

Celebrating Our Stories

The Story of God Is the Story of Us

Valerie Grissom, Music Director

For February 18, 2018, a team of Calvin members planned a day of worship and fellowship to intentionally celebrate the diverse stories of our Calvin body. Here are five intentional ways we celebrated that day:

1) “The Story of God Is the Story of Us” –

Together, we created a Calvin family tree, a Community Art Project for Lent in the Calvin foyer. During Lent, take a moment to grab a leaf and participate if you haven’t already. Write your name on one side and where you were born on the other, and place it on our family tree, remembering that you are part of the family of God, sharing in the story of God.

2) Multilingual Welcome Banner –

A team created a new Welcome Banner for the foyer with the many languages spoken in the homes of Calvin members! After much research, we discovered there are at least 18 languages spoken in our homes! Brooke Sahlstrom, our Administrative Assistant, graciously customized this new welcome banner for Calvin. We worked hard to include the correct welcome phrases, but realize that this is our first draft. We invite ALL to dialogue with one another, as we are planning a more formal art project using these languages in the future. If we missed any languages or if anything is missing or incorrectly spelled, let us know by emailing recommended changes to Brooke or Valerie.

3) Scripture Presentation –

Twelve diverse Calvin members presented Scripture centered in 1 Corinthians 12:14-27, reminding us that we all are part of the Body, and we all need each other.

4) Our Family Potluck –

For this Life Together lunch, we invited people to bring and share dishes that represented their heritage. We had over 41 dishes brought that day. The food was delicious, and it was very special to see why certain dishes were special to people of our body.

5) Church Story Scrapbook –

During our Life Together lunch, many shared short snapshot stories in a meaningful way. We took those stories and compiled



a Calvin Church Story Scrapbook, which is a treasure. If you did not receive a copy, but would like to read one of these special story books, please inquire at the Welcome Center or through the Calvin office. More copies are available.

To close our worship gathering that morning, our choir and worship band led the congregation in the song “**Draw the Circle Wide**”¹ while members of our Calvin body spoke words of prayer and Scripture in **Japanese, Tagalog, Tigrinya, and Chinook**. At the end the congregation formed a physical circle in the room, singing these words:

*God the still-point of the circle, round you all creation turns,
Nothing lost but held forever, in God’s gracious arms
Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small,
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God’s call.
Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we’ve ever dreamed,
before,
Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door!*

(Continued on page 2)





Part of our threefold calling with Calvin Church is to Transform Lives. And that includes your life! So, we want to do everything we can to support your spiritual formation in Christ.

To help our leadership know what's helping you grow spiritually and what's getting in the way, in February we used an online spiritual life survey called REVEAL. For all who participated... and 110 of you did.... **Thank You!** While surveys are never inerrant, they can be insightful. Here are some highlights from our results.

First, REVEAL identifies eight church patterns or "archetypes." Calvin Church was classified as an "Extroverted Church," which typically demonstrates three characteristics:

1. Congregants are spiritually immature.
2. Energy and enthusiasm for community service abound in the church culture.
3. Congregants are happy with the church and its leadership.

What sustains Extroverted Churches is their steadfast dedication to making the world a better place in the name of Jesus, demonstrated by their above-average serving attitudes and behaviors. Calvin ranks well above average in what REVEAL calls "Faith-in-Action" behaviors, particularly serving those in need, both through the church and on our own. Similarly, we score high on their Best Practice of "Pastor the Community," especially the promotion of a strong serving culture that is widely recognized by the local community.

However, the researchers caution, an Extroverted Church's "focus on transforming its community may distract from transforming people into followers of Christ. While their congregants may be open-hearted and responsive to calls for help from soup kitchens, halfway houses, or after-school programs for low-income children, their embrace of core Christian beliefs is relatively weak and their personal investment in communicating with God through spiritual practices is haphazard. To be blunt, an Extroverted Church risks becoming more like a nonprofit service organization than the bride of Christ."

So, while we want to celebrate how Calvin Church is making a difference in the lives of people in need, we also want to explore ways we can grow deeper in Christ through prayer and grow richer in our community through relationships with each other.

