

The Clarion
November 2019
Calvary Presbyterian Church

Upcoming Events

Operation Christmas Potluck/Dinner & Shoe- box Packing

Sunday, November 17th at
5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Messiah Concert

Sunday, December 1st
4 pm in Sanctuary

Mission Market

Sunday, December 8th
11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

All-Church Family Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 22th at
5 pm in Sanctuary

Christmas Collabo- rative Worship

Sunday, December 29th at
10:30 am in 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
Heather Cisneros	11/15
Ben Furuta	11/16
♥ Bob & Dawn Freeman	11/16
Susan Gutschow	11/21
Carl von Bibra	11/23
Peggy Tutor	11/25
Eric Smith	11/29

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Presbyterian Corner

Our faith, our practice, and our roots

Do Presbyterians believe in the virgin birth of Jesus?

The virgin birth of Jesus has long been a contested question. This is so for a number of reasons. Some contemporary persons find it difficult to affirm because it appears to violate our views of human biology. Others believe it is a biblical symbol and not the historical fact.

The “virgin birth of Jesus” means most basically that Jesus was conceived apart from a human father. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a virgin at the time of Jesus’s birth (Matt 1:23; Luke 1:27, 34; John 1:13). The doctrine is affirmed in the Apostle’s Creed (“born of the virgin Mary”) and arose early in the church as a way of asserting that Jesus Christ as God’s incarnate Word was genuinely “made flesh” (incarnated) in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. In this respect, it is also an affirmation of the divinity of Jesus Christ. Scholars indicate there are biblical reasons for believing in the virgin birth and biblical considerations that would question it. The infancy accounts in Matthew and Luke are the most solid evidence for the virgin birth. On the other hand, it is never mentioned by Paul. Theologically, some have said that if Jesus is fully human, as the church affirms, we should believe that he was born in the same manner as all other humans who have ever lived. In this view, a virgin birth diminishes the full humanity of Christ. Other claim it makes Jesus an odd mixture of “human” and “divine.”

Yet other theologians have seen the virgin birth as historical fact that testifies powerfully to God’s marvelous grace. It shows our salvation in Jesus Christ originates with God, just as it ends with God as well. The theologian Karl Barth said that the virgin birth marks off the origin of Jesus Christ from human race, just as his resurrection marks off the end.

One can find Presbyterians who affirm the virgin birth as a historical fact and others who see it as a symbol and believe it is not to be believed in a literal way. Clearly, belief in this doctrine is not essential for salvation, since it is not a key part of the New Testament’s witness to Christ. It is a sign, communicating the mystery of God’s love coming into the world in Jesus Christ, who suffered and secured our salvation.

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

“Messiah”



Sunday, December 1st at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary, Calvary will host the 19th 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.



Our annual See's Candy fundraiser begins in the next few weeks! All orders must be received by Sunday, December 1st, 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.



Thank you to EVERYONE who helped make Harvest Festival a fun, successful night! This is a great way for Calvary to meet our neighbors.





MISSION CORNER

I was in prison, and you visited me...
Matthew 25:37



Adelanto ICE Processing Center
10250 Rancho Road
Adelanto, CA 92301

Detention Center Visitation

Visitation is about providing a welcoming spirit and a non-anxious presence, listening and offering hope through accompaniment. It simply requires showing up and listening with the “ear of the heart.”

Are you being called to this compassionate act of hospitality?
Join us!

Upcoming Dates

~October~

Wednesday, 10/30

~November~

Friday, 11/15

Contact Kristi Van Nostran, Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer
at PresbyWelcome@gmail.com or (360) 521-4096 for more information.



SoCal Presbyterian Immigrant Accompaniment Ministry is a growing network of Presbyterians around Southern California, in ecumenical collaboration with the Matthew 25/Mateo 25 SoCal Movement, striving to follow Christ's call to welcome the stranger by opening our churches, homes, and hearts to refugee siblings seeking asylum.

Calvary is collecting items for
Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

November 17th

we will gather with a potluck and to pack these shoeboxes.



Most needed items:

Personal Care:

Comb
Hairbrush
Toothbrush
Washcloth & Bar soap
Water bottle
Flashlight (solar-powered or hand-Crank)

School Supplies: Pencils

Small manual pencil sharpener
Colored pencils
Pencil case
Pens

Clothing:

Socks
Underwear
Shirts
Hair bows & barrettes
Hat
Sunglasses,
Purse/tote bag

Toys:

Cars
Balls
SOCCER BALLS!! (deflated with air pump)

Cash: if you would prefer the Mission Team to do the shopping for you

Please NO liquids, glass, food, or candy

Please NEW items only

Hunger Action Congregation

As disciples of a loving God who inspires us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God, we commit to faithful action to end hunger and address its root causes.

This fall Calvary was certified as a hunger action congregation. Below is the map of Certified Hunger Congregation in the US.



If you would like to visit the interactive map click this link:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?ll=27.921811022695397%2C-99.52572536657862&z=4&mid=1beWuj61qIXeaXH1-uK8axhWAFjxBfBm2>

Save the date – Calvary’s Mission Market will be held on December 8, 2019 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. 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!

