



The Clarion  
November 2020  
Calvary Presbyterian Church

# Upcoming Events

## *In-Person Worship Services*

Every Sunday in November

One service at 10:30 am in the  
Rose Garden

## *Birthdays &*

## *Anniversaries*

<b>Barbara Smith</b>	<b>11/1</b>
<b>Jeanette Inadomi</b>	<b>11/2</b>
<b>Cari Lyall</b>	<b>11/5</b>
<b>Lorna Venkataraman</b>	<b>11/5</b>
<b>Marcia Norton</b>	<b>11/5</b>
<b>Martha "Mez" Zabel</b>	<b>11/7</b>
<b>Liz Daley</b>	<b>11/8</b>
<b>Adam Garcia</b>	<b>11/8</b>
<b>Marta Veir Renna</b>	<b>11/11</b>
<b>James Zack</b>	<b>11/13</b>

<b>Lucy Callahan</b>	<b>11/13</b>
<b>Avery Douglas</b>	<b>11/14</b>
<b>Heather Cisneros</b>	<b>11/15</b>
<b>Ben Furuta</b>	<b>11/16</b>
♥ <b>Bob &amp; Dawn Freeman</b>	<b>11/16</b>
<b>Susan Gutschow</b>	<b>11/21</b>
<b>Carl von Bibra</b>	<b>11/23</b>
<b>Peggy Tutor</b>	<b>11/25</b>
<b>Eric Smith</b>	<b>11/29</b>

Hello Calvary, from the Mission Committee, we miss seeing you all! We wanted to update you for the 2020 Mission Market, and let you know that although we will not be having an in-person event for the Mission Market, we certainly will be having one online. We will be updating you with all the information in the future. All the best, and stay safe.

Lisa



## Presbyterian Corner Our faith, our practice, and our roots

### In what ways does the Holy Spirit work in the church?

Presbyterians believe the Holy Spirit is active in the church as well as in our personal lives. Theologically, the Spirit works in sanctification, our growth in Christian faith and life (2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Cor. 6:11). As we mature in the faith, we perceive the Holy Spirit at work. When the church carries out its mission and ministries in the world, we see the Spirit in tremendously energetic! The Spirit brings us to faith in Christ for salvation, unites us with Christ, and calls the church together as the people of God. The ongoing work of the Spirit is to lead and guide Christians believers in the church while equipping us to serve as Christ's disciples in the world.

In short, the Holy Spirit sustains us in carrying out Christ's ministry. The Spirit equips the church with "gifts" to enable our ministries (1 Cor. 12:4-11). The Spirit leads us into ways of services to enact Christ's forgiving, reconciling, liberating, and compassionate word. The Spirit enables love to be shared (Gal. 5:22; Rom. 5:5). The Spirit makes the characteristics of God's kingdom present realities: righteousness, peace, and joy (Rom. 14:17; 8:6). Presbyterians recognize the full range of the Holy Spirit's activities, both inside and outside the church. This make Christian life exciting! We never know what direction the Spirit will prompt us toward, or into what new ministries the Spirit will lead us. Our joy in being obedient to God (Act. 5:32) is strengthened by the assurance that we are the children of God (Rom. 8:14) and live in the "communion" of the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 13:13). We participate in the Spirit's activities as the Spirit uses us to be the means of representing the reign of God in the world by the church's proclamation, fellowship, and service. The Spirit unifies the church in Jesus Christ ( Eph. 4:5) and enables us to continue our ministries with joy, even in the midst of persecution (Thess. 1: 6). The Spirit help us in prayer (Rom. 8:26-27), and the Spirit's presence with us help us anticipate the glorious future that God has prepared (2 Cor. 1:22; Rom. 8:17).

So Presbyterians are people of the Spirit! We are sustained by the Spirit, rely on the Spirit, and are led by the Spirit. We have the hope that "does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" ( Rom. 5:5).

*-from Donald K. McKim, Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers*



## Operation Christmas Child Starter Kit

Due to Covid 19 restrictions we will not be able to gather together this year to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We hope that you will participate in this activity as a family and return your box to Calvary (or request pick up).

**Directions:** Pick up a bag of items to place in your Operation Christmas Child box at Calvary on Sunday, or request delivery to your home. (Contact the church office for a delivery). The starter kit will be marked with the gender and age of the child. We encourage you to place these items in the box and then supplement the box with other items that you feel this child would enjoy. There is a list of suggested items for these children—but do not let this limit you.

You may want to include a letter to the child. While many of children do not speak English, there are often Samaritan's Purse volunteers who can translate the letter.

You may also include a photo. Do not include your address as these children will not correspond back to you.

Please pray for the child who will receive this box.

