



christmas giving OPPORTUNITIES

This Christmas we have partnered with local ministries (Dégagé and Urban Family Ministries) to offer you an opportunity to give gifts of time and service, in addition to financial gifts. Plan now for how you can devote time to help, and experience the blessing of serving during the holiday season. You will receive more than you give!

MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS – Through your generous giving, all of our missionaries will receive a love gift with no strings attached, to use for whatever they need the most. We will accept donations through October 31. To give, indicate Missionary Christmas on your check or on the Giving Envelope and drop it in the offering plate. You can also give online at mycalvarygr.org or text the amount you would like to give and GIFT to 616-294-0700.

URBAN FAMILY MINISTRIES – Again this year, UFM has created an Amazon.com wish list through which you can donate gifts for their Christmas Shoppe. You also have the opportunity to volunteer at the Shoppe in a variety of ways; check out the available times to help at calvarygr.org.

DÉGAGÉ – Like UFM, Dégagé has an Amazon.com wish list to help provide a dignified Christmas for the Heartside neighborhood, as well as opportunities to serve at their shop through volunteering. You can go to calvarygr.org for easy links to sign up.

Links to the wish lists and sign-up sheets are available at calvarygr.org/christmasgiving. **Stop in the Gathering Place between services** to find out more about all of these Christmas Giving opportunities and meet representatives from UFM and Dégagé.

congregational care

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PRAYER LIST

If you have been hospitalized, or anticipate hospitalization, and would like to be added to the prayer list, please call the church office at 956-9377.

Butterworth: Bill Burd, Bruce Parsons

DeVos Children's: Uriah Steffens

Mercy Health: Bob Becker

PRAYER CHAIN: If you need prayer, contact Don & Cindy Marrell (cmarrell@calvarygr.org) at 450-9622.

THANK YOU

We can't thank you enough for the kindness you've shown us through the passing of our mom, Ann. The prayers, love, and support have been overwhelmingly kind, the flowers beautiful, and comfort unmatched. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sean & Liz Thelen

GRACE BEYOND

Grace Beyond is a journey of faith that started with a building project. On paper, it's about renovating our building to facilitate new ministry opportunities. On a heart level, it's about God remaking us as a people. It's about Him making us into followers of Jesus who walk obediently and give generously, trusting He will be with us along the way with His abiding presence and faithful provision.

We are not the same church we've always been. God is doing a new thing here. Will you join us on this journey? This is a season to reaffirm your commitment, to consider giving more. It's also a chance to take part in what you may have missed. More information on how you can take part in the Grace Beyond journey is available in the back of the Sanctuary or online at gracebeyond.org. Currently we are praying about how God would have us respond on Commitment Sunday, December 17.

October 15, 2017

9:00am & 10:45am

Kingdoms in Conflict

Mark 1:21-28

Tom Olsson, Associate Pastor

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RESTORED
READY
STORIES OF REDEMPTION

FOR THE RECORD

	Projected Offerings	Actual Offerings	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Last Week	\$ 144,656	\$ 140,841	(\$ 3,815)
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Oct. 8	\$ 838,297	\$ 785,666	(\$ 52,631)
Missionary Christmas		\$ 14,954	

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welcome

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here. For information about our many groups, programs and events for all ages, pick up a copy of the quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine, visit us online at calvarygr.org, or stop by the Connection Point (located in the Gathering Place across from the main Sanctuary entrance). We would love to meet you! If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the Crosswalk.

serving opportunities

At Calvary Church we believe that serving is an essential way to put your faith into action. As we say in our benediction each week, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve... (Mark 10:45a)." There are many ways that you can follow in the footsteps of Jesus and serve others here in our church and in the larger Grand Rapids community.

Clean up Calvary

Help us maintain our beautiful facility. Volunteers can sign up for two-hour shifts once a month (or more) to help vacuum, clean bathrooms, dust and shine windows. Visit serving opportunities at mycalvarygr.org or contact Brian Novak (bnovak@calvarygr.org).

Refugee Ministry

Join a team to welcome and share the love of Jesus with a new refugee family. There are several different levels of involvement, including transportation, painting, setting up furniture, English lessons, grocery shopping, etc. No matter what your gifts are, they can be used to show hospitality to our new neighbors. Contact Brenda Neher (bneher@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5650.

