



claremont presbyterian church

# COMMUNICATOR

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**PENTECOST**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The Pentecost Offering supports our ministries with children and youth.

*join us!*

**WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

April 18 – June 5, 2022



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## Pentecost Offering

Our next special offering will be the Pentecost offering which is collected during the weeks around Pentecost (Sunday, June 5). This offering goes to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

While much of our special offering collections are split between the denomination and the presbytery, the Pentecost offering allows for 40% of the collection to stay with the congregation.

This year the Education & Leadership Commission has decided to designate our portion to go to the Claremont Presbyterian Village Dinner Church and specifically to support a stipend for two Youth Interns serving the wider community with Vacation Bible School. To find out more about The Village Dinner Church go to: [claremontpres.org/village](http://claremontpres.org/village). We encourage you to give generously and with an open heart.

## Welcome New Elders, Deacons

At our congregational meeting on April 24 the following members were elected as new officers. Thank you for responding to God's call and agreeing to serve.

### Elders:

Heather Chapman: Heather grew up at CPC. She most recently has been active in educational ministries for children. She is also an

## Upcoming Worship

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

**Sunday, June 5, 10:00 AM**

*Communion Sunday*

*Pentecost Sunday*

Acts 2:1-13

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

**Sunday, June 12, 10:00 AM**

*Trinity Sunday*

John 16:12-15

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

**Wednesday, June 15, 5:30 PM**

The Village Dinner Church

**Sunday, June 19, 10:00 AM**

John 14:15-31

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

**Sunday, June 26, 10:00 AM**

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds  
preaching

accomplished musician. Heather operates a local Gymboree Center. She and her husband Jared have three sons.

**John Lin:** John, his wife Catherine, and their son Christian have been active at CPC for about five years. John has been a part of the CPC choir and participates family ministries. He works as a researcher for the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Patricia Maine:** Patricia is a familiar face at CPC having served as Church Secretary during John Najarians' s pastorate. She has been part of the choir, singing a solo in our recent premier of Pandemic Requiem. Patty is retired and enjoys visits with her grown up daughters Emily and Liz.

**Kent Miller:** Kent is a long time CPC member and is returning to Session after some time off. He serves on the Property and Finance Commission and was key in accomplishing the installation of our new sanctuary sound system.

### **Deacons:**

**Barbara Mackenzie:** Barb has provided leadership in many of our ministry areas over the years, most recently as Chair of our Education and Leadership Commission. She serves as our Assistant Organizer, and spends Thursday morning greeting CPCC parents and staff with Coffee and Donuts.

**Nora Quinn:** Nora agreed to serve again as a deacon because she likes hands on ministry with our community. When not at CPC, Nora works as an attorney and moonlights as a stand-up comic.

**Marcia Reich:** Marcia is a relatively new member of CPC and has jumped right in—participating in online learning and in person worship and fellowship. She has previously been a deacon at Azusa Presbyterian and is eager to share her experience.

**Paula Pitzer:** Paula has long shared her gifts of discernment and leadership with CPC. She resides at Mount San Antonio Gardens where she has helped fellow residents survive lock downs and quarantines. She is active in the Foothill Philharmonic Society and in many other community groups.



## The Village Dinner Church

The Village Dinner Church offers an alternative to Sunday worship. A time where people gather around a table to talk, eat, pray, and sing—much as Jesus did with his disciples and the members of the communities they visited. If you are looking for a place to connect with folks who are seeking spiritual nourishment, try it!

All are welcome – families, single people, retirees; especially those who may have stepped away from, or have not yet found a church, and who are seeking a community.

Our purpose is to create an inviting space for folks to gather and experience worship either for the first time, for something less intimidating, something more energetic and hopefully something fun!

Join us on Wednesday, June 15 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Do you know of a neighbor, friend, or loved one who may be seeking a new kind of worship experience? Invite them to the CPC Village Dinner Church, or put them in contact with any of the Lead Team members.

## Grad Sunday

During our Sunday worship on June 5 help us celebrate our young people as they mark completions and transitions in their educational journeys. It has been a long-time CPC tradition to recognize our various graduates and to offer small gifts as a sign and symbol of their spiritual journey. Join us as we especially recognize those completing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Junior High, High School, and College.

## Books and Brew

On June 24 at 5:30 PM join us for a conversation at the watering hole. A book has not yet been named, however we will make sure to promote it widely as soon as we do. Even if you can't find the opportunity to read the book assigned, come anyway and be part of the group conversation.

## 2022 Baccalaureate

On Sunday, June 12 at 7:00 PM you are invited to come celebrate with the senior class of Claremont and San Antonio High Schools. This Special interfaith service gives the graduates the opportunity to share through word, music, or movement how their faith or cultural traditions have inspired them to achieve this milestone and how it may influence them going forward. Join us at Claremont United Church of Christ and show them your support and encouragement as they mark this momentous transition in their lives.