Do **NOT** include : **Food** (including candy)

**Liquids** (no hand sanitizer, liquid soap, toothpaste, snow globes)

**Weapons**, or toys shaped like weapons. Scissors are OK.

When you are done you may:

Bring the box back to church

Deliver the box to Liz Daley's porch (2028 La France Ave)

Call Liz for pick up from your house (626-487-3741)

**Boxes need to be at delivered or picked up by Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

If possible, please attach a check for \$9 for each box. (Made out to Calvary Presbyterian Church) This is the processing and shipping fee. The fee will be paid online so that we can track where our boxes are sent.

Thank you for participating in our Mission Project.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX

Toothbrush (but not toothpaste), wash cloth, soap

Water bottle

brush or comb,

Fun hair accessories, barrettes, hairbands, bows

pencils, colored pencils, pens,

notebooks, coloring books,

calculators, scissors,

Clothes, shirt, socks, underwear, flip flops

small cars, balls, Deck of cards,

deflated soccer balls with pump,

Flashlights (and extra batteries)

Sewing kits

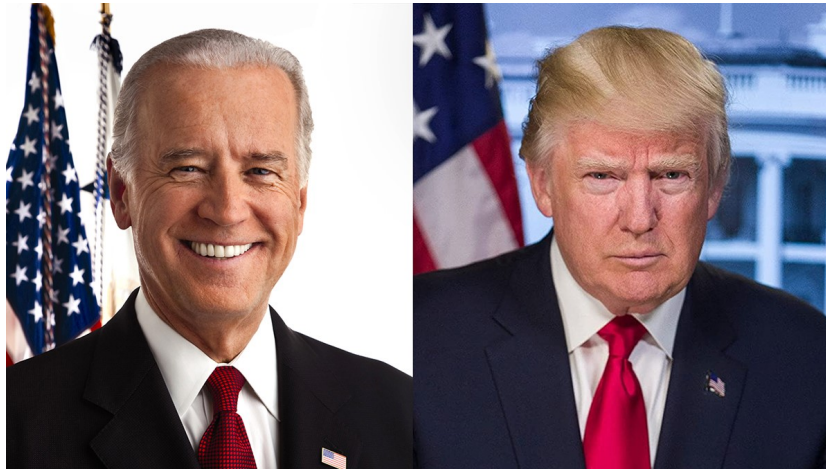
Fun toys, stuffed animals, dolls

Balls

Do not let this list be a limit..... use your imagination and have fun.

# Learning to Lead after the Election

*By Ashley Lynn Roque*



By the time you read this issue of the Clarion, we will probably already have the results of the 2020 Presidential election. There will undoubtedly be mixed views on the results. This year has been the most challenging year in recent history. The global pandemic brought on by COVID-19 has disrupted systems and jobs and whole industries in ways that we could never have imagined. We are finding our way in a “new normal” with masks and social distancing, and we are fearful that this new normal maybe our way of life for a long time to come.

To make matters worse, climate change is on the rise and more police brutality is coming to light. My generation is seeing a white supremacy in ways we only saw in movies. It is very easy for us to believe we are in the beginning of an apocalypse. And yet many of us who are older know that seasons of chaos and disruption are just part of the many seasons of life.

No matter who you vote for, it is our responsibility as a community of faith, as members of families, as individuals in friend groups to lead one another well. We are responsible to each other. We belong, for better or worse, to one another. And we are responsible to lead one another towards civility, towards kindness, towards respectful engagement, and towards justice. Not the president. Do not put on one person the weight of responsibility that is supposed to be on us all.

We lead well by living from our convictions, even if they are not shared. We take a good look at our values and live from them. We can disagree on politics, we must agree on principles. We must live from them. We must set the example of what it means to stay calm in chaos and engage with one another with the best of Christian virtue.

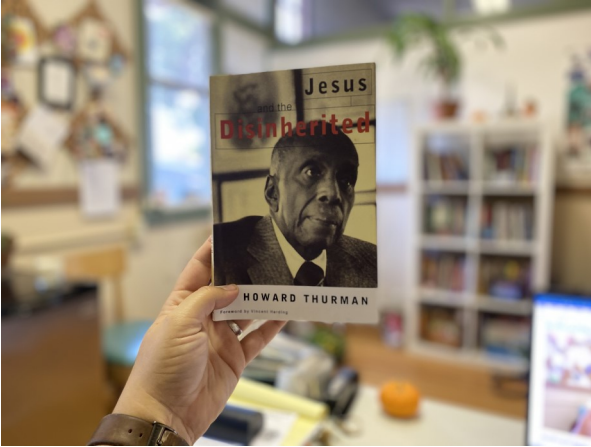
We do this by practicing what we believe.

On Nov. 4 may God find us willing to lead each other with grace and compassion and gentleness. Over the next four years, may God increase our ability to talk with one another, to disagree with respect and to take on our systemic issues faithfully. May God find us committed to leading each other well.

