

The Clarion  
February 2019  
Calvary Presbyterian Church



# Upcoming Events

## Souper Bowl of Caring

February 3rd.

## Winterfest

February 2nd.

## Strikers

February 3rd  
Youth Lounge  
3:00 pm

## Door of Hope

February 6th  
5:30 pm

## Women of the Bible Series

Starts on February 18th  
7pm at South Parlor

## Church Fellowship & The Lunar New Year Celebration

February 24th  
12:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall

## Ecumenical Supper at Calvary

TBD

## Ash Wednesday

March 6th

## Mountain Top Strings Concert

March 10th  
4:00 pm  
At the Sanctuary

## The Eclectic Music Festival is coming again to Calvary!

April 27th

Eisha Perry	2/1
Elizabeth von Bibra	2/2
Meagan Cisneros	2/4
Clifford Douglas	2/5
Jeremy Bruce	2/8
Fayrouz Malki	2/8
Orville Houg	2/10
Thomas von Bibra	2/11
Chante Griffith	2/14
Belinda Arrambide	2/17

# Birthdays

## Women of the Bible

Calvary Bible Study Series will start on Monday nights, February 18, March 4 & 18, and April 1 & 15 in South Parlor from 7-8 pm. Our Director of Christian Formation and Service, Reece Lemmon, will be teaching a five week series focusing on fascinating women in the Bible. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, study and sharing as we explore the lives of some of the lesser known heroes of our faith. All ages are welcome to attend. Contact Reece if you have any questions:  
 reecelemmon@gmail.com or  
 626.429.8412.



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 South Parlor  
 7:8PM  
 Feb.18  
 Mar.4 & 18  
 Apr.1 & 15

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## Presbyterian Corner

Our faith,  
our practice,  
and our roots

### Can we prove that God exists?

Some philosophers and theologians through the centuries have developed formal, logical arguments to “prove” that God exists. Five of these have had particular importance. They are the ontological, teleological, cosmological, casual, and mortal. These were given particular prominence by the medieval theologian Thomas Aquinas (1225-74). They have been used through the years both intellectual arguments and also to assure those who already believe in God that their belief is not irrational or merely a matter of feeling, habit, or social conformity.

The logical validity of these “theistic proofs,” as they are sometimes called, has been challenged through the years as well. Some believe that the arguments cannot stand up to logical scrutiny and that they do not rationally “prove” that God exists.

The approach of the Bible is far different. The Bible does not try to prove God’s existence; it assumes it. The first verse of the Bible says: “In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth. . .” (Gen. 1:1). No matter whether the logical arguments are valid or not, they cannot tell us the nature of the “God” they may prove. They cannot tell us what God must be like.

But this is the intention of the Bible. The question that matters most for humans is not simply whether God exists but, if God does exist, what is this God’s nature? Is God merely a “force” (as in “May the force be with you”) or is God personal? If God is personal, then is God a tyrant, wicked, good, loving? The questions throng.

The debate about the proofs should alert us to what is really crucial for us: to know who God is and what God is like. Beyond the “logical proof,” there is the “proof” of Christian experience. We know God by our experiences of God -- through the Scriptures, the church, and in our own lives. The personal God we know in this way --the God of the Bible-- is the God with whom we have to deal in life and death. Our personal faith in this God produces the strongest “proof” of the reality of God. As Pascual the philosopher put it, “The heart has its reason which reason does not know.”

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



Thank you to those who took on the Reverse Advent Box Challenge and put together food boxes.

The Mission Committee completed them with paper goods, utensils, hand wipes and can openers, and delivered them to Union Station Services in Pasadena.

The  
**Eclectic**



Join us to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year on February 24th at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

We will have some delicious Chinese food!



**In 2018 the Mission committee had \$2500.00, donated through congregational giving and allocated by Session, to financially aid other organizations. The agencies that we supported are listed below. If you have any questions or would like to discuss these partner agencies, please reach out to a member of the Mission Committee**

<b>Christmas Eve blankets</b>	Local	\$500
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Mission received a special request from Pastor Dailey to support the purchase of blankets to be given away during the Christmas Eve service. This project tied in with her sermon and our desire to involve the congregation in hands on outreach opportunities.

<b>Presbyterian Disaster Assistance California Wildfire Fund</b>	Regional	\$500
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As you are all aware California suffered through several devastating wildfires in 2018. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is helping churches and communities rebuild after this terrible destruction.

<b>Ministry of Hope, Malawi, Africa</b>	International	\$700
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Ministry of Hope is a community-based orphan care program partnered with the Central Church of Africa-Presbyterian (CCAP). As the orphans grow older they need scholarships to attend secondary school (high school) which in Malawi is not free. This donation will provide for 2 full scholarships for a year of secondary education, including school.

<b>Frontier Fellowship</b>	International	\$250
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Frontier Fellowship provides the Gospel to unreached communities through education and translation services. The Presbyterian Mission Agency sends co-workers to partner where they have been requested by local organizations.

Frontier Fellowship supports co-workers in areas that may not be as 'friendly' to people teaching the Gospel.

<https://frontierfellowship.com/>

**Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Malawi**

International

\$250

Nkhoma Mission Hospital is a Presbyterian run mission hospital serving a rural population in Malawi that would otherwise have no access to health care. The hospital is staffed by both local physicians and nurses as well as mission partners. The hospital had an internal medicine and surgical training program as well as a neonatal care unit, pediatrics and maternity/OB, a specialty eye clinic and a large malnutrition program.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/letter/from-patient-to-hospital-administrator-at-nkhoma-hospital/>

**Crossroads**

Local

\$300

Crossroads is located in Claremont, CA and provides housing, life skills and education to women who have been released from long incarceration sentences. Crossroads has been a long-time partner of Calvary through our Mission Market and this year they faced the loss of their industrial kitchen where the women made jams. This project not only taught needed skills but also provided income to the program. Crossroads is working on finding a new suitable kitchen for this program.

