



The Clarion | September 2019 | Calvary Presbyterian Church



Upcoming Events

Regular Worship Services

Being on September 8th
10:00 am Traditional in the Sanctuary
11:00 am Informal in the Fellowship Hall

The annual Calvary BBQ/Swim Party
September 8th at 3pm
at the home of Carl and Elizabeth von Bibra

Dinner at Door of Hope.
Wednesday, September 18 from 5:30 -7:30 pm.
Please contact Reece to get signed up today.
Send email to Reece at
reecemmon@gmail.com or 626.429.8412.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



	Luther Philpot	9/1
	Sophie Reynolds	9/2
	Susan Wilson	9/5
	Ryan Zack	9/6
♥	Diane & Frank Quintanilla	9/7
	Richard Gutschow	9/9
	Hideko Furuta	9/10
	Glenice Hershberger	9/11
	Thaddeus Philpot	9/12
	Nick Robertson	9/14
	Noel Garcia	9/15
♥	Marta & Paul Renna	9/15
	Haley VerKuilen	9/20
	Harper Fox	9/21
	Maribel Valadez	9/23
	Rob Freeman	9/25
	Nathana Schooler	9/25
	Becca Daley	9/29

Presbyterian Corner

Our faith, our practice, and our roots



What is the incarnation?

The incarnation is a theological term to affirm that Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, became a human being in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. This is a central element of Christian belief and is captured in John's Gospel: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14). This is "eternity" entering "time," but more important it is the ultimately expression of God's love for the humanity created by God and reconciled back to God by the sending of God's Son into the world to bring salvation (John 3:16-17).

Presbyterians affirm that the incarnation took place in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, a Palestinian Jew who was a truly human person as well as being truly and fully divine. This is sometimes called the "paradox" of the incarnation—that Jesus is both fully divine and fully human. Yet this has been the crucial affirmation of the church about Christology, or the study of Christ: Jesus is the "divine-human." Both aspects are critical in our saying who Jesus is.

How Jesus could be truly human and truly divine at the same time is a mystery. It defies rational explanation or confirmation. We affirm it by faith, believing that Jesus took upon himself the sin of humanity, representing us and dying for us. His death has the power to bring salvation because Jesus Christ is fully God. Only one who is fully God and fully human could provide salvation by dying for our sin and being raised in his resurrection.

The church has long affirmed that the two natures of Christ—divine and human—are united in the one person of Jesus Christ. Some groups have emphasized one dimension over the other—the divine over the human, or vice versa. All these attempts have been rejected by the church as being less than a full incarnation—a full affirmation that in Jesus Christ, God has become a human and has assumed human "flesh." Through the experience of redemption and salvation we come to recognize who Jesus is and to realize the importance of what Jesus has done.

In Jesus Christ, God's "power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor.12:9), and salvation is given to those who believe (1pet. 1:9). In him, the power of God's love is able to transform the and to transform human lives. This is our joy in believing in the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

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

DID YOU KNOW ?

Regular Worship Services will resume on September 8th
10:00 am Traditional Service in Sanctuary
11:00 am Informal Service in Fellowship Hall

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
AN END OF THE
SUMMER BBQ/SWIM
PARTY! THOSE
WANTING TO SWIM
CAN ARRIVE AS EARLY
AS 3:00 P.M. THE BBQ
WILL START AT 5:00
P.M. ALL FOOD AND
DRINKS WILL BE
PROVIDED. WE ARE
ASKING FOR
CONTRIBUTIONS OF
\$5 PER PERSON TO
COVER THE COST.



**END OF THE
SUMMER
BBQ/SWIM
PARTY!**



**September 8, 2019
at the home of
Carl and Elizabeth
von Bibra**

RSVP TO
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(626) 403-1579

Mission Corner

EARTH CARE PLEDGE

PART OF THE EARTH CARE CONGREGATIONS PROGRAM

Developed by the Social Justice and Peacemaking Unit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) this 4 part pledge is a model for mobilizing congregations to respond to the General Assembly's "CALL TO RESTORE THE CREATION." Earlier this year the Session voted to try to fulfill the requirements to become an Earth Care Congregation. This Fall the Courier and Clarion will highlight actions that we are taking to meet these requirements.

Earth Care Pledge

Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

1. Our **worship** and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation and declare that God calls us to cherish, protect and restore this earth.
2. In **education**, we will seek learning and teaching opportunities to know and understand the threats to God's creation and the damage already inflicted. We will encourage and support each other in finding ways of keeping and healing the creation in response to God's call to earth-keeping, justice and community.
3. Our **facilities** will be managed, maintained and upgraded in a manner that respects and cherishes all creation, human and non-human, while meeting equitably the needs of all people. In our buildings and on our grounds we will use energy efficiently, conserve resources, and share what we have in abundance so that God's holy creation will be sustainable for all life and future generations.
4. Our **outreach** will encourage public policy and community involvement that protects and restores the vulnerable and degraded earth as well as oppressed and neglected people. We will be mindful that our personal and collective actions can positively or negatively affect our neighborhood, region, nation and world. We will seek to achieve environmental justice through coalitions and ecumenical partnerships.

