



The Clarion  
August 2020  
Calvary Presbyterian Church

# *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Ron Schooler	8/1
♥ James & Cindy Zack	8/4
♥ Jeff & Holly Bruce	8/5
Marge Novasel	8/12
May Smith	8/12
Sharon Lyall	8/24
♥ Ron & Nathana Schooler	8/27
Lisa Reynolds	8/29
Jennifer Schooler	8/30



## **New Bible Series**

Calvary Presbyterian Church

You are invited to join our Friday Bible Study via Zoom!

This week we will begin a series reflecting on the  
Parables of Jesus.

All ages are welcome to join in the discussion.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Hope to see you on Friday and every Friday at 3PM!

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 675 982 8821

Friends,

We continue to be involved in an ever-changing pandemic with the updates and regulations constantly being altered. These regulations come from a multitude of places; our insurance company, San Gabriel Presbytery, the LA Department of Health, and the state of California.

We know that one of the questions that is on many hearts and minds continues to be, “When will we be able to go back to Calvary?” Please know that your Staff and church leaders are constantly working on this, and we are operating under the guidance of the presbytery who has discouraged in-person worship for the time being. Calvary’s primary goals are to keep everyone *safe* and to follow all of the guidelines. Recognizing that there is both a lot of work to be done in order to prepare for re-opening and that we continue to get additional requirements, Session has decided that we are aiming to have our first in-person worship service on Sunday, October 11th. (Please note that this is a change from our original date of Sunday, September 6th.)

Please also go ahead and prepare yourselves for the reality that when we do reopen, church might feel very different. Please recognize that this is only temporary, and that again, this is to keep people *safe* and prevent the spread of the virus as much as we can. In the coming weeks, we will send to all of you a document outlining all of the procedures and precautions we will have to follow in order to worship safely. Additionally, we will give you several weeks’ notice confirming that October 11th is our first Sunday offering in-person worship.

We love you and miss you a lot! Continue to look for the fun and exciting things we have in store. Just because we can’t be together in person doesn’t mean that we can’t feel connected!

Sincerely,

The Session of Calvary Presbyterian Church

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



### What do we mean by original sin?

Original sin is a term to say that we are sinful in our “origins,” as the human race. The story of the entrance of sin into the world is conveyed in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve are portrayed as living in the garden of delight, enjoying a perfect relationship with God their creator.

When temptation comes and choice is made to disobey God’s command not to eat of the “tree of knowledge of good and evil” (Gen. 2:17), bad consequences follow. For their disobedience, Adam and Eve are expelled from the garden, and the relationship of trust and obedience they had with God is broken.

The results of this sin are pervasive. The apostle Paul said that “just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, . . . so death spread to all because all have sinned” (Rom. 5:12), and that “all die in Adam” (1 Cor. 15:22). Theologians who have been influential in the Presbyterian tradition have interpreted this to mean that the result of sin, from our “first parents” (whoever they were) have spread to affect all who have come after in the human family. As Paul indicates, “One man’s trespass led to condemnation for all” (Rom. 5:18). The psalmist pointed to this reality when he wrote, “I was born guilty, as sinner when my mother conceived me: (Ps. 51:5).

We do not believe, as did St. Augustine in the fourth century, that original sin is passed on from one generation to another by the physical act of procreation. But as humans we have received a sinful nature that affects who we are and what we do. Our sinful actions are done because of our sinful natures. As humans, we are born sinners. This sin affects the totality of our lives and existence, including our minds, wills, and affections. Our sinful nature cuts off from God, since it defaces the image of God in which we were created. As sinners, we are corrupt in relation to God’s law and God’s righteousness. We seek our own wills rather than God’s will for our lives. We deserve God’s condemnation, and stand under the sentence of death.

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

# Mission Corner



## **70 hygiene kits!**

**Hygiene items were donated, sorted and packed in homemade bags and will be given to Angel Interfaith Network. That is 70 people being discharged from County/USC medical center who now have the ability to take better care of themselves and who know that someone cares about their health and safety.**

**Thank you for your support of our mission projects, especially during the Covid-19 crisis.**



## Mission in the time of a global pandemic:

The Mission Committee is always looking for ways to engage the congregation in Hands-On mission work, working side by side with our partner agencies. How does that change when the Covid-19 pandemic makes it difficult for us to be with our own extended family much less groups of strangers. We must take our health and safety seriously! Luckily our partner agencies feel the same way about their families! They MUST protect the families who they serve from large numbers of volunteers entering their properties, even if it is for well-intentioned support.

