

# CALVARY COURIER

December 6- December 13, 2015

TO OUR MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND VISITORS we extend a warm welcome. Please let us know of your attendance this morning by completing the “Welcome to Calvary Presbyterian Church” card located in the pew. If you have a prayer request or hymn request, please let us know by completing the “Prayer Request” section. If you want your prayer request lifted up during our Prayers of Petition and Intercession this morning, please give the card to Pastor Rex during the Passing of the Peace. If not, please place the completed card in the offering plate as it is circulated.

HEARING ASSISTANCE RECEIVERS are available from our ushers. Please be sure to return it to the ushers following worship.

THANK YOU to our Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes, and worship service leaders who assisted with today’s service. Our greeters today are Richard and Cora Freeman. Our Ushers are Orville Houg, Ken Whitehead, and Conrad von Bibra. Our Acolytes are Mez & Mal Zabel, and Lucy Callahan. Our worship service leaders are Lorenz von Bibra and the Rev. Dr. Rex McDaniel.

WE REMEMBER THIS MORNING Frank Halladay at 707 Orange Grove Terrace, South Pasadena, CA 91030. Frank celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday last month!

COFFEE HOUR we invite you to join us for coffee hour following the 10 A.M. service in the courtyard. A second coffee hour will take place after the 11 A.M. service.

THE CHIMES were given in memory of Jan Wetzel by his family and friends.

THE ZABEL FAMILY marks the season of Advent with the lighting of the second Advent candle.

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OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016 are available today.

**SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 12TH, CALVARY'S ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER.** Sign up today! We need people to help with main dish items and salad. Childcare will be provided here at the church. The charge will be \$5 per child to cover the cost of dinner and snacks. Please RSVP to Linda Kopperud at 626.403.1579 or [linda.kopperud@yahoo.com](mailto:linda.kopperud@yahoo.com) for childcare and the dinner by Dec. 9th.

**THERE WILL BE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 10 AM IN THE SANCTUARY.** After the service we will have the Mission Market and Luncheon in Fellowship Hall downstairs.

**THERE WILL BE A CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION ON DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2015** at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary to act on the report of the Nominating Committee.

**CALVARY'S MISSION MARKET WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 AT 11:30 A.M., IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.** You will have a chance to make donations to wonderful organizations like: Habitat for Humanity, Presbyterian Relief Fund, Heifer Project International, Church World Service, Living Waters for the World, Angel Interfaith Network, Calvary Angel Families, Mary Magdalene Project, Sip n' Stitch, World Vision, Fallen Fruit for Rising Women (Crossroads), Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA (Strikers) and hopefully our very own Calvary artisans. In return for your donation, you can have a beautiful card made in honor/memory of someone. We will have lunch for you as well. Many hands make the work lighter - we will need volunteers to help set up on Saturday, December 12th at 8:00 a.m., and clean-up after the Mission Market on Sunday afternoon. In addition, volunteers are needed to sit at the tables to "tally" up the numbers as our "shoppers" come by the tables. Please see Lisa Reynolds or call her at [818.653.3495](tel:818.653.3495) to talk about how you can make this event a great opportunity for Calvary to once again hit the mark with our mission giving. We have exceeded our hopes and dreams for the last few years, let's keep it on a roll!

**IT'S THE MESSIAH TIME OF YEAR! THIS YEAR MARKS THE 15<sup>TH</sup>** time that members and friends of the Calvary community have given this cherished story from scripture in the form of a musical masterpiece from the genius hand of George F. Handel.

We're reminded again this year that the first year's concert was an effort to bring together the community in the troubled and rudderless days following the 9/11 tragedy. It is especially at our most troubled times we turn to scripture. Although the concert event has flourished over the years, and our audience tests the capacity of our beautiful Sanctuary, we are again reminded of the social unrest and upheaval in the world that remains today. Particularly, we think of our Parisian brothers and sisters as we all struggle to find a true path to peace, love and joy. So, with the same resolve as fifteen years ago, let us mark our calendars, bring our family and friends, at 4:00 p.m. **TODAY**, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Plan to arrive by 3:30 p.m. to allow for parking issues.