Walk, Eat, Pray.

Join us for our first Walk, Eat, Pray adventure.

On **September 15th** those who are interested will meet at the South Pasadena Nature Park at **9:00 am** for a short outdoor walk, enjoying God's wonderful Creation.

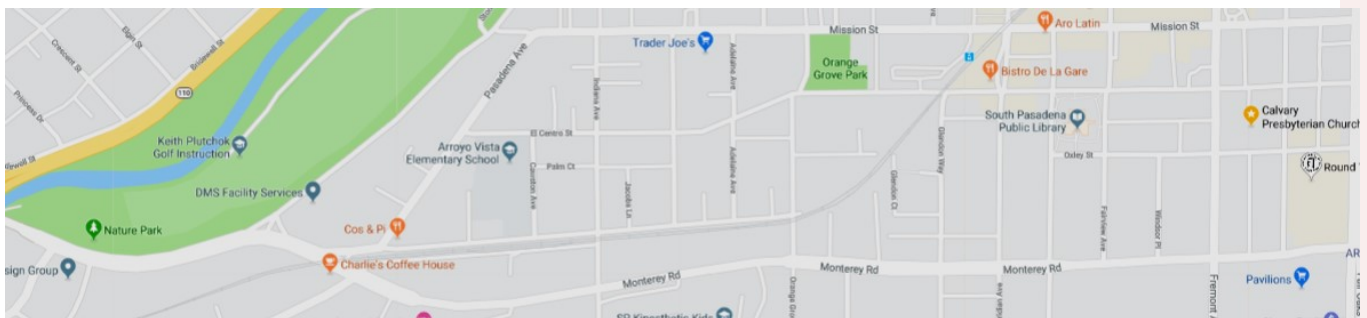
After the walk those who want to gather together for breakfast will meet at Charlie's Coffee House at 10. We will then attend the 11:00 service at Calvary.

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.

South Pasadena Nature Park

100 Pasadena Ave. South Pasadena

We will meet on Pasadena Ave. Please note that the entry to the park has steep, uneven terrain.





Calvary collected and stuffed 59 backpacks at the writing of the Clarion. Thank you to all who donated. We also purchased 50 new uniform shirts. The backpacks and uniforms will help children have a great start to a new school year. The last day for backpack collections will be on Labor Day weekend.

Believe it or not!!!!

Operation Christmas Child is around the corner!! We will begin collecting items for Operation Christmas Child mid-September and will gather to pack all the boxes in mid-November.

Stay tuned for the date.



Pens, pencils, crayons, scissors, and sharpeners are great things to pack. So continue to bring in those supplies but know that they will go to a different (wonderful) mission project.



The Two-Way Street

I too often think of mission as something we do for others. We bring the Gospel, food and clothing, education, health services, financial assistance, and other benefits to people who need them. Jesus calls us to make disciples and to be the good in the world. But, as I read the current newsletter from Esther Wakeman, the mission co-worker Calvary supports in Thailand, I saw the two-way street come into sharper focus.

Doing mission work outside your own culture may start out by being about bringing what you know to people who don't know it—in this case, the Good News of Jesus. But, in the process you have to get to know people and their culture to do this job. If you do it sincerely, it will change you. The Good News is still the Good News and yet you have internalized it in an enhanced flavoring.

Esther has been ministering the Good News in Thailand for many years. Yet there is always something new—new challenges, new people, new insights, and new responsibilities. She writes of renewing her course material for her pastoral care and counseling class. She is adopting insights learned in Asia that rings true for her and hopefully for her students. When Esther visited us two summers ago, she shared her changing vision with us. I was moved by her presentation. For me, herein lies the two-way street. The Presbyterian Church deputized Esther to go to Thailand to be a change agent for good there. But more than that happened. Thailand changed Esther and she returned to us and brought insight learned from her experience.

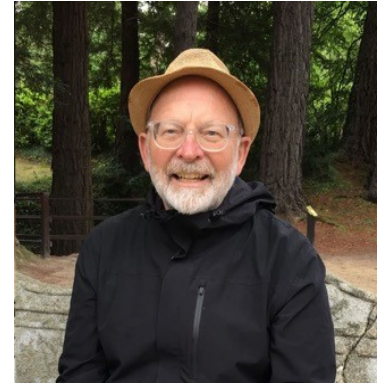
We at Calvary made a decision a few years back that our emphasis would change from being focused on the maintenance of our institution to be refocused on mission. We wanted to move from looking inward to looking outward. There are many ways that is happening. I'm wondering if we should measure the success of our efforts not only in terms of the number of things distributed to those in need and the number of service opportunities we participated in, but in how much our mission efforts have changed us. Are we experiencing the two-way street? Are we enjoying new flavors in our lives?

