



Connections

CALVIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2014

Forming Community, Transforming Lives, Reforming Our World

FALL EMPHASIS AT CALVIN

Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything

Sermon Series, Small Groups, Weekend Conference

With **Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything**, we will explore, through sermons, small groups and a special weekend conference, how the Gospel can change our hearts and community, and how we live out the Gospel in our world.

SERMON SERIES

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|----------|----|---------------------------------------------|
| October | 5 | The City - The World That Is |
| | 12 | The Heart - Three Ways To Live |
| | 19 | Idolatry - The Sin Beneath The Sin |
| | 26 | Community - The Context For Change |
| November | 2 | Witness - An Alternate City |
| | 9 | Work - Cultivating The Garden |
| | 16 | Justice - A People For Others |
| | 23 | Eternity - The World That Is To Come |

Beginning with the city, our home now, we will look at the world that is. Week eight will close with the theme of the eternal city, our heavenly home—the world that is to come. In between we'll learn how the Gospel can change our hearts, our community, and shape how we live and interact in our world.

SMALL GROUPS

Groups meet eight weeks, also during **October** and **November**.

Groups available during weekdays, weeknights, and weekends.

Groups for men, women and both together.

The group study guide is available at the Welcome Center; \$10 donation.

Each session contains an inductive Bible study, questions for discussion based on a short DVD segment viewed in group time, and material for your own study consisting of exercise, projects, readings, questions and quotations to help you go more in-depth with the topic each week.



gospelⁱⁿ**life**
Grace Changes Everything

WEEKEND CONFERENCE

November 7-8 at **Calvin Church**

Friday, 7 - 9 pm

Saturday, 9 am - noon

Register online at www.calvinpc.org.

Keynote speaker

Dr. Matthew Kaemingk

Executive Director of *The Fuller Institute for Theology and Northwest Culture*, and editor of *Christ and Cascadia*



Friday night

Worship followed by Kaemingk delving into how our work and what we spend our time on can be more meaningful when it is Gospel-informed and shaped.

Saturday morning

Kaemingk will go more in-depth and help us explore the unique shape and working-out of the gospel in our own circumstances and lives, with a focus on our work—whether our “work” is outside the home, inside the home, or has shifted to discovering the meaning and purpose in our retirement.

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No Cost Registration!



Per Capita Demystified

Frequently asked questions about per capita

If you have been around Presbyterian churches for any length of time, you've probably heard someone talk about "per capita." Sometimes mislabeled as a "membership tax," per capita is actually a primary and essential way in which local congregations participate in the ministries of the larger church. Here are some answers to some of the frequently asked questions about per capita.

What is per capita?

The official definition: "Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the [mid councils] to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians" (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).

In essence: Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system.

Who pays per capita and how much?

Congregations (through their sessions) pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their presbyteries.

The annual per capita amount is a combined request from a congregation's presbytery, synod, and the General Assembly (GA) — based on their respective budgets for the coming year. A presbytery's per capita rate depends on its geographical location and size, its mission needs, and the needs of the respective synod.

Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together.

Paying per capita is similar to

- Contributing one's dish to a potluck meal
- Paying to be connected to the internet
- Paying for the benefit of utilities, such as electricity, water and telephone
- Pitching in with other passengers to pay for fuel for a road trip
- Participating in community supported agriculture (CSA) or similar co-op

The General Assembly per capita rate is set every two years at the General Assembly meeting. The rate is set by dividing the total GA-approved budget by the total PC(USA) church membership after adjusting for such things as investment income.

What does Calvin Church pay?

Currently, Calvin pays the following per capita:

\$ 39.03	Northwest Coast Presbytery (local)
2.50	Synod of Alaska-Northwest (regional)
<u>6.98</u>	General Assembly (national)
\$ 48.52	Total

What do GA per capita dollars provide?

