

**The Clarion
October 2019
Calvary Presbyterian Church**

World Communion

Sunday, October 6th
One service at 10 am in
the Sanctuary

Blessing of the Animals Service

Sunday, October 13th
One service at 10 am in
Rose Garden *Bring your pet to have
them blessed!

Vision Sunday

Sunday, October 27th
One worship service
10 am in the Sanctuary
Congregational Meeting to follow

Calvary's Annual Fall Festival

Thursday, October 31st
6-8 pm at Front Lawn.



Upcoming Events

Session Highlights

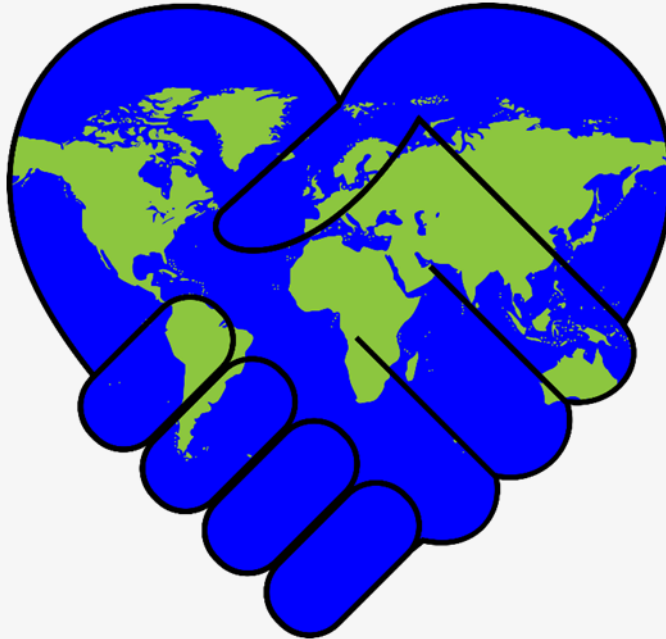
At the September standing meeting,
Session approved the
following:

- Collecting monies to offset the cost of Stacey Rivas' medical expenses on Communion Sundays in September, November, and December
- The job description for the Children and Youth Director
- Having one worship service on October 27th for Vision Sunday

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Kilian von Bibra | 10/2 |
| Holly Bruce | 10/4 |
| Tamara Ramirez | 10/4 |
| Forrest Baird | 10/5 |
| ♥ Dave & Cathy Riley | 10/12 |
| Louie Cisneros | 10/26 |
| Darcy Douglas | 10/26 |
| Marie Castellano | 10/29 |

October 6th is World Communion Sunday



Where in the WORLD is Calvary at work?

Niger: Through mission co-workers Christopher and Nancy Zoolkoski providing medical care.

Peru: Providing clean water systems, Living Water for the World and supporting Pat Martinez-Miller working with Living Water for the World.

Malawi: Supporting Nkhoma Presbyterian Mission Hospital and Ministry of Hope school scholarships.

Thailand: Providing Christian education and support through mission coworker Esther Wakeman.

Dominican Republic: Supporting mission co-workers David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez-Acevedo.

Cambodia: Through South Pasadena High School students and TASSEL.

Haiti: Supporting Liz Daley in improving medical care through Medical Benevolence Foundation.

Across the Globe: Heifer International, Operation Christmas Child Locally: Door of Hope, Union Station, St James food bank.

Personally: by listening for your neighbor's needs.

**Volunteers
needed!**

**Contact Reece for
more Information**
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or (626) 429-8412.



 **FALL** 
FESTIVAL

10.31.19 | 6PM-8PM

FRONT YARD OF CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, SOUTH PASADENA

FREE GAMES, CANDY, FOOD & FUN!

SEE YOU THERE!

Presbyterian Corner

Our faith, our practice, and
and our roots



Where was Jesus before he came to earth?

