

A scenic landscape photograph of a sunset over a lake. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of purple, pink, and orange. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water. In the foreground, there is a field of purple flowers, possibly lupines, with green foliage. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

MAY  
MY MONTH OF SUFFICIENT GRACE

THE CLARION  
MAY 2018  
CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Upcoming Events

## Mother's Day Cards

Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>

Help other make Mother's Day Cards at the South Pasadena Farmer's Market . Please let Liz know if you can help. All supplies provided.

## PCUSA mission & all church gathering

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

PCUSA mission co-worker, Ester Wakeman will be joining us. Come hear about the work she is doing at Payap University in Chiang-Mai, Thailand.

We will be serving Thai food so that means you do not need to bring anything. Please rsvp to Linda Kopperud by May 6th.

[linda.kopperud@yahoo.com](mailto:linda.kopperud@yahoo.com) or (626) 403-1579.

Come enjoy a Thai dinner (It's Mother's Day---bring your mom!!)

## Door of Hope

Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is welcome to serve dinner at Door of Hope.

Come cook or share a meal, and make new friends.

## Lunch after services. Come hear from Tyler Holm about his work in Malawi.

June 10<sup>th</sup>

We will present him with the E-Readers we have collected at this time.

## Father's Day Cards

June 14<sup>th</sup>

Help others make Father's Day cards at the SP Farmer's Market—Please let Liz know if you can help. All supplies provided.

## Annual backyard BBQ and swimming party

June 24<sup>th</sup>

We will gather at the home of Carl and Elizabeth von Bibra for our annual backyard BBQ and swim party. Swimming starts at 3:00.

Food will be served at 5:00 .

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



♥	Richard & Cora Freeman	5/3
	Andrew Freeman	5/5
	Fedora Saraos Schooler	5/5
	Taran Daley	5/5
	Tim Hitchcock	5/6
	Aliene O'Malley	5/7
	Ann Mills	5/8
	Jonathan Saraos Schooler	5/9
♥	Bob & Ruth Melissa	5/9
	Shauna Lee	5/10
	Mary Michaels	5/17
	Mike Wilson	5/20
♥	Ed & Marge Novasel	5/20
	Nancy Irwin	5/28
	Ruth Leong	5/30



## Presbyterian Corner

### Our faith, our practice, and our roots

#### Why are Presbyterians associated with “Predestination”?

The doctrine of predestination has long been part of the Presbyterian tradition. It was part of the theology of John Calvin and developed further by Calvin's followers. Predestination, or election, played a role in the important theological disputes in the seventeenth century between the Calvinists and the Armenians. In America these disagreements translated into differences between Presbyterians and Methodists on the doctrine. Predestination is part of the biblical and Christian tradition. It was given prominence by the theologian Augustine (353-430).

Calvin and his later followers were highly influenced by Augustine's understanding of the doctrine and developed it further in their own sixteenth and seventeenth-century contexts. Thus, predestination became associated with Presbyterians. Often the doctrine of election, or predestination is caricatured. It is said to be a harsh doctrine, turning God into a tyrant. Or it is said to deny that humans can make any choices because “everything is predestinated.” Another way predestination is sometimes described is to say it is theological word for “fate.” To the Presbyterian, none of these are correct understandings Calvin came to the doctrine from a very pastoral concern: Why is it some people respond to the Christian gospel and others do not? His answer, as he studied Scripture, was that God had elected or chosen (“predestination,” as Rom. 8:28-30) those who believe.

This is a gift of God's grace, because humans are sinners and do not deserve the salvation God gives as a free gift in Jesus Christ. For Calvin, predestination should lead to gratitude and joy! It means that when we believe in the gospel, we believe because of God's powerful Spirit in our lives, and that God has elected us out of God's free grace.

When Presbyterians talk about predestination, we are talking about the actions of the God of the Bible. God is not the blind laws of nature or an impersonal force (like “fate”). God here chooses to enter into relationships with sinful people (covenants) and to provide the gift of salvation by sending Jesus Christ into the world (John 3:16-21). This is a God who cares and loves and gives grace to underserving people like us. So predestination is a comforting

doctrine, since it assures us that our salvation rests in God's work, not our own.

Predestination is not the only thing Presbyterians believe! But we can be grateful for our understanding of predestination, not because they show us as worthy of God's love, but because we experience the loving power of God, who “proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us” (Rom. 5-8). This is the joy of predestination!

It's good to have things we can count on, like "April Showers Bring May Flowers."



What is crucial to Angel Interfaith Network are the Partners we can count on, like Louise.

