



COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

February 2015



FEBRUARY

Worship Plans

Sunday, February 1 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:21-28

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching
Annual Meeting following worship

Sunday, February 8 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:29-39

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, February 15 10:00 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord

Mark 9:2-10

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Wednesday, February 18 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Worship

Sunday, February 22 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Looking Back and Moving Forward

On Sunday, February 8, we will gather after worship for a festive meal in celebration of the 60th anniversary of Claremont Presbyterian Church's founding.

When I was in college, Prince's pop hit *1999* was popular. As my friends and I danced to that song in the early 1980's, 1999 seemed impossibly far in the future – more than a decade away. Now, of course, 1999 is the good old days – before Facebook, smartphones, ipads or Netflix.

How much farther in the future must 2015 have seemed to that group of Presbyterians who, in 1955, asked the Presbytery of Los Angeles to establish a Presbyterian congregation in Claremont? What was the world like sixty years ago?

Gas cost 23 cents a gallon. A first class postage stamp cost 3 cents. The world's population stood at approximately 2.780 billion. The *Brooklyn Dodgers* beat the Yankees in the World Series and *Gunsmoke* debuted on TV. Just down the road, Disneyland opened with great fanfare. Farther away, Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of the bus and the Montgomery bus boycott began. Even farther away, President Eisenhower sent the first US military advisors to Vietnam.

You could take any one of those nuggets of history and tell the story of what happened next: Cheap gas turned into the Energy Crisis. Mail turned into email. The Dodgers moved west. Three TV channels turned into hundreds of cable networks. A few military advisors became 58,183 Americans killed in a long and divisive war.

The founders of our church were forward thinking, but they could not have foreseen all that was to come. They looked at the needs of their community and acted in faith on what they believed God was calling them to do.

We cannot see into the future either. But we can look at the needs of our community and our world and act in faith on what we believe God is calling us to do.

Pastor Karen Sapio

Sunday Morning at Nine Adult Education

Adult Education classes meet at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings

“Conversations about Race”

February 1, 8, 15

Led by Elaine Walker, Rocky Supinger and others.

“Jesus and Jail”

February 22, March 1, 8, 15

During the first four weeks of Lent, Krista Wuertz will be teaching a class that will focus on the Doctrine of the Atonement and the prison system in the United States.



Newcomer Orientation

If you have been visiting Claremont Presbyterian Church and would like to learn more about our congregation, we invite you to our next Newcomer Orientation after worship on February 15 in our church library (the library is inside the church office.) This is a chance to find out more about our history, current ministries and vision for the future.

Souper Bowl of Caring - February 1

On Sunday, February 1, CPC's youth invite you to take part in the Souper Bowl of Caring. We've been collecting this special after-worship offering since 2000, along with youth in churches and schools across the country.

When you exit the Sanctuary, youth holding soup kettles will meet you at the door. Drop a dollar or two (or twenty) in one of those kettles, and we will give it to the Beta Center food pantry in Pomona.

Last year's Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$745.00. That's great, and just a little shy of the record contribution for CPC, which was \$1,047.00 in 2011. Could 2015 be a record breaking Souper Bowl?



Double Header February 8

Sunday, February 8 will combine two special events. Chet Jaeger and the Night Blooming Jazzmen will lead our worship music with their Dixieland Jazz interpretations of favorite hymns and anthems.

Immediately following, we will gather in Angell Courtyard and Fellowship Hall for a festive meal to celebrate Claremont Presbyterian Church's Sixtieth Anniversary. Roger and Karry Denton will supply delicious Jambalaya and Dirty Rice. This will be accompanied by salads and desserts contributed by others.

Come enjoy the music, the meal, displays of pictures and artifacts from six decades of our congregation's history – and a few other surprises in store.

Don't miss church on February 8! Come and bring friends.



Ash Wednesday, February 18

“Remember you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

CPC's annual Ash Wednesday worship service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18. Our youth and college students invite you to an evening of penitential reflection and prayer aided by music.



Sunday Mornings for Children & Youth

Each Sunday morning child care will be available for infants and toddlers up to 3 years of age during both the 9:00 and 10:00 hours.

During the 10:00 worship hour children age 4 - 5th grade will be excused from worship following the "Time with the Children" to go to the following activities:

Children ages 4 - first grade will go to Godly Play from 10:15 - 10:45.

Children grades 2 - 5 will go to Music & Movement with Ms. Taylor from 10:15 - 10:45

Children grades 2 - 5 will go to Godly Play from 10:45 - 11:15.

Children ages 4 - first grade will go to Music & Movement from 10:45 - 11:15

Youth from 6th - 12th grade will meet for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

New Beginnings Small Groups Forming this Month

Small groups for discussion and discernment are the heart and soul of our New Beginnings process. New Beginnings is a program of congregational discernment about the future. We have been through the preliminary stages: congregational assessment and leadership training. Now comes the next step. We hope to have close to 100 of our members and friends participate in small discussion groups during Lent.

These groups meet six times and focus on:

- Vitality and Discipleship
- Interpreting Our New Beginnings Assessment Report
- Examining Our Community
- Our Church in God's Mission
- Discovering our Options
- Navigating Change

You may sign up to be part of a group in several ways. You can fill out the insert in your bulletin on February 1, 8, or 15. You can call the church office. You can speak to one of our pastors.

You can check out the New Beginnings link on our church website. You can indicate the best time/day for you to participate and we will find a group that works for you.

All groups will begin together on Sunday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Family Ministry Event February 22

On February 22 we will have our monthly Family Ministry gathering. All who would like to join us are invited to meet in the Godly Play room from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We will have dinner together and participate in activities that prepare our hearts and minds for the season of Lent and Easter. Ms. Taylor will lead musical activities including a drum circle, and I will lead us through a lesson from our Godly Play curriculum.

