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Summer at CPC

The rhythm of life shifts during the summer. Here at Claremont Presbyterian Church we look forward to many special opportunities to share God’s love with our community and our world during the coming months. I hope all of these opportunities are on your radar!

- Local Legends: our outdoor concert series featuring local musicians with world class talent
- Vacation Bible School in July featuring lots of love and learning with a nautical theme.
- An opportunity to see the Presbyterian Church, USA at work on the US/Mexico border
- A creative summer preaching series featuring our Sanctuary windows
- A June food drive for Inland Valley Hope Partners
- July Jazz Vespers featuring The Ron Kobayashi Trio
- Claremont Presbyterian Children’s Center Graduation Celebration
- And more ministry and fellowship in the works....stay tuned!

Upcoming Worship

Sunday worship services are in-person and accessible through Facebook Live (facebook.com/claremontpres) or YouTube (search Claremont Presbyterian Church).

Sunday, June 4, 10:00 AM

Trinity Sunday
Matthew 28:16-20
Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, June 11, 10:00 AM

Graduate and Teacher recognition
3rd graders receive Bibles
Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26
Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, June 18, 10:00 AM

Matthew 9:35-10:8
Karen Sapio preaching

Wednesday, June 21, 5:30 PM

The Village Dinner Church

Sunday, June 25, 10:00 AM

Matthew 10:24-39
Brian Gaeta-Symonds preaching
Waffle Church in Fellowship Hall

New Elders and Deacons

On Sunday, May 21, Claremont Presbyterian Church ordained and installed a gifted new group of church officers. God's blessings be with them as they begin this new chapter in their lives of service in Christ's name.

Elders:

Stuart Lillich - Stuart has been active at CPC for many years along with his wife Lori. He is a familiar face in the choir and a longtime member of our Property and Finance Committee.

Virginia (Ginni) Rassieur - Ginni has had more than one life at CPC. She was first active while her husband, Chuck, was a graduate student at CST. She then spent many decades away before coming back to Claremont as a Pilgrim Place resident nine years ago. Ginni has served the PCUSA in many capacities at the congregational, Presbytery, and GA level.

Lynn Miller - Lynn Miller has served previously as a deacon and as Moderator of our Board of Deacons. She is active in our community in many other volunteer capacities as well as often opening the home she shares with husband Kent for church events and gatherings.

Tracy Doebler - Tracy is extending her service to CPC for an additional term as Elder. She is currently chair of the Personnel Committee and has also served as a member of our Nominating Committee.

Deacons:

Phoebe Frankeberger and Dennis Frankeberger - Phoebe and Dennis are longtime Presbyterians, and joined CPC last year. They have served as leaders in other congregations and have been active here in our Wednesday Bible Study. They are eager to serve as deacons here as they get to know our community better.

Sally Lopez - Sally has served as a CPC deacon before and loves this work of caring, witness and service. She is also part of our Evangelism and Nurture Commission.

Lisa Frazier - Lisa can be spied most Sundays in our choir loft. We are grateful that the time is right for her to take up the work of deacon.

Catherine Lin - Catherine works in city planning and is a busy mom to her son Christian. She and husband John join our choir when their schedule permits.

Jean Perry and Mark Nelson are both extending their terms for another year. Thank you for going an extra mile!

Meditations on Meditation returns

Charles Kerchner's blog, *Meditations on Meditation* has restarted on the Claremont Presbyterian Church website. Charles took some time off last year in order to finish a book, but now he resumes with a stack full of fresh story ideas about contemplation and action. Check it out on our website under the "Church Life" tab.

Baccalaureate 2023

The Claremont Interfaith Council invites you to attend the 2023 Baccalaureate on June 11, 7:00 PM at Claremont United Church of Christ. A tradition to bless our graduating high schoolers in the city of Claremont, this will be a wonderful service of lifting up the gifts of students, including music and art. Make sure to arrive a few minutes early to find seating and be ready to cheer and you yourselves will be blessed.