When asked to rate satisfaction with how well Calvin Church supports your spiritual growth, several REVEAL questions

received answers lower relative to others:

- Provides a clear pathway that helps guide my spiritual growth.
- Helps me develop a prayer life that connects me with God regularly.
- Helps me develop relationships that encourage accountability.
- Challenges me to grow and take next steps.
- Provides opportunities to grow spiritually through relationships with others.

This spring, our Session, staff, and other ministry leaders will be looking at some concrete ways we can better prioritize and provide support for our spiritual growth, particularly through prayer and relationships.

In the meantime, I encourage you to explore the companion resource to our congregational survey, REVEAL for Me: Spiritual Life Development. You can find it online at www.revealforme.com. REVEAL for Me is a digital tool that allows you to take the pulse on your own spiritual journey with short assessments and offers tools for growing with others. If you participated in REVEAL for Church, the same login name and password you created should give access to these resources personalized for you.

Growing in Christ with you,

Neil Trainer

Pastor

Celebrating Our Stories

(Continued from page 1)

*Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone. We'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide.*

As God challenges us at Calvin to widen our circle, I ask you to pray about what widening the circle might look like for you. In order for Calvin to truly embrace and value the diversity of our congregation, we must all remember the words of 1 John 3:18, "love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." Together, as the body of Christ, we are called to love not with mere words, but with our actions. I pray that we all can continue to enlarge our circles and learn to fully embrace and value the wonderful, diverse stories at Calvin Church.

Blessings,

Valerie Grissom

Music Director

¹ Words by Gordon Light; Music by Mark A. Miller.
Photo right, pg 3, Dramatic scripture presentation, 1 Corinthians 12

MILESTONES OF FAITH

Communion Milestone

Looking inward, outward, backward, forward

Karen Kirkman, Family Ministries Director



As children and families prepare to participate in the sacrament of Communion, they look **inward** to examine themselves, what they believe, and where they have fallen short.

They look **outward** at our community and how these common elements bind us together in one body. They look **backwards** into the history of the Passover, the Exodus, and the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples. Lastly, they look **forward** as they join us in anticipation of Jesus' promise:

"I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom".

Families are invited to prepare and learn together about the history and significance of communion through at-home completion of our "Family Communion Experience" booklet and are then invited to worship through a Passover or Seder Meal celebration that leads us into our congregational celebration where all join together in the breaking of bread on **Easter Sunday, April 1.**

The **Mitchell Family** has three children who have participated in our Communion Milestone: Andrew age 11, James age 8, and Sarah age 6.



L to R:
Andrew, Steve,
James, Kara,
Sarah Mitchell

Sarah will be participating in communion for the first time on Easter Sunday. I asked Sarah why she thought waiting to participate in communion was so important to her parents.

"Because it says it in the Bible, to understand, be prepared. But I don't think I'll ever fully understand."

"When I think about taking communion, I sometimes feel happy-sad. I feel sad because Jesus had to die on the cross for my sins. I feel happy because he died for me, so I am forgiven!"

"I felt sad before, but now I am understanding why I had to wait. I used to just want it so bad because I wanted to drink grape juice and eat bread with all the other people who are doing it, so I could not be left out. But now I feel like it was right for me to wait because I never knew about Passover and I never knew why we celebrated it. Now I know that we remember how he (Jesus) died for our sins."

When **James** was asked what changed for him after he participated in the sacrament of Communion, James replied, "I really

wanted it as a snack when I was younger. But as I got older I understood the meaning more. I used to feel frustrated I couldn't participate until I was older."

Andrew shared how he feels when he comes to church on communion Sunday. "Communion Sunday can feel more formal and serious. I feel like everyone is focused on what Jesus did, and how we are remembering that, more than when we sing, or listen to the sermon."

Mom **Kara** shared that she did not have memories of her first communion. Dad **Steve** shared about a very memorable New Year's Eve service when he was about 12 that included food and games, followed by worship, and his first communion while the pastors recited what seemed like the entire New Testament. Very special, and memorable.

Thank you to the congregation for welcoming our children into the Family of God in this special way, as we break bread together.

Note: Andrew is holding a mirror tile personalized for him by his parents and youth leader Drew Hogan as part of the **Identity Milestone** celebrated with our youth in March.



