



# Connections

APRIL 2015

CALVIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Forming Community, Transforming Lives, Reforming Our World

## Backpack Kids Foodpacks Assembled Quickly Congregation Packing Day a Big Success!

*Hannah Snelling, Int. Outreach Director*

On Sunday, February 22, the congregation gathered in the Activity Center between worship services to assemble the foodpacks Backpack Kids delivers to schools for hungry kids each week.

What a great day! The room was crowded with eager helpers from preschoolers to retired folks. Everyone got involved in packing the bags, packing 68 bags in just 20 minutes. We heard stories from volunteers and got a hands-on experience with making a difference in the lives of kids in need in the Shoreline community.

Many thanks to all who attended, to the volunteers who helped prepare for the day, and to Polly Terman who runs Backpack Kids. If you'd like to volunteer with Backpack Kids on a more regular basis, email or call Polly Terman.



Weekend Food for Hungry Students

## Extends Thank You

Last November Backpack Kids received a desperate plea for help from Parkwood and Einstein Schools. **Thank you** to the Deacons and others who responded to the urgent email by opening their hearts and checkbooks to provide Thanksgiving food for seven homeless families when holiday funds ran dry at these schools! Polly Terman

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Passion Sunday

March 29, 8:00, 9:15, 11:00 am

### Maundy Thursday

@ Edmonds Presbyterian  
April 2, 7 pm

### Good Friday

April 3, 7 pm

### Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 10 am, Hillwood Park



### Easter Sunday

April 5

9:15, 11:00 am

Identical Celebration services with  
Chancel Bells and Sanctuary Choir



# OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Loving people to Christ through actions and words

## Outreach Ministry Spring Focus

### Khmer Initiative

By Hannah Snelling, Interim Outreach Director

Most people in the congregation know that Calvin has an international outreach with the **Khmer people of Cambodia** called the **Khmer Initiative**, but how many of us have a deep understanding of the ways we are working with the Khmer to advance the Kingdom of God?

This spring we will take time as a congregation

- ⇒ to UNDERSTAND our ministry there,
- ⇒ to ENGAGE with our mission partners, and
- ⇒ to EQUIP one another to further ministry.

We will begin on **Sunday, March 29**, with Judy Runions reporting in our worship services on her trip to visit our Cambodian mission partners in February and March 2015.

### April Khmer Spotlight: DOVE

**DOVE** stands for Develop Our Village Economy and is the name of an organization run by our good friend **Mr. Uon Seila**.

DOVE has a drop-in center for young people to hang out in, giving them a place for community and growth, through tutoring and development programs, as an alternative to desperate choices they might otherwise be forced to make.

The drop-in center is able to be partially self-sustaining by making its facilities available to the community for rent.

DOVE is supported by Calvin and other churches to strengthen their programs and staffing. Calvin provides monetary support for the administrative costs of DOVE – a vital part of helping the program continue.

DOVE also runs the **Onyx Program**, a leadership development program for emerging Christian leaders in Cambodia. The graduates of this program are involved in ministries throughout the nation and are making a huge difference for the Lord in Cambodia.

You will hear more about DOVE and the challenges facing Cambodia during worship services throughout the month of April.

Judy Runions participated in a DOVE Consultation Retreat during her recent trip to Cambodia.



**Khmer people** are the predominant ethnic group in **Cambodia**, accounting for approximately 90% of the 15.2 million people in the country. They speak the Khmer language, part of the larger Austro-Asiatic language family found throughout Southeast Asia. The majority of the Khmer are followers of the Khmer style of Buddhism.

(From Wikipedia)

### DOVE at a glance

#### Calvin Mission Partners Involved:

Brain and Bophal Maher  
Lynn Ogata  
Mr. Uon Seila  
Mr. Sokha Vysol

#### DOVE Drop-In Center Offers:

Above ground pool  
Soccer pitch  
Free computer lab with 12 computers  
English classes  
Music classes  
DOVE offices  
Alongsider offices (a Big Brother/Big Sister program)

#### Onyx Program:

Saturday morning intensive training and service program  
Over 350 graduates impacting Cambodia for Christ  
Main program: Phnom Penh (capital) class  
3 satellite locations  
Vision for 3 additional satellite locations



# Calvin Joins with Bethany Community North to Host Talk Time for Students

By Cindy Snyder

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 28:18-19

**God has brought the world to us!** Are we ready to open our hearts for them? Are we ready to share God's love without fear? Are we ready to practice true hospitality with international students? God has given Calvin Presbyterian Church a wonderful opportunity to respond by starting a **Talk Time** ministry with international students in our area.

