teach 1, 2, 4 or more times during the summer depending on your schedule) for the following ages:

- Preschool (ages 3-5 years)
- K-2nd Grade
- 3-4th Grade

Training, curriculum, and support are available. Please contact Karen Kirkman if you are interested. Thank you.

Teacher Appreciation Party!

Sunday, June 8, 10:15-11:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Parents, youth, children and families, come celebrate a great year and show your appreciation to the teachers and leaders of our children and youth on Sunday, June 8, 10:15-11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.



3 years old through 5th grade
July 20-July 23, Sun-Wed, 6-8 pm

Sunday, July 20, 6:00-8:00 pm
Neighborhood Block Party
Monday - Wednesday, July 21-23
6:00-8:00 pm Kids Camp

Volunteers are needed now for planning, and also during camp. Please contact Karen Kirkman for more information.

Walk Through "Biography and Faith Journeys" in the Calvin Library

Carole Cannon, Library Volunteer

Come along as we continue our walk through the Calvin Library, heading left, counter-clockwise, as you enter the library. The second section you encounter is **Biography and Faith Journeys**. Here you can read about Christian faith across time and geography. It is a small section; you'll be able to browse through the titles easily. Books are filed by BF and the first three letters of the author's last name. Here's a sample:

The Pastor's Wife by Sabina Wurmbrand / BF Wur *New
The Forgiveness Factor: Stories of Hope in a World of Conflict by Michael Henderson / BF Hen *New
Heaven is Real, Lessons on Earthly Joy from the Man who spent 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper / BF Pip
Bonhoeffer by Eric Metaxas / BF Met
Prisoners of Hope: the Story of Our Captivity and Freedom in Afghanistan by Dayna Curry / BF Cur

A library volunteer between services will be happy to assist you in finding a certain book. It might even be me!

CUSP Celebration & Support Dinner

Sunday, June 8, 4 pm, Redhook Brewery in Woodinville

Plan to Attend! See www.cusp.org & link to Eventbrite to reserve your spot.

CUSP, Cambodian University Scholarship Project, is now seven years old. It was created out of a burning desire to help our Cambodian Khmer villagers change the cycle of poverty through education.

God has blessed our efforts, and those of our Cambodian Board partners. We are now housing and supporting 34 students in the dorms in Kompong Thom, and there are eight high school graduates now attending institutions of higher education! Many others have already graduated from universities with CUSP scholarship help and are now working and taking leadership to mentor current students.

English proficiency is a high priority, so one ongoing goal and challenge is to provide our high school and university students with excellent English training. To that end, the third annual English Intensive Camp will take place mid-

August at the high school dorms with teachers from the CUSP U.S. Board as part of the team. There is much to celebrate! And much work left to be done!

Please register and join us for a fun and informative evening hosted by CUSP at Redhook Brewery in Woodinville, Sunday, June 8, at 4 pm. Dinner and auction, music from Kathryn Claus, Mickey Hanson and Brian Reding, and our own Danny Reding as MC. Hear from Sophea, a former CUSP scholarship recipient. Sophea will fly in from Ohio, where she is in an exchange program with the Eastern Mennonites, to share with us at the dinner.

If you already sponsor a student, Thank You! Come and celebrate the difference you are making.

To make your reservation, go to www.cusp.org and click on the link to Eventbrite.

Judy Runions, CUSP Board Member



BELOW: Students proudly complete English Camp.



Lessons in Hospitality

Sundays, July 20, August 17; 9:15 am or 11 am

Off-Campus, Crispeno Residence

No cost, but registration required

Explore how biblical hospitality could look in your own home and life by attending one or both of these stand-alone lessons on hospitality. Ask your questions and raise the issues you encounter around sharing your time, yourself, your resources and your home with others.

Each session will involve teaching, discussion and a “hospitality assignment”. While there is no cost for the class, registration is required because space is limited and food will be served.

Register online at www.calvinpc.org or contact Kimberly Crispeno directly.

Khmer Book Club

The Elimination

by Rithy Panh

Book Discussion Part II

July 16, 7 pm

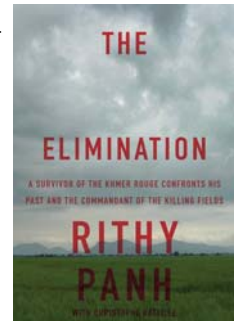
Korpi Condo, Edmonds

The Khmer Book Club met to discuss the first half of *The Elimination* by Rithy Panh. Even though several reading the book couldn't join us, we had a very interesting discussion at our first meeting on May 16, so we decided to meet again. We will continue delving into Panh's courageous interviews with Duch, the commandant of the Killing Fields during Cambodian leader Pol Pot's four-year regime.

