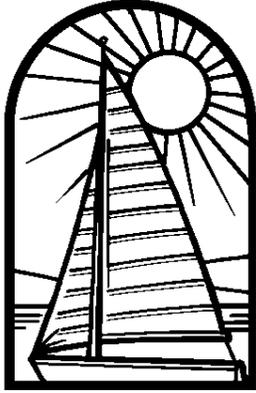




COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

June 2017



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WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, June 4 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

Dedication of Renovated Classrooms/Chapel
and Solar Panels

Acts 2:1-13

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, June 11 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

Graduate Recognition

Parish Sunday

Acts 2:14-35

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, June 18 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Bequest Emphasis Sunday

Acts 2:37-42

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, June 25 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Acts 2:43-47

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

From the Pastor

For the last several summers, Claremont Presbyterian Church has offered a "People's Choice" sermon series. Our pastors invited church members to submit questions or topics for them to address in their sermons during the months of July and August.

Topics included:

Is Heaven Real? What about Hell?

What's Up with the Trinity?

Does God Have a Sense of Humor?

Can Christians Argue with the Bible?

Can Christians and Atheists Have Real Conversations?

This summer, we want to take this concept to the next level with a series called "Community Questions." We want to extend an open invitation for anyone from Claremont to suggest a question, scripture text or current issue as a possible sermon topic. If you are a regular participant here at Claremont Presbyterian Church, I hope you will help by extending this invitation to the community beyond the church walls. Ask your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or extended family: If you could ask a pastor one question, what would it be?

Here's how it works:

Community members should suggest a question, text or issue by June 10 by emailing Pastor Karen Sapio at karensapio@claremontpres.org.

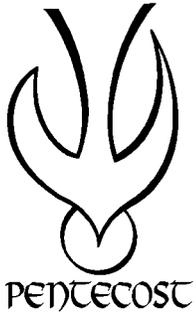
If your topic is chosen for the series, one of our pastors will contact you to schedule a Sunday between July 2 and September 3 to feature your question. They will also want to meet with you at least once to hear more of your story and learn why this question is important to you.

On the Sunday that your question is featured, we hope you can join us for worship.

I am looking forward to a great summer of great questions.

Karen Sapio

Pentecost Offering: Investing in Our Greatest Resource



The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the Day of Pentecost which is **June 4** this year. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by CPC to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community and is administered by our Christian Education and Leadership Commission.

25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) which provides opportunities for young adults to serve in communities around the world

and grow as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25% goes to Ministries with Youth to help guide our youth by uniting them to Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word.

The final 10% is used to advocate for at-risk children, supporting vital ministries helping improve education and provide safe havens for children.

You may bring your offering to church using the envelope included with this *Communicator* or donate online at <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/pentecost>.

Jazz Vespers



Sunday, June 4th at 6:PM

Claremont Presbyterian Church 1111 N. Mountain Ave, Claremont CA 91711

Vespers are an ancient form of evening prayer and music. This beautiful service is for the whole community; for anyone who needs time to reflect, relax, pray, and listen. There will be spoken verse, prayers of the people, and live jazz lifting up our words, thoughts, hopes and feelings. Our theme for the evening: **Seeking Knowledge and Understanding.**

The music will be offered by The Ron Kobayashi Trio featuring vocalist Debbi Ebert, who are professional musicians from the Los Angeles area. They are provided by the California Jazz Arts Society (CalJAS) which is a Non Profit organization whose mission is to preserve and promote jazz and other American art forms through concerts, workshops and presentations.

Update on Church Staffing Strategy

Session voted at its April meeting to take initial steps in acting on the Staffing Strategy Team's recommendation to search for a full time staff person to equip us to work toward our goal of outreach and engaging new people in the ministries of our church. Session has asked one working group to draft a job

description for the position and another to work on a plan for sustaining such a position financially. Both working groups will have reported to the May Session meeting by the time you read this. Look for another update later in June.

Sundays for Children, Youth and Young Adults

Each Sunday morning child care will be available for infants and toddlers up to 5 years of age during the 10:00 hour.

- ◆ Youth from 6th - 12th grade will meet for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ During the 10:00 worship hour children grades K - 5 will be excused from worship following the "Time with the Children" to go to Godly Play and Creative Expression.
- ◆ Youth Group for junior high and senior high school students meets Sundays after church for lunch.
- ◆ College and Graduate School Age Drop-In Fellowship Group meets Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Please note that the regular Sunday morning schedule continues until June 11. The Summer schedule begins on June 18.

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School begins on June 18. During the summer months we change things up and explore other themes and activities than our school year focus on Godly Play stories. Summer Sunday School will include time for learning, making art and outdoor activities. Children who will be entering kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to participate in summer Sunday School. Younger children and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery.



Vacation Bible School Is Coming! June 26-29, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Water All Around the World, a curriculum from Living Waters for the World, will be the basis for our Vacation Bible School this year. We're excited about the possibilities for linking CPC's mission work with Living Waters with our children's VBS experience. Each day will include a presentation on a different country where Living Waters for the World is active. These presentations will be combined with daily Bible, crafts and other activities also linked to water.