Border Trip

On June 30 - July 4, join an immersive delegation experience for Presbyterians from across Southern California to learn about the realities at the U.S. - Mexico border. Our trip facilitators will be from Via International, which led our virtual border trips in 2021. Rooted in California/Baja California region and founded in 1975, Via is a non-profit organization with extensive relationships of trust across Mexico. Our group will spend time in Tijuana meeting with local communities and will have the opportunity to learn from the people about their strategies to improve their lives, educate their children, and achieve their potential. We will have facilitated conversations with recent migrants who are finding their way to new lives as well as experts in the fields of migration and social justice. Registration opens on May 30. Go to <https://bit.ly/42qohU7> to learn more.

Jr. High Summer Camp – REGISTER TODAY!

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. This year's summer camp is at Big Bear Lake Christian Conference Center on July 9-15. The camp is open to rising 6th graders through graduating 8th graders. Total Cost: \$350. Register today with your \$75 deposit (contact Pastor Brian - brian@claremontpres.org). Scholarships available.

Local Legends - John York



A native of New York, John York moved to Los Angeles in 1965. John's early childhood experience of music was rooted in religion where both his mother and grandmother played for their church; his mother also served as the church's choir director. Compositions by J. S. Bach and the music of the Lutheran Hymnal filled his musical youth.

John is perhaps best known for his work with the Byrds from mid-1968 until late 1969, where his bass playing on such albums as *Dr. Byrds & Mr. Hyde* and *Ballad of Easy Rider* has been praised as solid, lively, and inventive. Prior to joining The Byrds, John was a member of Sir Douglas Quintet, known for their 1965 hit single, "She's About A Mover" and also worked as a session and touring musician for The Mamas & the Papas and Johnny Rivers.

When John moved back to Southern California after some traveling music gigs, he settled in Claremont, the artistic capitol of Southern California's Inland Empire region. John is a key figure in the Claremont music community and has collaborated with fellow musician, Chris Darrow, while also appearing at the Claremont Folk Music Festival.

John's musical interests include the use of (mostly) acoustic instruments, natural singing, and bringing joy and hope to the listeners. What works best for his approach to music is less technology and more humanity.

Join us on June 3 at 6:00 PM for this wonderful concert on the lawn.

Pastor Brian on Study Leave

Pastor Brian will be away on study leave June 3-17. He will continue his studies in Missional Leadership at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in the Doctor of Ministry program. We all hold him and his studies in prayer. Also, some have already helped him with course projects. Wouldn't it be so exciting if he asked you next to participate in some exciting explorations of mission and evangelism. Don't wait to be asked, share with him if you're interested in partnering with him.

Adult Ed Offers "Sacred Gardening as Spiritual Practice"

Today many in our local communities have caught interest in growing produce in their own raised garden beds. Whether it is for consuming at home, feeding domestic animals, and for giving away to neighbors and friends. This has also been a practice by Native peoples in this area of Southern California. Come listen to those sharing the history of the use of native plants, and hear from your friends and neighbors as to their passion for growing food to share communally. We hope you will feel the invitation to share your own story.

The Village Dinner Church

This month we will be gathering on the front lawn or patio for a picnic meal and some music and liturgy as we wrap up this year and invite you back on September 20 following the summer break (July/August).

Join us for The Village
June 21, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
on the Front Lawn



Join us Monday, June 26, 7:00 PM in Classroom 1 for "Growing Food as Sacred Act" as some of our own from CPC and others from UnCommon Good share with us the stories as to why they decided to grow produce, what they do with this food source, and how this sacred act of gardening invites us to live and lean into the Kin-dom of God. We hope to enjoy a light meal created using some of the fresh home grown produce from several gardens.

Also, watch for updates on a 4 part series in the Fall 2023 on Climate Change. This will include guest speakers, learning about youth and mental health issues, and possibly engaging a book study and/or a documentary discussion.