## Registration Open for Jr. High Summer Camp

Jr. High summer camp changed my life! The food was great! There were sports, ropes courses, climbing wall, and so many more activities. I began to connect with my church friends and make new friends. I also started connecting my faith to my very real day-to-day life. CPC wants to provide every opportunity to help our Jr. Highers build bonds and relationships that will last a lifetime.

Don't miss this wonderful summer opportunity on July 10-16 at Big Bear Lake Christian Conference Center. Cost is \$350, register with a \$75 deposit. Scholarships are available, see Pastor Brian for more information.

Register with pastor Brian today at [brian@claremontpres.org](mailto:brian@claremontpres.org)



## Vacation Bible School

This summer our VBS will be monumental! Seriously, the theme is “Monumental.” This year we’ll gather from 5:15 PM - 8:00 PM on June 27-July 1.

Join our Bible Memory Buddies Harley, Miley, Howell, Rollo, and Jet as they lead us on an adventure through different places like Monument Valley (summer and winter), Havasupai Falls, the Mitten Buttes, and Valley of Rocks. Get registered and let’s hit the dusty trail as we learn, play, and sing together about the monumental love of God.

\$25 per child suggested donation (no child will be denied for inability to donate)

Register at: [www.claremontpres.org/vbsregistration](http://www.claremontpres.org/vbsregistration)

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Booth Returns

Despite a pause in tradition due to the pandemic, the Memorial Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival is on this year. Claremont Presbyterian Church will host a fun informational booth to share about CPC with the community. The Evangelism & Nurture Commission has taken pride in this festive event for many years and looks forward to this year again. We will have the prayer map up, stickers for children and young at heart, literature about the church. Fun for the whole family.

It takes volunteers to make this happen, and the commission needs your help! If you can staff the booth for a 1hr or 2hr shift between 10 AM and 2 PM please let Pastor Brian know.

## Adult Ed – Scholar Soirée Series

Our next Scholar Soirée is Saturday, June 18 at 5:30 PM. You are invited to bring a blanket or folding chair and hear from a different local scholar each night as they share a bit about their doctoral research and studies in the warm late afternoon foothill breeze of the summer evening.

Tonight we hear from Rev. Krista M. Wuertz, Ph.D. who will present: “Envisioning a dynamic grace-filled community.” This research explores the work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer on “costly grace”, and Erik Erikson’s work on identity formation and “fidelity” as applied to contemporary constructs of community and belonging.

Please bring a picnic dinner and enjoy some light refreshments, music, and the captivating thoughts of three wonderful speakers....and, don’t forget to invite your friends.

## April Session Highlights

- Thanked the Elders and Deacons Moderator whose terms are ending for their leadership over the past three years: Sam Atwood, Saba ElYousef, Robbin Kelley, Will Kohnen, Barb MacKenzie and Irene Atwood.
- Met with new members Linda Hamilton, John and Grace Lee.
- Approved policies for the use of the new outdoor stage.
- Discussed and approved the job description for a part-time Children, Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator, as proposed by Education & Leadership and Personnel Committee.
- Approved funding for mold removal in the Music Room and repair of the Dual Range Oven.

## 2022-2023 Deacons

Chinny Agwu	Parish 1, Abusharr - Bray
Rita Watts	Parish 2, Agwu, Brinegar - Croughan
Mark Nelson	Parish 3, Currie - Gibson
Jean, Patricia, & Ronald Perry	Parishes 4 & 5, Glavan - Kessler
Paula Pitzer	Parish 6, Kindle - Loper
Marcia Reich	Parish 7, Lopez - Morgan, Dale
Susan Starr	Parish 8, Morgan, Delores - Quinn
Sue Likens	Parish 9, Randles - Sigtenhorst
Vera Caselles	Parish 10, Silva - Thompson
Nora Quinn	Parish 11, Thorndyke - Wuertz/Wilson

### Officers:

Barb MacKenzie, moderator  
Sue Likens, treasurer  
Marcia Reich, secretary  
Rita Watts, service coordinator

## Many Thanks to Our Children's Center Teachers

We are proud to be able to offer this needed service to our community and so thankful to the staff that make Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center a special place. Here's a list of our current teachers and their years of service:

Laura Trejo -33	Chelsea Bradley - 5
Silvia Flores - 32	Leonel Hernandez - 4
Heidi Maher - 27	Alexandria Miranda - 3
Kasita Smith - 20	Suad Al-Husseinawi - 3
Marina Gonzales - 20	Rivania Silva - 3
Lacey Sutphin - 18	Lourdes Butman - 2
Saba Alemayehu - 17	Brenda Pintado - 1
Monique Hernandez - 14	Junlie Nguyen - 1
Monireh Elmi - 13	Jessica Aguilera - 1
Ruth Navarro - 9	Linda Bunow - 1
Novia Liman - 8	Badria Borooshan - 1
Tooran Moghaddam - 7	Director, Sacha Lord - 12
Jake Soratorio - 6	



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## Ways to Give

- Place offerings in offering box in narthex after worship.
- 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](http://claremontpres.org/giving-2). or by scanning the QR code to the right.
- 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](mailto:giving@claremontpres.org).