Calvary Kids Needs Small Group Leaders

Our biggest need currently is for small group leaders in elementary. Small group leaders build relationships with kids, facilitate lesson stations, and show the love of Christ. You can sign up to serve every other work during the 9:00 or 10:45 service. Email calvarykids@calvarygr.org or stop by the Calvary Kids Check-in Area on the lower level today to find your role.

coming events & announcements

Explore Calvary

TODAY & October 22 | 10:30am

No need to register, just show up!

Meet others who are new to Calvary along with some of our staff, tour the building, and ask questions about Calvary Church. The class is different each week, so you'll want to attend both.

Stewarding Well Workshop

October 24 | 7:00pm | Room 207

God is lavish in His grace toward us and we pray that our response to this gift will be generosity. What does it look like to steward your time, talent and treasure well? In this workshop we will look at the basics of biblical generosity, planned giving and estate planning. We hope you will walk away better informed and excited to be intentional with your resources. Register at mycalvarygr.org by October 22.

High School: Fall Retreat

October 27 - October 29

Cost: \$90 | Register at mycalvarygr.org by Oct. 24

Enjoy getting to know your fellow high school UNITED friends better and find out what God has in store for you this coming year.

Freed-Up Financial Living Begins October 25 | 6:30pm

Register at mycalvarygr.org

Freed-Up combines encouraging, grace-filled teaching with an excellent balance of biblical principles and practical application.

The five-session course enables you to reflect on your relationship to money and how it impacts your relationship to God.

OASIS Presents The USO Show

October 27 | 5:30pm | Room 208

The night will feature: Music - Comedy - Dinner - Stories From the Front. Veterans, dress in uniform if possible. Admission is free. Tickets are available at the Reception Desk (Entrance H) or any OASIS event.

Lasting Impressions Workshop

October 28 | 9:00am-2:30pm

Gathering Place | Lunch provided

Register at mycalvarygr.org

Join us for this workshop with author and Pastor Mark Waltz, on creating a culture of belonging. Learn practical tips for demonstrating hospitality in your area of ministry. Gain insight on how you can care for individuals from the moment they walk into church.

Small Group Launch

October 29 | 12:30-2:30pm

Register at mycalvarygr.org

Join a small group! The launch is a chance to meet your new group and begin to get acquainted. Bring your calendars as you will be deciding when and where to meet. Most groups meet every other week. Group placement is based on geographic location and most groups are multi-generational.

this week at calvary

- 1 Third Monday Missions Prayer**
October 16 | 11:30am | Room 114 (Entrance G)
Join us tomorrow to hear updates from and pray for our missionaries around the world. Bring your lunch.
- 2 Widows Coffee**
October 19 | 6:00-7:30pm | Gathering Place
Enjoy fellowship with other widows over a cup of coffee. We are happy to invite back some great young adult ladies to join us for a fun-filled evening. Contact Katy (klam-bert@calvarygr.org) to RSVP.
- 3 Forever Hope Monthly Support Group**
October 19 | 7:00-8:30pm | Register at mycalvarygr.org
Open for all Calvary families who have adopted or are providing foster care. Come and enjoy fellowship, share prayer requests and watch a DVD that will count for training hours if you are a foster parent. This positive environment will provide encouragement, understanding and support, as well as the opportunity to ask questions of those who have experience and can offer helpful advice.
- 4 Young Adult Fall Retreat**
October 20-21 | Cost: \$85 | Register at mycalvarygr.org
Get away for the weekend and experience an awesome time filled with fun activities, friends old and new, engaging teaching and worship at beautiful Gull Lake Retreat Center. Our annual retreat will offer increased time for contemplation and reflection as we consider the greater purpose God has for each of our lives. **Registration closes tonight at midnight.**
- 5 5th/6th Grade: Fall Retreat**
October 20-21 | \$60 | Register at mycalvarygr.org
We will squeeze in as much fun, friendship, worship, games and teaching sessions as we can! This is an awesome time to meet and get to know your fellow fifth/sixth graders, while at Cran-Hill Ranch. **Registration closes October 17.**