



**The Clarion**  
**December 2018**  
**Calvary Presbyterian Church**

# Upcoming Events

## Messiah Concert

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
4 pm, Sanctuary

## Strikers

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3 pm, Youth Lounge

## Mission Market

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

## Progressive Dinner

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
5 pm

## Caroling for Homebound Members & Dinner

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
4 pm at Blaze Pizza

## All-Church Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
5 pm, Sanctuary

## Christmas Collaborative Worship

Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>  
10 :30 am, Sanctuary

## Congregational Meeting

January, 2019 date TBD



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

	Iris Chau	12/1
	Rod Ingraham	12/2
	John Bruce	12/6
	Evelyn Moorhead	12/10
	George Inadomi	12/14
	Alice Quitasol	12/14
	Oliver Baird	12/16
	Andrea Zabel	12/18
♥	Jonathan & Fedora Saraos Schooler	12/18
	Conrad von Bibra	12/19
	Frances Hames	12/21
	Alyssa Robertson	12/22
	Lauren Smith	12/28
♥	Phillip & Kristen Dubé	12/28
♥	Carl & Elizabeth von Bibra	12/28
♥	Conrad & Patricia von Bibra	12/29
♥	Jeff & Andrea Zabel	12/29

# Reverse Advent Calendar



Put a box of food items together during Advent for a family in need! Place a food item into a box every day of Advent, placing the last item into the box on Christmas Eve (unless you want to continue until the delivery date). Bring your Advent box to church on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and they will be delivered to people in need through one of our mission outreach organizations. There will be a list for you to get ideas from, which will be ready to pick up on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please come to South Parlor and pick up your box to take home, you may decorate it at that time, or take it home to decorate.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Reynolds:  
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Calvary Presbyterian Church  
Christmas Progressive Dinner  
December 15, 2018

Salad and Main Dish 5:30 p.m.  
at the home of  
Pat Martinez-Miller  
1980 Oak Street  
South Pasadena

Dessert and Carol Sing - 7:30 p.m.  
at the home of  
Elizabeth and Carl von Bibra  
1637 Spruce Street  
South Pasadena

We will be asking each family to provide a salad, bread or dessert plus a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person to cover the cost of the main dish.

Sign up for your food assignment and rsvp during coffee hour or by contacting Linda Kopperud  
linda.kopperud@yahoo.com or (626) 403-1579



"Have you received your letter from me? I am excited to be serving as the Stewardship Campaign Chair and have the opportunity to sit down and have coffee with you.

Please contact me at [thorsten.hoins@gmail.com](mailto:thorsten.hoins@gmail.com) so that we can schedule a time to get together."

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read 'Thorsten Hoins'.

Thorsten Hoins, Stewardship Chair

A large, vertical image of a starry night sky with light rays emanating from the top, creating a sense of depth and light. The stars are small white dots, and the light rays are soft, glowing beams of light.

**Shine Your Light  
Be Bright**

Calvary Presbyterian Church

## How do Presbyterian interpret the Bible?

Presbyterians take biblical interpretation very seriously. We believe that the Scriptures are God's Word and that we should use the best resources we have available to help us hear and understand what God is saying through the biblical texts.

A 1982 study, elaborated on in 1983, has given the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) a helpful set of guidelines for interpreting the Bible. \* These should be taken together, so that we can adopt an approach to biblical interpretation that maintains fidelity to God's Word.