Pol Pot's agenda was to eliminate all class differentiation and Cambodian culture. He emptied the cities, returning all the people to agrarian lifestyles, and killing 1.5 million people by torture and starvation before he was stopped.

The book tells Panh's story of surviving the devastation and death around him. Panh then relives those years as he tries to understand the motive and reasoning behind the immense atrocities perpetrated by Cambodians against their own people.

On Wednesday, July 16, you are invited to join the group reading the book, meeting at Carol Korpi's condo in Edmonds at 7 pm. Come, discuss, and enjoy the beautiful view. 135 2nd Ave N and Bell St, downtown Edmonds.



Wednesday, July 16, 7:00 pm
@ Korpi Condo
135 2nd Ave N #202, Edmonds



Youth Team Training Dates

Those students serving on the youth team for BUILT STRONG KIDS CAMP Plan to join us for these two training events.

June 1 and June 8, Calvin Gym
12:15-1:45, lunch provided

Celebrating Graduates!

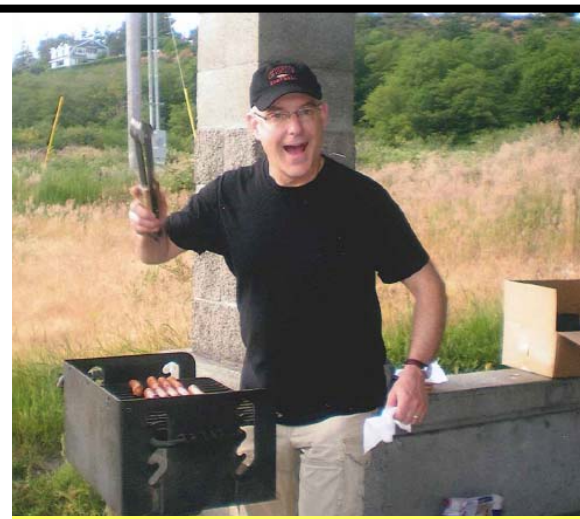
June 8
11:00 service



Please contact the Calvin office (info@calvinpc.org) by **Wednesday, June 4**, to inform us if you have students graduating from high school or college.

We'll be printing a list of these students in the June 8 bulletin and recognize them during worship, and pray for the next steps in careers and/or further education for our graduates.

Calvin also has a gift for our high school grads in hopes it will support their continued faith journeys and be an encouragement. Gifts will be presented to graduates at the 11:00 am service.



FIRST BURST!
June 25, 2014
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Hickman Park BBQ Shelter
23700 104th Ave W
Edmonds, WA

YOUTH!

Join us for hot dogs, badminton, volleyball, Frisbee, basketball, and summer prizes.
See you all there to kick off our summer!

If you are entering grades 6-12 next fall, you are welcome.

Food to Bring:

Last names A-P: veggies or chips or salad
Last names Q-Z: dessert

Questions 206.542.6181 or youth@calvinpc.org

 **Tall Timber Ranch**

Summer 2014 Dates

- Junior High Adventure Camp, for students entering grades 7-9: June 29-July 4
- Youth in Leadership Training Program, for students entering grades 10-12: July 6-17
- Junior High Camp, for students entering grades 6-8: July 27-August 2
- Senior High Camp, for students entering grades 9-12: August 3-9

Calvin accepts scholarship requests (downloadable form on Youth pages of the church website or pick up at church) to aid families in sending their students to camp; contact Josh McCorkle, Director of Youth Ministry, for more information.

Session Uses Congregational Survey Results to Define Clearer Vision for Calvin Church

A year ago, June 2013, the leaders of Calvin asked you to participate in a church-wide survey called the **Transforming Church Index (TCI)**. At the time, we sought insights to include in our Denominational Discernment Process. What you shared, however, has broader implications.

The TCI revealed that many didn't feel Calvin had a clearly defined vision for the future--that there was a *lack of clarity around what makes Calvin different from other churches, who we're trying to reach and serve, and our goals and overall direction*. Since then, our session and staff have spent much time talking, dreaming, and most importantly praying about what's next for our congregation. While we're still working to put words to what the Lord is revealing, I want to share what God is putting on my heart, and ask you to pray for our church's leaders as we prepare for what God has in store for us.

Forming Community

People in our neighborhoods, like people everywhere, have a **need to belong**. We all want meaningful relationships; we want to feel like we're part of something. God's desire is to form a community of people united to Jesus Christ and adopted into his body, the Church. The TCI showed many at Calvin feel a lack of warmth, caring, and fellowship; so we will work to foster deeper and healthier connections *within the church*.

But God is also calling Calvin to extend a redemptive hospitality to those *beyond Calvin*, especially those our society overlooks or pushes to the margins. Ministries connecting us with our community—such as Bridge Disability Ministries and Vision House—will continue to help us do this.