<http://www.crossroadswomen.org/>





# Angel INTERFAITH NETWORK News

February 2019



## Network Partners:

Over the Christmas break there was a flurry of volunteering at Angel Interfaith Network by young people.



A youth group from **Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church** assembled and delivered items for teens to Angel Interfaith Network.



A Council Member Elizabeth Gibbs-Zehnder's daughters, **Naomi** and **Eva**, came in a few days later to assist in sorting out the donations.



Then a third group from **Ross Snyder**, a nearby Parks and Rec program, came to help out. They delivered 8 bags of clothing, shoes and blankets.

Here is what one of the young volunteers wrote about their experience: "Volunteering at Angel Interfaith is so fulfilling because you get to put in work and directly see the impact of your work. It always opens my eyes to the reality of Los Angeles, the needs, and what I can do about it.

Volunteering here always leaves me with a smile and a hopeful heart"

The adults helped, too. **LAC+USC's Rehabilitation Ortho** team donated Ensure, adult underwear and gift cards for patients from their 3rd annual fundraiser.

## Those We Serve:

**Cindy**, an 11-year-old patient, is recovering from cancer. Her father is a gardener and is out of work because of the rain. The family was behind in paying their utility bills. AIN was able to provide \$100 towards the gas electric bills.



## Urgent Needs:

Jackets for men (large – 3X) and men and women's athletic shoes (all sizes).



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



**SAVE THE DATE!** “Mountain Top Strings” is coming back on **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** to our Sanctuary. The Concert is at **4:00 pm** followed with a Reception in Fellowship Hall. This exciting group has toured Italy and Austria in 2013, then back again to Italy: Rome, Tuscany, and Venice in 2016. It’s a collective of youth strings ensembles “which have transformed the mountain communities of Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead into a robust, thriving, and cultured musical destinations for both the connoisseur and student of music”. You won’t want to miss and you will want to bring some friends!

Mountain Top Strings of California  
Presents

*2019 Italy Pre-Tour Concert*

**CALVARY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

1050 Fremont, South Pasadena, CA 91030

Directed by Sharon Rizzo

Sunday, March 10th 4:00 PM FREE ADMISSION

A free will offering will be taken to help support the Italy Concert Tour in June/July 2019



Tax deductible donations can be mailed to:

MTSC PO Box 71 Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

MTSC is a non-profit organization under the Lighthouse Project of Big Bear, CA

For more information visit [www.mountaintopstrings.org](http://www.mountaintopstrings.org)



# Current Elders & Deacons

## *Session*

### *Deacons*

Ruth Melissa '19  
Cathy Riley '19

Linda Kopperud '20  
Pat Martinez-Miller '20

Nathana Schooler '21  
Elizabeth von Bibra '21

Liz Daley '19  
Orville Houg '19  
Thorsten Hoins '19  
Alex Seo '19

Carl von Bibra '20  
Megan Guerrero '20  
Sue Norton '20  
Janet Douglas '20

Jamez Jontz '21  
Ron Schooler '21  
Susan Shaver-Kane '21  
Marta Renna '21

Lisa Reynolds, Clerk

# FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 8:30am Moms in Prayer	2 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
3 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal 11:30m Coffee Hour 3pm Strikers	4 2:30pm Traditional Worship Planning 7pm Boy Scouts	5 7pm Women's Bible Study	6 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 5:30pm Door of Hope	7 10am Mom's Coffee 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Inspired Living	9 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
10 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal 11:30m Coffee Hour 12pm Session Meeting	11 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm PEO Chapter GF	12 7pm Toastmasters 7pm Women's Bible Study	13 10am Preschool Chapel 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis	14 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir	15 8:30am Moms in Prayer 11am Personnel	16 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
17 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal 11:30m Coffee Hour	18 <b>President's Day Office Closed</b>	19 7pm Women's Bible Study	20 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Deacon's	21 10am Mom's Coffee 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	22 Scholastic Book Fair 8:30am Moms in Prayer 9am PEO Chapter AX 10am Inspired Living	23 Scholastic Book Fair 8am Boys Scouts - Pancake Breakfast 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
24 Scholastic Book Fair 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal 11:30m Coffee Hour 5pm Church Fellowship	25 Scholastic Book Fair 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm PEO Chapter GF	26 Scholastic Book Fair 7pm Toastmasters 7pm Women's Bible Study	27 Scholastic Book Fair 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Mission	28 Scholastic Book Fair 10am PEO Chapter AA 5pm Embroiderer's Guild 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal		

Calvary welcomes  
Stacie, Aria and Elisa  
Argus, who joined into  
membership  
during November '18

We also welcome  
Ben and Raya de Leon,  
who joined in January  
'19



### Session Highlights

- Session received Ben and Raya de Leon.
- Session approved the 2018 Statistical Report.
- Session spent time in training.

### January Financials

January Budgeted Income \$16,899.89  
January Actual Income \$15,243.44  
January Budgeted Expense \$41,087.39  
January Actual Expense \$37,587.50  
January Food Bank Expenses: \$143.52

## Calvary Presbyterian Church

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South Pasadena, CA 91030  
(626) 799-7148  
[www.cpcsouthpas.org](http://www.cpcsouthpas.org)

Sunday Worship:  
Traditional: 10 am in the Sanctuary

Informal: 11 am in Fellowship Hall

The Rev. Millason Dailey  
[millason@cpcsouthpas.org](mailto:millason@cpcsouthpas.org)

Maribel Valadez  
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Church Office Hours:  
9 am - 4 pm, Monday - Friday

