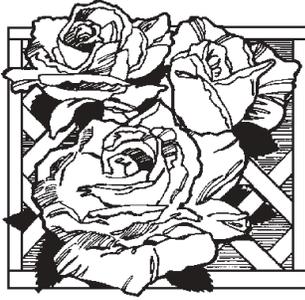




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News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

May 2015



MAY

Worship Plans

Sunday, May 3 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 15:1-8

The Rev. Rocky Supinger preaching

Sunday, May 10 10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 15:9-17

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, May 17 10:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday

Worship led by the youth of CPC

Sunday, May 24 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, May 31 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

John 3:1-17

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Our New Beginnings Continue

More than eighty people participated in our New Beginnings small groups during Lent. These six-session gatherings explored the changing needs of our community, our congregation's strengths and resources, and the possibilities for new directions in ministry over the coming years.

Thanks to each of you who participated in one of our New Beginnings small groups during Lent. Your investment of your time and energy for this is crucial to our New Beginnings process. I know there are many others who weren't able to participate, but who held us all in prayer and are curious about the outcome of the small group process.

You are probably wondering what the next steps will be now that the groups have finished meeting.

The first "next step" happened on April when the New Beginnings group leaders met together to share their groups' experience and insights. This was both an inspiring and challenging conversation! It is clear that the groups generated a great deal of energy, ideas and urgency about the shape and future of ministry at Claremont Presbyterian Church. The challenge will now be how to harness that energy and direct those initial ideas into actions that bring real change and forward momentum.

The next "next step" will be a gathering after church on Sunday, May 17 for the whole congregation. Several of the small group leaders as well as other group participants will be sharing the insights and questions generated by the small group process. We will also invite members and friends of the congregation to come together to engage in specific ways of exploring the possibilities suggested by those insights and questions.

We hope you can all be there!

Pastor Karen Sapio

Sunday Morning at Nine Adult Education

Sunday Morning at Nine Adult Education classes meet before worship at 9:00 a.m.

May 3

“Interview with an Atheist”

Kile Jones wants CPC to interview an atheist in church and will be our guest in this adult education class on May 3. Kile is a PhD student at Claremont Lincoln University and an atheist who is interested in helping liberal religious people work together with unbelieving communities for the betterment of society.

May 10, 17, 24

“Experience the Pentecost Story as a Storyteller”

If you've been in worship the past few weeks you will have noticed that Scripture readings have not been readings at all but have actually been stories told from memory. This is a very different way of relating to Bible stories, and you are invited to experience it first-hand this May. This adult education class will explore the story of Pentecost through Biblical Storytelling. We will utilize a series of videos you can find on YouTube with the tag #storyonfire. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in storytelling as well as those hoping for a deeper engagement with Biblical stories.



Youth Sunday Is May 17

The junior high and high school students of CPC wish to invite the entire church community to a special service of Lord's Day worship on May 17. Youth Sunday is an annual tradition that features the gifts and passions of our students as they lead the entire community in worship. Every aspect of worship is planned and led by them.

Give to the Pentecost Offering on May 24

Presbyterians are connected in mission to one another, and our four special offerings each year are a great way to experience that connection. The next offering is May 24, the Pentecost Offering, which, in addition to providing funds for CPC to use in local mission, supports the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program and work with at-risk youth.

The YAV program is a bright spot on the Presbyterian landscape. Each year hundreds of 18-29 year olds serve full-time in locations across the U.S. and the globe.

CPC's own Emma Randles is a Young Adult Volunteer in Austin, Texas this year. Please consider supporting this special offering. Find out more at specialofferings.pcusa.org.

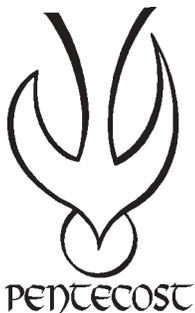
GLOBAL REACH
25% SUPPORTS YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER (YAV) EXPERIENCES AROUND THE WORLD

The Pentecost Offering provides young adults the opportunity to serve alongside communities while sharing the word of God. Your support makes it possible for volunteers to dedicate a full year of service for an experience that inspires for a lifetime.

- 1/3** of YAV alums go on to ordination and pastoral leadership
- 80%** of YAVs continue to regularly attend worship services
- 2/3** of YAVs report participating more in their congregations after their term of service

It costs about \$22,000 to fund a year of service for one YAV. With your gift, we can support more participants in this transformational program.

Help us double the number of YAVs by 2016!



Artist in Residence

We are happy to announce that we have begun our Artists in Residence program at Claremont Presbyterian Church. Our Artists in Residence are local artists from our community (musicians, visual artists, dancers, actors, photographers, etc.) who work with our children and youth on Sunday mornings as well as during our youth groups.