# Ashley's Book Club

## Jesus and the Disinherited

By Howard Thurman



I am currently taking a class at Claremont School of Theology on Christian Ethics. One book we are required to read for the class is by pastor and theologian Howard Thurman. For those who don't know about Thurman, he is the single greatest influence of Martin Luther King. It is often said that wherever King went, he took his copy of *Jesus and the Disinherited*, and the bible, with him.

*Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman is an incredible book on suffering and oppression and what the Christian message has to say about it. It's a short book (barely 70 pages) but it's packed with so much goodness. The main question that Thurman tries to answer is the question of suffering for the poor and the oppressed. He wrote:

“The masses of men live with their backs constantly against the wall. They are the poor, the disinherited, the dispossessed. What does our religion say to them? The issue is not what it counsels them to do for others whose need maybe greater, but what religion offers to meet their own needs. The search for an answer to this question is **perhaps the most important religious quest of modern life.**”

And I agree. What does our Presbyterian faith have to say to those whose backs are against the wall? Thurman argues that the poor and the oppressed are “constantly given a negative answer to the most important personal questions upon which mental health depends: *“Who am I? What am I?”* When systemic racism and police brutality make people of color feel inferior, it is very difficult to overcome that. Thurman states that the solution is to rest in the fact that one is a child of God for he believes that the “awareness of being a child of God tends to stabilize the ego and results in a new courage, fearlessness, and power.” Holding a conviction that we are children of God changes everything. Believing *deeply* in God's love and care allows us to endure what seems insurmountable. I highly recommend this book to everyone, no matter where you are on your Christian journey and no matter what you believe politically.

## Fall 2020 Bible Reading Plan

We are currently in week 6 of reading through the 1-2 Samuel this fall. Join us as we read through scripture and memorize key verses of God's work in the life of David and his family

### Week 10

2 Samuel 8 - 10  
2 Samuel 11  
Psalm 51  
2 Samuel 12  
Psalm 6  
*Memory Passage: Psalm 51*

### Week 11

2 Samuel 13  
2 Samuel 14 – 15:12  
2 Samuel 15:13-29  
2 Samuel 15:30-31  
Psalm 3  
*Memory Verse: Psalm 3:5-6*

### Week 12

2 Samuel 16:14- 17:29  
2 Samuel 18  
Psalm 10  
2 Samuel 19:1-8  
Psalm 122  
*Memory Verses: Psalm 122:1*

### Week 13

2 Samuel 19:9 – 43  
2 Samuel 20  
2 Samuel 21 & 1  
Chronicles 20:4-8 &  
Psalm 29  
2 Samuel 22  
*Memory Verses: Psalm 29:11*

### Week 14

Psalm 18  
Psalm 144  
2 Samuel 23-24  
Psalm 30  
Psalm 33  
*Memory Verse: Psalm 33:20-22*



Starting in September, 10-12th graders at Calvary will be invited to join a confirmation class on Zoom to go over our "Big God and Big Questions," confirmation curriculum designed by our PC USA denomination. If your teen would like to join, please reach out to Ashley at [ashley@cpcsouthpas.org](mailto:ashley@cpcsouthpas.org)





We are excited to start Children's Sunday School online on selected Sundays from 9-9:45 AM starting October 4th! This fall we are going to explore adventure stories in the Old Testament and learn more about how we can trust God in any circumstance. Each month, your child is invited to pick up a Sunday School kit that will include curriculum, craft supplies, and snacks for the two mornings we have Sunday School.

If you would like it delivered to your home, please let Ashley know as soon as possible. [ashley@cpcsouthpas.org](mailto:ashley@cpcsouthpas.org) 818-934-6908

Save these dates: November 6-8th! This fall, Tapestry will be hosting a retreat on Zoom for all Middle and High school students in local Presbyterian churches. Your youth will not want to miss this! For more information, please reach out to [ashley@cpcsouthpas.org](mailto:ashley@cpcsouthpas.org) 818-934-6908



This fall, Calvary youth will be studying the book of Genesis through the Echo The Story youth sketch journal. Join us each Monday from 4:30-5:30 pm on Zoom.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6759828821>



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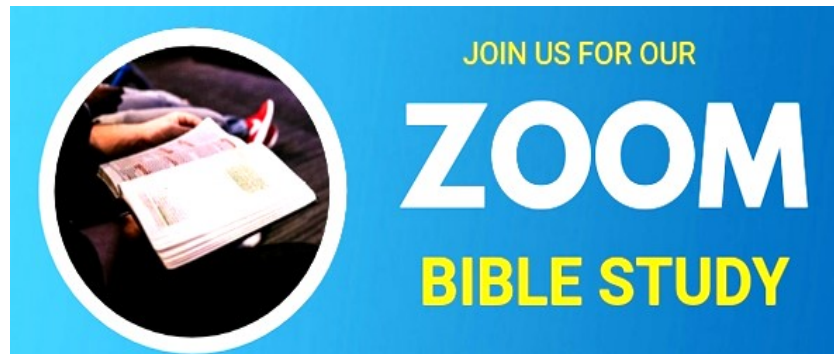
## MAKING SPACES

CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH,  
CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

Join your church family each Wednesday at noon as we wrestle through this vital issue and consider how we can respond as a community today.