APRIL OUTREACH FOCUS

Welcome to Cambodia!

English Camp forming for October 12-27, 2018

Judy Runions, Khmer Ministry

A new team is forming for CUSP English Camp 2018. Judy Runions is the lead person for this venture and would love to talk to you about taking a vacation with a purpose!

If you have had any nudges from our Lord to experience Cambodia and work with our long-term partners there, now just may be the time to step out in faith. I'd love to show you around!

The students love the fun at English Camp and hanging out with us. To be able to listen to and converse with native English speakers is a real treat for them and important for their language acquisition. To graduate from high school, they are required to take a difficult English proficiency exam. Every little bit of help we give them is appreciated. And if you sponsor a student, you can get to know your student personally.

Phnom Penh is quite modern with coffee houses and nice restaurants. We stay at the Villa Langka while there and sightsee, meet people at DOVE, or visit with Calvin supported missionaries, Jeremy and Maria Chase, Brian and Bophal Maher, and Lynn Ogata. In **Kampong Thom**, we stay at **Sambor Village**, an exotic little place with individual cabanas and a lovely pool. Ask Don Ricker, Dave Randles, or Karen Kirkman about their experience as first-timers in Cambodia.

Generally, the best size for the team is 7 - 8 people. No experience is necessary. We use a basic curriculum book for instruction. We work together in teams of 2 or 3 with three levels of high school students: 16 incoming 10th grade students fresh from their villages, 11th graders and 12th graders, and recent graduates. English Camp this year will be **October 15 – 26, 2018**, at the dorms in Kg. Thom. Since it takes a couple of days on either end to get oriented and do some sightseeing, we would leave October 11 or 12 and return October 27 or later as individuals choose.

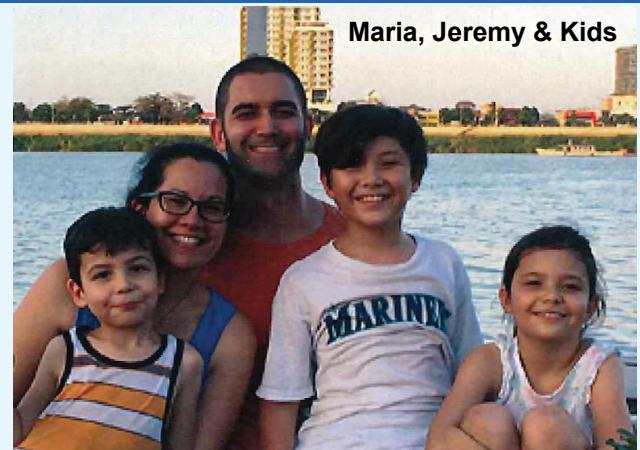
Please give some thought and prayer to this opportunity, and let me know by May 15 if you are interested.

Contact Judy Runions at cambodia@calvinpc.org or by phone.

More on **CUSP**, Cambodia University Scholarship Project, at www.cusp.org and fb: cusp/Cambodia.



Sambor Village



Maria, Jeremy & Kids

4th Annual

BENEFIT CONCERT

For Jeremy & Maria Chase

Serving in Cambodia - with Beyond
Transforming Unreached Peoples

Featuring **Holy Ghost Travelin' Band**

Saturday, April 14, 2018
6:30-8:30 pm at Calvin Church

Enjoy dessert and coffee in the Fellowship Hall. There will be an opportunity to learn more about the Chase's ministry and make a financial gift to support their work in Cambodia with the Khmer.

MAY OUTREACH FOCUS

Camping at Tall Timber

Disconnect to Reconnect

Compiled from Tall Timber 2018 website, www.talltimber.org



On the borders of Glacier Peak Wilderness Area, lush mountain meadows, massive cedars, and glacial rivers give way to towering snow-capped peaks. The winds are crisp, and the scent of conifers hangs in the air. Time slows into an ancient and comfortable rhythm. **This is where you'll find Tall Timber.**

Camp • Expeditions • Outdoor Education

Youth • Adult & Family Events

*Find your 2018 adventure to remember!
Make memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.*

Register today at www.talltimber.org.