CPCC El Rancho Fundraiser

The Children's Center will be having their second "Second Monday of the Month" fundraiser at El Rancho, 984 Foothill Blvd, Claremont on Monday, June 12. It's a great time for having dinner in a place that's not your house with people who usually aren't at your dining room table for good conversation. Flyers will be on the table in the narthex on the Sunday prior or you can get one from Barb MacKenzie or Sacha Lord at El Rancho. We hope that you'll come join us!

First Tuesday Coffee and Conversation

At 9:30 AM on June 6, grab a cup of coffee to go from your favorite Claremont Village coffee shop and join friends in Laemmle Square for a time of conversation and building friendships. This is a great chance to get better acquainted with members of our community. Questions? Call the church office at 909-624-9693.

Red Wheelbarrow Food Collection Sunday

The next red wheelbarrow collection Sunday will be June 4. We invite you to join us in making food or hygiene donations to the red wheelbarrow. The Beta Center has a need for feminine products and other hygiene items. They also always have a need for jars of peanut butter. The donations will be delivered after church that Sunday. We continue to have a need for food donations or monetary donations for food in our own communities, so you don't have to wait until June 4 to donate, you are invited to drop off donations any Sunday. Let us joyfully consider how we might each contribute to filling the red wheelbarrow!



Vacation Bible School - Save the Date

This year's Vacation Bible School will be July 17-20, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM and our theme is: *Under The Sea: Diving Deep Into God's Love!*

Suggested donation of \$25 per child, but no more than \$60 per family (no child will be excluded for not being able to offer a donation). We will gather each afternoon in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Register TODAY at claremontpres.org/vbs

Pentecost Offering

This year the Education & Leadership Commission designated our 40% portion of the special offering which stays with CPC, to be split 50/50 between two efforts. One is to support a monetary stipend for high school or college Vacation Bible School interns, and the other to support an initiative with the Teen Activity Center at El Roble Intermediate School in the Fall of 2023.

Waffle Church in June

Join us on June 25 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for this exciting family friendly abbreviated worship experience followed by a real waffle breakfast with all the toppings. Our children are invited to gather in prayer, listen to a story from scripture, and hear a captivating message. Heather Chapman and our youth will help lead all those gathered in worship. And then take some time to eat and share in conversation with friends.



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Grad Sunday, June 11

Help us celebrate our young people as they mark completions and transitions in their educational journeys. If your student is graduating from college, preschool, grad-school, high school, jr. high, or other educational programs please send the following information to Pastor Brian: name, degree/diploma/program, name of institution, family members connected to CPC.

We will also be celebrating those completing their 3rd grade year with a Bible gifted by the church.

Ways to Give

- Place offerings in offering box in narthex after worship.
- Check: We can receive contributions by checks mailed or dropped off at our church office.
- Online: You can make an online contribution to Claremont Presbyterian Church by navigating to our website at 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.



Flowers for Worship

We have been blessed and graced with the gracious gifts of lovely worship flowers shared with us, as they beautify our worship space. Please share in the heart-felt celebrations and remembrances with our friends.

May 7: given to the Glory of God, in celebration and in honor of Bernadine and Mark Greenwood's 34th wedding anniversary on April 7 and in honor of their visit to CPC on this day.

May 14: given by Marcia Reich in honor of all mothers and in recognition of all "mothering types!" We thank you for your gifts of love.

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 04/30/2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$173,813.94	\$161,668.00
Other Income	\$39,877.87	\$39,772.00
Expenses	-\$243,391.83	-\$242,403.93
Variance	-\$29,700.02	-\$40,963.93
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 04/30/2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$393,332.56	\$372,020.00
Expenses	-\$378,986.53	-\$372,689.50
Variance	\$14,346.03	-\$669.50

May 21: given in loving memory of the Reverend Dr. Bob Kelley, former Interim Pastor of Claremont Presbyterian Church by wife, Dee, and daughters Robbin and Criss.

May 28: given by Sam and Irene Atwood, in honor and in memory of Sam's parents Bob and Lois Atwood, who died on May 13, 1988 and May 15, 1982 respectively.

