

The Clarion
February
2022

Calvary Presbyterian Church

A community worshipping, growing, and service together






Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday
March 2nd

First Sunday of Lent
March 16th

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Eisha Perry	2/1
Elizabeth von Bibra	2/2
Meagan Cisneros	2/4
Clifford Douglas	2/5
Jeremy Bruce	2/8
Fayrouz Malki	2/8
Orville Houg	2/10
Thomas von Bibra	2/11



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

What are the “visible” and the “invisible”?

The terms “visible” and “invisible” church have been used by theologians to make a distinction between the church that “everybody sees” and the church that is known “only to God.” When we join a Presbyterian (or any Christian) church, we unite ourselves with a fellowship of believers who are disciples of Jesus Christ. We take on certain responsibilities to live as disciples of Christ and to serve God and be part of a local congregation. This is the “visible church.” It is the community of Christians who outwardly profess their faith in Christ and join together for worship, fellowship, education, and services.

Yet not all those who at some point confess their faith in Christ as Lord and Savior continue to be part of the church. They may attend worship for a while and then stop participating. They may not support the church membership rolls. Outwardly, it appears that their professed faith in Christ was not genuine, in that it did not endure in such a way to lead them into lives of active Christian discipleship.

The recognition that sometimes a confession of faith in Christ does not continue and impact in a person's life led the fourth-century theologian Augustine to speak of the “invisible” church. This is the group of believers in the church whose faith is genuine and who will not fall away from Christian faith. Augustine, and later John Calvin, referred to these as God's elect.

We can know who is part of the visible church—the names are on the membership rolls. But we cannot know who is part of the invisible church, since that group is known only by God. The invisible church as the elect by God, extends through all the ages, so that now those who have died have entered into the “church triumphant” in heaven and continue to be, from our point of view, a part of the invisible church. We do not “see” them. but their lives were genuinely Christians lives and now they participate in the eternal praise of God that we will one day join.

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

A Lot of Little Things

Did you know that one cubic centimeter of air has a *quintillion* gas particles in it? In case you didn't know, a quintillion is a number with 18 zeros after it (1,000,000,000,000,000,000)! To further blow your mind, these particles are traveling at approximately 670 miles per hour and bump into each other about 10 million times per second! In such a small space, there is so much happening that in reality, is simply too much to fully comprehend.

We are immersed in moving gases and most of the time, we barely know it. The universe is not just incomprehensibly large, it is also intricately detailed on the smallest levels. We look out at billions of stars that orbit in systems thousands of light years away and then turn on electron microscopes to explore the smallest details of the things that we live with every day.

If we stop to ponder these things, our thoughts can become very overwhelming...or it can all be very comforting.

I want to feel the comfort of the order of the tiny details these days.

Big structures in our world are breaking down. Even the Church is experiencing a sort of crumbling in Western civilization. Buildings that were once filled with vibrant singing, preaching and prayer now sit empty on street corners in towns all across the United States. Many pastors struggle to make ends meet as full-time positions are disappearing, while others take on second jobs outside the Church.

But there is also something big happening on a small scale, all over the place. Little house churches have popped up in unprecedented numbers. There is vibrant singing, preaching and prayer. It is happening right around the corner in towns all across the United States. Even small traditional congregations, like our own, have revamped their community outreach and are engaging with their communities in significant and meaningful new ways.

It's funny to me how I used to sit in my office, day after day, wondering how I could minister to those who were not a part of the Church. Then I found myself in a new season of ministry outside the walls of the church; inside an elementary classroom. Suddenly there was a church meeting in my home. It was small and virtually unknown to the larger universe. But I got to see God's Spirit poured out on those who had not belonged a church that ministered to them or in which they could minister to others. I have watched tears flow as people placed their hands upon someone's shoulder while praying. I have met those who have been rejected and I have seen them accept others who have been rejected. Small particles in a large universe, attracted to one another and in constant motion...very alive.

I pray that you can see how God is not only up to the big things, but also very actively involved in the smallest of things.

Wherever you find yourself today, please remember, God is there. You may feel small and insignificant, but the universe is made up of very small things. The universe is built upon the very small things. Very small things are supremely important.