Connect with us in our fellowship groups on Zoom

[https://  
us04web.zoom.us/  
j/6759828821](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6759828821)



**Don't forget that every Friday we have an amazing Bible study gathering via Zoom at 4PM. Come explore the Parables of Jesus with us. These teachings are more than entertaining little stories, they are paradigm shifting lessons. Come check us out!**

**All ages are welcome.**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6759828821>



**Welcome Fall!** We look forward to lower temps, shorter days, warm sweaters and safely celebrating the holidays with family and friends. This Thanksgiving we remain grateful for your faithful support and donations. Your generosity has made it possible for Angel Interfaith Network to continue to meet the needs of patients and their families at LAC+USC.

**Thank yous!**

- In collaboration with **Shelter Partnership Inc.**, Angel Interfaith Network received TWO full pallets of shoes, diapers, miscellaneous baby and hygiene products along with adult, children and infant clothing. These items were provided to LAC+USC CARES & Volunteers Program to be distributed to the patients and families in need.
- In partnership with LAC+USC, **CARES & Volunteers Program** held a clothing drive benefiting Angel Interfaith Network. Generous employees filled SIX bins with gently used adult, children and infant clothing. These items will restock the shelves so that we can respond to the needs of patients and families as winter approaches.
- Special thanks to **Rev. Nancy Moore and the Los Angeles Offices of Life, Peace and Justice** During the pandemic surge, their support and donations have allowed Angel Interfaith Network to continue providing food gift cards for patients with nowhere to turn. As of July 2020, Angel Interfaith Network has provided \$ 6,000 in food gift cards.
- Thank you to our special donors, **Ms. Jeannette Coontz, Crochet Fiber Artist and Rochelle Shaposhnick Briggs.** Ms. Coontz crocheted and donated 30 beautiful afghans for patients of LAC+USC Outpatient Chemotherapy Unit. Ms. Briggs shared her sewing talents with Angel Interfaith Network by donating face covers. They were provided to and appreciated by patients and staff at LAC+USC



Busy at the helm are Elisa Larios,(Left) St. Camillus Administrative Assistant and Maria Salazar (Right) Angel Interfaith Administrative. Assistant preparing to mail Food Gift Cards to clients in need.

**Those We Serve:**

- Susan S. is a patient who suffers from a chronic health condition and she lost her job due to the Covid Pandemic. She just recently returned to work, but was past due with her utility bills. Angel Interfaith Network assisted Susan and helped her avoid the possibility of a disconnection of utility services to the household.
- Genevieve R lives with her mother, grandmother and two additional siblings. She came to LAC+USC as a patient and her social worker referred her to Angel Interfaith Network for assistance. Due to the Covid Pandemic, the family is experiencing financial hardship. Thanks to your monetary donations, Angel Interfaith Network assisted this extended family with past due utility bills, food gift cards and rental assistance to avoid being displaced.

**Urgent Needs:**



As you read the client stories, we continue to see the critical need for funds to help with rent, utilities, and grocery store gift cards for food. As our patient's needs continue and facing the challenges of the Covid crisis, your financial support will help us to meet and provide for the urgent needs of patients and their families.

Donations can be mailed to: AIN c/o St. Camillus Center: 1911 Zonal Ave. L A, CA 90033

Please make checks payable to St. Camillus, with **AIN** on the memo line.

We welcome your wisdom, volunteer time and your renewed financial support. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, you can give or enroll online to become a Sustaining Angel : <http://angelinterfaith.net/sustainers.html>



# OCTOBER FINANCIALS

Oct Budgeted Income \$16,066.67  
Oct Actual Income \$8,652.00  
Oct Budgeted Expense \$37,037.74  
Oct Actual Expense \$39,075.89  
Oct Food Bank Expenses: \$0.00

\*These amounts reflect the operating budget only. Income numbers are purely from Sunday offering. Investment and property numbers are not included.



Join your church family online each Sunday at 10:30 am here: <http://calvarypres.online.church/>

To see more of Rev. Millason Dailey's sermons check out on our [Messages page](#).

You can also subscribe to our [YouTube page](#) for all of the latest from our church.

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Praise The LORD with us!



10:30 am In-Person worship  
service at the Rose Garden