The TCI also revealed many at Calvin highly value our building. We want to extend hospitality by using our facility as a community center to host groups including AA meetings, private parties, Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS),

homeowners associations, Seattle Children's Chorus rehearsals and more.

To all, we give the invitation: **"Make a connection!"**

Community Formed Lives Transformed World Reformed *in the image of Christ*

Transforming Lives

People everywhere are also looking to **change their lives for the better**. We want to grow. We want healthier relationships with our families and friends. We want to be closer to God. And Jesus is the one who meets these needs and can empower these changes.

Acknowledging that the TCI showed many in our congregation lack a sense of personal growth that goes beyond mere knowledge, God continues to call Calvin Church to embrace spiritual formation, the grace-driven process in which the soul grows in conformity to the image of Christ. We will emphasize reconciliation and healing in relationships with **Stephen Ministry** and the **Marriage Course**. We will teach about God's good plans for us, and specifically support parents of youth and children. We will say to all, **"Make a change!"**

Reforming Our World

People also want lives full of meaning and purpose. They want to address the needs they see in their community, and they want to **make the world a better place**. And Christ's body—his people, not the institutional church—is the primary strategy through which God works to advance His Kingdom.

Our TCI scores indicate that our church has a good reputation, is making a contribution to the community, and is interested in making a difference in people's lives. So, whether it's across the street or across the globe, Calvin Church will engage the world in holistic ways,

balancing acts of compassion, works for justice, and the proclamation of the Gospel. We will follow God's call onto community college campuses and to the Khmer people of Cambodia. We will challenge each other to see ourselves as God's agents sent into our neighborhoods, offices, and schools. We will say to all, **"Make a difference!"**

There you have it: **Community Formed; Lives Transformed; the World Reformed—in a way that is centered on Christ and shaped by the Gospel.**

Call for Prayer - and Change

Pursuing this emerging vision, however, requires us all to do our part, and necessitates some changes to what we're already doing. A task force of Calvin members, approved by the session, met last winter to **evaluate the ministry and leadership structure of our church** which has remained largely unchanged for many years.

This spring the session reviewed the task force's recommended changes designed to help us become the church we want to be. We are having honest and often difficult **conversations about the shape of our staff going forward**, and how the staff, session, ministry leaders, and church members can best work together. Although we need to be responsible and good stewards, this is not just about budget numbers. It is about **aligning ourselves to pursue God's best** for Calvin in the days ahead.

While you will hear more about this in the coming days, I want to ask you now to **pray earnestly** for your church's leaders. Ask the God of grace and glory to fulfill the words of the old hymn:

*"Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour."*

And if you have questions, ideas, or words of encouragement, by all means share those with any member of the session.

Serving Christ with you,
Neil Trainer, Pastor

April 2014 Financial Report

Calvin Ministries and Operations

Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

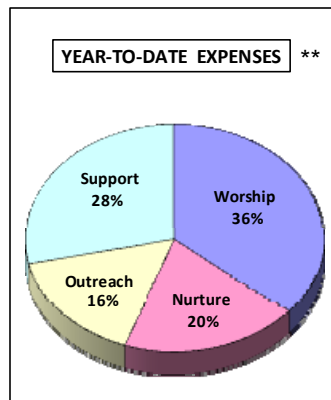
JUNE BIRTHDAYS

If we have misprinted or just missed your birthday, please call the church office so a correction can be made.

2013-2014 Actual compared to Budget

	Apr	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	%
Income (Unrestricted)					
Contributions	45,106	586,657	642,500	(55,843)	-8.7%
Investments	22	748	1,250	(502)	-40.2%
Total Income {a}	45,128	587,405	643,750	(56,345)	-8.8%
Ministry Prg & Operating Expense {b}	(59,222)	(599,937)	(633,940)	34,003	5.4%
Surplus / (Deficit) {c}	(14,094)	(12,532)	9,810	(22,342)	

Designated Gifts/Program Revenue (Restricted)	
Deacons	3,164
Memorials	245
Outreach	11,332
Nurture (incl Fellowship Groups)	1,026
Worship	0
Support	1,350
Endowment & Endow Interest	0
Total Restricted Receipts {d}	17,117