Examples of what per capita dollars fund include:

- expenses for bringing commissioners and advisory delegates to a General Assembly, as well as holding the meeting
- the cost of bringing together presbytery and synod church leaders for training events, as well as those who serve on permanent GA committees
- tools to develop and administer ordination exams
- travel expenses of the Moderator and Vice Moderator of the General Assembly
- the call system and other work that helps all Presbyterians discern their vocation
- the Presbyterian Historical Society
- the production and distribution of the *Book of Order*, *The Book of Confessions* and other GA publications
- a Presbyterian presence at ecumenical groups and gatherings in the U.S. and worldwide.

For additional information, go to: pcusa.org/percapita.

2020 Vision Update

By Pastor Neil Trainer

Over the summer, the session laid out a renewed vision for the church God is calling Calvin to be, a church that is **forming community, transforming lives, and reforming our world.**

We committed to pursuing staff leadership to:

- oversee all our outreach ministries,
- facilitate involvement of members,
- serve as liaison with outside organizations and community groups, and
- help develop a comprehensive outreach strategy.

As planned, in August the session approved a job description for a half-time **Interim Outreach Director**. In September, a session team completed the interview process and proposed a candidate. By the time you read this, we may well have hired a new leader for our community and international outreach efforts and look forward to the new energy and collaborative effort this person will bring.

In addition, the session has re-formed our Staff Development Team to support our staff and to assist the session with necessary human resource tasks. We have also allocated funds for our staff to use for coaching or career counseling during this season of transition.

Teams are also beginning to work on developing a performance review process for the pastor, and on reviewing the overall structure of our ministries and how to best align them with God's vision for Calvin.

Major Gift to Renew Restrooms and Carpet Two Meeting Rooms

By Barbara Rood, Calvin Administrator

Through careful planning, a large financial gift received several months ago will fund not only refurbished restrooms, but also **new carpet for the Fellowship Hall and Fireside Room**. These rooms are in almost daily use by guest groups and many Calvin events, and the upgrade will be very welcome.

Both rooms would benefit from a fresh coat of paint as well. If any phase of **painting—prep work, taping, or applying paint**—is something you enjoy and could devote some time to in October, please contact Frank Wallace, Karen Claus, or Barbara Rood. We'll be happy to add you to the painting team.

Replacing the carpet in the Fellowship Hall will probably mean cancelling one Wednesday night dinner. Watch for the date announcement, as this has not been scheduled yet.

EXPLORING CALVIN'S 2020 VISION

Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, October 5

between 9:15 & 11:00 am services

We are in an exciting and challenging time of change. Members of Calvin's Session invite you to join them and Pastor Neil Trainer for another town hall-style meeting on Sunday, October 5, in the Fireside Room between the 9:15 am and 11:00 am services.

This will be an open time to ask questions and dialogue together, as well as to pray together for God's continued blessing and direction for our congregation.

Interested in Membership?

"Getting Connected" at Calvin

Wednesdays at 7 pm, October 1, 8, 15

Pastor Henry Blackaby has said, "God doesn't add members to the body accidentally." In other words, when God builds a local church as the body of Christ, God brings people to match the work it is called to do.

If you've been regularly participating in Calvin's worship and ministry, I believe God has a purpose and a reason for you to be with us. If you haven't yet taken the step of becoming an active member of our congregation, then let me invite you to consider doing so by attending our "Get Connected" class. We will meet together three consecutive Wednesday nights – **October 1, 8, 15** – from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Each week I and other Calvin leaders will address questions like *What does the church believe? Why join the church? How can I make a difference at Calvin? How will I benefit from membership, and what will be expected of me?*

To help us plan spaces and prepare materials, please let us know you are coming.

You can call the church office or email info@calvinpc.org.



Pastor Neil Trainer

Backpack Kids Gears Up Again

By Polly Terman

Calvin's **Backpack Kids** program is gearing up for another year of sharing food and God's love to hungry kids!

God is faithful!

In June we finished our 5th school year of providing food for hungry kids. God supplied what we needed through you! Thank you! The schools thank you too! Here are some things they shared with us last spring.

"Struggling with basic needs has, obviously, impacted her ability to succeed in school. The food program has brought them so much relief. She says it is easier to focus on school, knowing that she is able to help her family by bringing home some food for weekends."

Counselor, Shorewood HS

"It's something small that makes a huge difference in her life. She participated in the food pack program last year while at Einstein Middle School. I hope you know how much of a difference this is making to our most vulnerable students."