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF FOOD



Give thanks for the food you eat.



Eat food grown as close as possible to where you live.



Strive for all people to have knowledge about and access to affordable, nutritious food.



Eat mindfully and in moderation.



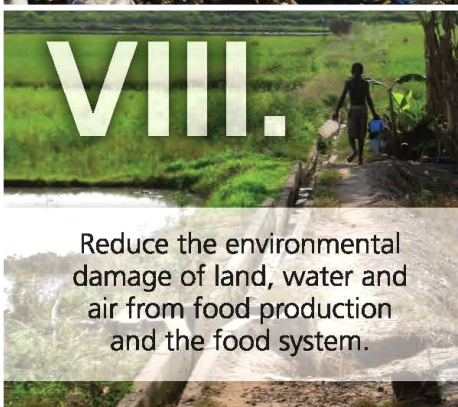
Do not waste food.



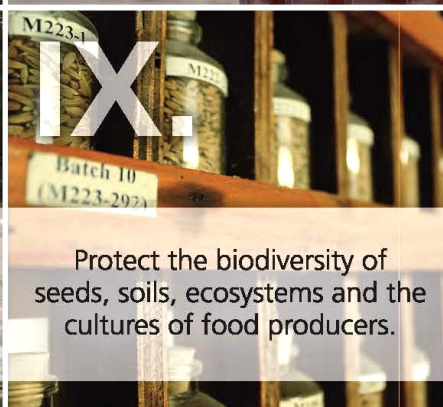
Be grateful to those who grow and prepare food for your table.



Support fair wages for farmworkers, farmers and food workers.



Reduce the environmental damage of land, water and air from food production and the food system.



Protect the biodiversity of seeds, soils, ecosystems and the cultures of food producers.



Rejoice and share the sacred gift of food with all.



www.oikoumene.org/foodweek

Photos: Paul Jeffrey, Mike Garcia, Nicole Benz, Sean Hawkey, Armin Paasch, Celestine Ngulube, WCC-EAA | Design: Nicole Benz

Food for Life 



World Council of Churches



What is a Reverse Advent Calendar?

Reverse Advent Calendar works by you filling a box every day during the Advent season with food items that can be taken to a food bank or charity in order to help those less fortunate that are in need

Instructions

Fill the reverse calendar box provided to you with the item listed for each day in the calendar. Every item you put each day into the box will help our neighbors that are struggling.

When to Bring the Reverse Advent Calendar box

Please continue filling the box beyond the advent season if you would like to and bring the filled box to the church on January 5, 2020.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	30	1	2	3	29	30
1 Chili Beans	2 Chicken Soup	3 Beef Stew	4 Peanut Butter	5 Apple Sauce	6 Cup of noodle soup	7 Canned Tuna or Chicken
8 Spaghetti Sauce	9 Box of Pasta	10 Canned Fruit	11 Canned Vegetables	12 Breakfast or Granola bars	13 Crackers	14 Jam / Jelly
15 Powered Drink Mix	16 Nuts	17 Cheese and Cracker Snacks	18 Cookies	19 Pudding (non-refrigerated)	20 Water Bottles	21 Juice Packs
22 Fruit Chews or Jerkies	23 Energy Bars	24 Spam	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

We are thankful for your donations of money, goods, and time to AIN's ministry



& for being able to meet the needs of patients and families at LAC+USC.

Network Partners

Church of the Redeemer is a new Network Partner. On their second visit they delivered 100 hygiene kits for the emergency ward and the homeless patients we serve. We are thankful for their generous contributions. Pictured are Sally Bailey, Ollie McNeal Rev. Dr. Kerry L. Allison, and Inez Wiggs.



Donna Kiriayama Gonzalez was the designer and quilt maker of "Beacon of Hope" for the silent auction at the luncheon and fundraiser held recently by the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church of Altadena. Pictured with her is Louise Inouye who organized the event. Thanks to all those who donated items for the Silent Auction and Opportunity Drawings, to those who made donations, and to all of the committee members.

Those We Serve:

Irene arrived at the LAC+USC by bus from Arizona, fleeing a domestic violence situation. She gave birth to twins soon after admittance. She was expecting one baby, not two! Her social worker called AIN requesting car seats for the girls, a crib and a double stroller. Angel Interfaith Network was able to meet her needs with the help of **Baby to Baby**, one of our Partners, who provided the stroller. Irene was relieved and thankful.

Francisco, a 71-year-old man living on the street, had nothing. **Exodus**, one of our partners, who serve the homeless, requested a change of clothes, shoes, a tent, some blankets, a back pack, and a hygiene kit. Angel Interfaith Network was able to fill all these needs, thanks to our team effort.

Sylvia, is a patient at Rands Schraeder Clinic. Her social worker requested Depends and Prevail pads for her. Angel Interfaith was able to provide three packages of each, which will help until her medical benefits are available.