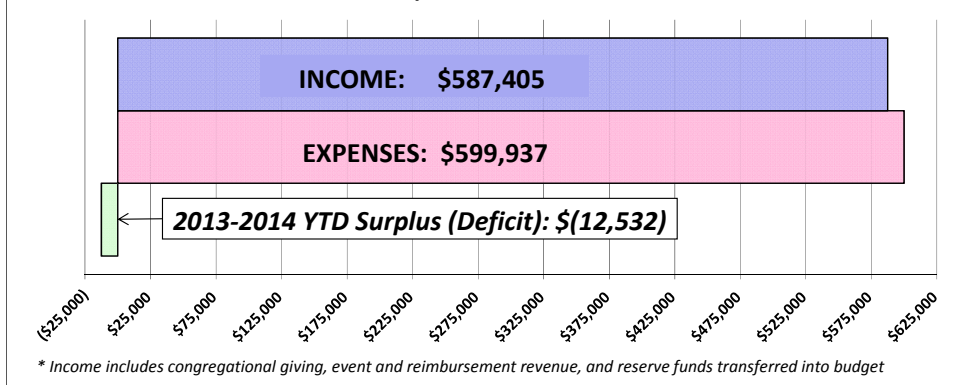
TOTAL RECEIPTS	
<i>Total Inc {a} + Rstrctd Rcpts {d}</i>	\$62,245
	\$760,618

(a) Excludes Restricted Receipts (b) Net after Prg Revenue - See Pie Chart for breakdown
(c) Income less Operations Note: Rounding may create error in totals

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Ramona Durham</p> <p>6
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June Wallace</p> <p>7
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**** Pie chart above has been revised to show Personnel expenses distributed across Ministry Clusters rather than separated in a separate segment.**

YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME* vs EXPENSES as of April 30, 2014



For more information about Calvin's finances, please contact Finance Coordinator, John Claus, or Dan Coppin, Ministry Team Leader for Stewardship and Finance.

Note to contributors:

Counters do not have access to your pledge information. If you split your contribution, please always indicate the split amounts and categories on both the check and the envelope if you use one. E-Donations also can be split; confirm intent with Finance Coordinator.

For current month calendar, go to www.calvinpc.org/Connect/Calendar.



S*P*A*R*K*S

Senior Presbyterians, Active,
Radiant, Kicking Still

NO SPARKS Lunch in June.

SPARKS Seniors Luncheons take a break for the summer.

CONDOLENCES

To **Ti Huang** on the death of his wife Lorraine on May 1, at the age of 82. A memorial service was held at Calvin on May 17, 2014.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Tony and Karen Reynolds
(after 5/31/2014)
339 200th St N
Shoreline WA 98133

HONORING GRADUATES

Proud parents and grandparents:

Help us honor our 2014 high school and college graduates. A list of names will be printed in the bulletin on June 8.

Please submit to the church office by **Wednesday, June 4:**

Name of graduate AND

- for HS grad—HS name and college or other plans
- for college grad—College name and degree

Email info to info@calvinpc.org or use the form on the shelf in the foyer and leave in the church office. Thank you!



GONDOLIERS

Fellowship and Service

Saturday, June 14

9:00 am

Padilla Bay Day Trip
Interpretive Center and Estuary

Meet at the church, Saturday, June 14, 9:00 am, to car pool.

Dress for the weather conditions if you plan to walk around the area as well as visit the interpretive center.

We'll have lunch at the Farmhouse Restaurant (La Conner) before returning to church.

THANK YOU

I want to thank you all for the cards, phone calls and prayers during Murray's illness and passing. All of that was such great support, and I appreciate it more than you know. Thank you again.

In His Name, Ann Cumming

Thanks so much for sharing your lovely facility with us for our Indoor [Kite] Flying sessions.

Your gym is such a great place for our activity, and you were always so accommodating.

We look forward to starting up again in October. Thanks again.

Bob Plant, Indoor Kite Flying

(This open community group used Calvin's Activity Center twice a month on Thursday evenings, January through May).

Summer Solstice Gardening Week

Tues-Wed-Thurs, June 17-19, 5-9 pm

Let's take advantage of the long June evenings to get the Calvin grounds in shape for the summer.

In just three nights of serving together—all ages, all abilities—for a few hours, we will make a difference in how the grounds look throughout the summer.

The greatest need will be for weed removal, from the parking lot and courtyard as well as the lawns and gardens. *Get them while they're small!* There'll also be some pruning to do.



Round up your family, grab a friend, and bring your own gloves and tools if you have them.



The Garden Coordinator for the evening will have a list of the top priority needs.

Fiscal Year Ends June 30, 2014

All invoices and reimbursement requests due Thursday, July 3

Our fiscal year runs July through June, so **all bills for the year must be received by July 3.**

DO NOT DELAY! Late invoices and reimbursement requests will be refused payment because the year will be closed and 2013-2014 funds will no longer be available.

Please hunt down those missing invoices and receipts you've been meaning to turn in for reimbursement, such as for dinners, books, etc.

Final 2013-2014 checks will be cut Tuesday, July 8.

Thank you for your help!

JUNE 2014



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 am

9:15 am **One Message, Three Styles**

11:00 am

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

CONNECTIONS DUE DATES

Issue	Due Date
JULY/AUGUST	June 18
SEPTEMBER	August 15

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