Counselor, Shorewood HS

"...They have expressed to me what a great help it is to have this assistance each week. Each year, every student always says "thank you" when I hand them the bags of food each week. Thanks so much for all you do to assist our families in need."

Security, Einstein Middle School

And from the Shorewood HS newsletter:

"Big Thank You to...Calvin Presbyterian Church and the PTSA for donating food for students/families in need. We are grateful to be part of such a caring community...."

God is faithful! He is providing for these hurting kids, hidden in our community. He has provided funds for us to start another year of sharing His love. I know that he will provide what we need to complete this year too! It will be exciting to see just how he will meet that need!

God is faithful! I am so excited to report that **two new churches** have stepped up to answer the needs in **two more schools** in Shoreline! These two schools have been asking for help! What an answer to our prayers! With the seed money from our Presbytery Grant, they will be starting their own "Backpack Program" and building relationships with those schools!

God is faithful! He is spreading His love all over Shoreline.

Important, yet short and sweet, ways you can help!

We fill and store packs for weekly delivery about once a month. If you would like to be part of the team, we have these supervised opportunities. You just commit and show up!



- ◆ Shop for specified food items; you will be reimbursed.
- ◆ Muscle power. Help position tables and unload supplies from storage shed. Takes approximately 45 minutes on specific Mondays during the year, beginning at 9 am. (See Calvin online calendar for dates, www.calvinpc.org/Connect/Calendar.)
- ◆ Set up a table for assembly line packing—approximately one hour—on packing Mondays at either 10 am or 4 pm.
- ◆ Help two Small Groups pack food bags—approximately 30 minutes, packing Mondays at 2 pm or 7:30 pm. It would be fine to drop in for this or consider joining one of these Bible Studies! You would be very welcome!
- ◆ Pray for the children who will receive the food! Pray that they will feel Hope and Love from God who cares for them! Pray that a seed will be implanted in their hearts to seek Him.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Polly Terman at pollyterman@gmail.com.

MISSIONS FEST SEATTLE
Conference Date: October 10 - 11
So there was great joy in that city. - Acts 8:8

Westgate Chapel
22901 Edmonds Way,
Edmonds, WA 98020
FREE ADMISSION

JOY
to the
Cities

A stylized globe showing the Americas, with a blue and white color scheme.

Friday and Saturday, October 10-11, 2014
Close to home at Westgate Chapel in Edmonds!
See full schedule of events at www.MissionsFestSeattle.org.



WEI 2015 Work Team to Kenya February 26 – March 11, 2015

Join a WEI short-term work team to Kenya!

As a team member, you will meet delightful Kenyan women daring to change their lives. Work alongside and get to know them, help them construct platforms which will be the foundation for their water tanks, and learn how they hope to “catch the rain.”

This trip will provide a great opportunity to meet some simply amazing and very warm and welcoming Kenyan women and girls who will change your life for the better! Our presence will encourage the women of an individual cluster of women’s groups through a ministry of presence and prayer. You will be amazed that in the encouragement, you receive more than you give.

We will work as co-laborers with them in solving the acute problem of lack of clean water by:

- Constructing platforms for the water tanks earned by the women
- Installing water tanks and celebrating over the finished product
- Praying over the water tanks for God’s blessing of abundant rain!

We will also attend their “Harambee,” (Swahili for “pulling together”) – their bank opening, where they “pull together” and pool the money they’ve saved in their small home banks to determine how many water tanks they can purchase. WEI in the U.S. then matches that, so they are able to double the impact of the money they’ve saved!

What trip to Africa would be complete without a safari! When the work is over, debrief and prepare to re-enter your life at home while enjoying the wild animals of Kenya!

<p>Trip dates: February 26 – March 11, 2015 Approximate total cost: \$2,100 - \$2,300 (plus the cost of airfare)</p>	<p>If interested in joining the team, attend the first info meeting on Thurs, Oct. 2, at University Pres Church, Room 355, 7:00 pm.</p>
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Contact marilyn@womensenterprises.org if you’d like more information or call the WEI office at 206-624-4WEI (624-4934).