Keep Shining,

Reece



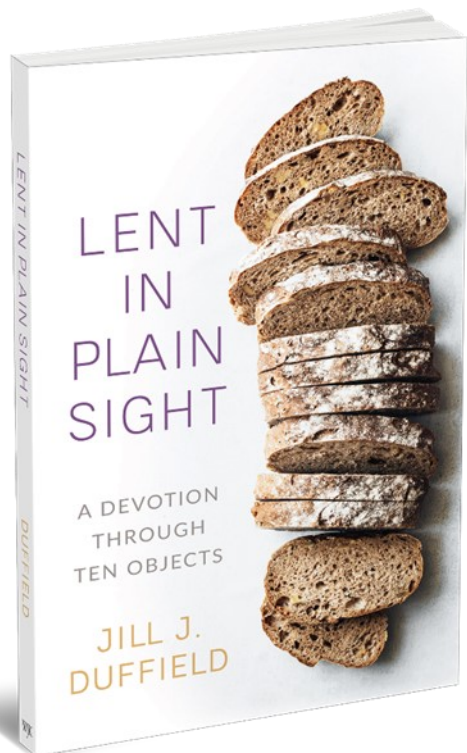
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The Super Bowl is just around the corner. While we do not yet know who will be playing, one thing is certain; at Calvary we will be celebrating Souper Bowl. We will be collecting cans of soup and other nonperishable food items on Sunday February 13th. Bring your soup cans to church and place them in the available baskets. Food will be utilized in the Little Free Pantry and donated to St. James Food Bank.

**This is one way we live our mission
as a Hunger Care Congregation.**

JOIN US FOR A SEVEN-WEEK LENTEN STUDY SERIES BASED ON

Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects, by Jill J. Duffield



**We will meet via Zoom. Mondays at
7:30-8:30 pm**

Monday February 28- Monday April 11

**Each week is independent,
no problem if you miss some.**

**The book is not necessary for participation,
however if you would like the book for the
daily devotions, please let Liz know so a
group order can be placed.**

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. The book, *Lent in Plain Sight*, draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem.

This year our church will use the season of Lent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year. The goal of this group study will be to focus on spiritual lessons and recognize how the seemingly ordinary can reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.

In case you missed the annual congregational meeting...

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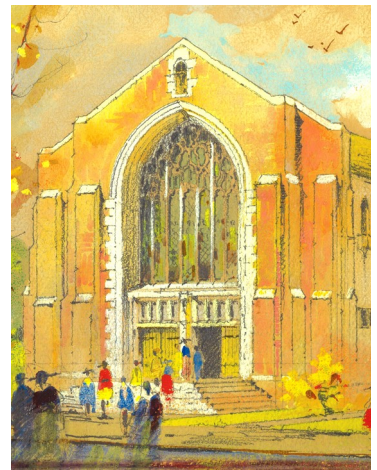
- Changed the number of Elders on Session from 12 to 9
- Allowed for virtual meetings of Session when in-person meetings are inadvisable
- 2022 Pastor's Terms of Call

For Information

2022 Budget

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Bibra @ vonbibra@sbcglobal.net

Churchwide Nominating Questions?
Email Ron Schooler @
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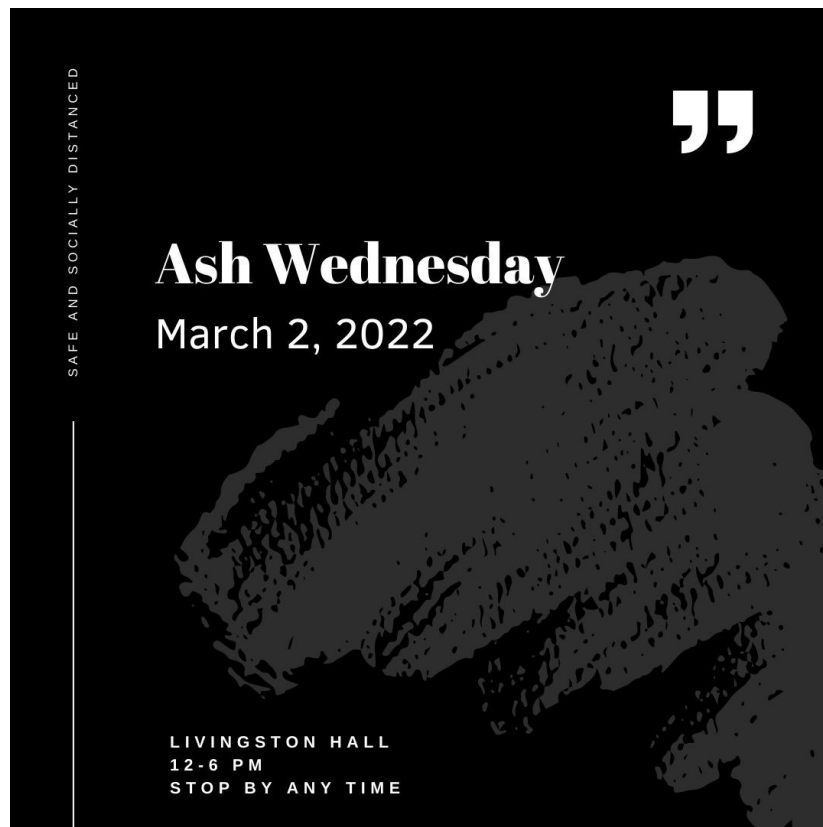


Sip N Stitch News

SIP N STITCH WAS REALLY HAPPY TO GET BACK TO WORK MAKING BLANKETS. WE ARE IN B6, BASEMENT EVERY SATURDAY FROM 9 TO 1PM. COME ANY TIME AND SIP AND STITCH WITH US! ENTRANCE TO OUR ROOM IS OFF OF OXLEY AND DOWN THE RAMP. THIS INVITATION IS OPEN TO ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY AND NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED. PLEASE SHOW YOU VACCINATION CARD AND WEAR A MASK....

