



The Clarion
October 2020
Calvary Presbyterian Church

CALVARY IN-PERSON WORSHIP



When you're ready to join us for in-person worship, we're ready to have you!

We will continue to offer online worship experiences, both a livestream of our in-person services and additional online worship opportunities, while opening our doors to host in-person worship following city and state guidelines. Pre-registration is required, and service time have been shifted to allow for proper cleaning and set-up.



HOW TO USE THE QR CODE TO OPEN PRE-REGISTRATION:

1. Open your smart phone camera
2. Focus the QR code
3. Follow the link to pre-register



DATE: Beginning, Sunday October 11th

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME:

Rose Garden 10:30 am

The gates will open for seating 30 minutes prior to the worship service.

PRE-REGISTER:

<https://cpcsouthpas.app.rsvpify.com/>

LIVESTREAM TIMES:

Sanctuary Online 10:30 am

Watch online at www.cpcsouthpas.org or YouTube.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

- Masks are required to cooperate with state and guidelines. Staff and volunteers will be wearing masks throughout the service as well.
- On arrival you will be asked health screening questions and your temperature will be taken. We ask that you honestly evaluate your health and, please stay home if you feel sick. Seating has been positioned to accommodate social distancing guidelines by placing household groups six feet apart.
- High-touch areas and restrooms will be sanitized throughout the church and hand-sanitizing stations are available at the entrance and exit.
- Restrooms will be available inside the church to use. Only one individual is allowed in a restroom at a time.
- One individual in the church stairwells at a time.
- Worshipers only be available to enter through the El Centro side of to the Rose Garden.
- Our awesome volunteer team will greet you with a warm hello instead of a handshake or hug.



- We will not be handing out printed bulletins, or have Bibles and hymnals available. Please bring your own Bible.
- We will not be passing the plates for either the offering or Communion. Instead, at the end of the worship service we will give our gifts at the offering baskets placed by exit. You can also give online at www.cpcsouthpas.org.
- Kids are welcome so you can worship as a family. There will be no childcare, or in-person children's student ministries programming. There will be online children and youth programs.
- There will be no in-person fellowship, food, or coffee. People will be dismissed at the close of the worship to go back to their cars.
- No water fountains will be available. Please bring your own water bottle.

Upcoming Events

World Communion

Sunday, October 4th

Online service at 10:30 am

First In-Person Worship Service

Sunday, October 11th

One service at 10:30 am in the
Rose Garden

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Kilian von Bibra | 10/2 |
| Holly Bruce | 10/4 |
| Tamara Ramirez | 10/4 |
| Forrest Baird | 10/5 |
| ♥ Dave & Cathy Riley | 10/12 |
| Louie Cisneros | 10/26 |
| Darcy Douglas | 10/26 |
| Marie Castellano | 10/29 |

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>





Presbyterian Corner Our faith, our practice, and our roots

What does the Holy Spirit do?

Some years ago, a theologian wrote a book called *The Shy Member of the Trinity*. This was a book about the Holy Spirit. Presbyterians often speak about God and Jesus, but less often, it seems, about the Holy Spirit.

We believe vigorously in the Holy Spirit as a coequal member of the Trinity, sharing the divine essence with God the Father and God the Son. We believe the Holy Spirit is a person, one who can be known and who relates to us and affects us in our everyday lives. The Bible has much to say about the Spirit. But the reason for the book title is that the Spirit is portrayed in Scripture not as drawing self-attention, but supremely as a “witness” to Jesus Christ. The Spirit points to God’s self-revelation in the person of Jesus and operates to make the knowledge of Jesus Christ known.

This is seen in two major aspects of the Spirit’s activity: the Spirit’s work in relation Scripture and the Spirit’s work in relation to salvation.

We confess that the Scriptures are “inspired” by God (2 Tim. 3:16) and that persons who were “move by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (2 Pet. 1:21). The church confesses the Spirit was operative in the writing Scripture, in the shaping of the biblical text, their transmission, and in helping us today, as believers to interpret the Bible. We should always pray before we read Scripture, asking the same Spirit who inspired the Bible on the help us interpret God’s Word today.

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

Mission Co-Worker update

For several years Calvary has partnered with mission workers around the world. The Covid-19 pandemic brought changes to their lives as some needed to return to the US, while others remained in the countries that they now consider home.

The Presbyterian Church (PC-USA) offered an early retirement program to many staff, including mission co-workers. Esther Wakeman (serving in Thailand) and David Cortes & Josey Saez (who recently moved from serving in Cuba to serving in the Dominican Republic) all have taken advantage of this offer. Below are updates from our partners. The mission committee remains committed to supporting co-workers around the world and will be evaluating our next steps.



