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I was glad when they said to me...

...Let us go into the house of the Lord! I am so looking forward to Sunday, June 6 when we will worship together in the Sanctuary in person. Who could have imagined when we suspended in person worship in March 2020 that we would be away from our beautiful sacred space for so long! As we prepare to move forward into June and beyond, here are a few things to keep in mind.

1. The COVID-19 virus is still among us, so we will continue to take appropriate safety precautions as we gather. We are guided in this by recommendations from the CDC and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. These recommendations are rapidly evolving! We will begin with a fairly cautious approach that may be more restrictive than what these agencies permit. We look forward to relaxing restrictions as time goes by and we feel more comfortable and confident being together. For our current Safety Guidelines, see the related article inside this newsletter.
2. We will continue to offer our worship services via live stream for anyone who would like to participate remotely. We realize that, on any given Sunday, there could be many reasons including health, travel, work commitments, or family circumstances to choose this option. Our worshipping community will now always include both those gathered in the sanctuary and those joining us virtually. The Holy Spirit unites us in one heart, mind, and soul.
3. There is still work to do to prepare for in person worship. For a list of ways to help, see the list included in this newsletter.

Upcoming Worship

All worship services are in-person and accessible through Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/claremontpres)

Sunday, June 6, 10:00 AM

*Welcome Home Sunday with
Communion*

Psalm 138

Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, June 13, 10:00 AM

Young People's Sunday
led by Children, Youth and
Families

Sunday, June 20, 10:00 AM

Psalm 107

Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, June 27, 10:00 AM

Psalm 30

Karen Sapio preaching

4. God is Good! God has brought us through these difficult months when we could not worship face to face. We trust that God will be with us as we move forward into post-pandemic life and ministry. We listen for God's wisdom and seek God's courage and strength.

Karen Sapio

What to expect during in person worship

In accordance with guidance from CDC, the Los Angeles County Health Department, and San Gabriel Presbytery, we will observe the following safety precautions as we begin to worship in person. As summer progresses, we hope we will be able to lift some of these restrictions. We will provide any updates in our July Communicator.

When you arrive

- Ushers will check your name off on a copy of the church roster to note your attendance. This is to enable contact tracing in case there is an infection reported. Guests will fill out a card giving contact information.
- There will be signs posted reminding anyone who is feeling unwell to refrain from attending.
- Everyone attending will be asked to wear a mask so that both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons will feel safe.
- Bulletins will be placed on the welcome table in the narthex for you to pick up.
- All those attending will enter the sanctuary through the center aisle.

In the Sanctuary

- Every other pew will be closed to ensure proper social distancing. Usher will ask you to sit at either end of the pew. Households may sit together.
- Hymnals, pew pads and other materials will be removed from the pews. This is to provide a "low touch" environment to prevent the spread of the virus.

During Worship

- Indoor congregational singing is still considered high risk. We will not be singing together until advised that it is safe to do so. Soloists will sing from the chancel observing the recommended 20 foot distance from the congregation.
- Since children are not yet able to be vaccinated, we will not gather the children up front for a Time with the Children. We will work to provide other ways for them to be actively engaged in our worship service.
- We will not pass the offering plates hand to hand. Instead, ushers will monitor giving baskets placed at the entrances and exits to the sanctuary. Online giving is strongly encouraged.
- Communion: We have ordered supplies of pre-sealed communion elements. We will not pass communion trays; instead, we will have these elements available in your pew.

After worship

- Everyone leaving the sanctuary will be asked to do so via the side aisles and side doors.
- Eating in large group settings is still considered high risk. We will be enjoying

“Coffee-less Coffee Hour” for the time being. There will still be tables set up so that we can visit and enjoy one another’s company, observing recommended social distancing. There will continue to be an online coffee hour for those who join us remotely.

14th Annual Special Gifts and Bequests Sunday

The Special Gifts and Endowment Committee is delighted to announce that the 14th Annual Special Gifts and Bequests Sunday will take place on Sunday, June 20. There will be lots to celebrate – be sure to join us, whether in person, if possible, or on Facebook Live!