And, finally, let's remember this concert, now a well-seated tradition in South Pasadena, is the result of the generous gifts of many community members in South Pasadena and beyond, and is funded only by donations. Your continued generosity is vital to this program. If you wish to donate, contributions can be made via credit card, cash, or by check payable to Calvary Presbyterian Church: *Music Outreach Fund*. **THANK YOU** for your help! –Mike Wilson

**WE WILL BE TAKING ORDERS FOR OUR SEE'S CANDIES FUND RAISER TO BENEFIT OUR ANGEL FAMILY FUND.** Even though there is a See's Candies in town this is still a great way to buy it. See's sells it to us at a discount so we are able to sell at the same price that you would pay in the store, with our proceeds going to a good cause.

Orders will be taken until December 6th with a delivery date of December 13th at Mission Market. If you need it earlier than that please indicate that on the order form and it will be available on Dec. 10th.

You can pick up an order form from the Welcome Table or look for the See's Table during coffee hour.

Orders are due today! Get your order turned in, you can pay when it is delivered.



## CALVARY CALENDAR

December 6- December 13, 2015

TODAY, SUNDAY 12/6/15

### *Second Sunday in Advent*

- 8:30 a.m. CHOIR - Chancel Choir Loft
- 10:00 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP- Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. INFORMAL WORSHIP- Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 p.m. STRIKERS- Courtyard
- 4:00 p.m. MESSIAH CONCERT- Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. MESSIAH RECEPTION- Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. MSF- Youth Lounge
- 6:30 p.m. HS BOOK DISCUSSION- Youth Lounge

MONDAY 12/7/15

- 5:00 p.m. GIRL SCOUTS- Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. PEO- South Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. CHURCH IN THE WORLD COMMITTEE- Library
- 7:00 p.m. INFORMAL WORSHIP PLANNING- B3
- 7:00 p.m. BOY SCOUTS- Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY 12/8/15

- 7:00 p.m. TOASTMASTERS- Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. INSPIRED LIVING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY- Offsite

WEDNESDAY 12/9/15

- 10:30 a.m. PAPER TIGERS- South Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. KIWANIS- Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY 12/10/15

- 6:30 p.m. CHOIR REHEARSAL- Sanctuary, South Parlor
- 7:45 p.m. AL ANON- Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 12/11/15

- 8:30 a.m. MOMS IN PRAYER- Upstairs Classrooms
- 3:30 p.m. SOUTH PASADENA STRINGS- Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY 12/12/15

- 8:00 a.m. BOY SCOUT YARD SALE- Front Lawn
- 9:00 a.m. SIP N' STITCH - B6
- 5:30 p.m. PROGRESSIVE DINNER- Offsite

SUNDAY 12/13/15

### *Third Sunday in Advent*

- 8:30 a.m. CHOIR - Chancel Choir Loft
- 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP- Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. MISSION MARKET- Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 p.m. MEC WORSHIP- Sanctuary, B3, B10, Classrooms
- 12:30 p.m. MEC YOUTH- B3

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY:  
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!



BIRTHDAYS

John Bruce	12/6
Jane Sell	12/9
Evelyn Moorhead	12/10
John VerKuilen	12/10

THERE WILL BE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, AT 10 AM so all of Calvary's members and friends can be together at Christmas time. Coffee Hour will follow the worship service.

CHANCEL CHOIR HAS RESUMED ITS REGULAR SCHEDULE FOR CHOIR YEAR 2015-16. Scheduled rehearsals begin at 7:30 PM on Thursdays, with participation in worship on Sundays—warm-up rehearsal at 8:30 AM, worship at 10:00 AM.

THE FIX-IT CREW IS READY TO GO! In case you haven't heard, the Deacons are initiating a new program, one which will help the older ones among us get some help with tasks we can no longer safely do. If you need to change a light bulb and can't reach it or if you need something on a high shelf, but can't reach it—help is on the way. Just call one of the Deacons, give your name, phone number and a task to be done and one of our stalwart crew will come to your rescue!

NOTE: CALVARY'S EMAIL is [cpc.southpas@gmail.com](mailto:cpc.southpas@gmail.com).

Please use this email address to contact the church office for any questions, concerns, or needs.

The Rev. Dr. Rex McDaniel

Title: "Honest Questions"

Date: December 6, 2015

Scripture:

Luke 1:26-38, NT, NRSV

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.'<sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'<sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.'<sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.