Tall Timber is a covenant partner with the Presbytery of the Northwest Coast, the regional group of PCUSA churches of which Calvin Church is a member, and has been providing camping and nature-based experiences for people of all ages since 1957.

SPRING SERMON SERIES

He has risen ... indeed

We are people of life, over and against death

Matt Carpenter, Congregational Care

Each year on Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



It is a beautiful day filled with liturgical reminders of our resurrected Lord. We sing songs of resurrection and hear the story of how our Lord overcame the grave. It is a day some might consider to be a reprieve from the pain, futility, and brokenness of our everyday lives. But this world has a way of creeping back in, and Easter comes just once a year. Perhaps, you have asked the question,

"so what does the resurrection of Jesus mean for me?"

If this could be your question, we are *so glad* you asked.

On April 8, the Sunday after Easter, we will begin a sermon series where we will consider the consequences of the resurrection on our whole of our lives through several lenses. In this series, **Neil Trainer, Drew Hogan, and Matt Carpenter** will explore what difference resurrection means for our bodies, stories, relationships, the creation, and our vocations.

Perhaps nothing defines a Christ follower's path in this world more than that we are **people of life, over and against death**. Through the resurrection of Jesus, we are, and are becoming, a new creation. We look forward to exploring these themes with you in the coming months.

DEACON MINISTRY

The Deacon Fund

Toolbox for Changing People's Stories

Matt Carpenter, Congregational Care

My grandfather was a phenomenal storyteller. He grew up in Kansas during the 30's and 40's and told pretty incredible stories of the trouble he used to get into and out of. They were stories of stealing watermelons, how he met my grandmother, when he met Jesus at a big tent revival.

Every time he would tell us a story, my brothers and I would want to know more. I wanted every detail, what happened before, what happened after. Every story became an invitation for another story, and with each piece of information, I began to know who my grandfather was as a human being. As I reflect on my grandfather's stories I'm reminded that our memories are etched with the stories we tell ourselves and each other. As humans, we are composite creatures, building upon the events of yesterday and building toward what we hope will be tomorrow. For some of us these stories seem hopeful. For others, they may seem to be tragic. But underneath them all, if we will believe it, is God's story of the redemption and renewal of humanity.

When our lives tangentially touch others, we have the opportunity not only to affect a circumstance in their life, but also to help them see and understand that there is a story of grace and goodness seeking to bless them. For years, the Deacon Fund at Calvin has been a way for both the congregation and the Deacons to make tangible differences in the stories of people both inside and outside our church community. It does this in a myriad of ways.

Some of these ways you may be familiar with such as our Deacon Pantry that provides food and financial assistance to those in need. The pantry is an important part of the ministry of the Deacons, but is only one of several ways in which the Deacons seek to share the goodness and grace of God in the lives of others.

Deacons offer support in multi-faceted ways

Deacons also offer **scholarships** for those with need, and **provide memorial services** that are deeply discounted or often cost-free for families who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Deacons also are **engaged in the lives of our shut-ins**, sometimes doing grocery shopping or running other small errands as well as bringing gifts at Christmas. All of these ministries are made possible through the Deacon fund.

The Deacon fund is renewed solely by the gifts of those who designate their additional gifts to it. While Deacons are supported by and cooperate with other ministries funded by the general budget, **how we as a church help those in need comes from your specific gifts to the Deacon fund.**

Perhaps the best known ministry of the Deacon fund is the Deacon Pantry that provides food, bus tickets, as well as financial assistance and counseling for those who express need. What we love most about this pantry is that it gets us intimately involved in people's stories.

Dave Randles, who provides **financial and resource counseling** through the pantry, has shared several stories of how the Deacon fund has helped to change someone's story. As cold weather sets in, it is not uncommon for the rising cost of power to quickly overwhelm those who live on a fixed income. The unfortunate next step is often a partial payment, putting people on a precarious slope that sometimes results in shut-off notices. People then must make hard choices between food, rent, transportation for work, and basic utilities. One particular family faced the dilemma of trying to juggle paying for utilities as well as repairs on two vehicles for work. When the shut-off notice came, they knew their story could unravel fast. Because of your generosity, we were able to step in and make a one-time payment that took the pressure off and let them see a different future.

