

OPPORTUNITIES FOR

# Christmas giving

Can you really make a difference in the lives of our missionaries? The answer is yes! Every Christmas, Calvary extends intentional and tangible care to our missionaries because of gifts from you! **Through your generosity, our missionaries receive a gift with no strings attached to use for whatever they need the most.** To donate, indicate Missionary Christmas on your check or on the Giving Envelope and drop it in the offering plate. You can also donate online at [micalvarygr.org](http://micalvarygr.org) or by texting GIFT to 616-294-0700.

**Today is the last day we are receiving donations for the 2018 Missionary Christmas** but there are still other opportunities for Christmas giving:

**Urban Family Ministry's Christmas Shoppe**

In an effort to give more than gifts to the families we serve, we created a "Christmas Shoppe" where families involved in our programs can purchase gifts at greatly reduced price and have a personal investment in giving to their family at Christmas. You can make a donation to the Shoppe or sign up to help by giving your time. Visit [calvarygr.org/christmasgiving](http://calvarygr.org/christmasgiving) for links to UFM's Amazon wishlist and Sign-up Genius page.

**Degage/Mel Trotter Christmas Store**

Help provide a dignified Christmas for the Heartside neighborhood. Visit [calvarygr.org/christmasgiving](http://calvarygr.org/christmasgiving) for links to the Amazon wishlist and Sign-up Genius page for the Christmas Store.

**Affordable Housing Initiative**

Calvary is completing the finishing touches on our first manufactured home and are working on beginning a second home to get two families out of homelessness and into a home for Christmas.

Give Your Time:

- Wednesdays, beginning November 14 | 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Fridays, beginning November 9 | 1:00-4:00pm or 4:00-7:00pm
- Saturdays, beginning November 10 | 9:00am – 12:00pm

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If you have questions regarding any of these opportunities, **come to the Connection Point after the service** or contact Natalie Uecker ([nuecker@calvarygr.org](mailto:nuecker@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 5181.

## congregational care

**RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PRAYER LIST**

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

**Mercy Health St. Mary's:** John Kleis

**Butterworth:** Linda Hamlet

**THANK YOU**

The family of Benn Leavenworth extends its heartfelt thanks to our Calvary family, especially Elder Brian Swanton, Pastor Bruce Huseby and all those who surrounded us with prayers, encouragement and comfort during dad's illness.

Joanna Leavenworth,  
Melody Scorziello  
and extended family

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

A scholarship fund is available to help students attend retreats and ministry events who may not financially be able to at this time. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please note "Student Scholarships" on the memo line of your check. Or, you can text to give at 616.294.0700 and put in the amount you'd like to give followed with "events" (Example \$50 events).



**FOR THE RECORD • FISCAL YEAR 2018-19**

	<u>Projected Offerings</u>	<u>Actual Offerings</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit)</u>
Last Week	\$ 141,554	\$ 159,411	\$ 17,857
Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Nov. 4	\$ 1,455,785	\$ 1,356,797	(\$ 98,988)
Jerusalem Project		\$ 17,303	

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**November 11, 2018**  
9:00 & 10:45am

*The Shoot From the Stump*  
Isaiah 11

Jim Samra, *Senior Pastor*



# Isaiah

LISTENING TO TODAY’S MESSAGE

**Language Interpretation:** During the 9:00 service, the sermon is interpreted into Mandarin and Farsi. At 10:45, the worship service is interpreted into both Korean and Arabic. Pick up a receiver at the Welcome Center (across from the main Sanctuary entrance).

**Hearing Assistance:** If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the Crosswalk.

PRAYER

**Pre-Service Prayer | 8:30-8:50am | Room 255:** Pray for our worship services with the morning’s teaching pastor.

**Boiler Room | 8:50-11:50am:** Visit room 222 behind the Sanctuary to pray over every aspect of the worship service as the Holy Spirit leads, including staff-initiated requests.

NEXT STEPS

Are you looking for a way to invest in others at Calvary? Consider serving as your next right step. Opportunities including caring for kids, assisting with laundry, handyman tasks and much more. Visit the Connection Point (across from the main Sanctuary entrance) following the service or see mycalvarygr.org to take your next right step at Calvary.

BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING

We send out a reflection email each Tuesday morning to help you engage with today’s message and apply it to your life all week long. Sign up at mycalvarygr.org (your email subscriptions are found under My Profile).