Esther Wakeman <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/the-rev-dr-esther-wakeman/>

This is a big decision, and a big change, but I have been contemplating retirement for a couple years already. My husband, Rob Collins, retired many years ago, but has continued to teach at McGilvary College of Divinity, where I also teach. Rob is 82 years old, and not getting any younger.

Ordinarily, I would be required to stop my work here, but Chiang Mai, Thailand is a bit unique – it is one of the top cities in the world for retirement! Several of our children and grandchildren live here, and the church and the university where I work greet with joy my plan to continue to teach and minister as a volunteer. So, for at least this academic year, I will finish out my teaching commitments. I have been asked to continue beyond that, but the actual shape of future activities remains to be determined. Our “Plan A” has always been to stay in Thailand, so regardless of my work activities, this is where you will most likely find me for the rest of my days, apart from good visits with family and friends in Germany and the U.S. from time to time.



David Cortes and Josey Saez <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/david-cortes-and-josey-saez/>

The Iglesia Evangélica Dominicana welcomed us with open arms and much love. We regret that our time with them was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, while we were there, they witnessed to their love for Christ, their commitment to Christian Education, and their passion for serving and empowering the broader community. We were able to continue some work via the internet, but we missed participating in their worship services and fellowship with so much enthusiasm, energy, and warmth.



Dr. Christopher and Nancy Zoolkoski

The country of Niger has just recently reopened to flights and visitors, after a long closure due to the pandemic. We have recently had discussions with SIM and we are to remain in the U.S. for at least a year to concentrate on family needs. We are redirecting our funds to the Galmi Hospital, which has needed extra financial help due to closing of the outpatient non-emergency clinic and elective surgery cases.

Please pray for God to intervene in a new crisis situation in the capital of Niger: on August 21, the Niger River overflowed its banks onto the Sahel Academy campus, SIM's K through 12 mission school in Niamey. This is the school where our three youngest attended and graduated from. I've attached photos. We appreciate prayers for 37 SIM residents who have had to evacuate their homes due to the flood, as well as students, teachers, and administrators in this devastating flood situation. Please pray also for the many local residents who have lost homes and livelihood. We will also be redirecting funds to this relief effort. More specific information on the flood can be found at SIM's website:

https://www.sim.org/en_US/-/sahel-academy-evacuated-due-to-severeflooding?Ministry_ID=&countries=Niger





Operation Christmas Child is a mission of Samaritan's Purse that delivers shoeboxes filled with gifts to children around the world. These gift boxes are delivered by local churches as part of evangelism outreach to their communities. Children receive the gift boxes after completing a course, "The Greatest Journey". We have a copy of that curriculum available at the church if you would like to see what they learn.

We are collecting items to pack. We need: toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, pencils, colored pencils, coloring books, notebooks, flip flops, socks, calculators, washcloths, dolls, toy cars, balls. . . This year we have preprinted shoeboxes to fill so we do not need to wrap the boxes!! Thanks to generous donors we have plenty of stuffed animals, crayons, and soap!

There will be a collection box at the entry as we start in person worship. You may also use our amazon wish list to purchase items and have them delivered. The mission committee is working with church leadership to plan a safe gathering to pack boxes together. You may also pack a box at home and drop it off at Calvary.



Amazon Wish List link:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3UZOV4OFPWL5J?ref_=wl_share