Sometimes, it is not even financial assistance needed, but financial counseling. Dave counseled one woman who had been misinformed that she wasn't eligible for Social Security because she was still working. In talking with Dave, she learned that because of her age, she did qualify for Social Security, which offset the imbalance in her budget.

To improve how the Deacon Pantry serves our community, we track not just the number of people directly served, but also those who are being **provided for**. When someone comes to the pantry for food, we understand that often they are part of a larger familial story. Through asking better questions, we are able to understand better who we are serving, and sometimes this opens the door to other ways the Deacon fund is able to help a family.

Looking back over the second half of 2017, the cost of operating the pantry increased as we served more people and made a difference in more stories. We also saw an increase of food bags over no-cook bags, which may indicate growing food insecurity in our community. During July and August, we were only open one

(Continued on page 7)

2017 Month	People Served	Representing # of people	Bags of food (1-5 persons)	Selected items/ NO COOK BAGS	Bus tickets
Jul	27	36	21	0	136 (44 discount)
Aug	32	47	32	4	196 (42 discount)
Sep	44	74	40	12	290 (38 discount)
Oct	35	52	28	6	232 (20 discount)
Nov	32	44	29	5	172 (52 discount)
Dec	26	48	14	4	182 (36 discount)
TOTAL	196	301	164	31	1208 (232 discount)
Financial Assistance			Food Pantry		Bus Tickets
\$10,313.36			\$2,606.55		\$3,300.00

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Barbara Rood, Stewardship

Calvin Church Stewardship and Finance teams want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Last year Calvin upgraded our electronic giving to make it more secure and more flexible, with additional options for our donors.

You can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- ⇒ Visit the church website at www.calvinpc.org.
- ⇒ Click the Donate Online page, then the Donate button.
- ⇒ Click on the **Create Profile** button, then
- ⇒ Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile (with User ID and Password).
- ⇒ Schedule your one-time gift or set up a recurring contribution schedule. You can change it yourself at any time.
- ⇒ Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office.

Online Giving lets you go to www.calvinpc.org at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or [view your online donation history](#).

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Credit and Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information and assistance are available in the church office from John Claus, Financial Coordinator.

The Deacon Fund

(Continued from page 6)

day per week because of limited volunteer hours. Beginning mid-October, budget constraints reduced the number of bus tickets we provided.

Deacons would like to thank everyone for helping with donations of toiletries, food, the One Cup Coffee coupons, financial contributions and prayers. Because of generous end-of-year giving, in January the pantry was able to restock toiletries and cleaning products that were depleted during November and December.

The pantry continues to need your support

TIME	Would you consider committing to two hours a month (10:30am to 12:30pm)?
PRODUCTS	Currently, the pantry is in need of sample size shampoos (from hotels, etc.) and tote bags (usually given out as promotional items).
COUPONS	Keep sharing the popular One Cup Coffee coupons that come mailed in monthly "coupon packages" and are only good for one month.

Thank you for your partnership

What we hope to convey is our gratitude for your partnership with the Deacons through your contributions to the Deacons. We continue to seek to be faithful with the resources God has provided for us. The Deacon fund is the toolbox for how we intervene in the stories of others with the story of God's goodness and grace. **You** are the ones who put the tools in the toolbox for us to use. **You are making a difference** in more lives than you may know. May we all be blessed as God continues his redemption of humanity.



Give Online. It's Easy!

- ◆ Set up and manage recurring donations
- ◆ Make one-time contributions
- ◆ View your online giving history

Get started today! Visit our church website.

Forming Community, Transforming Lives, Reforming Our World

April/May 2018

CONNECTIONS

THE CONNECTIONS TEAM

Margaret Didenhover Clayne & Sharon
John & Sue Kropf Leitner
Marlene Lager Barbara Rood

NEXT CONNECTIONS DATE

JUNE/JULY Issue

Submit Info By Wed, May 15, 2018

Email all material to:
barbara@calvinpc.org.

*Connections Editor reserves the right
to edit materials to fit the space available.*

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

**See website for occasional changes
in service times, www.calvinpc.org.**

SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

To subscribe or unsubscribe to Calvin
Connections, contact the church office at
info@calvinpc.org or 206-542-6181.