Pastor Karen and her crew are creating a special video for the June 20 service. It will focus on the new and enhanced communications capabilities now available to our “stream team” and on the people who have made all of this a reality, both through their technical abilities and their financial generosity. We all owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

The June 20 service will also recognize the 33 people who are 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 current members of the Loaves and Fishes Society are:

Sharron Bentley	Taylor Klingerman
Eric Bernal	Joanne McCandless
Teresa Bernal	Paula Pitzer
Doris Chambers	Tom Rennard
David Colclough	Janet Siedschlag
Jo Colclough	Kathleen Sigtenhorst
John Connelly	Pieter Sigtenhorst
Geri DeMasi	Betty Springer
Jane Douglass	Stan Springer
Gail Duggan	Carol Stubblebine
John Hill	Craig Stubblebine
Brenda Hill	Roger Swartz
Frank Hungerford	Sandy Tice
Delores Kelley	Kent Warner
Robbin Kelley	Teddie Warner
Jeanne Kennedy	Dorothy Whitham
Charles Kerchner	

So, lots of good news, as we all work hard to keep CPC and its outreach programs vigorous and strong during these challenging times. Join us on Sunday, June 20, as we celebrate the journey!

Inland Valley Interfaith Working Group for Mideast Peace Presents:

What in Heaven’s Name is Going On in the Holy Land? (Part 2)

What can we do to promote peace? A dialogue/symposium presenting perspectives from a variety of viewpoints featuring guest speaker: Congresswoman Judy Chu. Sunday afternoon, June 6, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Interested? Please R.S.V.P. at [MideastPeace.Eventbrite.com](https://www.MideastPeace.Eventbrite.com).

Session Highlights, April 28, 2021

Highlights from the April Session meeting for your information:

- Discussed role of Deacons and their core goals.
- Set protocols for returning to indoor worship and normal activities.
- Established guidelines for the new CPCC scholarship fund.
- Heard a full presentation on the equipment needs to continue and expand online worship and outreach to help grow our ministry. Approved funding for the proposal.
- On behalf of the Worship & Music Commission, Elder Kelley reported that Geri DeMasi is composing a Requiem reflecting phases of COVID-19.

Young People’s Sunday, Graduate Recognition & Third Grade Bibles

Throughout 2020 and now 2021 our children and youth have taken on very present parts in leading worship. And, every year we take a particular Sunday near the end of the school year to invite the youth to lead in the majority of the worship service. The youth are an integral part of the life of our CPC community of faith and our Claremont community. Join us for this, and...

At the same time we will also be gifting Bibles to those completing 3rd grade this year. If you are or know of a 3rd grader, please let Pastor Brian know as soon as possible. We would like to make sure all graduates and 3rd graders are recognized and honored with a gift.

All of this is being celebrated during the worship service on June 13.

Welcome to our incoming Elders and Deacons

Deacons

Trish Perry

Ron Perry

Jean Perry

Sue Likens

Susan Starr

Vera Caselles

Irene Atwood (extending term)

Karee Galloway (extending term)

Elders

Karry Denton

Bill Brinegar

Scott Randles

Thank you to those completing their terms

Lynn Miller

Betty Butler

Christine Kolb

Leanne Kerchner (in memoriam)

Peggy Trindle

Carol Sittig

Jim Brashler

Claremont Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time Livestream Coordinator

Part time: 10-15 hours per week including in-person work on Sundays and some holidays

The role of Worship Tech Coordinator is to take the lead in overseeing the livestream and audio visual worship needs of the Church; including leadership of volunteer technical teams for Sunday Morning Services and other worship events needing production and tech support. The right candidate has sufficient technical abilities to help advance our live-stream ministry. For complete job description see: claremontpres.org/employment-opportunities

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study: And God's People Said, "Now What??"

In June our 4 PM Wednesday Bible Study will be led by Pastor Karen Sapio. We will be exploring Biblical stories in which God's people emerge from a great ordeal and struggle with what to do next. There is no book to purchase, however Pastor Karen will send out study materials via email. Zoom ID for the gathering is 862 1883 9113.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

If you are graduating from college, high school, promoting from middle school, elementary grade, or preschool please let

Pastor Brian

(brian@claremontpres.org)

know by June 7.

Hygiene & Cleaning Products Collection for IVHP

As we gather for our second in person worship on Sunday, June 13 we invite the congregation of CPC to continue to support Inland Valley Hope Partners with a personal hygiene/cleaning supply drive.

Any personal hygiene or cleaning products of any size (travel, personal, or family) are welcome. Small items will be packaged into individual hygiene bags to offer to the unhoused. All other items will be available to support regular clients of IVHP which is still experiencing a significant increase in need over past years.