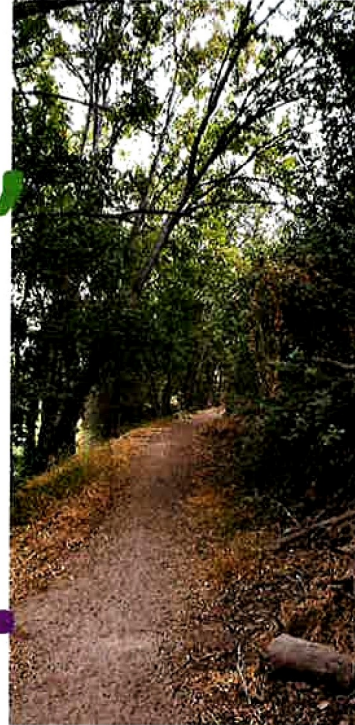
Presbyterians affirm the Christian belief in the Trinity. The eternal God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three persons are one God and share fully in the divine life as “God.” This means that Jesus Christ, the second person on the Trinity, has always existed. He is the eternal God, sharing the fullness of divinity with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The early church affirmed this belief quite clearly in distinction from views (such as held by the Arians) that the Son, Jesus Christ, was a creature, the first creature created by God. If so, Jesus would not be eternal, but rather created. There is all the difference in the world—and more!—between saying that Jesus Christ is the “eternal Son of God” and saying that he is the “Son of the eternal God.” The first formulation indicates Jesus existed in heaven with God the Father and the Holy Spirit before his birth on earth; the second that he is a creature like all other created beings. Relatedly, Presbyterians affirm with other Christians Jesus’ “preexistence.” This expresses our belief in Jesus as the second person of the Trinity, the eternal Son of God. This is most clearly conveyed in the first verse of the Gospel of John: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1; see also Phil. 2:5-8). The preexistence of Jesus Christ is a way to indicate our belief in Jesus’ divinity. In him, the reality of God was found, and this has always been the case, eternally. It will always be the case eternally. When Jesus was sent into the world by God the Father, in the incarnation, he became a human being and lived within the limits of time and space. He died on the cross to bring salvation. To affirm Jesus’ preexistence is to confess our belief that Jesus was “fully God” and that what he accomplished for human salvation was done by the power of God and with the divine sanction and authority of the eternal God.

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

MISSION CORNER



Walk,
Eat,
Pray.



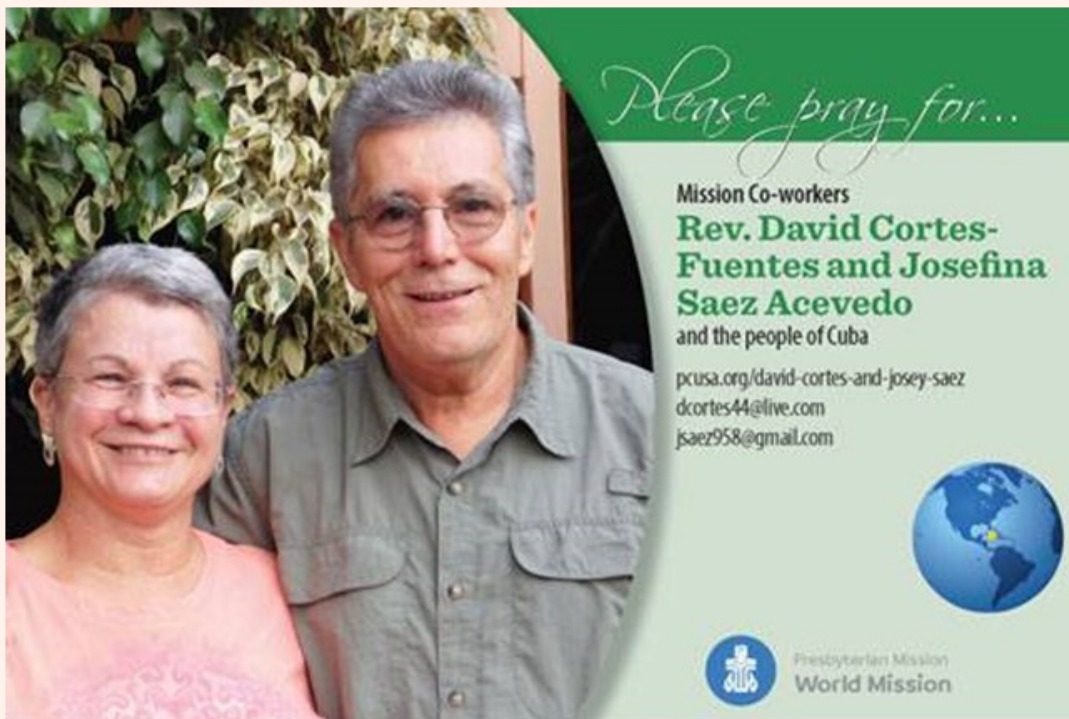
Our first Walk, Eat, Pray was a fun event!