**Network Partners:**

In addition to organizations, we have many wonderful individuals who partner with us. This month we would like to introduce you to **Louise Inouye** who has been volunteering with Angel Interfaith network since 2009. She started by serving weekly at our original facility in South Pasadena at **Calvary Presbyterian Church**. She helped by sorting, counting and stocking donations, by preparing Baby Baskets for newborns, and by mailing out food vouchers. For the past several years she has made a hundred Origami Valentines each February for



us to give to the social workers and chaplains as a thank you for their help in making referrals of patients and their families who need help. Louise, with the support of the women of her congregation, has organized eight fundraisers for AIN with lovely luncheons, opportunity drawings, and silent auctions at **First Presbyterian Church, Altadena**. Our Gate House staff is always delighted to see



Louise when she stops by to drop off donations that she has collected. She is a true partner and we appreciate her time and dedication to our mission to serve our patients and families with neighbor to neighbor support.

**Those We Serve:**

A social worker in the HIV clinic called to request Boost, a nutritional supplement, for Peter, one of her patients. Raquel told her that we had Ensure, but not Boost. Since his system couldn't handle Ensure, Angel Interfaith was able to offer \$20.00 in Food Coupons so that Peter could purchase the Boost he needed.

**Victoria and her five children** were in a shelter and were grateful to have a roof over their heads after fleeing domestic violence. We were able to give a supply Pampers and wipes for the little one from **Baby 2 Baby**, one of our network partners. We provided some toiletries that came from the **Democratic Alliance for Action of Santa Clarita** and lovely Easter baskets donated by teens from **Trinity Presbyterian Church Pasadena**. Victoria and her children are safe and grateful for all support they are receiving and we are thankful to our partners for their contributions to our mission of Neighbor to Neighbor support.



**Urgent Needs:**



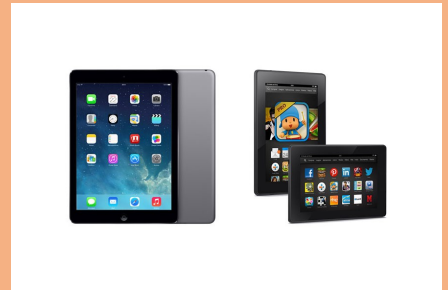
XXL men's clothes for homeless, Ensure and Infant cars seats



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

# MISSION CORNER

We have a special request from a PCUSA mission co-worker in Malawi for readers. Do you have a spare Kindle, or iPad that you no longer use? Electronic books mean that pastors and students can take their books back to their villages to share their knowledge and the Good News! They use solar chargers once in the villages. As you know---1 Kindle can hold SO MANY books. Please bring any donations to church on Sunday or drop off in the office during the week.



Our Little Free Library is up!! Check out the corner of Fremont and Oxley where we have installed a library box. Please feel free to take a book to read, or to contribute a book that was meaningful to you so that someone else can enjoy the book. Selections may change daily so stop by often!

## Changes to the Calvary Angel Family Program:

In an effort to promote sustainability, independence and to highlight Calvary's commitment the Biblical mandate to care for our brothers and sisters some changes have been made to the operational system of the Calvary Angel Family program. We request that all applications for financial assistance (for food, rent, transportation, utilities, etc.) be processed through either the Calvary Office or through the Mission Committee. The financial benevolence information and application form are available in the office and will be posted shortly on the CPC web site. Please know that through these operational changes Calvary stands behind helping our family, friends and strangers in a dignified and supportive manner.

Dear Calvary Saints,

The words of Jesus have echoed through the centuries, “whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” For over a 70 years Calvary Presbyterian Church has been faithful to Christ’s call to care for those who find themselves in need. In many beautiful and varied ways, our congregation has generously given of their time, talents and resources to feed, clothe, house and care for our neighbors. From supporting local food banks to providing for the needs of families through our Angel Family Program, we have done our best to make good use of all of the resources God has provided us.

It is from our deep desire to honor Christ and to live as he has taught us, that Calvary will continue to offer assistance to those in need of our help. The Mission Committee has been hard at work developing some new, well-defined and helpful procedures for how we will go about fulfilling our calling to serve. Some changes have been made to the operational system of the Calvary Angel Family program, as well as how we respond to any individual or group’s request for assistance. When any request is made for financial assistance (food, rent, transportation, utilities, medical bills, etc), those making the request will need to be put into contact with our church office and/or a member of the Mission Committee, in order for the request to be processed. There are application forms available in the church office and they will soon be made available on the church website.

The goal of all of these procedural changes is first and foremost, to preserve the dignity of those in need of help. By reorganizing our approach to benevolence, we are ensuring that our giving in the ways previously mentioned, remain sustainable and that the resources entrusted to us continue to be used in generous, responsible and truly helpful ways. Rest assured that even with these procedural and operational changes, Calvary will still faithfully walk along side our family, friends and neighbors through any of the difficult times they may face.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Liz Daley or Reece Lemmon.

## DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know that Calvary pays a per capita for each member?

The 2018 per capita is \$7.73. If you want to help offset the cost, you can do so by writing a check and in the memo line, putting "Per Capita." Please note that you are not required to pay, but you can if you so desire.



Calvary will be hosting VBS on June 13-17. Go ahead and mark your calendars now, so that you can volunteer.

Calvary will be hosting San Gabriel Presbyterian's meeting on Saturday, September 15th. We would love for you to serve as a greeter, please contact the church office and let us know if you would like to participate.



