

The Clarion
March 2020
Calvary Presbyterian Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ecumenical Lenten Supper Hosted By Calvary

Sunday, March 8th
6 pm, South Parlor

Dinner at Door of Hope

Thursday, March 26th
5:30pm

Dinner at Union Station Family Center

Sunday, March 29th
5:30pm

Palm Sunday

April 5th

10 am Traditional Service, Sanctuary
11 am Informal Service, Fellowship Hall

Maundy Thursday Seder

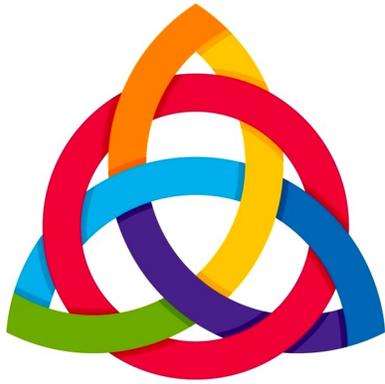
TBD

Easter Sunday

April 12th, 10 am
One Traditional Service, Sanctuary
Egg Hunt immediately following

The Eclectic Festival

April 25th, 3 pm
Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall
South Parlor



Presbyterian Corner

**Our faith,
our practice,
and our roots**

What is the purpose of life?

One of life's biggest questions is the meaning of it all: What is the purpose of life? To make it personal: What is the purpose of my life? Thoughtful people consider this at some point. It's basic and sets our direction in countless ways.

Presbyterians have inherited a famous snapshot answer. The Westminster Shorter Catechism, from the seventeenth century, poses the question this way: "What is man's chief end?" The answer: "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever" (BC7.001; a child got it wrong with the response: "to endure him forever"!).

The Catechism capsulizes the biblical view that humans are to live in a relationship with God our creator, and that we are to love and serve to God we know in Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Paul captures the motivations when he instructed the Corinthians: "Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). This was the passion of the psalmist who wrote: "And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you" (Ps. 73:25).

Single-hearted devotion to bringing glory to God is a comprehensive "game plan" for life. The God we know in Jesus Christ, as our creator and Redeemer, is the one we serve with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30; Deut. 6:5). We want to bring "every thought captive to obey Christ" (2Cor. 10:5) so we can live as God's people, honoring God and carrying out God's desires for his world. We want to obey God's will and devote ourselves to the praise and purpose to which God calls us. This is the big picture for our life's aim. It is the agenda ultimately worth our efforts. It is the only direction that makes life fully meaningful and significant. This is the way God created us to live, with the priorities and purpose God wants us to have.

The result? We enjoy God—now and forever. Our deepest delight is God's presence with us. What else ultimately matters? God created us to enjoy our relationship with the one who gives purpose and meaning, the one who loves us and "holds us by the hand" (Ps. 37:24).

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

Lenten Sunday Ecumenical Dinner and Prayer 2020

Ecumenical Lenten Dinner Schedule

Mar 1st -Grace Brethren @ 6pm

Mar 8th - Calvary @ 6 pm

Mar 15th - St James @ 5pm

Mar 22nd - South Pasadena Christian Church @ 5pm

Mar 29th - Holy Family @ 6:30pm

Apr 5th - Oneonta @ 5pm

Apr 8th - Seder Meal at Temple Beth Israel of Highland Park and Eagle Rock.
More info coming soon.

Apr 10th - Good Friday Service - Holy Family @12 pm.

Tuesday Afternoon Hymn Sing

Everyone is invited to join the residents of Monte Vista Grove for a HYMN SING at 4 p.m. every Tuesday in Marwick Place. Rebecca Thompson will lead this HYMN SING based on the hymns in the *Glory to God* hymnal, which are used regularly in our Traditional Worship Service and frequently in our Informal Worship Service. If you have any questions please contact Huw Christopher at huwchristopher@gmail.com or (850)209-6931.



*Jeanette Inadomi receiving flowers
from the Deacons*

*Deacons bringing flowers to those who no
longer can attend church.*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Patricia von Bibra	3/2	Pat Castellano	3/18
Peggy Ingraham	3/2	Chelsea Reynolds	3/18
Bruce Irwin	3/5	Katherine Gutschow	3/20
Tyler Zack	3/6	♥ Bob & Diane Wilken	3/20
James Jontz	3/7	Elene Perry	3/25
Fon Leong	3/10	Bob Wilken	3/26
Millason Dailey	3/14	Ruth Melissa	3/31



Dinner at Door of Hope. Sign up to volunteer at our upcoming Door of Hope dinner. Thursday, March 26th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Get "hands on" in service to our community. All ages are invited. If you have any questions please contact Reece at reecelemmon@gmail.com or call (626) 429-8412.

**Cook and Serve dinner with us
at Union Station
Family Center in Pasadena**
Sunday, March 29th
at 5:30pm

UNION
STATION
HOMELESS
SERVICES

Mission Corner

Throughout Lent the Mission Committee has direct ways that you can embrace the message of **Loving our Neighbors**.