“Catch the Rain” is a WEI program which encourages groups of women in the U.S. to partner with groups of Kenyan women in a more direct relationship. If you’d like more info on this program, please contact us.

www.womensenterprises.org



Physical Activity Expectations WEI 2014 Kenya Short-Term Work Team

What to expect—Know before you go

Transportation:

- ⇒ A potentially 5-hour drive in a van over paved and rugged dirt roads to the women’s group site and back.
- ⇒ Shorter drives on rural dirt roads to visit women’s groups in a van
- ⇒ 3-hour drive in safari vehicle on dirt roads twice a day/ X 2 day

Working with the women’s groups:

- ⇒ Working outside in potentially 90 degree temperatures in dry, dusty surroundings
- ⇒ Climbing steep hills
- ⇒ Typical activities: shoveling dirt, carrying bags of sand, carrying brick, laying brick, mixing mortar (which requires bending and lifting)
- ⇒ We may walk 2-5 miles to visit women’s groups/water holes

Optional activities:

- ⇒ Helping install 10,000 liter water tanks (which would require lifting, pushing, and carrying)
- ⇒ Playing sports with the kids



Women’s Enterprises Annual Harambee Dinner

Saturday, October 18, 2014 415 Westlake Ave N, Seattle

6:00 pm...Reception and Harambee Marketplace

7:30 pm...Dinner and Program: “Pulling Together is...”

Register at www.womensenterprises.org and ask to sit at Catherine Holden’s table with other Calvin attendees.

Finding God in the Midst 2014 Church-Wide Retreat Described in Superlatives!



Thank you,
Rev. Renee Notkin, for sharing with us!

Why come on a church-wide retreat?

"I had heard great things about TTR, but had never been there. I wanted to make deeper friendships at Calvin, and I was able to meet many new people. Mostly I have been tired with many activities and it was good to relax and not have the internet to distract me – I spent time in prayer."

"I came because I had a great experience last year. It helps me to slow down and see God, look for Him in the ordinary and listen for his voice."

"To get away for a weekend to one of my favorite places on earth and get to bask in God's glory in creation. The retreat is a great balance of learning, group time and opportunities for fun activities. It brought much joy to everyone!"

"I came because I was invited. Above and beyond, the people were so friendly. There is a good vibe among this group. This was a great time to gain perspective and be refreshed."

"I appreciated time to get to know and deepen relationships with the people of Calvin; time unplugged from email and internet; space for contemplation; great speaker and small group discussions; very organized – impressive; food was great!"

Relaxing, Reflective, Connecting, Rejuvenating.

– Christi Nixon

All I could have asked for and more!

– Faith Thurman

A wonderful breath in the midst of life. And, lots of fun!

– Matt Randles

Good food, interesting speaker and new friends!

Richard Fouche

Reflect on a good summer. Prepare for next year!



ABOVE: Smiles all around for a cool dessert treat.

RIGHT: Kaylee Logan learns to spin wool in Elizabeth VanSteertegem's class.

BELOW: Faith Thurman and Ken Sahlstrom enjoy helping with dinner preparations.





Up, up and away! Flying on the giant swing takes teamwork — and courage!



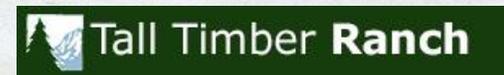
LEFT: Cindy Hagen and daughter learn to draw in Katy Korpi's class.

RIGHT: Pastor Neil and James Mitchell share a love for cycling.

BELOW LEFT: James Mitchell and Celicia Bumcrot enjoy a walk together.



Labor Day Weekend
2014 Church-wide Retreat at Tall Timber Ranch



Children's Ministry

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

Karen Kirkman, Director of Children's Ministry

CK Kids Time! Wednesdays, Starting October 1 7:00-8:30 pm

FREE!