We will meet again on **October 20th**. Stay tuned for the location. Those who are interested will meet at 9:00 am for a short outdoor walk, enjoying God's wonderful Creation.

After the walk those who want to gather together for breakfast will meet at Charlie's Coffee House at 10. We will then attend the 11:00 service at Calvary.

If you would prefer to attend the Traditional Service at 10:00 you may skip the 'EAT' part of the morning and move directly to Pray.





About David Cortes and Josey Saez's ministry

Calvary has been supporting David and Josey in their ministry in Cuba for several years. This summer they transitioned from that role in Cuba to a new partnership in the Dominican Republic.

David's new role is regional theological educator and curriculum consultant for the Caribbean. David will consult with several partner theological institutions to assess together their curricula and other factors that strengthen or challenge the preparation of pastors and lay leaders for the church.

Josey embarks on her new role as Christian educator with the Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana. In her ministry in the Dominican Republic, she will work as part of a team in developing and adapting curricula based on the priorities of her Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana partners.

For more information please visit: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/david-cortes-and-josey-saez/>

Calvary is collecting items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes



Please consider donating any of the following **NEW** items:

- Personal Care: comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, washcloth, bar soap, water bottle, flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank), nail clipper and file, non-liquid lip balm, stick deodorant
- School Supplies: pencils, small manual pencil sharpener, colored pencils, pencil case, pens, crayons, notebooks, solar-powered calculator, scissors, ruler
- Clothing: flip flops, socks, underwear, shirts, fun accessories such as hair bows, barrettes, costume jewelry, hat, sunglasses, purse/tote bag
- Toys: craft items, cars, balls, SOCCER BALLS!! (deflated with air pump), puzzles, playing cards, marbles, dolls, stuffed animals, stickers, harmonica, recorder
- Cash: if you would prefer the Mission Team to do the shopping for you
- Please **NO** liquids, glass, food, or candy



Cambodia



Malawi



Peru



Angel INTERFAITH NETWORK News



October, 2019

Partners

Angel Interfaith Network’s Leadership Council reviewed the past year and made plans for the future at their annual retreat. Angel Interfaith remains committed to providing emergency support and services to LAC+USC Medical Center patients as they leave with things they need such as clothing, supplies or funds to help with rent and utilities. This is made possible by your generous partnership. Please consider making a donation, becoming a Sustaining Angel or volunteering.



Christmas Markets:



In late November and December Angel Interfaith Network participates in Christmas Markets held by churches that support our ministry. They provide a wonderful opportunity for us to introduce our work and to enroll new Sustaining Angels. We would be delighted to have your church invite us to join in your Holiday Market! Email raquel@angelinterfaith.net or call Raquel at 323-409-6923 for information.

Those We Serve:

Vivian is a patient who is working with a case manager from Whole Person Care. She lives alone and needed a shower chair. Angel Interfaith Network was able to provide the chair to make her life safer and easier.

All in a day’s work: One day recently, Raquel, Angel Internet Network’s Project Coordinator, delivered three baby baskets, a car seat, a stroller, and 3T clothing to various families in need. Next she put together three homeless packages. Later that day AIN received donations 90 hygiene kits from **Church of the Redeemer** and six large bags of children’s and adult clothing from **Exodus** that were catalogued and shelved. A good and busy day!

Urgent Needs:



Women’s shoes sizes 8-13



shower chairs



canes



twin beds



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

What's Wrong with People, Part 2

Last month I wrote in the Clarion that we have a tendency to obsess about why churches, including ours, are losing members. Many of us wonder why people would be so willing to miss out on the spiritual, emotional, and social benefits of regular church attendance. The answer to this question is complex. No church has found the magic bullet that would turn things around. Even very large churches experience the loss of members—especially their youth.

I suggested that we as individuals are not going to have much control over societal trends. Neither are our individual churches or denominations. But, what we do have some control over is ourselves and how we interact with those inside and outside of our church. One of the contributing factors to declining church attendance is how church people are seen by outsiders. A number of respected polls show that we are thought by outsiders to be self-righteous, hostile to people of color and LGBT people, haters not lovers, anti-intellectual, and political rather than spiritual.