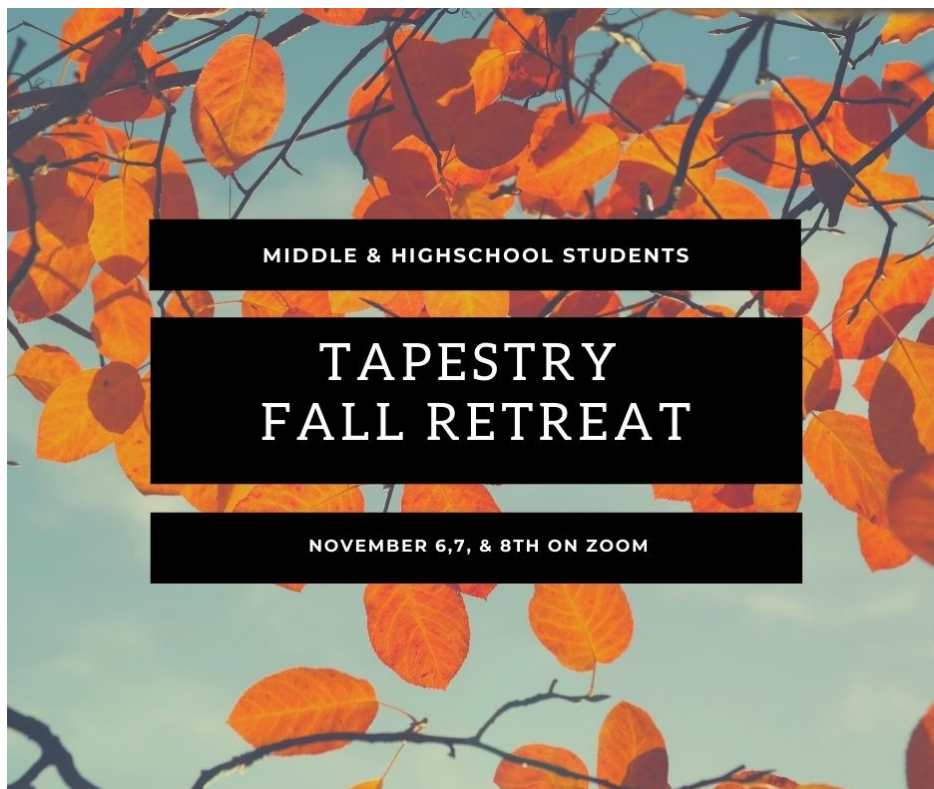
What to pack????? Are you wondering what to put in your Shoebox? Here are some tips that I have:

- Include basic hygiene items. These may not be readily available for the child, or not a priority in a limited income situation.
 - Hairbrush, toothbrush, soap, water bottles, sewing kits
- School supplies are needed by children everywhere. Many schools do not provide any supplies and children may not be able to attend if they do not have the required supplies.
 - Pens, Pencils, notebooks, pencil cases, calculators for older children, scissors, bags for carrying supplies
- Many families live without electricity! Solar flashlights make studying at night possible and make nighttime trips for chores safer.
- Fun Items—everyone loves to play.
 - Crayons or colored pencils will not dry out like markers might. Include paper or coloring books too!
 - Toys that are universal; do not need explanations or batteries: cars, dolls, balls, SOCCER BALLS are loved!
- Clothes- everyone loves a new outfit. Conservative clothing is always best and remember that these children may not be familiar with American culture.
 - T-shirts, polos, skirts, belts, socks, underwear. Tip: aim for the higher age range that are packing for... children can always grow into an outfit, or tailor it smaller, it is more difficult to make something that does not fit bigger (Age categories are: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14)
- Remember—no liquids (including toothpaste), no food or candy, nothing that can be considered a weapon.



We are excited to start Children 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@cpcsouthps.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@cpcsouthps.org 818-934-6908



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



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>



CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAKING SPACES

CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH,
CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

This month in Making Spaces, we are going to take time to discuss our theology and practice concerning climate change. 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>

How Social Media is Dividing our Nation

By Ashley Lynn Roque



A couple of nights ago, Jen and I watched “The Social Dilemma” (2020) on Netflix and it was disturbing. She kept asking me “are you okay?” because I obviously wasn’t. I have read articles and seen documentaries on how surveillance capitalism is hurting our mental health but I never knew how it was affecting us politically.

This documentary elevates the voices of some of the leading influencers in tech ethics. All of whom are former CEOs, coders, creators and founders

of social medias apps. They discuss how Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and the like are not as beneficial as we think. A repeated phrase in the documentary was “if the product is free, you are the product.” The documentary demonstrates how our information such as our likes and dislikes are controlled by an algorithm that notifies us and tailors content to us in an effort to get us to buy products or participate in events that will benefit others financially.

The key take away from this documentary is that the source of so much polarization in our country today is caused by the design of social media. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (just to name a few platforms) are designed to track what you look at or read or watch. The platforms use algorithms to try to predict what it is you will watch, tailoring the notifications on your phone to what the algorithm thinks you want to see. This is rooted in monetization – companies paying for algorithms to put their products in view of people who might be interested. But this surveillance capitalism is feeding into political ideas, “fake news” and conspiracy theories that are deepening the political divide in our country. This is not necessarily an intentional design aspect in social media platforms but it is a terrible aspect of social media that current tech leaders are not stopping.

Social media, without stricter regulation, will continue to divide us.

We must consider the advocates and the laws that tech ethicists are suggesting to regulate what we are being told through social media. Algorithms should not be dictating what we see and how we behave. Our information, our likes and dislikes and who we are as individuals should not be sold or used to manipulate our lives and beliefs.