1. *Recognize that Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, is the center of Scripture.* Luther called the Bible "the cradle in which Christ lies" The Old Testament anticipates Christ: the New Testament witnesses to him coming as God's Messiah who has redeemed his people. Jesus Christ is the central focus of the biblical story.
2. *Focus on the Plain Text of Scripture.* Some biblical texts are clearly symbolic, many others are best understood when we know the particular settings and customs of the time. We need to know as much as we can about the biblical languages and the social and cultural context of the biblical writings to interpret them well and to take the Bible seriously.
3. *Depends on the Holy Spirit's Guidance for Interpreting and Applying God's Message.* The Holy Spirit enables us to see and hear things in the biblical texts that may have been hidden to us before. God's Word and God's Spirit always go together. Prayer for the Spirit's illumination is always important for biblical interpretation and for applying the Bible's word.
4. *Be Guided by the Church's Doctrinal Consensus or "Rule of Faith."* The church has interpreted the Bible through the centuries. We should always pay attention to what the church has heard the Spirit saying in Scripture, and recognize as significant the creeds and confessions of the ancient church as well as of other Reformed churches when we interpret.
5. *Let All Interpretations Be in Accord with the "Rule of Love."* Jesus commanded us to love God and love our neighbor. Later theologians spoke of the "rule of love" as being a guide for us, in that our biblical interpretation should not lead us toward views or actions that are destructive of or harmful to others, since we are clearly commanded to love them.
6. *Remember That Biblical Interpretation Requires Earnest Study.* No amount of prayers or piety is a substitute for using the best resources available to us for helping with biblical interpretations. Today we have many such aids, a large number written for those with no specific theological training. These should be appropriated and well used.
7. *Seek to Interpret a Particular Biblical Passage in Light of All of the Bible.* Biblical interpretation should move from "the whole to the part." The big overarching messages of Scriptures should help us understand particular biblical passages. They should also stand as guides to warn us if our individual interpretations are moving in directions contrary to the large, clearer biblical themes. These guidelines do not "ensure" that our biblical interpretation will automatically be best. But they do orient us towards Presbyterian perspective on Scripture that can open us to hearing "what the Spirit is saying to the churches" (Rev. 2:7).

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



### Presbyterian Corner

Our faith, our practice,  
and our roots



# Angel INTERFAITH NETWORK News

December 2018



## Network Partners:

Angel Interfaith Network could not do the work we do without wonderful partners who not only support, but actually do some of the work of our ministry. These amazing folks come in all sorts of angelic disguises.

- Some of us come into the Gate House to help sort, organize, and prepare things donated to give to patients at the hospital and their families.
- Some of us share our creativity, talents, and time to prepare events in which other people encounter this ministry and share resources to support its needs.
- Some of us attend meetings, write reports, and scheme about how we can better support the organization.
- And some of us give generously of our resources.

Many thanks. Angle Interfaith Network helps people in need because of all of us.

## Those We Serve:

**Sirena** just gave birth to her fifth child, a boy. She lives in her car and is waiting to be placed in a domestic violence shelter. Her other children stay with her mother during the day, but at night they sleep in her car as they cannot stay with grandma. Angel Interfaith Network was able to help with a baby basket and a Pack N Play for the baby to sleep in. The social worker also requested size 4 Pampers for her 11-month-old. The social worker is working to find a safe place for Sirena and her family.

**Roberto**, who is 32-years-old, is legally blind. A tumor removal resulted in damage to the optic nerve. His wife Elena will be having back surgery in December. He and his wife sleep on the floor. They gave up their only bed to their three children. Roberto has not been able to provide for his family for several months now. Angel Interfaith Network was able to help with their utility bill as their service had been shut down. We were also able to help with food coupons. We are currently asking our donors if anyone has a queen-size bed to donate.

## Urgent Needs:

- A queen-size bed for Roberto and Elena. See their story in Those We Serve.
- At our Gate House headquarters - a weekly volunteer to help in the office.



- For the patients - Large and Extra Large Jackets for men as winter is coming.



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

# MISSION CORNER



Thank you to all our volunteers who made our Christmas Operation Child such a success!!!





# We packed 100 boxes!!!



## Sip N' Snitch News

This year we have given out  
280 items...in total since 2008  
beginning of  
outreach over 2,080 items!