### What is Talk Time?

The purpose of **Talk Time** is to share Christ's love with international students that have come to the Shoreline area to study. Monthly dinners provide the opportunity for these students to interact with community members, practice conversational English, develop cross-cultural friendships and learn about American culture. Calvin has hosted these monthly dinners since January in conjunction with Bethany Community Church North.

On Thursday, March 12, 2015, fifteen students representing four countries, Korea, China, Vietnam and Japan, joined us for dinner

**Talk Time** offers Calvin a great opportunity to touch the lives of young people during their stay in our neighborhood. God has brought many nations and ethnicities right here to our doorstep. These international students go on to be influential leaders as they return home. For some, this may be the first time they have an encounter with a genuine follower of Jesus.

Many wonderful volunteers from Calvin help **Talk Time** happen each month. Volunteers:

- ◆ work in the kitchen
- ◆ provide transportation
- ◆ lead the conversation with students
- ◆ and pray for the ministry.

More volunteers are needed to help international students speak English well!

### How you can be involved:

- ◆ Pray for those students who attend, that they will bring their friends to future dinners.
- ◆ Volunteer to help with hosting one of the Thursday night dinners.
- ◆ Look for opportunities to invite international students into your heart and home.
- ◆ Pray for Pastor Milad as he encounters students on the campuses of Everett Community College, Edmonds Community College, Shoreline Community College and Cascadia Community College.

For additional information, contact Pastor Milad Nakhla at [milad@calvinpc.org](mailto:milad@calvinpc.org) or visit the Talk Time Shoreline Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/talktimeshoreline>.



Students enjoy food and fellowship together.



Students ready to take Calvin's bus from campus to Calvin Church with Miles Hart, their volunteer bus driver.



# NURTURE MINISTRIES

Growing in Christ-likeness in a caring faith community

Save the Date!

## 2015 Church Retreat

Labor Day Weekend

Fri-Mon, September 4-7

Tall Timber Ranch, Leavenworth



"We play because our God is good. Grace is sufficient for us. God wants us to be full of joy, and play is a way to experience the goodness of God and the richness of life."

~ James Bryan Smith

**It might be LABOR day, but we're going to PLAY!**

You won't want to miss this weekend of fun, fellowship, rest and renewal!

**Registration Opens Sunday, May 17.**

**What others have to say**

"We missed last year and heard so many good things about it! We wanted to build closer friendships. This weekend exceeded my expectations. It was wonderful to get to know people in our church better. Great worship and also beaucaup fun!!

– Dennis Ostgard

"Labor Day Weekend is a pivotal weekend: end of summer, beginning of Fall — a perfect time for a weekend of renewal and inspiration.... I felt God's presence throughout the weekend, and a sense of positive community with the variety of age groups, including the very young, who were delightful."



Adult retreatants gather outside Tall Timber's Main Lodge to enjoy the sunshine and spend time reflecting on the morning's teaching.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP

## "Get Connected" at Calvin

By Pastor Neil Trainer

**Saturday, May 9, 9 am-noon**

Email or call to reserve your space,  
[info@calvinpc.org](mailto:info@calvinpc.org), 206-542-6181.



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 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 Spring 2015 "Get Connected" Class.

**Saturday morning – May 9 – 9:00 am to noon**

We 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 space and prepare materials, please let us know you are coming. You can call the church office, 206-542-6181, or email [info@calvinpc.org](mailto:info@calvinpc.org).

## Prayer (for and by) Session

Tuesday, April 21, 7 pm

Scripture admonishes us,

"Always pray for all God's people." (Eph. 6:18).

**You Pray for Session**

On the third Tuesday of every month, while the Session is holding their regular meeting, members of Calvin gather to pray for our church's leadership. On Tuesday, April 21, you are encouraged to join them in the Library, or to pray on your own from home, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

**Session Prays for You**

Also, know that your elders commit one night a month apart from their regular meeting to pray for individuals in our congregation and the ministries of our church. If you having something you wish for them to pray about when they meet for prayer on the first Tuesday of the month, please email [session@calvinpc.org](mailto:session@calvinpc.org).