PASTOR:

Neil Trainer D. Min., Pastor
neil@calvinpc.org

STAFF:

Matt Carpenter, Congregational Care
care@calvinpc.org

John Claus, Finance Coordinator
finance@calvinpc.org

Linda Clugston, Organist/Pianist

Valerie Grissom, Music Ministries
music@calvinpc.org

Drew Hogan, Youth & Family
youth@calvinpc.org

Karen Kirkman, Family Ministries
families@calvinpc.org

Milad Nakhla, Campus Minister
milad@calvinpc.org

Christi Nixon, Hospitality/Facilities
hospitality@calvinpc.org

Barbara Rood, Administrator
barbara@calvinpc.org

Brooke Sahlstrom, Admin Assistant
brooke@calvinpc.org



18826 Third Avenue NW
Shoreline WA 98177

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage PAID
Seattle, WA
Permit No. 381

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Worship Service Time Changes for

Palm Sunday, March 25

Easter Sunday, April 1

SEE BELOW

Holy Week Schedule

Sun March 25 10am Palm Sunday Life Together Worship

Sun March 25 11:30am Pancake Brunch benefiting Youth Summer Mission

Pancake Brunch

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

MARCH 25 // PALM SUNDAY
FOLLOWING OUR LIFE TOGETHER SERVICE

Thur March 29 7pm Maundy Thursday Service, Calvin Church

Fri March 30 7pm Good Friday Service, Calvin Church

Sat March 31 10am Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt, Hillwood Park

Sun April 1 9:15 & 11:00am EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
Celebrate the resurrection of Christ!

APRIL/MAY 2018 EXTRA

Forming Community, Transforming Lives, Reforming Our World

CALVIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUTREACH MINISTRY FOCUS ON HUNGER

Backpack Kids Continues Growth, Service

Polly Terman, Backpack Kids

With a Grateful Heart!

Our Backpack Kids Ministry is going strong!

We have made and delivered 260 packs per month this year to our three schools (Parkwood, Einstein and Shorewood). Our ministry has been made possible by your financial gifts, the wonderful response to the Family Ministry food drive, and the loving and faithful service of Calvin volunteers! Because of you we are meeting the present need in our partner schools.

Occasionally a student will ask for his/her food bag before Friday because they are hungry at home. Not only is the food in these bags crucial to many of these kids, it is also clear to them, and the school staff, that we care about them. I am so thankful for God's continued leading and his provision through you as we travel this path!

Other blessings:

- This year, Doug's Cadillac is sending a team of packers for the evening pack each month! This is one way they give to their community. They even showed up and packed by flashlight during the big windstorm! If you are one of their customers, please make a point to thank them personally! (Our previous evening packers are now the very necessary cleanup crew!)
- This fall our church is one of the recipients of an Eagle Scout project food drive! The scout commented that he had a friend who received food packs and saw how much they meant to him.
- Thank you to Alison Neubauer whose Christmas party guests gifted food for the packs again this year.
- A homeschool group from last year returned and did the 2 pm packing in February.



- We have new faces among the regular volunteers. So grateful for the additional help! And of course the vital dedicated shoppers, setters and packers that have continued sacrificially to help each month. It would not happen without you. Thank you for being the "hands and feet of Jesus", tangible evidence of God's love! We are in our 9th year and most have been involved since near the beginning!
- Sande Gillette, Costco rebate shopper extraordinaire, Jim and Jenny Strock who have stepped up to make school deliveries when needed. Connie Graebner's students who make double bags for us to pack in and Benjie Parilla who faithfully gets out and arranges the tables and hauls in the food from all the storage closets and cubby holes EVERY packing day!

Sometimes people ask how they can give to this ministry. There is a special account for Backpack Kids funds. You should make funds payable to Calvin Church, but write Backpack Kids in the memo line. You can also give online through the Calvin website, www.calvinpc.org. These designated funds can only be used for foodpack supplies!

Another way you can give, painlessly, is to register your **Fred Meyer Rewards card**. Based on our combined spending, FM gives us a donation from their Community Reward Fund. We receive an average of \$100 per quarter from that fund. You retain all your own benefits and rewards. More information on the tall kiosk in the foyer and on the Fred Meyer website.