WE WERE REALLY HAPPY TO HELP BY SENDING BLANKETS AND HATS AND SCARFS TO THE COLORADO FIRE VICTIMS THIS JANUARY. IT WAS DONE THROUGH A CHURCH GROUP AND KAREN BADING FOUND OUT ABOUT IT THROUGH A FRIEND. WE SENT 3 BIG BLANKETS, 6 BABY RECEIVING BLANKETS, 6 BABY KNIT BLANKETS, 15 HATS AND BEANIES AND 2 SCARFS. PRAYERS ARE SENT TO THE MANY FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST EVERYTHING.

- MARTA RENNA

A black and white poster for an Ash Wednesday event. The background features a close-up, high-contrast image of a knitted fabric, likely a blanket or scarf, with a textured, ribbed pattern. The text is white and positioned in the upper left and bottom center. A large white quotation mark is in the top right corner. On the left side, there is a vertical line and the text 'SAFE AND SOCIALLY DISTANCED' written vertically.

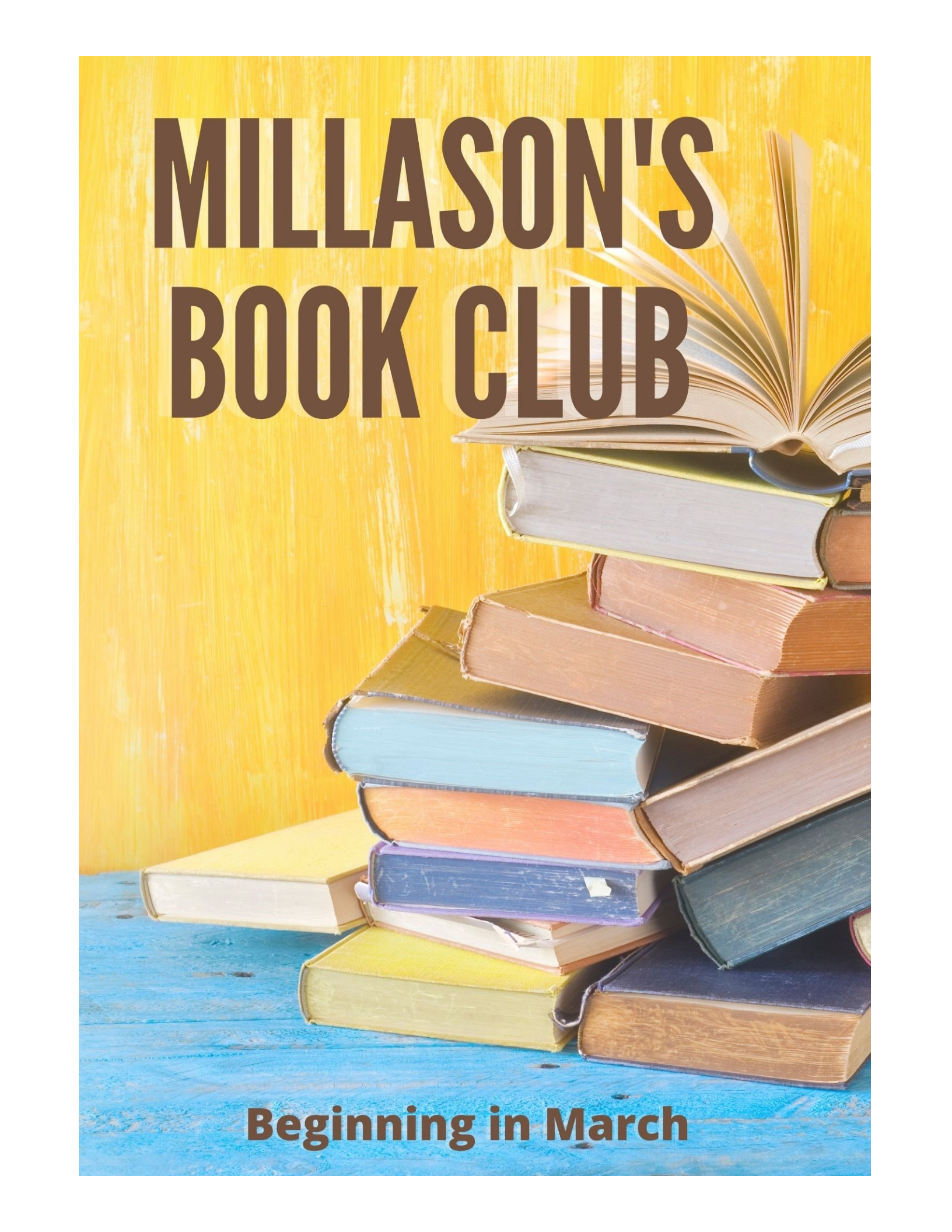
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Ash Wednesday
March 2, 2022