# Children's Ministry

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

Karen Kirkman, Director of Children's Ministry

## NEIGHBORHOOD EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 4, 10 am**

Children of all ages! Bring your parents!

Invite your friends! Come have fun!

Hear the True Meaning of Easter!

**Activities include games, crafts, snacks,  
Easter Egg Hunt & Story!**

Bring your Easter basket

Wear play clothes and boots

Canned food donations accepted



**Hillwood Park**

19001 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW, Shoreline

across the street from Calvin Church

## COME HELP WITH THIS NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

Many helping hands are needed for the Egg Hunt, both in advance and on the day itself. Monetary donations toward expenses are appreciated. Please come to foyer welcome center for more information and to sign up to help.

### Before Egg Hunt

- Stuff eggs
- Pray for the Good News to fall on eager ears and softened hearts
- Invite friends and canvas our neighborhood with invitations
- Donate financially to help offset the cost of event

### Day of Egg Hunt

- Set up/Clean up
- Hide eggs
- Lead games (games and materials provided)
- Help with crafts (provided)
- Mingle with Crowd!
- Prepare and/or host snack table

Please contact Karen Kirkman through the church office for more information or visit the welcome center.



Calvin Connections

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING FOR KIDS

This Lent we are asking families to use the One Great Hour of Sharing giving opportunity to learn about the needs of others, and deepen relationships within your home and with all God's people.



Please pick up a **Fish Bank** and suggested giving calendar for your family. Use them to discover together how your contributions can make a difference.

## MONTHLY FRIENDSHIP DINNER

**Saturday, April 11, 6 pm**

***The best gift you can open is your heart.***

Come together with other Calvin folks, 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 **Logan's** home 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.



## TENT CITY 3 DINNER PREP

**Saturday, April 18 3:00 pm**

Kids and families, join our youth as we help prepare sack meals that can be used by Tent City 3 residents when they miss a camp meal.

## FREE! 12<sup>TH</sup> FAN KIDS CAMP

**July 19-22, 6-8 pm**

Sun, July 19  
*Neighborhood Tail Gate Party*  
for Kids & Adults

Mon-Wed, July 20-22 *Kids Camp*  
for ages 3 years - 5<sup>th</sup> grade



## WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Morning

**Nursery Care & Sunday School**  
**9:15 & 11:00**

Wednesday

**CLOCK Time 7:00-8:30 pm**  
*optional pick-up at 8:00 pm*

## EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

**Wed, April 1** No CLOCK Time  
**Sat, April 4** 10:00 am Egg Hunt  
**Sun, April 5**, 9:15 & 11:00 am  
Easter Morning Services

**EASTER  
EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2015**

8:00am to help, event at 10:00am, Hillwood Park

All church welcome to assist with this Children's Ministry event. See Karen Kirkman, or contact her (children@calvinpc.org / 206.542.6181) if you wish to help out.

**CHILDREN &  
YOUTH  
TENT CITY 3  
MEAL PREP**

**SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2015**

3:00 - 7:00pm, Calvin Kitchen and Fellowship Hall, then delivery to TC3

Youth welcome to help prepare and cook, then deliver and serve, a meal for our friends at Tent City 3. Elementary children and their families are also invited to help prepare sack meals that can be used by TC3 residents if they miss a camp meal or to take for lunch when they leave camp for the day. Parents welcome to serve with us!

**Affirming Faith: Youth Membership Class**

Sundays, April 26, May 3, May 17  
 9:15-10:30 am, Room 15

Sunday, May 17  
 12:15 pm, Lunch following morning services

Students in grades 8 and up who are interested in exploring their faith, and potentially joining the church as official members, are welcome to attend. Parents, please discuss this opportunity with your students and walk with them as they think about participating.

The end result for some could be an affirmation of faith and Calvin Church membership. Others might decline membership believing it to not be the right step at this time, and that is totally OK. Participation is even encouraged if there is no

intention to join the church, but have a desire to dig deep into the foundations of faith.