Suggested items for donation* include soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, hand sanitizer, lip balm, along with razors, toilet paper, Kleenex, tampons, toothbrushes, dental floss, combs, hair brushes, Band-Aides, etc. Also welcome are basic cleaning supplies such as dish soap, laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, window

Ways to Give

As we return to in-person worship, following CDC recommendations, we will still not be passing the offering plate. There will be a collection box in the Narthex and all these methods are still available:

- Check: As long as the US Mail is still delivering, we can receive contributions by checks mailed to our church office.
- Online: You can make an online contribution to Claremont Presbyterian Church by navigating to our website at claremontpres.org/giving-2. You may also use the following QR code:
- Autopay from your checking account: Your bank should be able to help you set up an electronic payment directly to CPC.
- Transfer money through your bank or the Zelle app. Send your money to: giving@claremontpres.org.



cleaner, all purpose cleaner, paper towels, and bleach wipes. (We also welcome your collection of individually packaged utensils.)

If you are not able to attend worship on the 13th and would still like to participate, donations may be dropped off at the church office during regular office hours between now and Sunday, June 13. In addition, you may contact Karee Galloway (kjgalloway@gmail.com) to schedule a pick up from your home.

And of course monetary donations for Inland Valley Hope Partners are always welcome and needed. You can make a tax-deductible, monetary donation to support Inland Valley Hope Partners online (inlandvalleyhopepartners.org) or by mail (checks may be addressed to Inland Valley Hope Partners, 1753 N. Park Ave. Pomona CA 91768).

Thank you for your support!

*Note: Diapers are supported by an ongoing program and are not a specific need at this time.

The CPC Refugee and Immigration Concerns Team is hosting a Falafel sandwich dinner.

Falafel is a traditional Middle Eastern food, a homemade, vegetarian fritter topped with refreshing herbs, wrapped in pita bread. The food is prepared by the Kanjos, a refugee family from Syria. Donations will go to the hands that made the meal and to refugee families in Lebanon through SLPN, the Syria Lebanon Partnership Network Presbyterian Church (USA). Consider purchasing this as a light dinner for your friends, as well as your family!

Date: Saturday, June 5 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

Cost: Suggested donation is \$10 per sandwich. \$2 for homemade baklava dessert.

Use the enclosed order form and drop off at the office or e-mail or text the order information to Judy Kohnen - judy.kohnen@gmail.com 909-525-5559.

Please pre-order as our quantities are limited. Donations can be made by check to Claremont Presbyterian Church (Refugee Team in memo). Cash is also accepted, exact change appreciated. Pay at pick-up time or with delivery.



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Join us from June 27-August 1 this year for Treasured! A Group Vacation Bible School experience.

“Embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles. At Treasured VBS, kids dig into action-packed,

faith-filled adventures. They’ll dis-

cover God’s greatest treasure isn’t diamonds, gems, or gold—

it’s them!” –Group

As things open up across the country more and more, we are going to try something like last year with a little bit of in-person activity.

First, we will have an in-person opening activity on Sunday, June 27 at 5:00 PM at the church on the big lawn.

Then our gatherings will be online Sundays and Wednesdays at 12 noon.

Finally, we will have an in-person closing activity on Sunday, August 1 at 5:00 PM at the church on the big lawn.

When registration opens we ask families to register their children as the number of spots is limited to 50. Also, families will need to provide a home address so the church can deliver weekly materials boxes to the children.

For more info, go to claremontpres.org/events/bibleschool2021

Flowers for Worship

Donors and dedications for the month of MAY are listed below with appreciation and gratitude for your thoughtful generosity.

May 1 & 2: Given by Tracy Doebler in loving memory of her parents. Her father, Norm Ross, passed on 5/26/97 and her mother, Maxine Ross, passed on 4/9/20. The flowers were joyfully shared with the CPCC, in recognition of 21 teachers, who were celebrated with gratitude during teachers’ appreciation week.

May 8 & 9: Donated in loving memory of Claire Bailey on Mother’s Day by

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 04/30/21	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$160,128.44	\$153,332.00
Other Income	\$18,603.70	\$30,904.00
Expenses	-\$181,037.00	-\$205,285.00
Variance	-\$2,304.86	-\$21,049.00
CHILDREN’S CENTER AS OF 04/30/21	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$238,251.00	\$213,846.00
Expenses	-\$242,916.00	-\$214,032.00
Variance	\$4,665.00	-\$186.00
PPP Loan Proceeds to date not included above: CPC -\$80,949 CPCC - \$127,521		

her children, Leanne Seeger and Todd Bailey, as well as by Chuck and Regina and all the grand and great grandchildren! The flowers were placed in the CPC memorial garden following worship. Cheer blooms were also shared with those recovering from hospitalization or from an accident.

