

The Clarion
December
2021

Calvary Presbyterian Church

A community worshipping, growing, and service together



Upcoming Events

Calvary's Mission Market

December 1st - December 15th

You may visit the Mission Market on the church website or use the order form and envelope from the Mission Market brochure that was mailed to you

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24th

5pm, Sanctuary

Christmas Online Worship

Friday, December 24th

5 pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries

John Bruce	12/6
Alice Quitasol	12/14
Oliver Baird	12/16
Andrea Zabel	12/18
♥ Jonathan & Fedora Schooler	12/18
Conrad von Bibra	12/19
Alyssa Robertson	12/22
Lauren Smith	12/28
♥ Phillip & Kristen Dubé	12/28
♥ Carl & Elizabeth von Bibra	12/28
♥ Conrad & Patricia von Bibra	12/29

Presbyterian Corner **Our faith, our practice,** **and our roots.**



What does it mean to be a church “member”?

To be a church member is to express one’s faith in Jesus Christ and the desire to be his disciple, to share his love, and to serve him as part of the church as the body of Christ.

A most basic question to ask of anyone wishing to become a member of a Presbyterian church is: “Who is your Lord and Savior?” The reply is: “Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.”

Question: “Do you promise to be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?” Answer: “I do.”

On these questions and answers, a profound life-changing event is recognized. To become a member of a Presbyterian church is to proclaim publicly one's allegiance to Jesus Christ. It is to vow to live life of discipleship in which one grows in faith and service to Christ, and, through the church, to the world. The church members assumes responsibility for supporting the church in a variety of ways; though worship, education, mission and ministry, stewardship of resources, financial contributions, and others means. The church is the place where one’s Christian life “take shape.” Joined in fellowship with other believers in the body of Christ, the member of Christ' church is part of the “communion of saints”—of all Christian believers through the world—as well as part of a local congregation where one’s faith in Christ is lived out daily.

While “joining” the church occurs through simple affirmations, it takes as lifetime to live out the implications of church membership. Unique, the church is the only organization where to become a member one has to admit one is unworthy of membership! To acknowledge Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is to confess our faith and trust in him—and not ourselves—for eternal salvation. It is to announce that one’s life does not belong to oneself, but to our Lord Jesus Christ. This profession is made publicly as a witness to the world and as a visible confession of faith. One’s commitment to the church is the implication of one’s confession of faith in Christ. We do live out our Christian discipleship alone, but in the community of believers who have also professed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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

Calvary's Mission Market

Bringing Hope to the World



Mission Market 2021 – Bringing Hope to the World - Calvary's Mission Market will be held online this year from December 1 through December 15, 2021. You will be receiving a Mission Market brochure with an order form in the mail, and they will be available at church on Sunday's as well. The Mission Committee looks forward to helping you find a way to bring hope to the world by participating in this beloved Calvary event. This year we will raising money for Angel Interfaith Network, Calvary Benevolence Fund, Calvary Christmas Boxes, Crossroads Women, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer International, Journey Out, Living Waters for the World, Presbyterian Mission Agency and Tassel. You will hear more about these organizations as the Mission Market draws near.

Calvary Christmas Boxes

This year our Christmas Boxes will stay Local!!

Calvary will be creating Christmas boxes for 2 local organizations this year. One is an old favorite, Angel Interfaith Network. Calvary has partnered with AIN since their beginning in our basement! They outgrew our space and are currently headquartered on site at County/USC medical center where they provide services to patients and their families. They have requested boxes for their clients facing homelessness, and for newborns. Please note that these boxes may be given out after Christmas, throughout the year.

<https://www.angelinterfaith.net/>

A new partner for us this year is the Refugee Children Center. Located in North Hills C.A. The Refugee Children Center provides social services, food relief and basic needs, legal services, and personal development to refugee children in the San Fernando Valley. They have requested basic needs boxes, school boxes and baby boxes.

<https://refugeechildrencenter.org/what-we-believe/>

On the other side of this page are the lists of needed items. Each box does not need to have every item, you may decide what to include. Please avoid holiday themed clothing as their needs extend past the holiday season. You may use your own box, or one provided at church.

Please return all boxes to Calvary by Sunday December 12th.

If you would like to donate supplies rather than packing a box, we will pack a box for you!

Calvary Christmas Box Collection

Angel Interfaith Network at County/USC Medical Center

Adult

Bar soap
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Shampoo/conditioner
Deodorant
Hand lotion
Face masks
Hand sanitizers
Socks
Nonperishable snack

Newborn

Baby wipes
Diaper cream
Baby lotion
Onesie or newborn outfit
Newborn socks
Newborn hat
Swaddling blanket
Small toy
optional: purchase newborn diapers to go with this box

Refugee Children Center

Basic needs

Bar soap
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Hand lotion
Disposable Face masks
Hand sanitizers
Socks
Hair ties/bows
Nonperishable snack

School Supplies

#2 pencils
Erasers
Ballpoint pens
Glue stick
Highlighters
Index cards
Candy treat or snack item
Small toy

Also needed:
spiral notebooks
College-ruled paper
Graph paper

Baby Box (Newborn to 2)

Baby wipes
Diaper cream
Socks
Hat
Outfit
Baby bath soap
Baby lotion
Small toy

If possible, please also provide diapers with this box.