We hope that you'll share the news about VBS with your families, friends and neighbors. All children ages 3 through entering 5th graders are welcome as participants. Youth grades six and above are encouraged to sign up as volunteers. There will be signups on the patio after church both for participants and volunteers during the month of June and registration forms are also available in the church office.

Are you interested in volunteering? Volunteers are needed as teachers, craft leaders, cooks and registration help. In addition, a presenter who is from, or has knowledge of, one of the following countries is needed for one day only: Peru, Mexico, Haiti, Cuba, Ghana or Honduras.

We hope that you, your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors will be able to join us for VBS!



Parish Sunday Is June 11

Join your Deacon and fellow parish members
for coffee, conversation and treats
after worship on Sunday, June 11, 2017.
Guidance to your parish will be provided in the bulletin
and on the patio on that Sunday.
We look forward to seeing you!!

Tenth Annual Bequest Emphasis Sunday

The Special Gifts and Endowment Committee is pleased to announce CPC's Tenth Annual Bequest Emphasis Sunday, to take place on June 18.

During the service on that day, a presentation will be given to illustrate the importance of making special gifts to CPC, over and above our annual pledges for the operating budget. These special gifts can be made during lifetime or through our estates and can direct support to a particular part of CPC's program and outreach or can be left unrestricted. In either case, such gifts further enrich our spiritual life here at CPC and our ministry to a needy world.

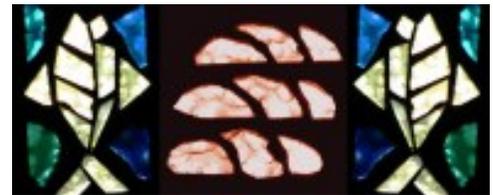
At the service on June 18, we will recognize the thirty people who, to date, constitute the members of our Loaves and Fishes Society. This is the bequest society of CPC and is sponsored by the Special Gifts and Endowment Committee.

The Loaves and Fishes Society draws its inspiration from John 6:9, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to sustain the multitudes. Everyone who includes CPC in his or her estate plan is entitled to membership in the Society.

If you have taken this important step and have not yet notified us, please inform one of the Pastors, any member of the Committee, or Jo Colclough in the Church office – we want to add you to our membership rolls! For more information, please pick up a copy of our Loaves and Fishes Society brochure on the patio on Sunday morning or in the Church office. The brochure provides the names of the Committee members.

The current members of the Loaves and Fishes Society are:

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| Sharron Bentley | Taylor Klingerman |
| Eric Bernal | Joanne McCandless |
| Teresa Bernal | Paula Pitzer |
| Doris Chambers | Kathleen Sigtenhorst |
| Susanne Christian | Pieter Sigtenhorst |
| Dave Colclough | Betty Springer |
| Jo Colclough | Stan Springer |
| John Connelly | Marjorie Stoddard |
| Geri DeMasi | Carol Stubblebine |
| Gordon Douglass | Craig Stubblebine |
| Jane Douglass | Roger Swartz |
| Frank Hungerford | Kent Warner |
| Delores Kelley | Teddie Warner |
| Robbin Kelley | Mary Wheeler |
| Jeanne Kennedy | Dorothy Whitham |



There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many?

~John 6:9

Books Recently Added to the CPC Library

The Beacons of Larkin Street, by Judith Favor (FIC FAV)

The Divine Dance, by Richard Rohr (248 ROH)

Hallelujah Anyway, by Anne Lamont (241.4 LAM)

A Letter to My Anxious Christian Friends: From Fear to Faith in Unsettled Times, by David P. Gushee (277.3 GUS)

Precious and Grace: No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency (17), by Alexander McCall Smith (FIC MCC)

Radical Spirit: 12 Ways to Live a Free and Authentic Life, by Joan Chittister (248 CHI)

The Storyteller, by Evan Turk (J FIC T)

Companions on the Inner Way

Companions on the Inner Way's August retreat at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, Lake Tahoe is coming up on August 6-11. Details of this retreat are on the flyer included in the Communicator.

A Companions retreat is a spiritual experience not to be missed! If you'd like to know more about what it's like to attend a Companions retreat, you can speak to Chuck Kerchner or Jeanine Robertson, who have each recently attended a retreat, or go to www.cotiway.org and read Adam Walker Cleveland's blog posts about his experience attending the Zephyr Point retreat August 2016.



Welcome New Officers

Welcome to our new Elders and Deacons, most of whom were ordained and installed in worship on Sunday, May 14.

Elders

Class of 2018

Miles Smith, Jeanine Robertson, Jane Douglass and Maya Aga (Youth)

Class of 2019

Sue Likens

Class of 2020

Paula Pitzer, Brad Starr, Gennie Ransom

Deacons

Class of 2018

Carol West, Nora Quinn

Class of 2020

Sally Lopez, Jean Perry, Mary Elyousef, Susan Starr

Thank You to Outgoing Officers

Thank you to Octavio Guerrero, Kent Miller and Jean Perry who have completed their term of service as Elders of Claremont Presbyterian Church.

Bill Brinegar, Kim Brinegar, Doug Carrington, Judy Carrington and Hannah Lewis have completed their term as Deacon and we also thank them most sincerely.