May 15 & 16: Donated and shared by Dee Kelley and daughters, Robbin Kelley and her sister, in loving memory of husband and Dad, the Rev. Dr Bob Kelley. Flowers were delivered to the 7 CPC members residing in Pilgrim Place Pitzer and to Ruth Auld, in celebration of her 93rd birthday on May 15! A portion of the arrangement was delivered to Dee Kelley's home, in gratitude.

May 22 & 23: Donated by Tracy Doebler timed to grace our "last Pandemic Saturday evening prayer service on the lawn" and for Pentecost Sunday, for the ordination and installation of new Deacons and Elders and to honor all CPC deacons past and present. Also to thank the church staff and especially to honor Pastor Karen and Pastor Brian for their leadership & compassion through difficult times. The cheer blooms were passed out to all of the aforementioned.

May 30: Floral arrangement donated by Kim Brinegar and Paula Pitzer for Memorial Day which honors service members who have died in military service to the nation. The holiday has roots dating back to the post-Civil War era, when citizens would informally create spring flower memorials on the graves of fallen soldiers.

Contact delight@claremontpres.org to schedule your donation and dedication for worship!

Please Lift Up Your Prayers

Please join us in prayerful celebration and in prayers for safe, happy, and memorable travels as our members travel to visit with friends and family members, both near and far away.

We have folks going to Mexico and Hawaii for vacations, the north-east coast for a daughter's wedding, the Pacific Northwest, South Carolina, and the Bay Area to spend time with new grandchildren, cycling along the Erie Canal, camping, San Diego and the Midwest to spend time with two precious mothers, and North Carolina and Tennessee for family visits along the road.

We are also celebrate Ruth Auld's 93rd birthday on Saturday May 15. Her children visited for two days, as well as several Pilgrim Place residents and friends.

As we share in the grief of our friends and in the celebration of the lives of our loved ones and friends who have entered the space reserved for them with Christ, we

lift up our prayers for: Pam and Roger House, in the passing of Pam's youngest sister, Audrey; the family of Karen Huff DeMasi and Geri DeMasi, along with Karen's mother, Barbara Huff, and siblings, Mary Bernard and Greg Huff, for the passing of their father/husband, John Huff on Easter morning; family of Stewart Lillich in the passing of his father, Ned.

We continue to lift prayers for all of our friends and family who grieve the loss of their loved ones within this past year or who are realizing an anniversary of the passing of a loved one missed so dearly. We especially lift prayers of comfort and Christ's grace, for those who were not able to hold a service as of yet due to covid challenges.

We offer prayers and walk alongside those who are recovering from hospitalizations and/or surgeries. We offer prayers for continued healing for: John Watts, Jim Braschler, Lois Whitbord; Frank Pinkerton; Gennie Ransom; Cloyce Morrow.

As we lift up those for whom we ask for healing, for strength, for courage, for the grace, peace, and comfort of the Holy Spirit, we pray for: Jane Glenn, for her on-going heart condition; Bob, Joan, and Donna Kelly, as Bob continues treatment.

For those whom we tenderly remember on an on-going basis: John Najarian; Suzanne and Kay Brown; Carolyn Whitham; Jean Perry; Lenore Brashler; Jim Brashler; Chris Hartmire; Thom Bleakney; Ruth Auld; Phoebe DeVille; Jean Underwood; Chet & Eileen Jaeger; Lee & Claire McDonald; Mike Layne; Barbara Myers; Doris Craig; Doris Chambers; MaryAnne Hillman; Mary & Ed Hughes; Sean and Matthew Hughes; Sandra Deibel, and Doug Carington.

As we lift up continuing sustaining prayers with the grace of Christ: for Pastor Brian and his family; for Joyce & Ted Alexander; for Kevin Kessler and his bother Ken who are still displaced due to a fire in their family home; Judith Rios, a former CPCC teacher, journeying through stage 4 cancer; Saba Alemaiehu as she bravely and optimistically treats her situation.

Should you, anyone in your family, or anyone of whom you know be in need of prayer and you have their permission to share their name, please send your requests via email to [Delight Slotemaker de Bruine - delight@claremontpres.org](mailto:Delight_Slotemaker_de_Bruine@claremontpres.org). You may indicate that you wish only the name listed or you may wish to include details. Details are shared only as per your direction, otherwise then they will be shared confidentially at the weekly staff meeting.



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Deadline for July *Communicator* - June 15

Weekly Online Events

Sunday

10:00 AM - Worship (Facebook)

10:45 AM - Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Wednesday

4:00 PM - Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday

8:00 AM - Morning Meditation (Online Meditation Chapel)

Daily (except during Sunday Worship)

8:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Facebook)

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer, Sun-Fri (Facebook)

For links to all these events, visit claremontpres.org/weekly-schedule



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