In May we are happy to welcome:

Lynn Burrows, the director of the *Music Together* program in the Inland Valley. Lynn is working with our children in the nursery and our children who attend Godly Play on Sunday mornings. Lynn specializes in music with young children and she has been teaching the *Music Together* program at Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center for a number of years.

Gale Burrow, a member of our congregation and one of our wonderful Godly Play teachers, is working on a visual art project around the theme of Pentecost with our school-age children.

Ramak Fazel is currently working with our youth, and will continue to do so through May. Together Ramak and the youth are working on an installation with wood inspired by the stained glass in the Sanctuary, and based on the Stations of the Cross. We are thankful for this wonderful work, and the learning that comes with all of these artistic endeavors.

All of our Artists in Residence are already enriching the experience of the children and youth in our community, and we look forward to much more. If you have any questions about our Artists in Residence program, please contact Krista at krista@claremontpres.org.

Save the Date
VBS will be the week of June 22!
This year we are taking a Trek to Thailand
Come and join us!



The Great Getaway Weekend –May 29 - 31 San Clemente State Beach

Join us for a fun weekend of fellowship and relaxation as we retreat the last weekend in May. We had so much fun last year we're doing it again this year! Here are the details.

When: Friday evening May 29 through Sunday lunch May 31.

Where: San Clemente State Beach (just one hour and 10 minute drive.) Our group camp is on a cliff overlooking the beach. Restroom and coin-op showers are next to the camp.

How Much: \$25 a person to CPC, includes camping and Friday and Saturday dinners. Plus \$15 per vehicle per night entry fee to be paid at the campground (if you have a State Park Pass that will get you in.)

AND if you don't like/ want to camp, the San Clemente Inn Resort is nearby. So you can come for the day, and sleep in a bed at night. You will have to make your own reservations. (Groupon often has good deals for this hotel.)

We will be taking sign-ups on the patio May 3, 10 and 17 or until we are full.

Grab your boogie board, beach towel and sunscreen and join us at the beach!

“Seizing an Alternative” in Claremont June 4 -7

Some 1,000 presenters from more than 30 countries and 80 fields of specialty are coming together for the most ambitious trans-disciplinary event ever held on behalf of the planet, “Seizing an Alternative: Toward an Ecological Civilization,” June 4-7 in Claremont, CA on the campus of Pomona College. Headliners include Bill McKibben, Vandana Shiva, Sheri Liao, Wes Jackson, Herman Daly, John B. Cobb, Jr. and many others.

Attend the full four-day conference or a special Saturday-only program. Both allow you to interact with scientists, intellectuals, activists, designers, and specialists of all kinds through lectures, events, working sessions, and networking. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be a part of the solution to global problems!

According to Dr. John B. Cobb, Jr., co-author (with Herman Daly) of the seminal, award-winning book, *For the Common Good: Redirecting the Economy Toward Community, the Environment, and a Sustainable Future*, we are living at the end of an era. At the beginning of the 21st century, it has

Be an Usher

The word “usher” comes from a medieval French word meaning “doorkeeper.” At CPC, our ushers greet those arriving for worship with a smile, a bulletin and assistance for newcomers finding their way. We are looking for some friendly people willing to join our ushering team. CPC ushers commit to serving one Sunday per month. This is a great way to get to know people and serve our community.

If you are interested in becoming a CPC usher, please let one of our pastors know.

Rooms Needed

The most important environmental seminar of the year will be held on the campus of Pomona College in June called “Seizing an Alternative.” You can read more in a separate article.

As this conference is a major event and will attract many more than for whom the sponsor can provide housing, and that some attending will be on limited budgets, we need people willing to open their homes and put up one or two scholars and/or attendees during the time of the conference.

If you are willing to host a scholar or attendee, and enjoy some enlightening conversation, please contact the church office at (909) 624-9693. Thank you!

become increasingly clear that the technologically and scientifically advanced civilization we have created is unsustainable. Our over-reliance on fossil fuels, carelessness in the management of our technology, and exploitation of the world's natural resources cannot be continued indefinitely, and it cannot be wished for all people without threatening to destroy the conditions for life itself.

It is the conviction of the organizers of this conference that the problems we face are deeper than mere technical problems commonly addressed by American and Chinese participants in this civilization, and are rooted in a mechanistic, domineering, ecologically-unsustainable world-view that must be changed if we are to survive and flourish beyond our current difficulties. A new, ecologically-grounded world-view must be elaborated and brought to bear on our problems before it is too late. The conference believes that the philosophy of Alfred North Whitehead is just the worldview to answer this global crisis.