We have been in contact with our partners and have found unique ways of supporting them during this time. Instead of cooking for them at their facilities we have provided meals cooked by local restaurants, thus helping the local economy which has also be hard hit by the pandemic. Rather than delivering food from food drives, we are ordering for them online and having necessary food delivered. We have stepped up and are offering food to our immediate local community through the Little Free Pantry, which is well visited! If you have extra food please consider donating it to our pantry. If you would like to have it picked up from your house, that can easily be arranged! As the pandemic started, we were in the beginnings of a collection of hygiene items for Angel Interfaith Network, and those kits have now been sorted and will be delivered this week. We continue to financially support our Mission Co-Workers through their sending agencies. Our current project is to support the students of Monte Vista Street Elementary School with necessary school items. This year will certainly be different for them, but we can be a blessing by providing the necessary tools for them to learn from home or in a classroom. Please consider donating through our Amazon link:

[https://cpcsouthpas.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?  
u=263d1b10054727b3ce503a8e6&id=209108f641&e=0ebea05113](https://cpcsouthpas.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=263d1b10054727b3ce503a8e6&id=209108f641&e=0ebea05113)

Through these actions we are demonstrating our dedication to our neighbors by feeding the hungry, caring for the ill, sharing community with those recently released from prison, and supporting the future generation's education. The most important part of these actions is our demonstration of the LOVE of Jesus Christ through our caring partnerships.

# School Supply Collection

## For Monte Vista Street Elementary School

Monte Vista Street Elementary  
School basic supplies

- Pencils
- Erasers
- Spiral notebooks
- colored pencils
- pencil case
- highlighters
- crayons
- chap stick
- pencil sharpener
- facial tissues (individual packs)
- child safe scissors

**AND Backpacks!**

Please NO sharpies



We do not know what school will 'look like' for fall 2020. Many things are up in the air. But we would like to support students whose families may have been impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

*Or use this link to send directly from Amazon to Liz's home*

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AQQ4V0F2NEZW?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AQQ4V0F2NEZW?ref=wl_share)



We received a thank you notes from the women of Crossroads

Thank you  
So much for the  
Delicious meal it  
was wonderfully prepared  
we really appreciated all  
that was sent thanks for being  
a wonderful blessing in our lives  
So... we love you

your  
Generosity  
does not go unnoticed

Thank you for the  
greatful thoughts of us  
women at Crossroads.  
You have touched my  
heart and shown us love  
in so many ways. Had  
my meal was great. The  
Bless you and all that  
work there and your  
families.  
Judy  
Whitabrig

Thank you  
so much  
for the dinner + I  
am thinking of us - I  
truly grateful  
Thank you so much for  
your delicious meal  
I had you so very much  
for the delicious meal  
that you provided.  
We ate the food  
you two gave.  
God. Bless  
Judy  
Whitabrig





Thank you  
for the Italian  
Dinner. The Lasagna  
was Scumptous.  
God Bless  
Michelle C.

Thank you so much,  
I have been wanting  
that lasagna for many  
years, I appreciate your  
thoughtfulness and  
may God continue to  
Bless you, you are truly  
an angel Gloria Rivas

Thank you for  
opening your heart  
to us, we appreciate  
you so much. Thank  
you for Blessing us  
Fonisha. J.

Thank you so much  
for the marvelous  
dinner. It was delicious  
Deba G.

Thank you Jackie

THANK YOU SO  
MUCH FOR EVERYTHING  
WE ARE APPRECIATE  
SO MUCH. GOD  
BLESS YOU SO MUCH.  
Moria Votgor

Thank you  
so much for  
the delicious  
dinner. It  
was super  
satisfying  
! With  
you!!

You are  
Amazing  
Thank you!!

# Privilege in the Gospel of John

*By Ashley Lynn Roque*



While reading through the Gospel of John this summer, I am also reading through “White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard For White People to Talk About Racism” by Robin DiAngelo and I can’t help but see the similarities.

As a white Hispanic woman who walks through the world with white privilege, I find myself getting defensive about issues of race – especially when things come up that suggest I am wrong.

In one of the many passages where Jesus criticizes the religious authorities, He said: “You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life... I know that you do not have the love of God in you.” – John 5:39

Just like the Pharisees, I read my Bible daily thinking that somehow this saves me from systemic racism and social injustice. Just like the Scribes, I assume that going to church every Sunday and working as a Youth Director somehow exempts me from taking advantage of my white privilege for my own benefit. I am not comfortable with deep, critical self-reflection. I don’t like change and personal sacrifice and I would prefer to hear words of affirmation instead of hearing when I am wrong.

I see myself reflected more in the voices of the religious authorities than I do in the boy with the fish and bread, the bleeding woman or the blind man. Reading and studying John’s words helps me to see my pride and privilege more clearly. And because of God’s grace, I am inspired to change.

The Gospel of John is inspiring me to let things go so that I may have a richer mental and emotional life. The religious authorities refused to come to Jesus to have life.

I too am tempted when I am frustrated, hurt and angry to try and control things instead of going to Jesus to re-center myself.

God has forgiven me, so I must forgive others. God is continuously gracious to me, so I must be gracious with others. God doesn't lash out at me or dismiss my pain or ignore my concerns (especially when they are unreasonable) so I too must have mercy for others. My loving Father/Mother is always ready to hear my needs. I need to remember this when self-reflection feels difficult. My white privilege does not exempt me from the moral responsibility of antiracist work. Nor does my knowledge of the Bible.