I hope you are saying, “Well, that’s not me. That’s not my church.” But, how do people outside our church know about us? It is not unreasonable for us to be tarred with these accusations if we have not shown a different face in the public square. We have to face facts. (Well, we don’t really have to, but we should.) Churches by-in-large lost their attractiveness in many communities and it has been replaced by negative assumptions. To change that we have to show that we follow Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and do it boldly.

One way we can do this is by being at peace with our brother and sisters in Christ in our own church. If persons are drawn to our church and begin attending, how long would it be before they discover our internal conflicts? In our own case, we did not learn of these issues until we were firmly a part of Calvary. Why? Because we didn’t know Calvary had a parking lot, so we always parked on the street. If we are in the habit of airing our concerns and complaints to each other, why would new persons want to be a part of that?

One way schools have combatted this human tendency is by a program of “catching someone doing good.” The notion is that when we speak to others about something they say or do that we find good and compliment them, we see more good things happening. I’m suggesting, along with others on the Personnel Committee, that we try to do this sort of thing at Calvary. Be on the lookout for people being love in action and say a word of blessing to them. It sounds like a small thing to do, but it could have big rewards.

OCTOBER 2019

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | 1 7pm Women's Bible Study | 2 9:15am Preschool Board Meeting 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis | 3 8:30am Moms in Prayer Group 10am Moms Coffee 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal | 4 | 5 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch 10am Review of Minutes Book |
| 6 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am World Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour | 7 7pm Boy Scouts 2:30 pm Traditional Worship Planning | 8 7pm Toastmasters 7pm Women's Bible Study | 9 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis | 10 10am Moms' Prayer Group 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal | 11 9:30am Church Staff Meeting 9:30am P.E.O. Chapter AX | 12 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch |
| 13 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Blessing of the Animals Service 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm Session Meeting | 14 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm P.E.O Chapter GF | 15 10am Preschool Chapel 7pm Women's Bible Study | 16 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Deacon's Meeting | 17 8:30am Moms in Prayer Group 10am Moms Coffee 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal | 18 | 19 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch |
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| 27 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Vision Sunday 11am Congregational Meeting | 28 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm P.E.O Chapter GF | 29 7pm Women's Bible Study | 30 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis | 31 8:30am Mom's Prayer Group 6pm Fall Festival | | |

Thank you from Monte Vista School



"Thank you Calvary Family for your generous donation of backpacks and supplies to the kids and families of Highland Park. Your generosity brought smiles to their faces and with it, a HOPE for growth and caring in the new school year! On behalf of my students and their parents, THANK YOU!"
Megan Guerrero

September Financials

September Budgeted Income \$16,900.01
September Actual Income \$13,084.28
September Budgeted Expense \$41,087.01
September Actual Expense \$41,024.70
September Food Bank Expenses: \$31.84

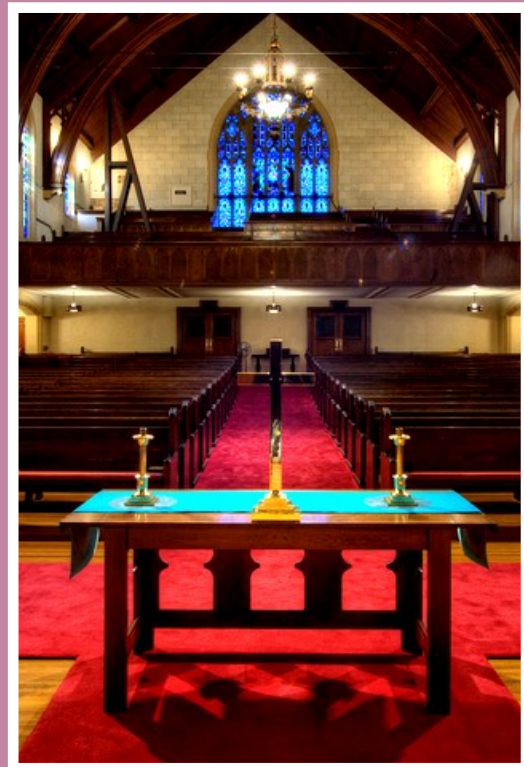
*These amounts reflect the operating budget only.
Income numbers are purely from Sunday offering.
Investment and property numbers are not included.

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Praise The LORD with us!

Join us Sunday Worship

10 am Traditional in Sanctuary
11 am Informal in Fellowship Hall