



THE CLARION
NOVEMBER 2018
CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I am not a fan of spooky things... haunted houses, scary movies, or terrifying costumes. Needless to say then, Halloween is NOT my favorite holiday, but I do appreciate the history behind Halloween. Halloween is technically All Hallows' Eve and it is always the day before All Saints' Day in the church. These two days together are supposed to mark a time liturgically when we both remember those who have passed and those who are saints of the church.

Speaking of saints, it has been hard as we say goodbye to so many loved ones. Towards the end of last year, we gathered together to celebrate the life of Tim Dawson. Then, we celebrated the legacy of Barbara Veir. We also remembered those who were former members such as Alexander Firempong and Susan Foster. Many members experienced their own personal losses and grieved apart from the Calvary family in private family ceremonies, and just two weeks ago, we once again gathered together to celebrate the life and ministry of Holly Vecchio.

As we continue about our year, I hope that we will remember that the greatest accomplishment anyone can have is to help bring the goodness of God into the world. Let us continue to celebrate the good of those who are gone. The deep sense of friendship that Tim Dawson brought, the positive attitude of Barbara Veir, the servant's heart of Alexander Firempong, the loving and honest presence of Susan Foster, and the passion for mission of Holly Vecchio. And let us also strive, day in and day out, to allow God to use us to bring goodness into the world. What can you learn from those saints who have gone on to enter into the presence of God before you? What edifying things can you learn from your neighbors? Years from now, when it is once again All Hallows' Eve and All Saints' Day, how do you hope to be remembered?

Pastor Millason

Upcoming Events

Strikers

Sunday, November 4th
3 pm - 5 pm, Youth Lounge

Operation Christmas

Potluck/Dinner & Shoe-
box Packing

Sunday, November 18th at 4 pm,
Fellowship Hall

Messiah Concert

Sunday, December 2nd
4 pm, Sanctuary

Mission Market

Sunday, December 9th
11:15 am, Fellowship Hall

All-Church Family

Christmas Eve

Sunday December 24th at
5 pm, Sanctuary

Christmas Collabo- **rative Worship**

Sunday December 30th at
10:30 am, Sanctuary

Congregational **Meeting**

January, 2019 date TBD

Barbara Smith	11/1
Jeanette Inadomi	11/2
Cari Lyall	11/5
Lorna Venkataraman	11/5
Marcia Norton	11/5
Martha "Mez" Zabel	11/7
Liz Daley	11/8
Adam Garcia	11/8
Marta Veir Renna	11/11
James Zack	11/13
Lucy Callahan	11/13
Avery Douglas	11/14
Frank Halladay	11/14
Heather Cisneros	11/15
Ben Furuta	11/16
Rob & Dawn Freeman	11/16
Jennifer Shinno	11/18
Susan Gutschow	11/21
Carl von Bibra	11/23
Peggy Tutor	11/25
Eric Smith	11/29



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Our annual See's Candy fundraiser begins in the next few weeks! All orders must be received by Sunday, December 2nd, and orders will be delivered on Mission Market Sunday, December 9th. For more information, please contact Linda Kopperud:

(626) 403- 1579

Linda.kopperud@yahoo.com

And stay tuned for order forms, via email and in print at the church.

Are there errors in the Bible?



Presbyterian Corner

Our faith, our practice,
and our roots

This question usually assumes that what we mean by “errors” are such things as the mistakes we might find today in reading a book on history or science. “Error” is that which is not consistent with what we know by different means of verification--such as by the laws of logic, or the testimony of eyewitnesses, or established laws of science. This definition of error is very clear-cut.

Some Christians believed the Bible cannot properly be called the “Word of God” if it could be proved that even one historical or scientific error is found within its pages. If God is perfect, they argue, then God’s “Word” must also be perfect--a single error casts doubt on the truth of God. A refinement is to say that there can be no such “errors” in the original biblical writings (*autographa*). This qualification is necessary because the Bible as we have it now is synthesis of a number of manuscripts or copies of text. So it is possible that some scribe could have made an error in a copying a word, and an “error” could creep into a biblical text. Some Presbyterians have held to this theory, called “biblical inerrancy.”

Yet this is not the only way to view this question. Other Presbyterians, who are equally committed to affirming the Bible’s authority, believe that this understanding of “error” is not an appropriate way to approach the Bible. The Scriptures are ancient documents, written by people who were not concerned with the same kinds of issues of “science” or “history” that we are today. We should not expect the same standards for “accuracy” from them if this was not their goal. Biblically, one is in “error” when one deviates or goes “astray” from God’s truth as an expression of God’s will (1 Cor. 12:2, Titus 3:3, 1 Pet. 2:25). This is “error” of the most serious kind. No Presbyterian believes this kind of “error” is in the Bible. The Bible is trustworthy and reliable as the source for our knowledge of God and how God wants us to live-- in this sense the Bible is “infallible.” Even if there were historical or scientific errors in the Bible, this would no diminish what the Bible is: God’s divinely revealed source for knowing who God is and what God has done, especially in giving us salvation in Jesus Christ. So the answer to our question relates to how we define “error.” It also relates to our view of the nature of Scripture and how God works through the Bible to be revealed to us.