Ron Schooler



Network Partners

A chaplain’s reflection: “Each week we see deliveries of items at AIN that once sorted and placed into an orderly fashion given as help is requested. Donations come to AIN office or are left at St. Camillus Church. Multiple boxes of hygiene kits were recently delivered that were distributed at the door of the chaplain’s office at LAC+USC Medical Center. They were given to our homeless and to family members who need to be with their loved ones but couldn’t afford to go home for basics. A check came to our office for \$1300 for car seats and a grant proposal to McIntyre Fund for car seats and “Door Ministry” items such as cups of soups, socks, and items for hygiene kits. These are the daily blessings of Angel Interfaith Network that become moments of grace, acts of kindness, and community that are “hand to hand” assistance. Together AIN, St. Camillus and the Department of Spiritual Care are about these signs of grace daily. As chaplains, we see the faces and hear the stories of persons who come to us in need. I am daily grateful for all of our partners, all who donate money as Sustaining Angels or who are donors on occasion. We, as chaplains, become the hands that pass along the love: the cup of soup, the clothes, the rent/utility assistance, and so much more to one person at a time, one story at a time, one act of love at a time as a neighbor to neighbor. We are all so blessed and grateful.”



-- Fr. Chris Ponnet, Chaplain LAC+USC Medical Center

Those We Serve:

Edna is a patient at the oncology clinic whose husband just lost his job. He was the sole provider of a family of four so they have fallen behind in paying their bills. Edna’s social worker called to request assistance with two utility bills during this difficult time. Edna and her family were relieved to receive the help from AIN.

Cynthia is caring for her grandmother who has cancer and needs Depends and bed pads. Angel Interfaith Network was able to provide a case of Depends, some wipes and bed pads saving the family that expense this month.

Urgent Needs:



Baby shampoo and wash



Ensure



Men’s medium size clothing



Become a Sustaining Angel:

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

SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00am Musical Rehearsal 10:30am Summer Worship	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 7pm Women's Bible Study	4 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis	5 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Moms Coffee 7:15pm AI-Anon	6 10am Inspired Living	7 9am Music Preparation for worship 9am Sip N Stitch 3pm Saturday Evening Concert
8 8:30am Musical Rehearsal 10am Traditional service 11am Informal Service 12pm Session Meeting 3pm End of Summer BBQ Party	9 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Summer Bible Study	10 7pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Toastmasters	11 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis	12 8:30am Moms in Prayer 7:15pm AI-Anon	13 10am Inspired Living	14 9am Music Preparation for worship 9am Sip N Stitch 10am Girl Scouts Troop's Badge Day - Fellowship Hall
15 8:30am Musical Rehearsal 10am Traditional service 11am Informal Service	16 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Summer Bible Study	17 7pm Women's Bible Study	18 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Deacons meeting	19 8:30am Moms in Prayer 7:15pm AI-Anon	20 10am Inspired Living 10am Personnel Committee	21 9am Music Preparation for worship 9am Sip N Stitch
22 8:30am Musical Rehearsal 10am Traditional service 11am Informal Service	23 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Summer Bible Study	24 7pm Toastmasters 7pm Women's Bible Study	25 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Mission Meeting	26 8:30am Moms in Prayer 7:15pm AI-Anon 5:30pm Embroiderer's Guild Meeting	27 10am Inspired Living	28 9am Music Preparation for worship 9am Sip N Stitch
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JULY FINANCIALS

August Budgeted Income \$16,900.01
August Actual Income \$8,031.25
August Budgeted Expense \$41,087.01
August Actual Expense \$27,933.15
August Food Bank Expenses: \$0.00

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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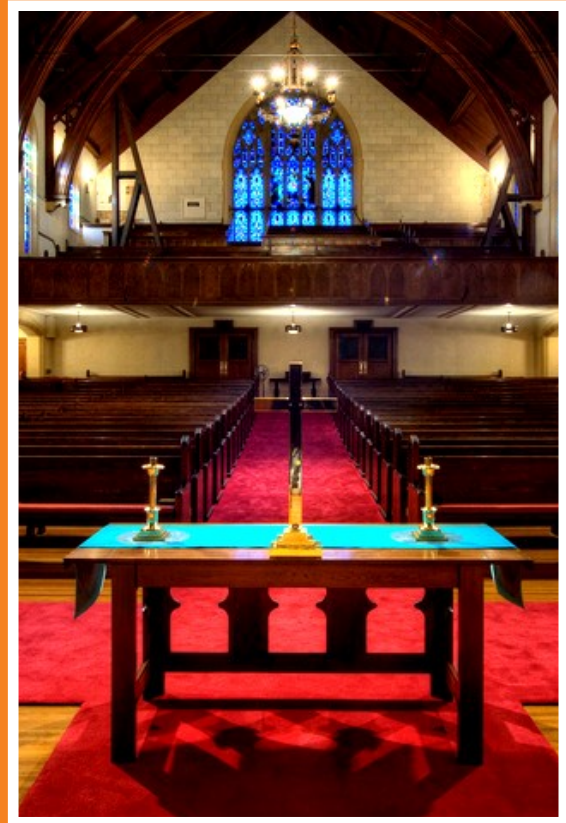
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Praise The LORD with us!

Join us for Worship
10 am Traditional Service
11 am Informal Service