LIVINGSTON HALL
12-6 PM
STOP BY ANY TIME

MILLASON'S BOOK CLUB

A stack of several books of various colors (yellow, blue, orange, purple, brown) is piled on a blue wooden surface. The background is a bright yellow wall with vertical brushstrokes. One book at the top of the stack is open, showing its pages.

Beginning in March



Angel INTERFAITH NETWORK News



♥♥♥ February 2022 ♥♥♥

Happy Valentine's Day! May each and every Valentine's Day serve to remind us we are so precious for each other. Wishing all our Angels a blessed and beautiful Valentine's Day.

Network Partners:

Thank you to the awesome Chaplains at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care! Father Chris, Deacon Orlando and Chaplain Rita spent their Martin Luther King holiday in service to Angel Interfaith Network! They spent their morning helping to sort through the donated clothing and items at the Gatehouse. We continue making progress on moving these donated items and getting them to those in need.



Those We Serve:

Mr. Suarez has a heart condition and has also been undergoing cancer treatment. He was in need of vitamin supplements and unfortunately, his caregiver son is currently unemployed and unable to provide them for him. Once again, thanks to your donations, not only did he receive a case of Ensure, he was also provided with clothing and hygiene items. He wanted to send his appreciation to everyone that made it possible for him to be blessed with this much needed assistance. Thanks to you, Angel Interfaith Network was able to deliver an awesome smile to Mr. Suarez.



Urgent Needs:

The need for food cards and rental assistance continues, will you please consider Angel Interfaith Network as your charity of choice. Without your generosity, our work would simply not be possible.

For donations, please visit: <http://angelinterfaith.net/wp/donate-now/>

Donations can also be mailed to: AIN c/o St. Camillus Center: 1911 Zonal Ave. L A, CA 90033
Please make checks payable to St. Camillus, with **AIN** on the memo line.

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

We Thank you for your continued support!



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Lenten

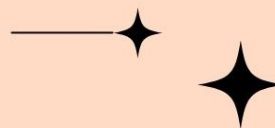


Photo a Day

March

- 2nd "Who Am I?"
- 3rd Return
- 4th Wonder
- 5th Love
- 6th Spirit
- 7th Vision
- 8th Live
- 9th Cover
- 10th Lift
- 11th Hear
- 12th Earthly
- 13th Prophet
- 14th Leave

- 15th Thirst
- 16th Bless
- 17th Night
- 18th Shadow
- 19th No
- 20th Find
- 21st Faithful
- 22nd Ate
- 23rd Happy
- 24th Silence
- 25th Water
- 26th Go
- 27th Temper
- 28th Surround
- 29th New

- 30th Rise
- 31st Dream

April

- 1st Beloved
- 2nd Home
- 3rd Alone
- 4th Restore
- 5th Blessed
- 6th Rejoice
- 7th Light
- 8th Help
- 9th Cup
- 10th Far



Be aware of God's presence around you.
Take a picture that conveys that word
each day and email it to
revmillasondailey@gmail.com.



January Financials

January Budgeted Income \$12,583.37
January Actual Income \$7,869.55
January Budgeted Expense \$36,468.67
January Actual Expense \$39,294.72
January Food Bank Expenses: \$0.00

*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](#).

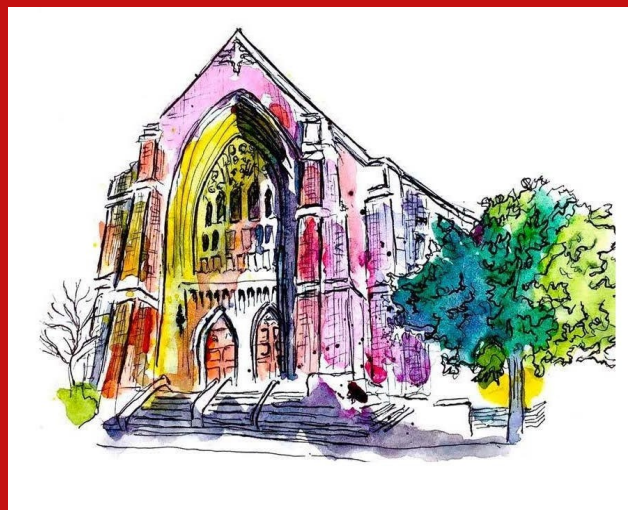
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Praise The LORD with us!

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