Our dinner is potluck style. We will provide pizza and drinks, and if each family could bring cut fruit, a vegetable or dessert to share that would be wonderful. An RSVP would be much appreciated so that we know how much food to order. You can reply to krista@claremontpres.org

~Krista Wuertz

Godly Play

This month in our Godly Play classroom we are continuing our focus on learning about parables as a special way of teaching us important lessons that open up to us over time in different ways. We will also begin our Lenten series on Sunday the 22nd with our lesson "The Mystery of Easter." Godly Play is a wonderful way for children to explore both their spiritual beliefs and our religious tradition.

All children age 4 - grade 5 are encouraged to join us in Godly Play following "Time with The Children" in worship each Sunday

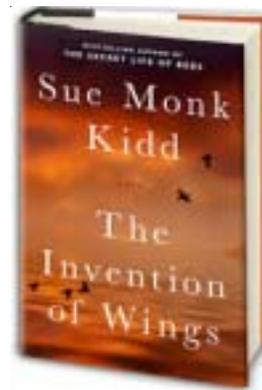




The Presbyterian Women
of
Claremont Presbyterian Church
present
Elaine Walker
Reviewing



The Invention of Wings
by Sue Monk Kidd



"The story follows Hetty "Handful" Grimke, a Charleston slave, and Sarah, the daughter of the wealthy Grimke family. The novel begins on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership over Handful, who is to be her handmaid. "The Invention of Wings" follows the next thirty-five years of their lives. Inspired in part by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke (a feminist, suffragist and, importantly, an abolitionist), Kidd allows herself to go beyond the record to flesh out the inner lives of all the characters, both real and imagined"—

Luncheon - Southern Fare

Saturday, February 7, 2015

11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

- For tables of 8 and individual reservations, call Pat Beswick
- Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women.
- Tickets @ \$15.00 may be purchased on the patio on Sunday, January 25 and February 1
- Check public libraries, Barnes and Noble or Amazon for the book.

The Latest



The *Communicator* is published monthly (except in summer) by Claremont Presbyterian Church. Submissions are subject to editing for content and length. To submit an article or item for the monthly calendar, please contact the church office by the 15th of the month by telephone at (909) 624-9693, email jcolclough@claremontpres.org or fax to (909) 624-4743.

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Karen Sapio
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Church School

9:00 a.m.
(Except in Summer)

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours

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, February 9 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?

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 12/31/14	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$ 492,847	\$ 500,000
Other Income	100,982	103,100
Bequests/Gifts	5,500	0
Expenses	(625,517)	(629,619)
VARIANCE	(26,188)	(26,519)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 12/31/14	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$ 721,497	\$ 724,514
Expenses	(725,684)	(724,514)
VARIANCE	(4,187)	0

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

Two Ways to Send Your Donation to CPC

1. By going to Paypal.com. If you have a PayPal account and you log in to your account you can send your contribution to cpcpaypal@claremontpres.org. There will be no fee to you or to CPC.

2. By going to the church website. The CPC website is www.claremontpres.org. Look under the "About Us" tab for "Giving to CPC." Then click on the "Donate" button and follow the instructions. Please note that if you send a donation to CPC using this button on the website and choose either credit card or PayPal, CPC will be charged a service fee.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held Sunday, February 1 following worship. Reports of the church's life in 2014 as well as a budget for 2015 will be presented. We will also vote on the terms of call for our pastors.

CHS Chamber Singers Concert

The Claremont High School Chamber Singers will be performing in concert at Claremont Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will include spirituals arranged by composer John Ritter and will be performed with a live orchestra. The suggested donation for this concert is \$5.00. For more information call (909) 624-9053 extension 30462.



New Website!

Claremont Presbyterian Church now has a new, updated website. It is still the same address, www.claremontpres.org, but with a great new look. It was designed by Children's Center Director Sacha Lord's daughter-in-law, Joanna Lord.

Check it out and let us know what you think!

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

February 2015

Dear Friends,

In March, as part of its 60th Anniversary celebration in 2015, CPC will launch a comprehensive and visionary Capital Campaign, entitled "Celebrating our Past and Embracing New Beginnings."

The four specific objectives of the Campaign are:

1. Mission: **The Fund for New Beginnings in Ministry**

This Fund will provide a mechanism for the support of emerging experiments in Ministry and Mission in a rapidly changing world, supplementing our ongoing traditional Mission outreach.

2. Education and Community Outreach: **Facilities for New Beginnings**

This project will bring major renovation and remodeling of our classroom and meeting spaces and a portion of the Children's Center, equipping CPC to reshape and expand its education and community outreach programs.

3. Stewardship: **New Beginnings in Environmental Stewardship**

This work will equip our campus with water conservation (drought-resistant landscaping), solar energy (solar panels), and fine-tuning of the Sanctuary and Children's Center heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems.

4. Music: **New Beginnings for Timeless Music**

Our Sanctuary organ, while otherwise in sound operating condition, will receive a much-needed new and digitalized console, which is the heart of the instrument and is necessary to preserve this remarkable CPC asset.

The total dollar goal for the Campaign is \$600,000, and pledges will be payable over a three-year period.

Detailed information about the Campaign and the role that each of us is invited to play will be forthcoming in the near future.

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“Like” Us on Facebook

Did you know that 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 contact 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.

Pledge Envelopes for 2015

If you have submitted a pledge for 2015 and have indicated that you will be paying weekly, monthly or quarterly, pledge envelopes have been printed for you. Please pick them up in the Narthex.