To maximize every penny, we buy in bulk when items go sale or rebate. Because of this, Calvin has had to find more storage for our supplies. Thank you to the staff and facilities team who have been so gracious about sharing their own spaces and even finding new spaces for us to store food supplies.

This year, using a new, separate, small "Benevolence Fund" for this same population, we have been able to provide some student

(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1)

bus tickets needed for other than school activities, hygiene packs and little “perk me up” bags for older students feeling discouraged and weighed down by their difficult lives on any given day (distributed by school staff as needed). Small items are packed by **Ruth Park** with a little chocolate and a note that says we care. **If you would like to contribute any gift card, or fun small item (\$5 or under) that teenagers might like, it would be most welcome!** We also hope to be able to provide a new pair of shoes or warm coat, etc., when needed.

Sometimes I am just overwhelmed by God's love and goodness and so THANKFUL to be with all of you as we discern and follow His plan!

Thank you for joining in this ministry! Thank you for praying for this Ministry! May God always be glorified in all that we do!

With a full and grateful heart,
Polly Terman

April/May 2018

Life at Calvin

Details and updates at www.calvinpc.org

SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OUTREACH NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 3, 2018, 7 pm
Shoreline Community College, 9000 Bldg Cafeteria
 16101 Greenwood Ave N, Shoreline

CALVIN MUSIC MINISTRY SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, May 6, 2018, 4 pm
All Nature Sings!

Featuring Calvin's diverse wealth of musicians!

Vision House 2018 No Homeless Kids Benefit Luncheon

Tuesday, May 15
 Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue

- No cost to attend
- Guest Speaker:
 Ally Svenson, MOD Pizza

vision-house.org

Choose an outreach to support in May!

Path From Poverty 2018 Walk for Water 5k

Saturday, May 19
 Seward Park, Seattle

- Register to walk
- Donate to support Calvin
 Reigning Ladies

pathfrompoverty.org

OUTREACH EMPHASIS SCHEDULE

April	Jeremy & Maria Chase, serving the Khmer in Cambodia
May	Tall Timber

THANK YOU

Dear Calvin Friends, Thank you for all of your good wishes, cards, and visits to help me celebrate my 100th birthday (3/2/2018). Best wishes to all, **Sy Syverson**

CONGRATULATIONS

To Brandon and Jongeun Kim Wu on the birth of son **Nathan Zhien Wu** on January 23, 2018.

CONDOLENCES

To the family and friends of **Frank Falseni** who passed away March 2, 2018, at age 96. Frank was a member of Calvin for 20 years and served faithfully as an usher.

To the family and friends of **Mary Ellen Juhola** who passed away recently at age 93. She had been living in Milwaukie, OR, near family since her husband **Leo's** death in 2014. Juholas were charter members of Calvin.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Vivian Brown 350 N 190th St Apt 417 Shoreline, WA 98133	Jim & Cecile Hoeksema 1005 NE 17th Ave Apt 139 Hillsboro, OR 971241005
---	--

Anne Pai Foss Home and Village 13023 Greenwood Ave N Seattle, WA 98133	Bob Perley 2818 NE 145th Rm 140 Seattle, WA 98155
---	---

Sarah Ransom 22505 48th Ave W Mountlake Terrace WA 98043
--

PRIMETIME DATES TO COME

No events scheduled for April

Wednesday, May 16, 12:30 pm -
 Luncheon at Calvin

Contact primetime@calvinpc.org for updates.

Income (Unrestricted)

Contributions
 Investments
 Bequest Income

Total Income

Ministry Prg & Operating Expense

Surplus / (Deficit)

2017-2018 Actual compared to Budget			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Contributions	408,787	382,000	26,787
Investments	108	332	(224)
Bequest Income	-	-	-
Total Income	408,895	382,332	26,563
Ministry Prg & Operating Expense	(389,167)	(397,401)	8,234
Surplus / (Deficit)	19,728	(15,069)	34,797

For more information about Calvin's finances, please contact John Claus, Finance Coordinator, or Dan Coppin, Ministry Team Leader for 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/
Events](http://www.calvinpc.org/Events), Calendar.