**Isaiah Reading Plan:** For the Isaiah series, we are providing a reading plan to help the congregation prepare for the upcoming message each week. **Reading For the Coming Week:** Isaiah 12 & Psalm 118.

coming events & announcements

**Young Adult Thanksgiving Feast**  
**November 18 | 6:00-9:00pm**  
**Chapel | *Bring a side dish to share.***

Come be encouraged and share your story. We’ll share a wonderful fall feast and dessert. Then, we’ll take some time to worship and listen to one another share some of the blessings we have experienced from God over the last year. Register at mycalvarygr.org by November 16.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service & Potluck**  
**November 21 | 6:00-7:30pm**  
**Gathering Place**

Celebrate Thanksgiving with your church family. Calvary will provide the main dish and dessert. We ask that you bring a side dish to serve 12. This is a great opportunity to

share your favorite salad, casserole, or stuffing, with your church family. Even if you can’t cook, pick up a package of rolls at the store! During the potluck you have an opportunity to share in a time of thanksgiving to our Lord. In order to help us plan accordingly, please register in advance at mycalvarygr.org.

**College Pajama Party**  
**November 30 | 8:00-11:30pm**  
**Room 208 | \$2**

Come in your most stylish PJs and enjoy movies, popcorn, board games and pizza in a cozy atmosphere. The most fun set of pajamas wins a prize. Register at mycalvarygr.org and pay at the door.

advent begins december 2

The church calendar begins its year with Advent: a season of expectation and waiting that stretches from the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. The season of Advent is one in which Christians traditionally set aside time to remember our need for a savior and to focus on God’s gracious promise to provide one. Calvary provides an advent guide for those looking for a weekly practice by which to walk through this season with greater intentionality.

Calvary’s Advent Guide follows key individuals through a portion of their biblical narrative, observing their obedience to God in bringing about His ultimate plan of redemption. Each week also asks you to consider how their stories impact your own. Throughout Advent, you will see how God redeems pain, blesses obedience, and provides for us as we wait on Him - and ultimately how He fulfills all His promises in Jesus. You can print the Advent Guide cards at home (calvarygr.org/advent) or pick up a copy of the Guide in the back of the Sanctuary beginning November 18.

This year we will also be using our Reflect email to consider how to look at our messages in the Isaiah series in light of Advent. We send out this reflection email each Tuesday morning to help you engage with today’s message and apply it to your life all week long. Sign up at mycalvarygr.org (your email subscriptions are found under My Profile).

this week at calvary

**1 Calvary Women: Loving Your Neighbor At Christmas & Beyond**  
**Nov. 13 | 11:30am-1:00pm | Rm 251**

Debbie McGoldrick, the founder of NBS2go, will share simple ways to reach out to others during Christmas. You’ll receive tips on Christmas coffees, a birthday party for Jesus, and neighborhood studies. Lunch is \$7, pay at the door on November 13, but please register at mycalvarygr.org so we can plan accordingly. Childcare for nursery and preschool is free.

**2 Middle School Ministry: Supper Club**  
**November 14 | 5:15-6:00pm | Gathering Place | \$5**

Once a month we gather together as friends for Wednesday Night Dinner. Grab your dinner from the buffet line and meet us in our designated meeting area! This event is a combined middle school ministry event and is for all students 5th-8th grade. No need to register, just show up!

**3 Men’s Breakfast**  
**November 17 | 8:00-10:00am | Gathering Place | \$5**

Come fellowship, eat some breakfast, and listen to a story.

**Christmas at Calvary Presents “Welcome to Bethlehem (Pennsylvania)”**  
**December 14 at 7:00pm | December 15 at 3:00 & 7:00pm**

Christmas... a time for joy and bringing hope to a hurting world. Join the Calvary Choir and Orchestra for a musical drama, as we visit Bethlehem Inn in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. We will interact with the hotel staff and guests and the real life journeys that they are on. *Welcome to Bethlehem* has a message of hope that will inspire and stir hearts to remember “when it seems you just can’t go on, there’s always hope!” Tickets are \$5 and available online at calvarygr.org/christmasatcalvary. You can also purchase tickets in the Worship Ministry Office (Entrance G) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am-2:00pm.

CONNECTING BEYOND THE BULLETIN

We produce a quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine with ministry updates, and faith-enriching articles. Pick one up at the back of the Sanctuary. We also share regularly on Facebook (CalvaryChurchGR) and Instagram (calvarygr) and would love to connect with you there. Find an archive of sermons, our events calendar, a staff email directory and more at calvarygr.org.

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