Please deliver all boxes to Calvary by Sunday, December 12th.
If you would like to donate supplies instead of packing a box, our elves will pack for you!

December 2021

Reverse Advent Calendar

Calvary Presbyterian Church

Many people use an Advent calendar to count down to Christmas by opening a box and discovering a chocolate or an ornament to hang. **A reverse Advent calendar focuses on giving something instead of receiving.**

A reverse Advent calendar is simple. **Pick out a sturdy basket, box or bag and fill it with food donations—one item for every day in December.** The first week in January brings your donation to Church and we will deliver it to the women at Crossroads. They are already SO excited about our gift!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Box of Cereal	2 Pasta	3 Pasta sauce	4 Canned vegetable
5 Granola bars or fruit bars	6 Box of tea	7 Chicken Soup	8 Crackers	9 Peanut butter	10 Chili	11 Cookies
12 Jelly or Jam	13 Coffee	14 Beans	15 Rice	16 Taco shells	17 Taco seasoning	18 Fruit snacks
19 Juice	20 Muffin Mix or cornbread	21 Vegetable or Tomato soup	22 Cheese and cracker snacks	23 Canned frit	24 Cooking oil	25 Cake mix and icing
26 Powdered drink mix	27 Pudding	28 Tuna or other canned meat	29 Beef soup or stew	30 Nuts or trail mix	31 Dried beans or peas	

Please feel free to substitute for these suggested food items.

Please NO expired or opened items.

Reflections with Reece

Fall Festival Returns



October 31, 2021 brought the return of our Fall Festival. Here at Calvary Presbyterian Church we have committed ourselves to being “hands on” in intergenerational ministry to our local community. The annual Fall Festival is one way that we have chosen to get outside the church walls and engage with our neighbors each year. Calvary members of all ages led games, gave out prizes, cooked hotdogs, took old school polaroid pictures and handed out about 40lbs of candy! Thanks to the dozens of volunteers and donors, we were able to put on a fantastic event that hundreds of our neighbors came by to enjoy.

Keep Shining,
Reece

Ashley's Book Club

“Klaus” (2019)

Written & Directed by Sergio Pablos



One of the best things about the holidays is the plethora of Christmas movies we get to watch. Every year, we gather on the couch with bowls of popcorn and warm cups of hot chocolate to watch new holiday movies and old Christmas classics. For the month of December, instead of a book, I want to draw your attention to a good, wonderful Christmas movie.

“Klaus” (2019) was originally written, directed, and produced in Spanish. It was later adapted in English in 2019. I’ve never been a big fan of animated films, but this film is terrific. “Klaus” (2019) has all the elements of what we think of when we think of the holidays – gifts, cards, joy, family feuds, and selfless acts of kindness. There is also a lot of fun and adventure in this movie too.

Jesper Johansson is the son of the head of the Royal Post Office. His father sent Jesper to a cold, distant island known as “Smeerensburg” and he gave Jesper the overwhelming challenge of sending out 6,000 letters by the end of the year. That wouldn’t seem difficult to the average viewer until you find out that the island is full of tension and feuds between different clans. If Jesper fails, he will be cut off from his family’s fortune. In order to inspire the community at Smeerensburg to send out letters, the tensions between the different clans must subside. They must reconcile. And so Jesper enlists the help of an older man, a former toymaker, to send toys to different kids who write letters to “Klaus.” The adventure expands the hearts of both the young man and Klaus and their journey deepens their understanding of community, purpose and kindness.

Although “Klaus” (2019) is not a Christian Christmas movie, there is so much we can learn from this powerful and beautifully directed story. In the same way that the book of Esther does not mention God or the name of God or the practice of the Jewish faith, we can learn a lot from Esther’s courage and growth in similar ways that we can learn from the growth and transformation from Jesper and Klaus.

Because of the events of the past year with social isolation (quarantine), COVID and the rise off the new variants, **I want to encourage you to seek lightness this holiday season.** Remember the joy and wonderful mystery given to us by our Creator during Advent and Christmas. Spend time contemplating the hope we have in Christ (and in each other). I pray that this holiday season would be a season of light and of deep, abiding joy for you – wherever you find yourself this year. If you’d like to discuss this movie or any books you might be reading, you can reach out to me at any time at 626-799-7148 ext. 218 or at pastorhengst@gmail.com. I always enjoy hearing from you.