Fun and fellowship for all 3 year olds - 5th grade
Invite your friends and neighbors

Join us for Your Place in God's Story TIME
Games in our Gym TIME
Create with Art Time
Praise and Worship TIME

Options

5:45-6:30 Calvin Kids Choirs
✓ 4 years old ~ 1st grade
✓ 2nd ~ 5th Grade

Small cost 6:15-7:00 Community Dinner Time

Volunteers are still needed for this program.
If you would like to serve weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly,
opportunities are available to be part of this special
community.

Shoreline MOPS @ Calvin

MOPS, (Mother's of Preschoolers), is hosted at Calvin Church in partnership with Bethany Community Church.

All moms who are interested, bring your kids, kindergarten age and younger, every other Tuesday morning, October through May, for fellowship, parenting support, and loving childcare.

For more information and registration see ShorelineMOPS.com.



Monthly Friendship Dinner

 Saturday, October 11
Steve and Kara Mitchell's home
2306 NW 192nd Place, Shoreline 98177

The best gift you can open is your heart.

Come together with other Calvin families to discover each other and God's plan for us all through His church. Visit our website or see weekly bulletin for more information. Registration required for childcare at Calvin.

Calvin Kids on Sunday @ 9:15

- Nursery Care
- The Lighthouse Kids (Three through Pre-K)
- Kids Café **Clubhouse** (K-5th Grade)

Calvin Kids on Sunday @ 11:00

- Nursery Care
- The Lighthouse (Three Years ~ K)
- Kids Café **Clusters** (1st-5th Grade)

Elementary age children begin this worship time together with families or teachers, then go to small groups for story activities, and prayer time.

Teachers are **still needed to join our team!**

If you are interested and available to join our team, teaching elementary age weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly at 11:00, please let Karen Kirkman know as soon as possible! Training, curriculum, and fellowship included!
Sunday school programs are dependent on volunteers.

After-School Good News Club at Syre

Calvin partners with Child Evangelism Fellowship to offer this free after-school weekly Bible club at Syre Elementary School beginning in October. Children kindergarten through 6th grade join us for amazing Bible stories and games, yummy snacks, and music. For more information or if you would like to help, please contact Karen Kirkman through the church office.



Calvin Kids Food Drive!

50 Items of Food Already Collected!

Our Calvin community is invited to join kids and families as we collect food for Calvin's Deacon Pantry serving hungry people in our community.

September Goal: 100 Cans of Soup
October Goal: 100 Cans of Fruit
November Goal: 100 Cans of Tuna



Our goal is 300 items of food before Thanksgiving.

Weekly Events

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays

7:00 - 8:30pm, beginning October 1, 2014

We start in the gym! Join us for great games with everyone together, then music with the band in the Chi House, and then we split into groups for separate Middle School and High School devotions.

Everyone grades 6-12 welcome! Remember to join us for dinner before YG at 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall.

Weekly, except these dates:

Nov. 26 (T-day), Dec. 17, Dec. 24, and Dec. 31.

SUNDAY YOUTH SMALL GROUP

Sundays

9:15 - 10:15 am, Chi House

All students in grades 6-12 meet in the Chi House for Sunday Small Group which includes time for fun, coffee/tea/Italian sodas, and Bible Study.

Together we'll better understand God's love and better reflect the image of God in our own lives.

No Sunday Small Groups

Nov. 30, Dec. 21 & 28 for holidays, Jan 4.

Special Events

PUMPKIN BOWL V

Flag football with North Creek PC

October 26, 2014. 2:00 pm -5:00 pm, Shoreline location TBD

Calvin hosts in Shoreline, Calvin wears green for the game. This is the final game in the series, it concludes after this year! Josh is back on the Calvin sidelines this year, ready to play with you all! All for fun, and remember:
NO FOOTBALL KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED!

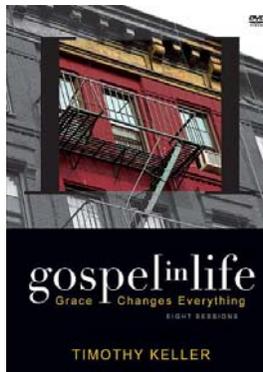


GOSPEL IN LIFE MINI-CONFERENCE

Friday worship and speaker

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LOCK IN / RAKE N RUN

Lock in begins Fri, November 21, 8:00 pm /

Day of service together Sat, November 22, ending at 3:00 pm

Join us overnight Friday as we play together, and Saturday as we serve members of our community who need help with fall yard work they cannot do on their own.