I want to encourage you to watch this documentary sometime this month. Consider how you can learn more and possibly get involved with the ethics of technology. We must do all that we can to stop the increasing polarization and depression in our society so that we can be peacemakers and have healthy relationship with each other and technology.

Ashley's Book Club

Green Revolution: Coming Together to Care for Creation

By Ben Lowe



This Fall on Making Spaces, we are taking some time to discuss Climate Change and how important it is in our daily lives. To be honest, I'm not very well versed in the matter and know very little apart from how to recycle.

With the annual fire season ravaging homes and businesses in our state, the increasing temperatures and constant air pollution, I can't help but think "we have to wake up." Pastor Millason knows so much more about this issue than I do and she has graciously given

me a few books to borrow, including this month's pick for our book club.

"Green Revolution" by Ben Lowe is a theological walk through God's care for creation and our moral responsibility to join in that care. Lowe wrote about the importance of the church and how we must lead others in taking care of the environment. "Creation care" is a very a Christian virtue and we must do everything we can to stop the rising temperatures and clean up our air and our environment.

Sprinkled throughout the book are various inspiring examples of churches like ours who roll up their sleeves and get messy as they participate in creation care. We must do everything we can to create sustainable communities if we are to give the generations after us healthy place to belong to.

Join me in reading "Green Revolution" this month and let's work together as a faith community to consider how we can participate in creation care this Fall.

Climate Change Documentaries on Netflix

"Chasing Coral" (2017)

"Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret" (2014)

"Our Planet" (2019)

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 6

1 Samuel 23

Psalm 17

1 Samuel 24

Psalm 57

1 Samuel 25-26

Memory Verse: Psalm 57:2

Week 7

Psalm 7

1 Samuel 27-28

Psalm 16

1 Samuel 29-31

Psalm 4

Memory Verse: Psalm 16:7-8

Week 8

1 Chronicles 10:1-14

2 Samuel 1

2 Samuel 2 – 3

2 Samuel 4 - 5

Psalm 58 & 93

Memory Verse: Psalm 93:1-2

Week 9

2 Samuel 6

1 Chronicles 13:1-14

Psalm 97

1 Chronicles 16:7-43

2 Samuel 7 & 1

Chronicles 17:3-27

Memory Verse: Psalm 97:11-12

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



Network Partners:

Invitation from our Leadership Council Chair: This spring some folks bought out all the toilet paper on store shelves; others bought so many packages of yeast, stores ran out. People were 'doing something' to make their quarantine lives better. Caught in this devastating pandemic, people wanted to live safely and well; some even hoped to help their neighbors. Right now toilet paper is back on the shelf, as is yeast. Yet still there is a longing to 'do something' to help - to make the world better. Angel Interfaith Network can help. Some of our neighbors are sick, in the hospital, without adequate housing, and/or food. We can actually 'do something' that will make a difference. Through Angel Interfaith Network you can provide food, clothing, housing relief, and comfort. When you share your resources with AIN you have 'done something' helpful and valuable, and satisfying. Thank you. -Rev. Nancy Moore

Social Workers link patient needs and AIN Resources. **Inez Beckon-English, MSW** is the Assistant Chief Clinical Social Worker at LAC+USC Medical Center. She provides leadership, consultation and guidance to professional, para-professional staff and the community to benefit the patients we serve. Inez is a member of the Angel Interfaith Network Council. Inez Beckon-English



Those We Serve:

Marta, a single mother of 7 has a new born boy who was premature and is the LAC+USC's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Marta is not working due to a hard pregnancy and the premature delivery. She does not have baby clothing or supplies for her newborn. AIN provided food cards and a Baby Layette Basket.

Gabriella, who is pregnant, lives with her mother. Both lost jobs due to COVID-19. Gabriella will be a single mother and her baby is due in November. She was provided with food cards and rental assistance.

Elena is a patient who is immune compromised and lost her job due to COVID19. She hasn't paid rent since May. She was provided with rental assistance and food cards.

Urgent Needs:



As you read in the opening article, funds to help with rent and utilities and grocery store gift cards for food are the critical need. Mail them 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. You can also give online or enroll to become a Sustaining Angel.

Become a Sustaining Angel



<http://angelinterfaith.net/sustainers.html>

SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS

Sept Budgeted Income \$16,066.67
Sept Actual Income \$7,160.00
Sept Budgeted Expense \$37,037.74
Sept Actual Expense \$46,615.19
Sept Food Bank Expenses: \$91.51

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

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Praise The LORD with us!
Join us for Worship! Online, of
course. Visit us at
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Every Sunday to see a new
service!

