

**The Clarion**  
**January 2020**  
**Calvary Presbyterian**  
**Church**

# Upcoming Events

**Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 26th. Time TBD**

**Church Fellowship**  
**January 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>Courtney Anderson</b>	<b>1/1</b>
<b>Margaret Lindstrom</b>	<b>1/1</b>
<b>Claire O'Malley</b>	<b>1/1</b>
♥ <b>Clifford &amp; Janet Douglas</b>	<b>1/4</b>
<b>Grayson Kopperud</b>	<b>1/11</b>
<b>Bill Robertson</b>	<b>1/14</b>
<b>Pat Martinez-Miller</b>	<b>1/15</b>

<b>Henry Chau</b>	<b>1/18</b>
<b>Linda Yamauchi</b>	<b>1/20</b>
<b>Sharon Garcia</b>	<b>1/26</b>
<b>Edward Freeman</b>	<b>1/27</b>
<b>William Freeman</b>	<b>1/27</b>
♥ <b>Richard &amp; Susan Gutschow</b>	<b>1/28</b>
<b>Robert Nichols</b>	<b>1/29</b>
<b>Sigrid Heep</b>	<b>1/29</b>



# Presbyterian Corner

## Our faith, our practice, and our roots

### What is the meaning of the cross?

Presbyterians affirm that there is no one meaning to the cross of Christ. The cross is the focus of Christian faith because we believe it points to the inexhaustible riches of God's love. No words can capture all it means. No images or theories adequately convey its fullness and significance for the world and for each of us.

Yet theologians (of course!) have tried to say what the cross means. Theologically, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross is called the "atonement." This term means God and humanity are made "atone" through the offering of Jesus, who died for us (1Thess. 5:9-10). The Christian church has never said there is only one "correct" view of the atonement. Some important ways of understanding the meaning of the cross are:

*Christ Is Victor.* In his death on the cross, Christ won victory over the power that enslave humanity: sin, death, and Satan. Christ offers himself as the sinless sacrifice. It appears that evil was victorious on the cross, but God raised Christ in the resurrection and thus defeated the evil "rulers and authorities" by "triumphing over death" (Col.2:15).

*Satisfaction for sin.* A key theory of the atonement in Western Christianity see the cross as the place where Christ satisfied God's law and justice. Sinful humans stand guilty before God and cannot save themselves. Only one who is perfectly obedient to God and cannot laws and is sinless, could offer himself as a substitute for sinners, to justify them in God's sight. Jesus, the sinless Son of God, died on the cross to fulfill the demands of God's law, justice and even wrath against sin ( Rom. 5:18-21). Now God sees sinners through the righteousness of Christ.

*Example to Follow.* An alternative view stresses not a change in how God views sinners as a result of Christ's death, but now the cross is the supreme example of God's suffering love and the power of God's goodness to triumph over sin.

When we see the depths of God's love by looking at the cross, we are awakened, desire to forsake sin, and achieve reconciliation with God by determining to live with Christ as our example and showing similar love to others (1 John 4:11). Jesus is the most profound demonstration of God's vast love, and profoundly changes our lives.

The cross of Christ can mean different things to us at different points in our lives. We will never exhaust its richness. Regardless of what theological view one holds, we affirm with the hymn writer Isaac Watts that in the cross we find "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

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



## Sip N Stitch News



Thank you for the many generous donations made to Sip N Stitch during the Mission Market. Almost \$700 was given on our behalf. We also sold some wonderful Applesauce Bread, Swifter Hardwood Covers, 3 Baby Blankets, and a beautiful Scarf....All in all a very fun day!

December donations added 12 more blankets to Door of Hope and 10 more to the AIN USC County Christmas Lap blankets program.

We are always grateful for the support we get.

Wow, Calvary, way to shine! From the bottom of my heart, thank you to the von Bibra's for a wonderful lunch, everyone who helped me set up and take down, to those who said "yes" to sitting behind the tables, to the financial team of Meredith, Ben and Rick, and to you, Calvary, for helping make the world better, it is a beautiful way to live out the gospel of Matthew 25:35-36.



Truly I tell you, whatever you  
did for the least of  
these brothers and sisters of mine,  
you did for me.    
-Matthew 25:40