1) Contribute to **One Great Hour of Sharing**— When you think of buying that chocolate bar, but remember that you gave up chocolate for Lent, put that dollar in your fish bank. OGHS also has a calendar that you can use to think about our privilege in the global community. Sometimes it seems that ‘just giving money’ is a dispassionate manner of philanthropy. However, joining with OGHS through the Presbyterian Church directly supports the following causes:

- to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program
- promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People
- assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

They can do more when our donations join those from thousands of churches across the world. Think of it as little rain drops, forming a stream, and then mighty rivers, finally pouring into the ocean.... That is what your dollar can do to impact lives.

2) Take a **brown bag lunch**. Find someone to give it to. Ask them their name. Pray for them. If you are feeling really brave—ask them what they would like you to pray for.

3) We are collecting items for two agencies. **Angel Interfaith Network**, a beloved partner of Calvary, used to be housed right here on in our church until they outgrew that space and were given space closer to USC/ County Hospital. They are requesting hygiene kits to give to homeless people upon discharge from the hospital. Imagine being discharged after being sick... but with no place to go home to.....

The **San Fernando Valley Refugee Children’s Center** offers hope and care to hundreds of unaccompanied children who have made the perilous journey from Central America. They provide for basic needs, services and resources. They too need hygiene kits.

We need donations of: (either mini-travel size or regular size products, both are fine!)

Washcloths
Socks all sizes!
Deodorant
Chapstick
Lotion
Tissues
Comb or brush
Toothbrush
Toothpaste

4) **Cook and Serve dinner with us.**

Door of Hope March 26

Union Station Family Center March 29

We are collecting hygiene items for Angel Interfaith Network and The San Fernando Valley Refugee Children's Center. We would like to package the kits in cute bags. If you would be willing to sew a few bags contact Liz Daley for more information.

We need donations of: (either mini-travel size or regular size products, both are fine!)

Washcloths

Socks all sizes!

Deodorant

Chapstick

Lotion

Tissues

Comb or brush

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Shampoo

We have lots of soap already!!



The Benevolence fund provides financial support for members, friends of calvary and occasionally strangers. Recently we were contacted with a request for food aid for a long-term friend of Cavalry. We provided this assistance, and when the committee met we decided to continue the aid for an additional 2 months. When Maribel contacted the person to tell them about this additional support she received the following response:

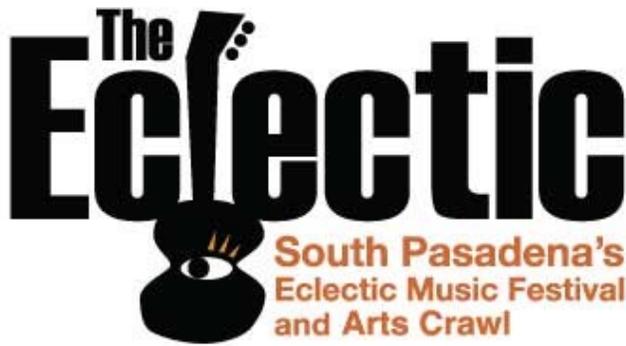
Two hours ago my family and I sat at the table and we were eating bread, we prayed and asked God to help me to find a job. I prayed to God "God you know at this moment I don't even have money to feed my children, please help me" then, when I saw the message saying that Calvary had a gift card for food, I started crying because I knew God heard my prayers.

If you know of someone who would benefit from assistance please refer them to the church office, or a staff member, to fill out a Benevolence form. Please note that most support takes 24-48 hours to review.



Feeding the hungry is part of our Mission at Calvary. On a recent Sunday we gathered to prepare Brown Bag Lunches for those who may need a meal. Each meal contains a tuna and cracker packet, applesauce, a granola bar and a pudding. Please feel free to take one, or several, and hand them out to people you meet who need a meal. These bags cost approximately 2 dollars each but are free for you to take as they are funded through your offerings to Calvary.





Calvary is hosting music stages for The Eclectic again!!! **Save the date of April 25th**. Join us in opening our beautiful church, sharing cookies and spa water, and welcoming the community. We need hosts for 2 hour time slots (so you can still go and enjoy part of The Eclectic), Many, Many cookies, and a clean-up crew.

Sip N Stitch News



Sip N Stitch is hard at work to make Blankets for the women at Crossroads trying to turn their life around. Last year we gave them 20 blankets and hopefully we can do the same again....If you have free time please help us. We meet downstairs in B6 every Saturday morning 9 am to 12:30. You don't have to punch a time clock so any time you can come is OK. This is also a good project for community service hours for high school students!