*Happy Birthday*



**This year  
member of  
Calvary were  
delighted  
celebrating  
Frank  
Halladay  
102 Birthday!!!**



# DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
2 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional Worship 11am Informal Worship 11:30am Coffee Hour 3pm Strikers	3 7pm Boy Scouts 2pm Traditional Worship Planning 7pm Informal Worship Planning	4 7pm Women's Bible Study	5 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Girls Golf	6 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7 8:30am Moms in Prayer 1pm Mission Market Set-up	8 8am Mission Market Set-up 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
9 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional Worship 10:45am Congregational Meeting 11:30am Mission Market	10 7pm Boy Scouts	11 7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Toastmasters	12 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 5:30pm Deacons Meeting	13 10am Moms Coffee 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	14 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Inspired Living 6pm Wedding Rehearsal 7pm Wedding Rehearsal Dinner	15 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch 11am Ricardo & Deborah's Wedding 12 Wedding Reception 5:30pm Progressive Dinner-Salad & Main Dish 7:30pm Progressive Dinner- Dessert & Carol Sign
16 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional Worship 11am Informal Worship 11:30am Coffee Hour 4pm Caroling for Homebound/ Dinner at Blaze Pizza	17 7pm Boy Scouts	18 7pm Women's Bible Study 10am Preschool Rehearsal	19 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis	20 10am Mom's Prayer 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	21 10am Personnel Committee 10 am Preschool Christmas Program 2pm Christmas Party	22 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
23 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional Worship 11am Informal Worship 11:30am Coffee Hour	24 7pm Boy Scouts 5pm All-Church Family Christmas Eve Office will be closed at noon	25 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	26 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis	27 10am Mom's Prayer 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	28 8:30am Moms in Prayer 9:15am Preschool Parent Committee 10am Inspired Living	29 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
30 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Christmas Collaborative Worship	31 7pm Boy Scouts					

**At the November standing meeting,  
Session**

**approved the following:**

- To have the congregation participate in a Reverse Advent Calendar.
- To run a See's Candies Fundraiser, raising money for the Calvary Benevolence Fund.
- To participate in a Super Bowl of Caring food mission project in 2019.
- To allocate any money donated through the Thanksgiving Offering to the Calvary Benevolence Fund, and to allocate any money donated at the Christmas Eve service offering to Angel Interfaith Network.
- To allow the church to proceed to procure a cell tower lease at the north-east corner of the parking lot.

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**Sunday Worship:**  
Traditional: 10 am in the Sanctuary

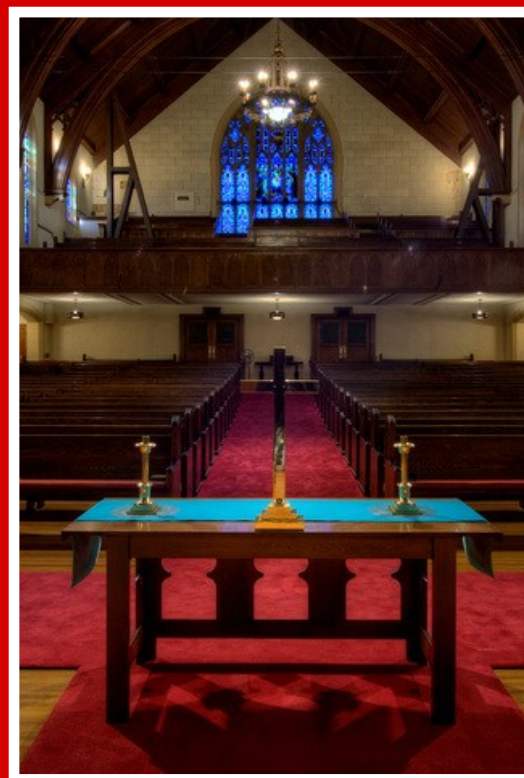
Informal: 11 am in Fellowship Hall

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**Church Office Hours:**

Mon. & Tue. 9-12  
Wednesday 9-1pm & 1-4pm  
Thursday 1-4pm  
Fridays 9-12pm & 1-4pm



**November Financials**

November Budgeted Income \$18,733.34  
November Actual Income \$14,535.33  
November Budgeted Expense \$34,714.14  
November Actual Expense \$37,760.23  
November Food Bank Expenses: \$0.00