It was a wonderful day at the 10th Anniversary of The Eclectic Music Festival in South Pasadena. Approximately 200 people of all of ages came and enjoyed the music and food. Calvary opened its doors to the community, hosting the Fretted Frog stage. Our stage featured mostly solo acoustic guitarists from a variety of music genres including, Blues, Americana, Folk, and Pop Rock.

Along with the wonderful music at the Fretted Frog stage, Cavalry also provided an array of tasty snacks. We were excited to welcome everyone and share with them all the delicious, freshly baked pastries prepared by the congregation.



**We were particularly excited to have Pastor Rex stop by and visit us.**



**We were also so delighted to meet Dennis Rudolph who was part of the Calvary Youth group in the 70's. He shared some awesome memories of being part of our church and a mission trip he took to Tijuana.**

**In particular, performer Emily Zuzik played a highlight set with enthusiastic friends and family.**



**We are grateful for wonderful volunteers that came greeted, and baked.**



**The Festival was another wonderful opportunity for the Calvary church to serve and participate in our vibrant community. Thank you to everyone who helped to bake and volunteer and helping Calvary shine!!!**

# MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SATURDAY
		1 7pm Women's Bible Study	2 10:30am Men's Group 12:00pm Kiwanis	3 10am Mom's Prayer 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Inspired Living	5 9:00am Music Preparation for worship 9am Sip N Stitch
6 8:00am Musical rehearsal 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal	7 2:30 pm Traditional Worship 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Informal Worship	8 7pm Toastmasters 7pm Women's Bible Study	9 10:30am Men's Group 12:00pm Kiwanis 7pm CLF	10 10 am PEO AA 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Inspired Living	12 9:00am Music Preparation for worship 9am Sip N Stitch
13 8:00am Musical rehearsal 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal 5:00pm Church potluck & Esther Wakeman PCUSA Mission	14 10am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm PEO GF	15 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 7pm Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Door of Hope dinner	16 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 10:30am Men's Group 12:00pm Kiwanis 7pm Deacons meeting	17 10am Mom's Prayer 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	18 8am Preschool Graduation 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Inspired Living 11am Personnel	19 9:00am Music Preparation for worship 9am Sip N Stitch
20 8:00am Musical rehearsal 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal	21 5:00pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	22 7pm Toastmasters 7pm Women's Bible Study	23 10:30am Men's Group 12:00pm Kiwanis 7pm Mission Meeting	24 10am Mom's Prayer 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	25 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Inspired Living	26 9:00am Music Preparation for worship 9am Sip N Stitch
27 8:00am Musical rehearsal 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal	28 <b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b> 5:00pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	29 7pm Women's Bible Study	30 10:30am Men's Group 12:00pm Kiwanis 2:00pm Concert 2:00pm Reception	31		

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the standing April meeting,  
Session approved the following:

- ◆ The members of the 2018 Finance Committee
- ◆ To end the current Angel Families program and adopt a Benevolence Fund program
- ◆ To collect a freewill offering at the Eclectic Music Festival with the monies going to Living Waters for the World
- ◆ To conduct an "Offering of Letters" for Bread for the World

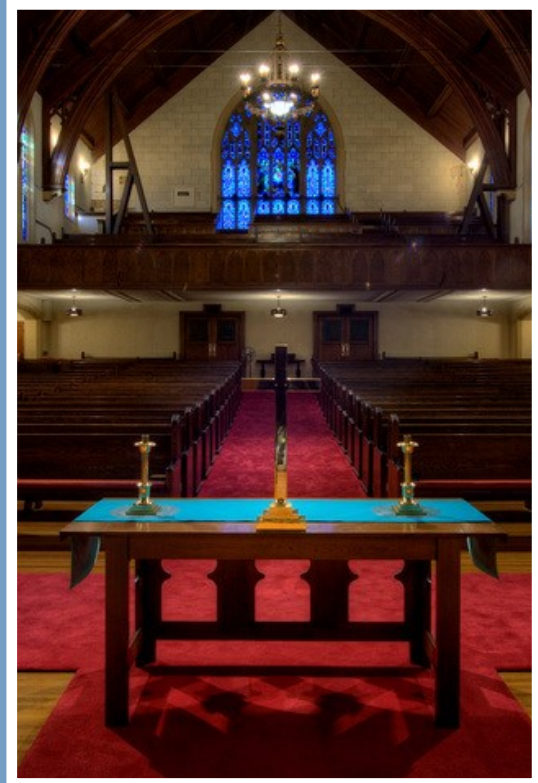


## April Financials

April Budgeted Income \$18,733.34  
April Actual Income \$15,034.00  
April Budgeted Expense \$34,714.14  
April Actual Expense \$32,464.28  
April Food Bank Expenses: \$64.72

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Praise The LORD With us!

Join us for Sunday Worship:

10 am Traditional (Sanctuary)

11 am Informal (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  
Check out our website at  
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