Register online at Whitehead2015.com.

“At this point, we either re-think everything or give up hope. So we’re re-thinking.”

~ John B. Cobb, Jr.

CPCC COMMUNITY WINE TASTING

Thursday, May 21st

6:30-8:30pm

hosted at Sharron Bentley's lovely
Home

You are invited to a night of delicious wine tastings and instruction from the Claremont Packing House Wines staff. Appetizers, and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

Please register for this event with
Sacha Lord, CPCC Director.
Registration includes a \$35 per
person tasting fee.

Adult only event. Please no children for this evening out.



PACKING HOUSE WINES

19th Annual Golf Classic May 14

Greetings from Inland Valley Hope Partners! Our 19th Annual Golf Classic will be taking place at the Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana on Thursday, May 14, 2015. The proceeds from this year's event will help Hope Partners provide food, shelter and supportive services to local children and their families. We are still looking for individuals and foursomes to compete. We are hoping you will be able to join us! This is an excellent opportunity for your church family, business, and service club to help those in need in our community.

We have an exciting day planned! Registration and check in will begin at 11:00 a.m. Tommy's Burgers will be around for lunch, soon followed by a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. to the tournament itself. Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, and Hole-in-One prizes will be awarded and the day will wrap up with a raffle and live auction at dinner which will start at 6:00 p.m.

Not a Golfer? It's okay; you may attend our dinner in the evening for a smaller fee. At the dinner you will have a chance to bid on some very exciting prizes! There are sponsorships at every level available, from items for the goodie baskets, to gift baskets, and major sponsorships.

We look forward to working with you in this important effort.

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 03/31/15	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$ 116,164	\$ 125,000
Other Income	18,278	25,775
Bequests/Gifts	0	0
Expenses	(136,047)	(156,677)
VARIANCE	(1,605)	(5,902)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 03/31/15	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$ 183,005	\$ 175,115
Expenses	(183,463)	(175,115)
VARIANCE	(458)	0

A more complete financial report is available in the church office.

Come Break Ground on The Uncommon Good Garden May 9

Join volunteers from Claremont Rotary and the staff of Uncommon Good on Saturday morning, May 9 from 8:00 a.m. - noon, as we break ground on Claremont's next sustainable urban farm - here at CPC!

Uncommon Good has already built a network of backyard farms as well as one on the grounds of Temple Beth Israel. CPC's garden will join these as another piece in the sustainable agriculture picture in Claremont and the surrounding region.

Everyone is welcome to be part of the groundbreaking. Bring some gloves and a shovel, and stay to help with some of the initial digging and planting.

Subscribe to Weekly Email

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. Go to www.facebook.com/claremontpres.

You may contact Jo Colclough in the church office at jcolclough@claremontpres.org and tell her you would like to subscribe.

Dinner for a Good Cause

Claremont Presbyterian Church maintains a Children's Center that provides care for children from six weeks of age to Kindergarten.

On the second Monday of each month you have an opportunity to support the 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, May 11 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.

What could be easier?



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60th Anniversary Capital Campaign *Celebrating our Past ~ Embracing New Beginnings*

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present this progress report regarding CPC's 60th Anniversary Capital Campaign, "Celebrating our Past and Embracing New Beginnings."

The early response to the Campaign has been a delight to witness and bears strong testimony both to CPC's past and its plans for the future. To date, pledges totaling more than \$550,000 have been received, and this total is growing daily. This represents more than 90% of the Campaign goal of \$600,000 - a stunning start, indeed, as we move toward the close of the Campaign on May 31.

But the task is not yet finished, and the run down the home stretch lies ahead. Far more important than the dollar goal is the participation goal - we hope that every member and friend of CPC will want to join in this effort. It is the breadth and depth of participation that truly matter - if we are all in this together, each one doing what he or she can do, the dollar goal will take care of itself.

In this regard, it is remarkable that the current pledge total of more than \$550,000 has come from fewer than 100 pledges. This means that many are still considering the role which they will play in the Campaign. With full participation, at whatever level each person deems appropriate, we will reach and surpass the \$600,000 goal - a fitting tribute to CPC's work and witness these past 60 years, our strong current leadership, and our plans for the next 60 years. Another exciting prospect: all amounts raised beyond the \$600,000 needed to fully fund the Campaign objectives will be available to support additional outreach efforts which will be identified through the church-wide New Beginnings project!

In short, now is the time for everyone to prayerfully complete and return the Pledge Form which was included in the Campaign packet. If you need another copy, please pick one up at the Church office. Thank you!

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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.

Be sure to share it with your friends!



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.