Together let's explore God's big vision, who Jesus is, why Jesus matters, and take a look at how/why we gather for church. Our goal is knowing Jesus more, and understanding how we continue to seek God.

Questions: contact Josh McCorkle, [youth@calvinpc.org](mailto:youth@calvinpc.org) or 206-542-6181.

**DATES TO NOTE**

**No Youth Group:**

April 1 - No Wednesday Programs during Holy Week

**Holy Week Services:**

April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service  
 7:00 pm, Edmonds Presbyterian

April 3 - Good Friday Service  
 7:00 pm, Calvin Church

**Spring Breaks:**

King's Schools March 30-April 7  
 Edmonds Schools April 6-10  
 Shoreline Schools April 20-24

**Summer 2015 Tall Timber Dates for Youth**

**Junior High Adventure Camp**, for students entering grades 7-9: June 28-July 3, 2015

**Youth in Leadership Training Program**, for students entering grades 10-12: July 5-16, 2015

\*\*\*YILT requires an application; see TTR website to apply.

**Film Camp 101**, for students entering grades 8-12: July 12-17, 2015

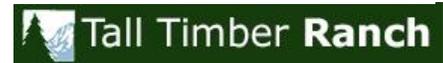
\*\*\*Film Camp requires an application; see TTR website to apply.

**Junior High Camp**, for students entering grades 6-8: July 19-25, 2015

**Senior High Camp**, for students entering grades 9-12: July 26-August 1, 2015

Calvin accepts scholarship requests to aid families in sending their students to camp. (Form can be downloaded from the youth pages of the church website or picked up at church.) Contact Josh McCorkle, Director of Youth Ministry, for more information.

**Tall Timber Dates for Kids**



**Junior Camp** for kids entering grades 4-6: July 5-10

**Primary Plus Camp** for Kids entering grades 2-5: July 12-16

See [www.talltimber.org](http://www.talltimber.org) for more information and to register.



## NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH PROJECT

Summer 2015  
**Tailgate Party: July 19, 6-8pm**  
**Camp Dates: July 20-22, 6-8pm**



By Josh McCorkle

Our students will once again bless the Shoreline area through a local Kids Camp, the 12th Fan Kids Camp. In partnership with Calvin Children's Ministry, our teenage students will plan, prepare, and lead some key elements of our summer kids camp in July. We learned some great lessons leading the Built Strong Kids Camp in July of 2014 and will adjust some of our approach to capitalize on the best that experience had to offer and make some elements even better. As was true last year, our students will have training and planning time designed to understand God's call to service and sharing the gospel, and to provide a framework to prepare for leadership and plan activities.

**Students will plan and facilitate:**

Bible stories, music, games, sound/tech, crafts, and gospel presentation.

**Parents/Adults serve alongside students:**

Snacks, decoration, Pre-school leadership, ensure safety policies are followed, handle discipline issues, provide positive and constructive feedback to youth during the camp.

All Calvin students who have completed grade 6 and up are invited to apply. The application helps us see unique skills or interests that could help us form effective teams, as well as shows a commitment to the project from the very beginning. Applications can be picked up on the flyer rack in the Calvin Activity Center, or ask Josh McCorkle. The youth pages of the website also have a link to that application. **Student applications for team participation are due Sunday, April 19.**

Lovingly walking alongside our teens will be key in the camp's success. Testimony from parents and adult leaders following last year's camp included that it was a joy to see their child tell Bible stories, and that it was a unique opportunity for our youth to lead that they never had in their own church growing up. Our congregation can give that gift again to our students!

Plan to participate, and talk to Josh McCorkle or Karen Kirkman with questions.

We are excited to bring the same energy that local sports-fans have to our 12th Fan Kids Camp!

ALL PHOTOS are of 2014 Built Strong Kids Camp at Calvin.





# SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) serves to help change the lives of people who are in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing, received in the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

- Works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters
- Receives 32% of funds raised

## Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)

- Takes action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes, and helps create access for entire communities to sufficient and healthy food
- Receives 36% of funds raised

## Self-Development of People (SDOP)

- Partners with people and communities, leveraging development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice
- Receives 32% of funds raised

**"GOD LIFTS UP THE DOWNTRODDEN"** Psalm 147:6

**So can you.**

## DISASTERS HAVE AFFECTED *millions of people in the last 5 years.*

A disaster can devastate entire communities. It strikes anywhere and at any time, often leaving residents without food, water, shelter, clothing, or medical supplies. Your gift supports programs in our church that offer both immediate aid and ongoing development assistance long after the media attention fades away.