Bring: sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, modest sleeping clothes, warm work clothes for Saturday!

Parents, look for contact about how you can help us make the entire weekend a success!



August 2014 Financial Report

Calvin Ministries and Operations

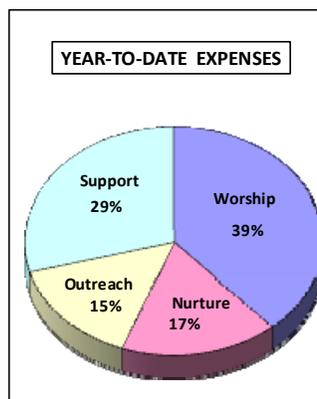
Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

2014-2015 Actual compared to Budget

	Aug	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	%
Income (Unrestricted)					
Contributions	52,206	102,627	105,000	(2,373)	-2.3%
Investments	16	37	250	(213)	-85.2%
Total Income {a}	52,222	102,664	105,250	(2,586)	-2.5%
Ministry Prg & Operating Expense {b}	(56,966)	(110,359)	(108,624)	(1,735)	-1.6%
Surplus / (Deficit) {c}	(4,744)	(7,695)	(3,374)	(4,321)	

Designated Gifts/Program Revenue (Restricted)

Deacons	1,829	3,994
Memorials	245	520
Outreach (incl CCO Grant)	2,580	42,953
Nurture (incl Fellowship Groups)	3,067	6,039
Worship	1,000	1,000
Support (incl Bldg Imprvmnt Gifts)	987	54,398
Endowment & Endow Interest	0	0
Total Restricted Receipts {d}	9,708	108,904



TOTAL RECEIPTS	
Total Inc {a} + Rstrctd Rcpts {d}	\$61,930 \$211,568

(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

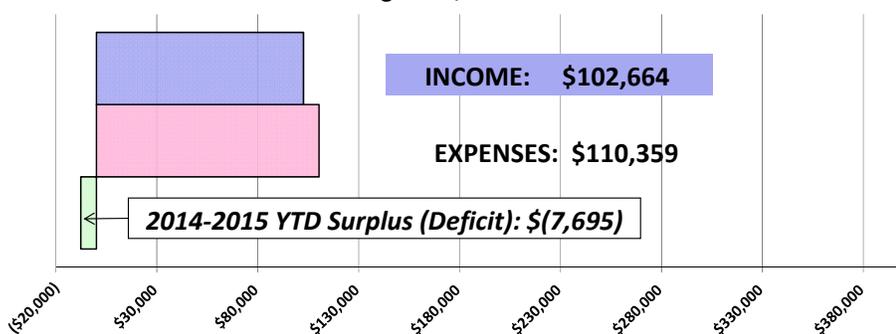
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

1	16
Lena Kirkman	Timothy Pehrson
Dave Peck	17
2	18
Cindy Darling	19
Lois Knudson	Ric Heideger
Meggan McCaslin	20
3	21
Owen Lenker	Phillip Ingersoll
4	Nathania Kuswara
Max Terman	Linda Lord
5	22
Jim Guest	Ken Christophersen
Ala Guest	Grmawit Yemane
Lois Howard	23
Bob Perley	Jan Wilkins
6	24
Charlotte DeMaris	25
7	Roberta Gow
Nancy Brown	Ruth Ann Hoff
Jim Crim	Lucy Marsland
Victor Meniz	26
8	Fred Bonallo
Jill Freeborn	27
9	Judy Runions
Starlight Meniz	28
Liese Narkevitz	Briell Mitchell
Joe Scudder	29
10	Celia Kerr
Julia Terman	30
11	Kurt Olden
12	31
13	Colin Bartholomew
14	
Dimitry Zissermann	
15	
Bill Birks	

YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME* vs EXPENSES

as of August 31, 2014



* Income includes congregational giving, event and reimbursement revenue, and reserve funds transferred into budget

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.