Urgent Needs:



Time



and Money

Can you volunteer a few hours every week or two to help at the gatehouse sorting and shelving donations and filling the requests from the social workers and chaplains to meet the urgent needs of patients and their families? Funds are needed for eviction prevention and food and hotel vouchers. Do you have some dollars you can donate or can you recommend a foundation where a AIM can submit a grant request for funding?



Become a Sustaining Angel:

<http://angelinterfaith.net/sustainers.html>

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						1 9:15am Preschool parent Meeting Committee	2 9am Music Prepa- ration for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
3 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional Worship 11am Informal Worship 11:30am Coffee Hour	4 7pm Boy Scouts	5 7pm Women's Bible Study	6 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 6:00pm P.E.O Meet- ing Chapter GF	7 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Moms Coffee 7:15pm Al Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10:00am Staff Meeting	9 9am Music Prepa- ration for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch	
10 8:30am Choir Re- hearsal 10am Traditional Worship 11am Informal Worship 11:30am Coffee Hour 12:00pm Session Meeting	11 VETERANS DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm P.E.O Chapter GF	12 7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Toastmasters	13 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 12pm P.E.O Chapter GF	14 8:30 am Moms in Prayer 7:15pm Al Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	15 110am Inspired Living	16 9am Music Prepa- ration for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch	
17 8:30am Choir Re- hearsal 10am Traditional Worship 11am Informal Worship 11:30am Coffee Hour 5:30pm Potluck/ Dinner & Shoebox Packing - Fellow- ship Hall	18 7pm Boy Scouts	19 7pm Women's Bible Study	20 10am Thanksgiving Chapel & Fest 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Deacon's Meeting	21 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Moms Coffee 7:15pm Al Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	22 10am Inspired Living 10 am Personnel committee	23 9am Music Prepa- ration for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch 12pm P.E.O. Chapter GF	
24 8:30am Choir Re- hearsal 10am Traditional Worship 11am Informal Worship 11:30am Coffee Hour 5:30 Church Fellowship	25 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm P.E.O Chapter GF	26 7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Toastmasters	27 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Mission Meeting	28 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	29 4pm Wedding Rehearsal	30 9am Music Prepa- ration for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch 3pm Wedding Ceremony	

At the October standing meeting,
Session
approved the following:

- That Calvary participate in Operation Christmas Child, the Door of Hope winter coat collection, the Harvest Festival, the Reverse Advent Food Box collection, and Mission Market.
- That Calvary celebrate the designation as a Hunger Action Congregation for World Food Day and Food Week of Action.
- That every five years, Calvary's Session see how they are measuring up to their Mission Statement.
- That Calvary's Session create a favorite book list to distribute to new members.
- The February 29, 2020 wedding of Adrian Sehoko and Inez Koe.



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

1050 Fremont Avenue
South Pasadena, CA 91030
(626) 799-7148
www.cpcsouthpas.org

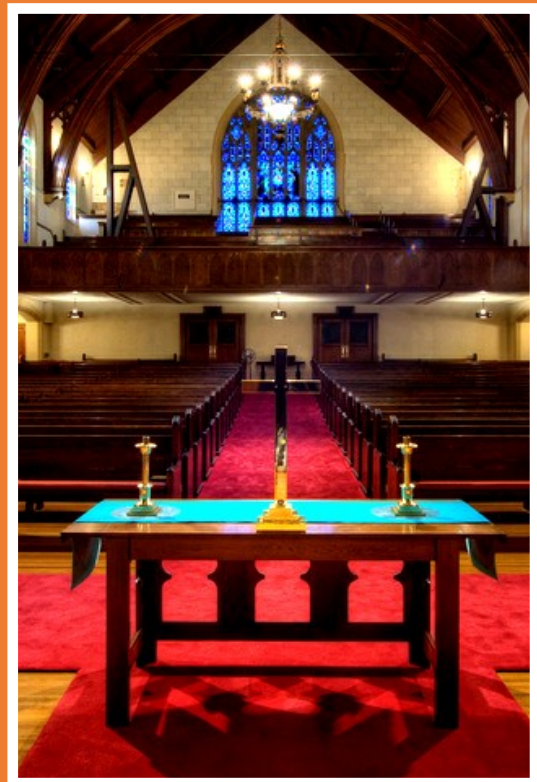
Sunday Worship:

Traditional: 10 am in the Sanctuary
Informal: 11 am in Fellowship Hall

The Rev. Millason Dailey
millason@cpcsouthpas.org

Maribel Valadez
Office Administrator
cpc.southpas@gmail.com

Church Office Hours:
Mon. - Friday 9am-5pm



Calvary Presbyterian Church

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

STAFF

*The Reverend Millason Dailey, Pastor
Beau Wammack, Worship Leader
Luis Rivas, Sexton*

*Mike Wilson, Director of Music
Meredith Stoner, Bookkeeper*

Maribel Valadez, Office Administrator

*Reece Lemmon, Director of Spiritual Life & Service
The Reverend Dr. P.A. Castellano, Pastor Emeritus*

1050 Fremont, P.O. Box A, South Pasadena, CA 91030

(626) 799-7148 • www.cpcsouthpas.org • cpc.southpas@gmail.com