## Ashley's Book Club



### White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism

*By Robin DiAngelo*

I have likened reading this book to getting an MRI. We tend to get MRIs when we need to see something that an X-Ray or a CAT scan can't pick up. Robin DiAngelo

skillfully exposes our culture and social systems through a racialized lens, a lens that we don't normally feel comfortable seeing things through.

This book is teaching me so much about the importance of seeing life through the black experience. She also helps me understand how our society has built in, deeply internalized patterns of domination between white and people of color. DiAngelo also writes about narratives of racial exceptionalism, helping the reader to see how prevalent white supremacy truly is. I learned about how our American idealism around individualism and meritocracy surprisingly support the systems of oppression. There is so much to unpack and so I recommend reading the book as I do – very slowly and with a highlighter and pen.

I highlighted and underlined her thoughts on *white progressives* because, I identify as one. It never occurred to me that progressive people are part of the problem. She wrote “I believe that white progressives cause the most daily damage to people of color... to the degree that we think we have arrived, we will put our energy into making sure that others see us as having arrived. None of our energy will go into what we need to be doing for the rest of our lives: engaging in ongoing self-awareness, continuing education, relationship building, and actual antiracist practice.” (pg. 5)

This book has helped me to see how important it is for me to create an ongoing rhythm of educating myself. I hope that as you take the time to read this summer, that you choose this book to be on the top of your reading list. Join me as I navigate how to respond to racism in the days and months ahead with an open heart and an informed mind.

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## Summer 2020 Bible Reading Plan

**We are currently in week 7 of reading through the Gospel of John this summer. Join us as we read through scripture and memorize key verses.**

### Week 7

John 12:20-36

John 12:37-50

John 13:1-20

John 13:21-38

John 14:1-14

*Memory Verses: John 13:14-15*

### Week 8

John 14:15-31

John 15:1-17

John 15:18-16:4

John 16:5-15

John 16:16-33

*Memory Verse: 14:16*

### Week 9

John 17

John 18:1-14

John 18:15-27

John 18:28-38

John 18:38b-19:16

*Memory Verse: John 17:3*

### Week 10

John 19:17-42

John 20:1-18

John 20:19-31

John 21:1-14

John 21:15-25

*Memory Verse: John 20:21*



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# MAKING SPACES

CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH,  
CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

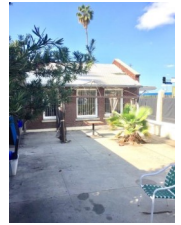
## Making Spaces

In a time of tension and division, it is increasingly important that we make space for each other. Starting this week, we are calling our Wednesday Zoom fellowship group "Making Spaces" instead of "Church Chat" to set that intention. The term "making spaces" is inspired by Rev. Sarah Heath, a pastor in Costa Mesa who hosts a weekly podcast on making spaces for different ideas, inclusion, and deep reflection. We are excited to follow her example as we center our time of fellowship around similar themes.



## Network Partners:

Boy Scouts from a brand new troop cleaned and spruced up the AIN Gatehouse Patio. Many thanks!



## Appreciation and Farewell:



Raquel Salinas was honored at a “Socially Distanced” gathering of the Angel Interfaith Network Council to thank her for her almost 18 years as an employ, serving most recently as Network Project Coordinator. Many sent emails and cards of appreciation. Our prayers go with Raquel on this next chapter of her life.

## Urgent Needs:



*“A rose by any other name would smell as sweet”*

Hopefully the Bard, William Shakespeare, can help us write our checks to support the Angel Interfaith Network ministry.

A long time ago AIN was overwhelmed with financial issues. Since we had long been in ministry with St. Camillus, whose parish is essentially the hospital on which we focus, we were delighted to accept their offer take us under their 501(c) 3. This has allowed us to continue our nonprofit status and make donations to AIN tax deductible.

Although a check written to ‘AIN’ was acceptable to the bank for many years, it has finally become clear that we need to write our check to “St. Camillus” and put ‘AIN” on the memo line. This helps us, helps you (because we don’t have to ask you to rewrite your check) and greatly relieves the bank. So, thank you, and thank you, Wm. Shakespeare! - Rev. Nancy Moore, Angel Interfaith Network Council Chair

Mail checks to: St. Camillus Center at 1911 Zonal Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90033



Become a Sustaining Angel:  
<http://angelinterfaith.net/sustainers.html>

# JULY FINANCIALS

July Budgeted Income \$16,066.67  
July Actual Income \$13,700.00  
July Budgeted Expense \$37,037.74  
July Actual Expense \$50,420.77  
July Food Bank Expenses: \$327.31

\*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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[messages](#)

Every Sunday to see a new  
service!



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account! Follow us @cpcsouthpas  
to see what's going on in the life of  
the church!



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## *Calvary Presbyterian Church*

*At Calvary Presbyterian Church, Christ meets community:  
Welcomes Everyone, Deepens Faith, Sends All...to love and serve as Jesus did.*

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