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



Schedule Clarity

ALL meetings and events at Calvin need to be booked in advance through the church office. Email info@calvinpc.org with new requests or changes. Thank you!

S*P*A*R*K*S

Senior Presbyterians, Active,
Radiant, Kicking Still

Relive History with Harry Truman!

Wednesday, October 22
12:30 pm
Lunch and program \$9

Former President Harry Truman will speak on *Making the Tough Decisions: The Paradox of Leadership in a Democracy*. President Truman's appearance is made possible by Seattle Attorney Michael King.



ALL are welcome for this special Red, White & Blue patriotic celebration. Please

invite your friends and reserve your spot by contacting Karen Claus.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

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Stanwood WA 98292-5982

Milad Nakhla and Suzan Anwar
7520 208th St SW A202
Edmonds WA 98026

GONDOLIERS

Fellowship and Service

Saturday, October 11
LeMay Car Museum & Lunch

Gondoliers will tour the LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma, one of the world's largest auto museums.

If you haven't been there yet, you are invited to join the group. If you've been there, you know you want to return; here's a great time to do it!

Lutzes and Minnigs are coordinating the day. Contact them for carpool meet-up time at Calvin.

CONDOLENCES

To the many friends of **Matthew R. Barrett** who passed away on September 2, 2014. Matt became a friend to many at Calvin during the times Tent City 3 resided at Calvin, beginning in 2008.

The Seattle Times published the following obituary, September 4-5, 2014.

Matthew R. Barrett, aka **Giant**, died September 2nd, 2014, in Seattle, WA. He was 49 at the time of his death. He was born and raised in Colorado. He battled several forms of cancer since the age of 2, survived over 1700 operations which disfigured his facial features, and left him heavily scarred both physically and emotionally. Yet through it all he kept going and had a tender spirit and heart for others. He loved music, both performing vocally and instrumentally, enjoyed playing and watching sports, and was an accomplished writer and advocate for homeless, poverty and disability issues.



In his youth he won many awards for his incredible singing abilities as well as in sports. He earned his nickname Giant not only due to his physical stature (6' 4") and presence and strength, but because of his heart and giving and generous nature. During his adult years Matt won praise from Presidents, Congress members and other public figures for his writings, including a published book of poetry, and advocacy for homeless, poverty and disability issues. Matt was himself homeless for several years in his adult life but overcame those challenges in his final years. While living in Seattle Tent City III, he was the subject of a book called *Walking with Giant, A Photo Essay/A View from the Street*.

Matt's writings can be read on his blog: aviewfromthestreet.com. In 2013 he received a Mayoral proclamation making May 25th Matt Barrett day in Seattle. In place of flowers or a memorial service he asked that people donate to one of these

CONDOLENCES

To the family and friends of **Dorothy Fordyce** who passed away on September 1, 2014, at the age of 89. Dorothy was a member of Calvin Church over 20 years and was an active office volunteer. A memorial service was held at Calvin on September 13, 2014.

THANK YOU

Art and Vicki Nelson express their appreciation to Calvin's members, staff and Deacons for the many condolences received after the short illness and passing of Vicki's daughter, **Kirsten Holm**. They were very comforting following this unexpected and sudden loss.

Art and Vicki Nelson

Thank you! I am so grateful for your generosity in supporting my upcoming trip to Kenya! I feel so blessed to know I have the support of such wonderful people at Calvin. I am so excited for this trip and for what God will do and is already doing on the Nyakach Plateau. I hope to be able to give my thanks and share with you what I experienced once I'm back in Shoreline for the summer. Thanks again for your prayers and financial support!
Grace and peace,

Ali Villagran

Editor's note: Ali and sister Gabby both reported to the congregation on Sunday, August 10, 2014, about their respective summer mission trips.



three great causes: invisible disabilities.org, greaterseattlecares.org, and thewatershedcenter.org. His ashes will be planted in a tree at the Watershed Center in New York State by his dear friend Brooke. He is survived by and will be missed by a vast network of loving friends and family.

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October 2014

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8:00 am
9:15 am **One Message, Three Styles**
11:00 am

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