Calvary Children & Youth

Boy Scouts, Tapestry Fall Event, and Friendsgiving

By Ashley Lynn Hengst

This fall has been an exciting time for Calvary children and youth! As the children continue learning about Christ, they are memorizing Bible verses and doing acts of service to earn moon rocks. As children earn moon rocks, they get the chance to earn different prizes to commemorate their growth in Sunday School.



All of the children received hand painted Advent calendars for the Christmas season. To the right is a photo of Ewan decorating his at home.

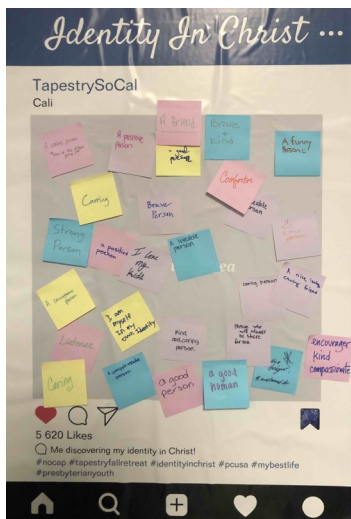


The Saturday before our Fall Festival, the Boy Scouts of Troop 7 volunteered their time and served our church by planting our 4 raised beds of lettuce, 2 rows off broccoli and cauliflower in our preschool garden, mums in our front planters and a bed of pan-

sies in front of our church sign. We are especially grateful for all their hard work and are looking forward to having them more involved in our Calvary community in the months ahead.

Our Calvary youth group meetings have been lots of fun! We are making our way through the Gospels to learn more about the person and work of Jesus. While we study the Bible, we are having lots of fun playing games and making ice cream Sundays. Before the Thanksgiving holiday, our teens put on their aprons and made various side dishes to share at our first youth group Friendsgiving. The food was so delicious, many of the teens went back for seconds (and thirds).





On Saturday, November 13, our Tapestry youth group collective met at San Marino Community Church where Jen Buck gave a talk on “Discovering Your Identity in Christ.” Wilson Howard led worship. There was lots of good food and fun games. The teens found especially meaningful the

various moments of reflection like the Instagram photo pictured on the left. We are grateful for the chance to collaborate with other San Gabriel and Riverside youth groups in the months ahead.

We have a lot more planned for the holiday season ahead. To join Calvary youth and children for any events, please reach out to Ashley Lynn Hengst, Director of Children and Youth at pastorhengst@gmail.com 626-799-7148 ext. 218. All are welcome!

“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God.

For many people, the Christmas season is a time heart ache and pain. Many of us are grieving the loss of a loved one and are without our friends and family during the holiday season. Many of us are living with longing and some of us, broken dreams.

To comfort those who are grieving this Christmas season, Ashley Lynn Hengst, our Director of Children and Youth is offering a quiet, contemplative service at Pasadena Presbyterian Church. The service is part of Ashley’s internship for seminary and it will be done with the leadership of Rev. Lisa Hansen of PPC.

Join us for a *Blue Christmas* service on the longest night of the year. On December 21st at 7pm we will meet in the chapel at PPC. There will be hot coco, candle lighting and prayers for all who are seeking comfort this Christmas season.

For more information, please reach out to Ashley Lynn Hengst, Director of Children and Youth at pastorhengst@gmail.com 626-799-7148 ext. 218. All are welcome!





2021 See's Candy Fund Raiser to Benefit Calvary Benevolence Fund
 Orders Due: December 5th Delivery Date: Dec 12-19

		Unit Price	QTY	Total
2 lb.	Milk Chocolates †	\$49.00		
1 lb.	Milk Chocolates	\$25.50		
2 lb.	Assorted Chocolates	\$49.00		
1 lb.	Assorted Chocolates	\$25.50		
2 lb.	Nuts & Chews	\$49.00		
1 lb.	Nuts & Chews	\$25.50		
2 lb.	Dark Chocolates	\$49.00		
1 lb.	Dark Chocolates	\$25.50		
2 lb.	Asst Chocolates Soft Centers	\$49.00		
1 lb.	Asst Chocolates Soft Centers	\$25.50		
1 lb.	Toffee-ettes	\$25.50		
8 oz.	Assorted Molasses Chips	\$12.75		
8 oz.	Assorted Peppermints	\$12.75		
8 oz.	Milk Chocolate Foil Balls	\$9.00		
8 oz.	Dark Chocolate Foil Balls	\$9.00		
1 lb.	Truffles	\$28.50		
1 lb.	Victoria Toffee	\$25.50		
1 lb. 8 oz.	Peanut Brittle	\$26.00		
1 lb. 8 oz.	Assorted Lollypops (Approx30)	\$24.00		
4 oz	Merry Gnome Box	\$10.00		
4 oz	Christmas Delivery Box	\$10.00		
	Gift Card	\$25.00		
	Total Amount Due			