Financial Highlights

| CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 04/30/17 | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Pledges | 146,707 | 151,667 |
| Other Income | 34,275 | 43,104 |
| Expenses | <u>(187,115)</u> | <u>(194,771)</u> |
| VARIANCE | (6,133) | 0 |
| CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 04/30/17 | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
| Revenue | 268,610 | 252,459 |
| Expenses | <u>(265,452)</u> | <u>(252,459)</u> |
| VARIANCE | 3,158 | 0 |

The Latest

Claremont Presbyterian Church is now sending out a weekly email update for last minute news and announcements. The email is called "The Latest." You can sign up to receive "The Latest" several different ways.

One way is to go to the church website at www.claremontpres.org and look in the bottom left corner of the home page. Forms to sign up appear on other pages of the website but usually on the bottom right.

The church Facebook page has an Email Signup App. You may also contact Jo Colclough in the church office at jcolclough@claremontpres.org and tell her you would like to subscribe.

Graduate Recognition

Is someone in your family graduating from high school or college? We want to acknowledge them in worship on June 11. High school graduates will be called forward and college graduates will be listed in the bulletin. Please let us know by sending an email to jcolclough@claremontpres.org with the name of your graduate, the school from which they are graduating, and the degree they are earning (in which field.) You may also call the church office at (909) 624-9693 with your graduate's information.



CPCC Fundraiser

On the second Monday of each month you have an opportunity to support the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center. El Rancho restaurant at 984 Foothill Boulevard in Claremont has graciously agreed to donate a portion of the receipts one night each month to the Children's Center. **All you have to do is go to El Rancho on Monday, June 12 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. and tell them you are with CPCC** (Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center.)

You may eat at the restaurant or take your food to go.



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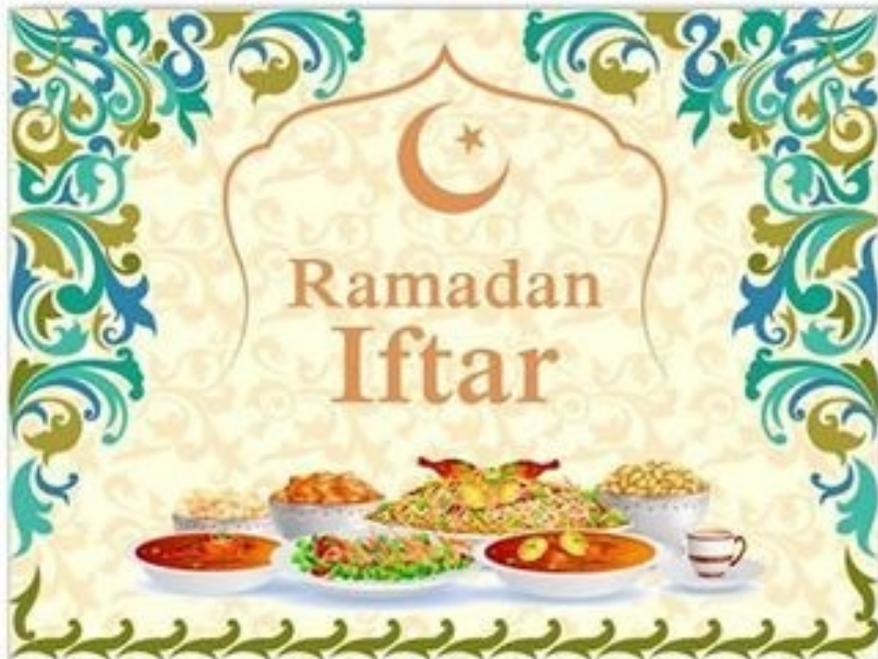
Adult Education
9:00 a.m.

Church School
10:15 a.m.

Worship
10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours

**Join Us as the Interfaith Community
Hosts Our Islamic Neighbors for Evening Prayers and
The *Iftar* Meal that Concludes the Daily Ramadan Fast**



Monday evening, June 5, 2017

Temple Beth Israel, 3033 N. Towne Ave. Pomona, CA 91767

Tentative Program Schedule

7 p.m. Welcome followed by Keynote Address from
Jihad Turk, President, Bayan Claremont
w/ response by Rabbi Jonathan Kupetz, Rev. Karen Sapio and Rev. Jan Chase

7:45 p.m. Islamic Evening Prayers

8:05 p.m. Festive Iftar Meal

Limited Seats Available With Reservation

Go to inlandvalleyiftar.eventbrite.com to reserve. No charge. All Welcome!

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Deadline for next *Communicator*: June 15

Tables for 8 Wrap-up Potluck

If you participated in one of our Tables for 8 small groups, be sure to attend the potluck dinner to wrap up the series which will take place Saturday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 7 at CPC.

Prayer Chain

If you (or a loved one) are in need of prayer, the Prayer Chain of the Presbyterian Women is there for you. You may call the church office at (909) 624-9693 with your prayer request. Please be sure you have the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer.

“Like” Us on Facebook

CPC has a Facebook page. Look for the Claremont Presbyterian Church page on Facebook and click on “like” to begin receiving news feeds about what is happening at CPC.