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

The “Messiah“ is coming!



Sunday, December 2nd at 4 pm in the Sanctuary, Calvary will host the 18th annual presentation of Handel’s Messiah performed by the South Pasadena Community Chorus.

The South Pasadena community officially starts the Advent season with the singing of the Christmas portion of this world classic oratorio. Mark your calendar. Save the date. Tell your friends.

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 6th, 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 2nd. 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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MISSION CORNER

Door of Hope is one of our ongoing partners.

We cook dinner on a regular basis and are currently in our third year of winter coat collections.

Door of Hope is one of the only local homeless services organizations that can house any kind of family *together*, including single moms, single dads, and married couples together with their children.



Door of Hope offers a three-step solution to help these families rebuild their lives.

1st they restore families' physical and emotional well-being through transitional housing, weekly mental health counseling, and spiritual care.

2nd they address the root causes of homelessness through case management, job search support, financial literacy, life skills and parenting classes, and an after-school program for the children.

Finally, they aim to permanently end homelessness through housing location, move-in assistance, and one year of case management once they have moved into permanent housing.

Last year, they housed 59 families, including 67 adults and 130 children, for durations of 4-12 months.

Last year, they provided 82,125 meals to their families (and we were part of this!!!)

Through economic counseling, 90% of families reported an increase in income and an increase in savings.

While 32% of children who experience homelessness end up homeless as an adult, Door of Hope breaks this cycle. All children are offered personal, one-on-one tutoring and mentoring. As a result, 75% demonstrate better grades and behavioral improvement.

83% of families reported a decrease in depression or anxiety.

92% of families who graduate their program remained in permanent housing one year after graduation. 82% of families are still in housing five years later.

Calvary Benevolence Fund Brief Informational Sheet

It is from a deep desire to honor Christ and be faithful to God's commands to care for those in need, that Calvary Presbyterian Church offers assistance to people who need our help. All acts of charitable benevolence offered will be carried out with humility, gratefulness, discreetness and, above all, love.

Who CPC Helps (How to prioritize):

- Priority is given to those who are active members or regular participants in our church community. We will also offer help to strangers who seek our assistance.
- In an effort to be wise, CPC will offer help only to those who are determined to have legitimate need.

When CPC Will Offer Assistance:

- CPC will offer help to individuals and families who have a need for assistance with: Food, Clothing, Medical Needs, Shelter (Including utilities), and Transportation

How CPC Helps:

- Members and regular participants of CPC can be helped with of the kinds of help offered, including cash gifts to meet these needs.
No cash gifts are given to those who are not members or regular participants in the life of CPC. Goods, services, and food/gas gift cards will be offered. Help with food and clothing are limited to once per month.
- Help with mortgages/rent, utilities, medical bills and transportation will have a maximum of 3 months assistance per calendar year.
CPC refers individuals and families to local state and non-profit organizations to help ensure that their needs are met.

Procedure when help is sought:

The family or individual seeking help should make initial contact through the CPC office and fill out the request form

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)



**Mission opportunities
Fall 2018
Come serve your Neighbor**

November 11 Door of Hope coat donation throughout December
Help keep a family warm this winter by donating a new winter coat.

November 12 Cook Dinner at Door of Hope and deliver all those coats!

November 18 Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing
Potluck dinner and packing party. Start collecting items and bringing them to church.

November 19 World Toilet Day
Remember 1 of 3 people in the world do not have access to a proper toilet.

Sip and Stitch News

The weather is turning chilly, but Sip and Stitch is warming up hearts and bodies!

91 blankets ready to go this week to Door of Hope....

12 mothers blankets, 12 flannel receiving and 12 baby knit blankets along with 12 baby hats to Elizabeth house....

Thanks to everyone who knits, pieces together, labels, sorts, bags and delivers....

Your hands are doing God's work caring for our neighbors.



Winterfest 2019: Mobilizing the Church to Serve

The San Gabriel Presbytery's Annual Winterfest will be hosted at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Diamond Bar on February 2, 2019. This year's theme is *Mobilizing the Church to Serve*. We are eager to welcome Rev. Alexia Salvatierra as our plenary speaker. This year's workshops will focus on mobilizing our churches to serve in our local community and beyond in addition to providing training for elders, deacons, and clerks of Session. All members of your church are encouraged to attend!

The cost is \$10. ***All churches who register five or more participants in Winterfest will receive a free resource bundle as well a sixth registration for free.***

Register at: <https://knoxpresbyterian.breezechms.com/form/Winterfest2019>

Please RSVP to the CPC church office and that their fees will be covered by the Mission Committee

Save the date – Calvary's Mission Market will be held on December 9, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Please mark your calendars for Calvary's Mission Market. You will have a chance to make donations to wonderful organizations. In return for your donations, you can have a beautiful card made in honor/memory of someone. We will also have Third World Gifts and Handarts return after a few years away. Do you have a special talent you would like to share with us? Please consider the Calvary Artisan table. Lunch will be served. It's never too early to let Lisa Reynolds or Alex Seo know if you would like to help decorate, sit at a table, serve lunch or cleanup at this wonderful event. lreynolds42@sbcglobal.net or seo.alexseo@gmail.com
Thank you!