Network Partners:

Susan Brown is the newest member of the Angel Interfaith Network Council. She is the Administrator of the By Your Side Vigil Companions training, which is a program of the Episcopal Communities and Services. They train volunteers to serve in acute care settings including LAC/USC, other hospitals, long-term care and retirement communities, church communities, and with those in palliative care or hospice who are living at home. Additionally, she has a private practice as a laying-on-of-hands healer, which she has done for 25+ years. Before that, she was an administrator of several smaller non-profits. AIN is delighted to have her as a council member.



Those We Serve:

Rosa is teen age patient who has been in remission from cancer for the last five years. She has been suffering from depression and anxiety because her father fell ill and is unable to work and the family is having trouble making ends meet. Her mother recycles and baby sits, but it isn't enough. Parents Against Cancer, as well as local food banks have helped the family. Their social worker requested assistance with rent and utilities and clothing for the Linda Rosa. AIN was able to extend that helping hand

Clarita is a cancer patient that was being discharged from the hospital. Stephanie, a community health care worker from Whole Person Care requested a commode for Clarita and clothing for her teenage son.

Stella needs in home health services because of lack of mobility after giving birth. Liliana, a community health worker with Mama's Visits, requested a baby basket, a Pac 'n Play and a stroller. Thankfully AIN could provide them.

Urgent Needs:

You might be surprised at what Angel Interfaith can use. First, gift cards for groceries - many patients and their families have to deal with what's called "food insecurity" We also need Walmart and Target cards for Depends and Ensure. PLEASE include the amounts loaded on any cards you send. Otherwise, we have to backtrack to the stores before we can pass on this much-needed help to social workers and chaplains for distribution.



And then there are the usual urgent needs of men's clothing from L-5X and shoes to help discharged patients who are homeless. Wheel Chairs and push chairs are needed, too. Please phone: 323-409-6923 or email: office@angelinterfaith.net. We so appreciate your continued financial support.

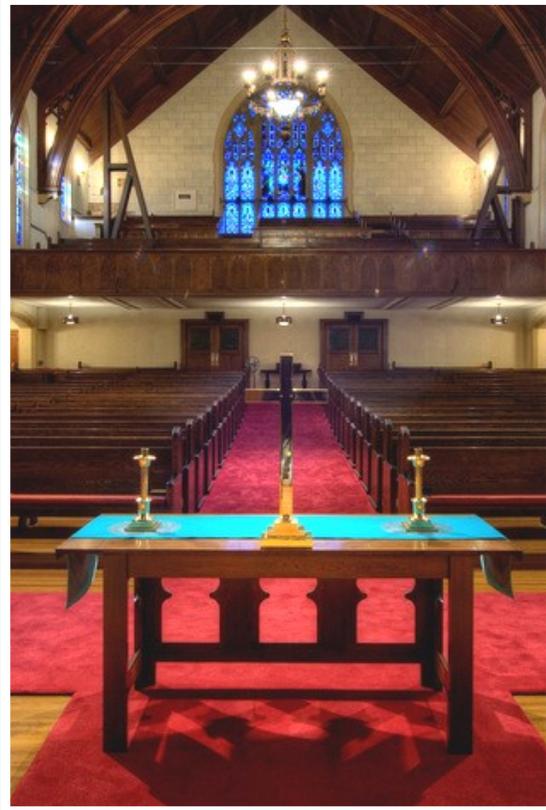


Become a Sustaining Angel:

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

March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal 11:30m Coffee Hour	2 2:30pm Traditional Worship Planning 7pm Boy Scouts	3 7pm Women's Bible Study	4 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Boy Scout Meeting	5 8:30am Moms in Prayer 10am Moms Coffee 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	6 9:15am Preschool Parent Committee Meeting	7 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch 6pm Pack 7 Blue and Gold Banquet
8 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal 11:30m Coffee Hour 6:00pm Ecumenical Lenten supper	9 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm P.E.O. Chapter GF	10 7pm Toastmasters 7pm Women's Bible Study	11 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis	12 8:30am Moms in Prayer 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	13 9:30am Staff Meeting	14 8am Boy Scouts Yard Sale 9am Music Preparation for Worship 9am Sip N Stitch
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22 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10am Traditional 11am Informal 11:30m Coffee Hour	23 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm P.E.O. Chapter GF	24 7pm Toastmasters 7pm Women's Bible Study	25 10am Preschool Chapel Spring Flower Celebration 10:30am Men's Group Noon Kiwanis 7pm Mission Meeting	26 8:30am Moms in Prayer 7:15pm AI Anon 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28 9am Music Rehearsal 9am Sip N Stitch
29 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30m Collaborative Worship	30 7pm Boy Scouts	31 7pm Women's Bible Study				



Praise The LORD With us!

Join us for Sunday Worship:

10 am Traditional (Sanctuary)

11 am Informal (Fellowship Hall)

February Financials

February Budgeted Income \$16,066.67

February Actual Income \$9,909.93

February Budgeted Expense \$37,037.74

February Actual Expense \$36,072.80

February 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.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the February stand meeting, Session approved the following:

- Moving forward with sound-proofing South Parlor

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