		SHARES	UNITS
<b>Angel Interfaith Network</b>			
Evict/Rent Assistant	\$ 200.00		
Emergency Food	\$ 120.00		
Car Seat	\$ 100.00	2.00	1.00
Utility Assistance	\$ -	0.00	0.00
Case of Ensure	\$ -		
Undesignated Gift	\$ 292.50		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 712.50</b>		
<b>Calvary Benevolence Fund</b>			
See's Candy	\$ 934.10		
Undesignated Gift	\$ 1,531.00		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,465.10</b>		
<b>Crossroads Women</b>			
Purchases	\$ 134.00		
Undesignated	\$ 1,699.00		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,833.00</b>		
<b>Habitat for Humanity</b>			
Low Flow Toilet	\$ 135.00	27.00	2.70
Box of Nails	\$ 65.00		6.50
Kitchen Sink	\$ 220.00	22.00	2.20
Windows	\$ 150.00	6.00	2.00
Shingles - Bundle	\$ 45.00	9.00	1.29
Undesignated	\$ 220.00		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 835.00</b>		
<b>Heifer International</b>			
Heifers	\$ 375.00	7.50	0.75
Water Buffalo	\$ 350.00	14.00	1.40
Llamas	\$ 80.00	4.00	0.53
Goats	\$ 400.00	40.00	3.33
Pigs	\$ 230.00	23.00	1.92
Trio of Rabbits	\$ 160.00	16.00	2.67
Flock of Chicks	\$ 380.00		19.00
Sheep	\$ 160.00	16.00	1.33
Undesignated	\$ 1,305.00		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,440.00</b>		
<b>Journey Out</b>			
Undesignated Gift	\$ 386.00		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 386.00</b>		
<b>Living Waters of the World</b>			
Water System Mat'ls	\$ 120.00		12.00
Training Workers	\$ -		
Undesignated	\$ 1,580.00		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,700.00</b>		
<b>Medical Benevolence Foundation</b>			
Undesignated Gift	\$ 370.00		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 370.00</b>		

**SHARES    UNITS**

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

California Wildfire Relief	\$	180.00
Hurricane Dorian Relief	\$	-
Undesignated	\$	320.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>500.00</b>

**Presbyterian Mission Agency**

Sewing Machine	\$	110.00
Farming Tools	\$	100.00
Fishing Nets	\$	30.00
Refugee Food Baskets	\$	270.00
Dr. & Nancy Zookowski	\$	585.00
Refugee Relief in USA	\$	116.30
Undesignated	\$	350.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,561.30</b>

**Samaritan's Purse**

Postage for Op Xmas Boxes	\$	63.00
Undesignated	\$	101.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>164.00</b>

**Sip and Stitch**

Flannel Blnket	\$	31.64
Knitted Blanket	\$	140.00
Undesignated Gift	\$	518.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>689.64</b>

**San Mateo School - Lima, Peru**

Purchases	\$	32.00
Undesignated Gift	\$	1,232.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,264.00</b>

**Tassel**

Feed Family 1 month	\$	120.00
Sponsor Child 1 month	\$	275.00
Pay Teacher 1 year	\$	100.00
Undesignated	\$	1,250.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,745.00</b>

**Third World Gifts & Handarts**

Purchase	\$	651.47
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>651.47</b>

Donor Total: \$ 18,317.01



## Lincoln's Theology

Our thirteenth president was a practical theologian. His administration encompassed the most brutal and monumental four years of war that this nation has ever experienced. How does one view God's action in the midst of such wanton destruction and death perpetrated between fellow Americans? The goal of the North was to maintain a united country, north and south. The goal of the South was to create a new nation in which chattel slavery of imported Africans and their progeny would be preserved. Yet both sides were Christian and committed to the same Bible as sacred words from God. Both believed God answers their prayers.

In Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address he said that both sides read the same Bible and prayed to the same God for victory against the other. But God could not answer both prayers. Lincoln intimates that both were missing something essential about the nature of God. He said that we mortals are just not that privy to the mind of God. And, perhaps, the more we are sure we know God's intentions for earthly events, the more off the mark we are.

In all that, though, Lincoln believed God was righteous—that God was a God of Love. No matter the brutality, mindless killing, and destruction of property that came with war, God would have us act “With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.”

Lincoln's desire for love and grace to prevail in dealing in the aftermath of war did not prevail. Revenge on the part of the North and resistance on the part of the White South held strong sway for about fourteen years. In 1877 the North and the White South made political nice with each other at the expense of African Americans. We are still dealing with the aftermath of that compromise.

Today we find our country sharply divided into impenetrable camps, each despising the other. We have the choice to repeat history and use whatever political, social, or religious means to help our side win. Or, we could take Lincoln's advice and regard all people as God's people and bind up the wounds, verbal and otherwise, that we have inflicted on each other. We can care for those on the margins who are in need. We can make peace our goal, not through beating our enemy, but by putting away the malice we harbor toward others and replacing it with love for all. This is a tall order, but one that fits the nature of the God we worship. In the end is the kind of practical theology Lincoln advocated.

Ron Schooler



# Angel INTERFAITH NETWORK News

January 2020



## Network Partners

**Oneonta Congregational Church ad Calvary Presbyterian**, both in South Pasadena, also had Alternative Christmas Markets. **Mary Jarrett** was able to cover them with very short notice. Pictured is one the displays she did. Our thanks to **E J Lugo** for making and donating lovely seasoned salt sets– they were beautifully packaged in bright red boxes- very festive, with detailed lists of ingredients to assure prospective donors that the salts were healthy! Our appreciation to the others who donated items and who represented Angel Interfaith Network at the markets.