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Questions please contact Linda Kopperud (626) 403-1579 or linda.kopperud@yahoo.com

ORDERS DUE DECEMBER 5th



Milk Chocolates



Assorted Chocolates



Nuts and Chews



Dark Chocolates



Asst Chocolates Soft Centers



Toffee-ettes



Asst Molasses Chips



Asst Peppermints



Milk Chocolate Foil Balls



DarkChocolate Foil Balls



Truffles



Victoria Toffee



Peanut Brittle



Assorted Lollypops Box of approx 30
Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Latté and Chocolate



Merry Gnome Box



Christmas Delivery Box



Gift Card



Angel INTERFAITH NETWORK News

NETWORK PARTNERS:

Thank you to **LAC-USC Ortho Rehab Department** for your continued support and generosity! The department held their annual fundraising drive for **Angel Interfaith Network** and collected cash, food cards, ensure, and plus size clothing. We are very grateful and excited to use these gifts to continue helping families, especially during these upcoming holidays.

Thank you, our **Angels and Neighbors of Angel Interfaith Network!** This month we also recognize and are grateful to so many amazing people that come together, through service or donation, to help our patients and their families as they return to their homes after receiving medical care at LAC+USC Medical Center. ***MANY THANKS! You are amazing!***



URGENT NEEDS: Financial Support



As we prepare for the upcoming holidays, we also prepare for a winter covid surge, most of our patients are battling the non-medical impacts of the pandemic-challenging working conditions and precarious housing-as they struggle to heal.

Emergency requests for food, rent and utilities assistance remain our daily reality. Your year end donation will help us to continue to provide the assistance patients need.

We also invite you to consider becoming a Sustaining Angel - your monthly or quarterly donation allows us to budget our staff and respond to requests from our social workers and chaplains for patients and their families.

Thank you for your past generosity and thank you for your consideration of joining or increasing your donation to our neighbor-to neighbor efforts here at Angel Interfaith for our siblings in need.

To help, donations can be made online at:

<https://stcamilluscenter.networkforgood.com/projects/87161-angel-interfaith-network>

or by check payable to St. Camillus, the financial sponsor of Angel Interfaith, with AIN in the memo section.

***As always, your support is what makes our work possible. THANK YOU!
Angel Interfaith is a project of St Camillus Center for Spiritual Care 323-225-4461 x111***

NOVEMBER FINANCIALS

November Budgeted Income \$16,066.67

November Actual Income \$7,271.45

November Budgeted

Expense \$37,293.15

November Actual Expense \$58,925.97

November Food Bank Expenses: \$98.39

*These amounts reflect the operating budget only. Income numbers are purely from offerings. Investment and property numbers are not included. We received a first round of the Payroll Protection loan in May 2020 and received a second round in February 2021. We have submitted the paperwork to have the first round loan forgiven and are awaiting notice. We are also looking into other credits from the government to help with payroll costs.

Join your church
family online each

Sunday at 10:30 am here:

<http://calvarypres.online.church/>

To see more of Rev. Millason Dailey's
sermons check out on our [Messages page](#).

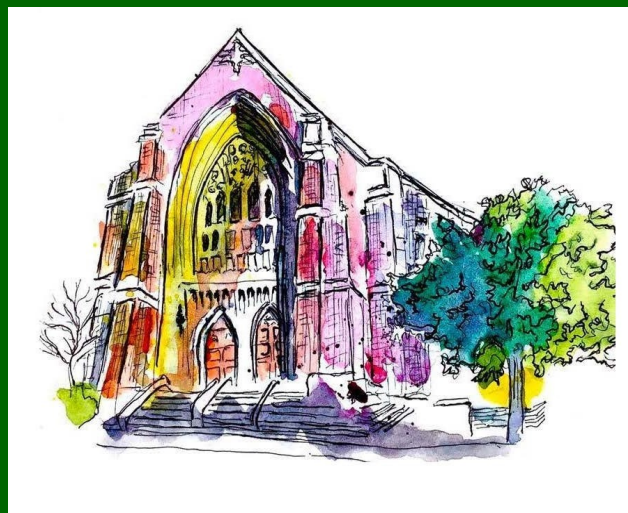
You can also subscribe to our
[YouTube page](#) for all of the latest
from our church.

Calvary Presbyterian
Church

1050 Fremont Avenue
South Pasadena, CA 91030
(626) 799-7148

The Rev. Millason Dailey
millason@cpcsouthpas.org

Maribel Valadez
Office Administrator
cpc.southpas@gmail.com



Praise The LORD with us!

Join us for In-Person Worship
Sunday 10:30 am
in the Sanctuary

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
Ashley L. Hengst, Director of Children & Youth
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*