### A WORLD IN NEED



**SO THEN, WHENEVER WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, LET US WORK FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.**

Resources: [http://www.emdat.be/disaster\\_list/index.html](http://www.emdat.be/disaster_list/index.html) <http://www.unhcr.org>

Galatians 6:10

# Northwest Scottish Fiddlers Annual Concert

Saturday, April 18, 7:00 pm  
Calvin Presbyterian Church

**FREE ADMISSION for Calvin Members!**

The Northwest Scottish Fiddlers, led by **Calum MacKinnon**, a Scot and long-time Shoreline and Edmonds resident, will present a concert of Scottish fiddle music and dance at Calvin Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 18, at 7:00 pm.

This local group has been in operation for several years and performs around the Northwest at public and private venues including the Northwest Folklife Festival, the annual Alasdair Fraser Camp Casey weekend, and at public concerts at the Everett and Seattle libraries.

The concert, free to Calvin members, will feature

performances by a very accomplished Youth Group and several solo and small ensemble performances that will include dance and song.

Calum will augment the musical performances with his own brand of Scottish humor and cultural commentaries.

Suggested donation:   \$15 adults  
                                      \$10 seniors and youth  
                                      Free for children 6 and under  
                                      **Free for Calvin members**

More info at [www.nwscottishfiddlers.org](http://www.nwscottishfiddlers.org).



NW Scottish Fiddlers performing at Northwest Folklife Festival in Seattle.



## Fred Meyer Rewards Program Brings Real "Community Blessings"

Thank you to our 26 registered Fred Meyer shoppers! **Last year we earned \$475 for our Backpack fund.** That translates to 52 foodpacks or one week of food for all 3 schools we serve! Amazing!

Fred Meyer is continuing their "Community Blessings" program for 2015, so if you already shop at FM and haven't registered a Rewards card yet, please consider that it is a painless way of giving to hungry kids!

Thank you so much, Polly Terman

## Thank You, Steve!

Pastor Neil Trainer

For over dozen years, **Steve Whalen** has served as **Calvin's Facility Manager** providing for the custodial and maintenance needs of our building. While often working unseen as he cleaned, made repairs, set up for events, and interacted with vendors, Steve has helped our church leverage the resource of our facility to not only serve the needs of our congregation but also increasingly to bless our community.

On April 15, 2015, Steve's time on Calvin's staff will draw to a close. Steve has often said, "This is the best job I've ever had," and I believe that's largely because of you, the members of Calvin, with whom he has enjoyed working. As he concludes his tenure on our staff, please take some time to express your appreciation to him through card, letters, and certainly personal conversations.

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

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|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>1</b>        | <b>20</b>        |
| Carol Olason    | Erin Collins     |
| <b>2</b>        | Morgan Freeborn  |
| Ray Riese       | Emilie Jackson   |
| <b>3</b>        | Michael Nelson   |
| <b>4</b>        | Ali Villagran    |
| Paula Gregersen | <b>21</b>        |
| Les Minnig      | Liliana Moreno   |
| <b>5</b>        | Alison Neubauer  |
| Mickie Freed    | <b>22</b>        |
| Hannah Hopkins  | Darlene Miller   |
| Anni Korpi      | <b>23</b>        |
| Andrew Mitchell | <b>24</b>        |
| Leah Yemane     | Cathy Holden     |
| <b>6</b>        | Arthur Weaver    |
| <b>7</b>        | <b>25</b>        |
| Donn Bodine     | Colby Crispeno   |
| <b>8</b>        | Mickey Hansen    |
| <b>9</b>        | <b>26</b>        |
| <b>10</b>       | Andrew Ingalsbe  |
| Cindy Snyder    | Cale Ople        |
| <b>11</b>       | <b>27</b>        |
| <b>12</b>       | <b>28</b>        |
| <b>13</b>       | Myra Leicester   |
| Mike Marinella  | Jakorie Mitchell |
| Dennis Ostgard  | <b>29</b>        |
| <b>14</b>       | Inez Ahina       |
| Nancy Bowerman  | Erika Korpi      |
| Bob Lord        | <b>30</b>        |
| <b>15</b>       | Brianne McCaslin |
| <b>16</b>       | Eleanore         |
| Jamie Froebe    | Montzingo        |
| <b>17</b>       |                  |
| Carol Archer    |                  |
| Nathaniel Brown |                  |
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| Susan Durr      |                  |
| Katie Farden    |                  |
| Betty Hedge     |                  |