**St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church and the Van Der Foundation** blessed us with grants totaling \$20,000 recently. We celebrate the growing number of Sustaining Angels who make monthly or regular contributions to support our ministry.

## Those We Serve:

**Julia and her husband** were at the oncology clinic with their **3-year-old son Ramiro**. They had come to the United States for a better life when their son became fell ill and was diagnosed with cancer. They brought him to the LAC+USC Medical Center. His social worker called and requested a toddler car seat so Ramiro could ride home safely on public transportation, and a warm hooded jacket for the cold. Thank to our generous donors, Angel Interfaith Network was able to respond.

**Sandra** was alone after her baby was born and was referred to the East Los Angeles Women’s Center and is staying in their shelter. Her case worker requested clothing and diapers for the baby and we were able to help.

**Jesus** is a 17-year-old patient who survived stab wounds. His family lives in a one bedroom apartment and he did not have a bed. His social worker requested a fold away bed. One of our churches, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, purchased a bed for Jesus. We are so grateful to our network partners that respond immediately to urgent needs. Our faithful volunteer with a truck, Joel, delivered it.

## Urgent Needs:



The needs continue for L-5X clothing for men and we could use some baby shampoo and bath products and infant socks.



Become a Sustaining Angel:

[http:// angelinterfaith.net/sustainers.html](http://angelinterfaith.net/sustainers.html)

# JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

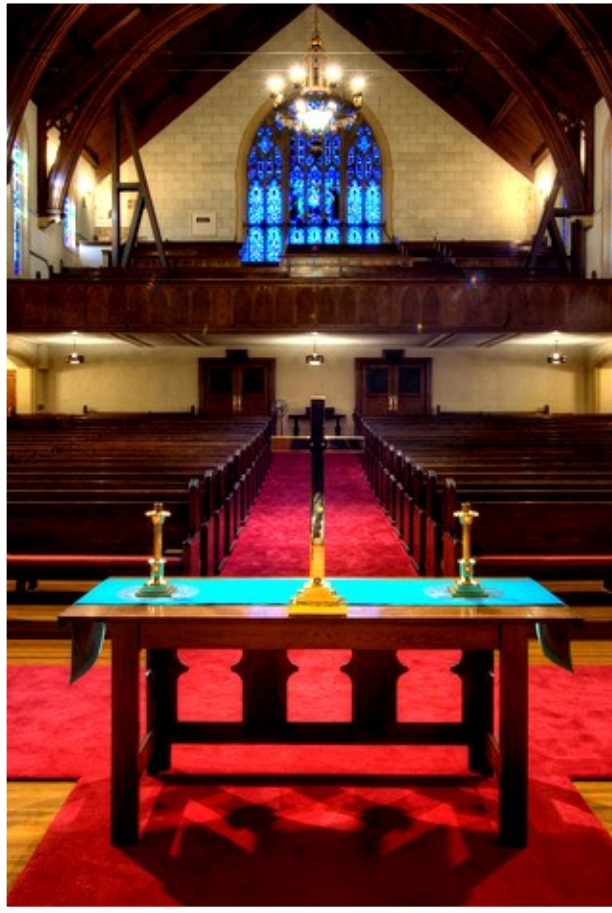
WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			<p>1</p> <p>3am Kiwanis Rose Float Club</p> <p><b>NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p>7am Preschool Staff In-Service 8am Moms in Prayer 10am Moms Coffee 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7am Preschool Staff In-Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal 11:30m Coffee Hour</p>	<p>6</p> <p>2:30pm Traditional Worship Planning 7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am P.E.O Chapter AA 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:15am Preschool Parent Committee Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal 11:30m Coffee Hour 12pm Session Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts 7pm P.E.O. Chapter GF</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am Preschool Chapel 7pm Toastmasters 7pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Deacon's</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Mom's Coffee 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11am Personnel Committee</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch 1pm Troop 7 Ceremony</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal 11:30m Coffee Hour</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10am Preschool Chapel 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Mission</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30am Moms in Prayer 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal 11:30m Coffee Hour 5pm Church Fellowship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts 7pm P.E.O. Chapter GF</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7pm Toastmasters 7pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>31</p>	



PRAISE THE LORD WITH US!

JOIN US FOR  
SUNDAY WORSHIP:

10 AM TRADITIONAL (SANCTUARY)  
11 AM INFORMAL (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the December standing meeting, Session approved the following:

- The 2020 budget

## December Financials

December Budgeted Income \$16,900.01  
December Actual Income \$8,894.25  
December Budgeted Expense \$41,087.01  
December Actual Expense \$33,673.21  
December Food Bank Expenses: \$163.38

\*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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