Thank you to all our volunteers who made our Annual Fall Festival such a success!!!





Network Partners:

The **American Sewing Guild of Glendora** is the partner that we would like to highlight this month. They are faithful donors of the beautiful gifts they sew for our patients: receiving and warm fleece baby blankets, baby pillows and towels, and lovely cloth bags for our hygiene kits. One of the guild's members left three rooms full of fabric to the guild and they went right to work! The guild has made over 500 cloth bags for our hygiene kits this year alone.



The Mitzvah Ministry, which has members from a Jewish Temple, a Catholic Church, a Protestant Church, and the American Sewing Guild of Glendora, holds an annual baby shower to benefit Angel Interfaith Network. The guild has been part of the Mitzvah Ministry since 2002. The guild members work all year to give at Christmas, which is why they call themselves "Elves."



Sherri Pierce (Social Worker), Rebecca Quintero RN (Discharge Planner) and Kristen Rivas (Social Worker) are receiving blankets from the American Sewing Guild of Glendora for Acts of Kindness at LAC+USC Medical Center next month.



Olive McDowell, the guild's chair has been supporting Angel Interfaith Network since 1990. Olive says, "They say I am the leader, but we are a team." The Sewing guild helps us all year long, but Angel Interfaith Network is only one of the organization they serve. A sincere thank you to all the members of the American Sewing Guild of Glendora for your continued work and dedication to bringing light and love to the patients and their families that we serve at LAC+USC Medical Center.

Urgent Needs:

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>

Note: New Number



Kathryn H Novak
February 4, 1925
June 7, 2018

A thank you letter from Laura Novak Rusch,
Kathryn's daughter

"Kathryn was a resident of Westminster Gardens for 13 years. She attended the Vesper service at Westminster Gardens Park and Hall on Sunday May 27, 2018 and at the end of the service I asked pastor Millason if she would pray for her. Millason blessed her with a prayer and I am grateful. Pastor Millason's message was the last messages my mother heard, and it was the last service she attended."

NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	2 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Inspired Living	3 9am Music Prepara- tion for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
4 8:30am Choir Re- hearsal 10am Traditional Worship 11am Informal Worship 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm Congrega- tional meeting 3pm Strikers	5 7pm Boy Scouts 2pm Traditional Worship Planning 7pm Informal Worship Planning	6 7pm Women's Bible Study	7 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis	8 2pm P.E.O AA 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9 8:30am Moms in Prayer	10 9am Music Prepara- tion for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
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At the October standing meeting,
Session
approved the following:

- That the special offering from the Thanksgiving Service (Sunday before Thanksgiving) be donated to Calvary Benevolence Fund, and the Christmas Eve service be donated to Angel Interfaith Network.
- To spend \$80 to support a Toilet Twinning project that will provide basic hygiene education and support in building a toilet to a developing area. We will get a photo of the toilet and a description of the project to hang in our bathroom.
- The 2018 version of the Calvary Employee Handbook

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Sunday Worship:
Traditional: 10 am in the Sanctuary

Informal: 11 am in Fellowship Hall

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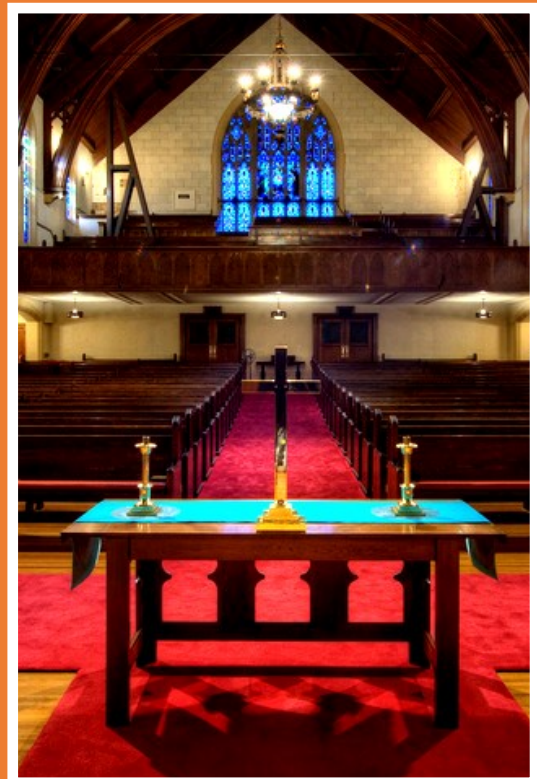
Church Office Hours:

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



October Financials

October Budgeted Income \$18,733.34
October Actual Income \$22,627.00
October Budgeted Expense \$34,714.14
October Actual Expense \$38,916.38
October Food Bank Expenses: \$77.45



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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