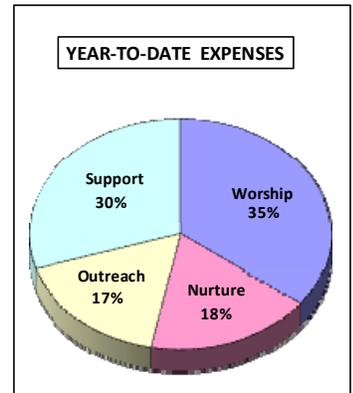


# January 2015 Financial Report

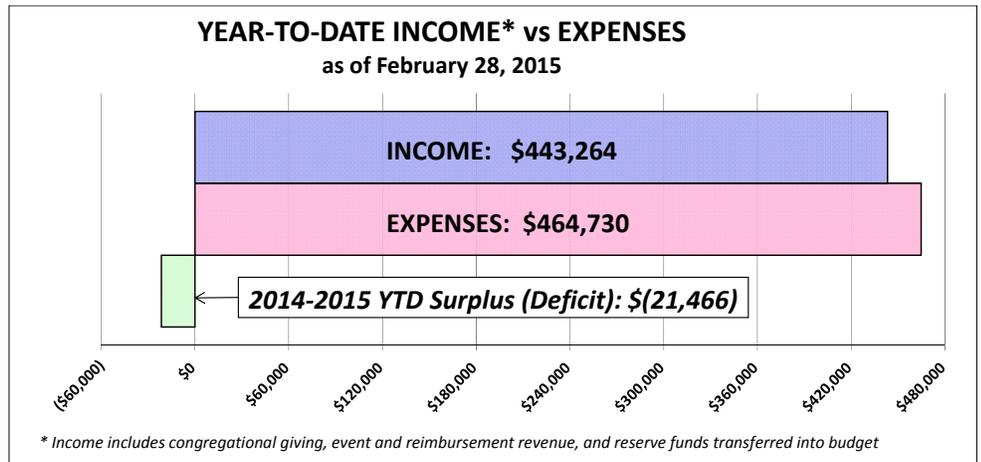
Calvin Ministries and Operations

Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

|  | 2014-2015 Actual compared to Budget |                  |                  |                 |              |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|  | Feb                                 | YTD Actual       | YTD Budget       | Variance        | %            |
| <b>Income (Unrestricted)</b>                         |                                     |                  |                  |                 |              |
| Contributions  | 40,514                              | 440,528          | 480,000          | (39,472)        | -8.2%        |
| Investments  | 13                                  | 545              | 740              | (195)           |              |
| Bequest Income                                       | 0                                   | 2,191            | -                | 2,191           |              |
| <b>Total Income {a}</b>                              | <b>40,527</b>                       | <b>443,264</b>   | <b>480,740</b>   | <b>(37,476)</b> | <b>-7.8%</b> |
| <b>Ministry Prg &amp; Operating Expense {b}</b>      | <b>(55,424)</b>                     | <b>(464,730)</b> | <b>(498,348)</b> | <b>33,618</b>   | <b>6.7%</b>  |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit) {c}</b>                       | <b>(14,897)</b>                     | <b>(21,466)</b>  | <b>(17,608)</b>  | <b>(3,858)</b>  |              |
| <b>Designated Gifts/Program Revenue (Restricted)</b> |                                     |                  |                  |                 |              |
| Deacons  | 1,551                               | 19,635           |                  |                 |              |
| Memorials  | 250                                 | 12,480           |                  |                 |              |
| Outreach (incl CCO Grant)                            | 3,286                               | 64,820           |                  |                 |              |
| Nurture (incl Fellowship Groups)                     | 1,044                               | 15,513           |                  |                 |              |
| Worship  | 0                                   | 29,195           |                  |                 |              |
| Support (incl Bldg Imprvmnt Gifts)                   | 2,173                               | 93,366           |                  |                 |              |
| Endowment & Endow Interest                           | 14,920                              | 33,011           |                  |                 |              |
| <b>Total Restricted Receipts {d}</b>                 | <b>23,224</b>                       | <b>268,020</b>   |                  |                 |              |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                                |                                     |                  |                  |                 |              |
| <i>Total Inc {a} + Rstrctd Rcpts {d}</i>             | \$63,751                            | \$711,284        |                  |                 |              |