Should you wish to donate worship flowers to share in beautifying our worship space, in honor, or in memory of a beloved someone, or in celebration of a special event, please contact Delight and she will work with you to take care of all the details.

Please Lift Up Your Prayers

There will be a memorial service for Barbara Myers on June 1 in the Memorial Garden at 1 PM. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

In gratitude: for those in our CPC community experiencing improvements in health and well-being, especially Bill Brinegar, Peter Campbell, Phoebe DeVille, and Dennis Frankeberger; for the dedicated service of all of our outgoing CPC Deacons and Elders; for the energy and enthusiasm of all of our incoming CPC Deacons and Elders, who have heard the call to serve in these upcoming terms; the PC(USA)'s Pentecost Offering as it celebrates its 25th anniversary; of the many graduations happening this time of year.

In contemplation: Let us be the vehicles of sharing the deep love of God with kindness and compassion extended to those around us, looking for where we see the face of Christ.

In reflection: Wishing you faith, hope and courage to endure whatever you are facing ahead of you along your path. May you allow the Light of the Holy Spirit to illuminate your path. May you be a part of our CPC community of faith in Christ, that can move mountains. Go into this world with a faith that will move mountains. Jesus walks beside you and holds your hand.

For those who have died, may God wrap each one left grieving in love and peace: Wilma Wilt on May 9; Doris Chambers on April 28 - we lift up her children, Jonathan, and Elizabeth; Barbara Myers, on April 20 - we lift up her daughters, Lynn Campbell, and Diane Doge.

For those who are faced with health challenges and recuperation: Brad and Ann Hanson, praying for an expedited match for a liver transplant for Brad; Pam and Roger House as Pam continues to navigate her recovery path; Encarnacion Amores, mother of Teresa Bernal, who continues to struggle with health issues and Marivic Amores, who continues to provide loving care to her; Jean Perry, recovering from a fall; Sean Hughes; Linda Hamilton being treated for lymphoma; Allison Blix, Joyce Alexander's daughter-in-law, requiring surgery and recovery from a serious bike accident; those who are faced with mental health challenges, declining memory and cognitive capacities: Holy Spirit, minister to us. Calm our tears and calm our anxieties.

For those for whom we wish the continued grace, peace, wisdom and comfort of the Holy Spirit: Wadie and Rita Alkhouri; Linda Hamilton's husband, Lee Ireland; Dolores Morgan; the Master family; the Kessler family; Trisch Diaz; Marcia Reich, for her brother and niece; Catherine Lin; Joan Kelly and Donna Kelly.

For living transitions: Pastor Brian's parents, Bonnie and Dennis Symonds, as they each recover from falls and get used to their new surroundings.

For the strength and peace of the Holy Spirit for those of us who may find ourselves in sensitive family situations: Greg Stout and sister, Margie Stout Ludwig; pastor Brian's aunt; Pastor Brian and family; the Agwu family.

For those whom we remember on an ongoing basis: Pastor Najarian; Mike Layne; Larry Robertson; Frank Pinkerton; Cloyce Morrow; Ron and Trish Perry; Gennie Ransom; Sue Likens; Peggy Nall; Carrie Willette, Jan Willette's daughter; Barbara Patch; Doris Craig and Mae (Becky) Beck and her nieces; Tom Bleakney; Eileen Jaeger and family; Carolyn King-shill; Claire McDonald; MaryAnne Blaine; Marianne Hillman; Sandra Deibel; Carolyn Whitham; Marion Thompson; Jean Cochran; Ethel Hanson, and Ruth Martingale.



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Weekly Online Events

Monday - Thursday, Saturday

8:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Facebook)

Monday - Friday

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer (Facebook)

Sunday

10:00 AM - Worship (Facebook)

Wednesday

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

4:00 PM - Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday

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

See All That's Happening... For the most up-to-date calendar of events, go to www.claremontpres.org/calendar.



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