## Flowers for Worship

The following generous individuals have donated worship flowers for the month of May to enhance and to complement our beautiful worship space during both in-person and livestream worship experiences.

May 1 - given by by Stuart and Lori Lillich in memory of Ned Lillich, Stuart Lillich's Dad, on the one year anniversary of Ned's death.

Narthex flowers given with appreciation by Tracy Doeble, on behalf of CPC in honor of teacher's appreciation week for all of the staff at the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center.

May 8 - were beautifully hand-crafted by Kim Brinegar and Paula Pitzer and given as a gift to CPC to enjoy. We continue to be appreciative of their thoughtful generous creativity!

May 15 - lovingly given by Irene and Sam Atwood in honor of all out-

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 04/30/22	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$150,683.45	\$160,000.00
Other Income	\$33,034.11	\$35,740.00
Expenses	-\$212,055.88	-\$224,369.96
Variance	-\$28,338.32	-\$28,629.96
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 04/30/22	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$365,552.82	\$366,195.36
Expenses	-\$351,524.05	-\$360,160.50
Variance	\$14,028.77	\$6,034.86

going, continuing, incoming, and future deacons and elders for CPC. From deep within their hearts, they wish to extend their gratitude to and for all of these individuals serving with care, dedication and love.

May 22 - given by Dee Kelley and Robbin Kelley, in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. Robert Kelley, loving husband, father, and pastor.

May 29 - are given by Marcia Reich in loving memory of Michael Reich in celebration of his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Until the 12<sup>th</sup> of never...

## Please Lift Up Your Prayers

**In gratitude:** For the caring and kind hearts of our pastors and newly installed Deacons and Elders. We are grateful to them for their service. We invite your prayers as they listen to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit to lead them in their call to serve CPC.

**For those who have died and for their family and friends. We surround them with love as they grieve their loss:** Cecile Trindle, died on May 16, mother of George and Peggy Trindle; Bob Kelly; Elsie Harber; Chuck Freitas; Bobby Amores; Mary Hughes; Peter, grandson of Joyce and Ted Alexander.

**For those transitioning to new living situations:** Carolyn Kingshill; Marion Thompson; Mary-Anne Blaine; Herb & Carlynn Christian; Pastor Brian's aunt.

**For continued healing and recovery from recent surgery or incidents:** Gennie Ransom; Patricia Maine.

**For the compassionate touch of the Holy Spirit for strength and grace for:** Ron and Trish Perry; Bonnie and Dennis Symonds, parents of Pastor Brian; the Agwu family; Sean, Matthew and Ed Hughes; Carrie Willette, Jan Willette's daughter; Barbara Patch; Jean Perry; Phoebe DeVille; Doris Craig and Mae (Becky) Beck and her nieces; Meredith Clayton & Rocky Supinger.

**For on-going healing concerns and for continued strength for:** Larry Robertson; Patrick West; Frank Pinkerton; Pastor Brian and his family; Jim and Lenore Brashler; Cloyce Morrow; Joyce and Ted Alexander.

**For those whom we tenderly remember on an ongoing basis:** Kevin Kessler and his brother, Ken; Judith Rios; John Najarian; Suzanne and Kay Brown; Chris Hartmire; Tom Bleakney; Jean Underwood; Eileen Jaeger; Claire McDonald; Barbara Myers; Doris Chambers; Marianne Hillman; Sandra Deibel, Carolyn Whitham; Marion Thompson; Jean Cochran.

Please contact [delight@claremontpres.org](mailto:delight@claremontpres.org) for any prayer requests. Details will be shared only as you give permission. Otherwise, the CPC Staff and Deacons will lift up your confidential prayer requests.

## See All That's Happening...

For the most up-to-date calendar of events, go to [www.claremontpres.org/calendar](http://www.claremontpres.org/calendar).



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## Weekly Online Events

### Monday - Thursday, Saturday

8:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Facebook)

### Sunday - Friday

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer (Facebook)

### Sunday

10:00 AM - Worship (Facebook & Youtube)

### Wednesday

11:30 AM - Mid-Week Mini Concert (Facebook)

### Friday

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



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