(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



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](http://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](mailto:info@calvinpc.org) with new requests changes. Thank you!

# Report from Stewardship and Finance Challenged by Decline in Revenue

By Dan Coppin, Elder and Stewardship/Finance Lead

Over the years as Calvin has struggled with periodic shortfalls in its budget, I've often taken comfort in the words that comforted Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you."

No shortage of revenue or unexpected expense can overcome God's grace and provision. Calvin's congregation has witnessed this truth many times in the past and will continue to do so.

Today, Calvin faces a new financial challenge. In the midst of implementing dramatic changes to our staffing, our contribution revenue has taken a significant hit.

January and February general fund contributions were 28% below the same period last year. Since the beginning of our fiscal year on July 1, 2014, contributions have declined nearly 9% from the previous year. If our income projections for the remainder of the year are correct, Calvin may see a decline of \$140,000 in general fund revenue over the most recent two year span.

Over the years our congregation has faithfully answered God's call for generous stewardship. In fact, average giving per member increased from \$1,245 to \$1,743 over the past ten years. Offsetting this generosity has been a decline in our membership from 573 members to about 350 over that same period.

Session is still discerning what impact this trend will have on our restructuring plans. Like God's grace, though, a few things are certain:

- The fact that Calvin has no debt gives us added confidence and flexibility as we discern how to move forward. We should give thanks to the Calvin saints who came before us (and many of whom are still with us) for this generous gift.

*"My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect  
in weakness."  
2 Corinthians 12:9*

- Our cash position remains strong, also giving us some flexibility in our planning.
- We will operate with a balanced budget next year. We really have no choice because our reserve funds will likely be depleted by the end of this fiscal year.

As a congregation, I ask you to pray for Session as we seek how best to respond to these financial realities. I also ask that you prayerfully consider your own stewardship of time and talents. If you haven't made a pledge yet to this year's stewardship campaign, please do so.

Thank you for your generous support of Calvin Church and its ministries and may God's grace be abundant in your lives!

Your Stewardship and Finance Team:

Dan Coppin, Chair  
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Barbara Rood, ex officio  
David Rood  
Dick Scheumann

## S\*P\*A\*R\*K\*S

Senior Presbyterians, Active,  
Radiant, Kicking Still

**April Showers Bring  
May Flowers!**



**Wednesday, April 15  
12:30 pm**

**Lunch and program \$9**

*Entertainment by  
The Celebration  
Singers.*



*Ray Riese and  
Doug and Helen Miller  
share the Gospel in Song!*

**Invite your friends to this  
wonderful concert!**

**Reserve your spot** by contacting John or Karen Claus. Transportation also may be arranged in advance by calling John or Karen.



## DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please record these changes  
in your copy of the church directory.

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**Listen to sermon recordings**  
on the website, [www.calvinpc.org](http://www.calvinpc.org),  
under Resources.

Sermon recordings are usually posted to the website within one week. Though there was a longer time lag early in 2015, sermon recordings are now current again.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 am

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

11:00 am

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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## Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 1 – NO regular dinner or activities except choir.

Thursday, April 2 – 7 pm – **Maundy Thursday Worship Service** hosted by Edmonds Presbyterian Church, 22600 96<sup>th</sup> Ave W, Edmonds

Friday, April 3 – 7 pm – **Good Friday Worship Service** hosted by Calvin in our sanctuary

Saturday, April 4 – 10 am – **Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt** at Hillwood Park, across the street from Calvin

Sunday, April 5 – 9:15 am, 11:00 am – **Easter Celebration Services**