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Stewardship 2024 Open Your Whole Heart

The prophet Jeremiah spoke God’s promise to the people: “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with your whole heart.” Our fall stewardship campaign this year will celebrate this promise and all the ways we see it coming true in our midst as we open our hearts to God and our congregation and campus to our community.

Look for your Stewardship Information Packet to arrive in the mail in late October. Then plan to bring your pledge card on Sunday, October 29. Our Stewardship Dedication Sunday will include special stories and speakers in worship, as well as a festive brunch afterward. Everyone is invited to celebrate this day together.

Upcoming Worship

Sunday worship services are in-person and accessible through Facebook Live ([facebook.com/claremontpres](https://www.facebook.com/claremontpres)) or Youtube (search Claremont Presbyterian Church).

Sunday, October 1, 10:00 AM
World Communion Sunday
Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, October 8, 10:00 AM
Stewardship: Open Your Whole Heart
Jeremiah 29:10-14
Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, October 15, 6:00 PM
Stewardship: Open Your Whole Heart
Matthew 5:8
Karen Sapio preaching

Wednesday, October 18, 5:30 PM
The Village Dinner Church

Sunday, October 22, 10:00 AM
Stewardship: Open Your Whole Heart
Matthew 6:19-21
Brian Gaeta-Symonds preaching

Sunday, October 29, 10:00 AM
Stewardship Dedication Sunday
Ephesians 1:15-19

World Communion Sunday, October 1

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world.

World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need. Twenty-five percent of this offering stays with our congregation to support the peacemaking and reconciliation efforts of our congregation. This year, our Mission Commission voted to send our portion to support Presbyterian Disaster Relief's work in the area of Maui devastated by fires this summer. Maui may not seem "local," but Hawaii is part of the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii of which Claremont is a part. The Mission Commission will match the contributions up to \$500.

Advent Retreat at Saint Andrew's Abbey

On **December 11-13**, take some time for reflection and prayer during a season that can at times seem stressful, hectic, or lonely. Our Contemplative Ministries Team is offering this retreat at Saint Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo, CA. The retreat begins Monday afternoon and ends with lunch on Wednesday. The Rev. Dr. Duane Bidwell will be our facilitator. Look for more details and registration information in the November *Communicator*.

Newcomers Luncheon

New or newish to Claremont Presbyterian Church? On Sunday, **October 22** at 11:30 AM, Evangelism & Nurture is hosting its bi-annual Newcomers Luncheon for anyone interested in learning more about Claremont Presbyterian and the many wonderful ways to connect and become involved here at the church. Join us in Room 7 where a light lunch will be served. Please let Pastor Brian or Karen know if you are interested in attending.

The Village Dinner Church

Join us **October 18**, 5:30 PM for an exciting speaker, fresh music, delicious meal, and great company. All you need to do is show up ready to worship and eat - we'll take care of the rest.

Do you know of a neighbor, friend, or loved one who may be seeking a new kind of worship experience? Invite them to the Village Dinner Church, or put them in contact with any of the Lead Team members: Anjlo & Lubna Ajmal, Shelley Randles, Jenna & Andrew Brooks, Tessa Klarin, Amanda Colclough, and Pastor Brian

Adult Ed - Fall 2023 Preview

The Adult Education Planning Team invites you to a 3-part series on Climate Change. The changing climate impacts more than just our environment, it impacts the very lives of different people all over the globe, and especially right here in the states. By way of special guest speakers, a variety of resources, and storytelling we will learn together how climate change is bigger and yet closer to home than we ever imagined. Here is a schedule: All sessions on Zoom and in Classroom 1 - Zoom ID: 531 953 6959

Monday, Oct. 16, 7 PM – Pt 2: What is at Stake? Climate Change as a Social Justice Issue

Monday, Nov. 13, 7 PM – Pt 3: What is Being Done? Participating in fixing the problem

We also look forward to returning to quarterly Sunday morning gatherings before worship - **Sunday morning at 9 AM** in Classroom 1. The Planning Team continues to find ways for many to participate in educational opportunities at Claremont Presbyterian Church.

Upcoming Quarterly Dates:

Dec. 3 – A Special Advent Presentation

Mar. TBD – Rev. Dr. Duane Bidwell Shares his newest book

Family and Youth Outing to Underwood Family Farms

Heads up! We're taking a Sunday off and going on a field trip! On **October 8** at 11:00 AM, our CPC families and youth will meet up at the Underwood Family Farms (CPC-er Teddie Warner's family farm). There is so much to do at the farm, including live music, food, produce, corn maze, games, petting zoo, and more. CPC is renting a charter bus so that we can all ride together. Please stay tuned for more information. The plan is to meet up at the church at 9:00 AM and then head back home at 3:00 PM. You **MUST** purchase tickets ahead of time online: underwoodfamilyfarms.com/farm-country-weekend Please let Pastor Brian, Heather, or Amanda know if you need assistance with ticket costs.

Work Day

Come join us on Saturday, **October 7** for our church work day between 8:00 AM and noon. Bring your tools, ideas and smiles to help spruce up the campus. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Waffle Church

Join us on Sunday, **October 29**, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for this exciting family friendly abbreviated worship experience. This month's waffle church falls on Stewardship Sunday. Enjoy Waffle Church and then the food will be with the entire congregation at the celebration following worship.

Our children are invited to gather up front in the Fellowship Hall on blankets and with pillows to participate 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.

Trans-forming: Holding Faith in a Nonbinary God

a Zoom workshop

On Monday nights at 7:00 PM from October 2 to November 13, the Haven is sponsoring a workshop for allies and wannabe allies - for Christians who want to understand gender identity and the Bible, as well as how to be an ally and support in a time when the trans community is under attack. We'll draw from two excellent resources: *Transforming*, by Austen Hartke and *Beyond a Binary God* by Tara Soughers. Together we'll explore how we might find our understanding of God by learning from trans and non-binary experience. Discussion will be facilitated by three members of the leadership team of Haven Fellowship: PCUSA Pastor Vikki Randall, DMim - Brittany Buri-an, LMFT - and Lina Myrvold, LMFT. To register go to: havensgv.org

Neighborhood Hospitality

Lemonade Wednesdays and Coffee and Donuts on Thursdays is looking for you... to support these important outreach ministry opportunities on our campus. You can volunteer or donate to help them continue.

Lemonade Wednesdays takes about an hour from set-up to clean-up (12:45 PM-1:45 PM). The snacks are purchased ahead of time. The cost of the refreshments is \$50 per Wednesday.

Coffee and Donuts takes about 2 hours from set-up to clean-up (7:30 AM-9:30 AM). You can volunteer to make coffee (or purchase it) and bring donuts. The cost of this ministry is \$35 per Thursday.

Please let Pastor Brian know if you would like to volunteer or sponsor the cost of either or both of these outreach ministries.

News from Our Deacons

The Deacons would like to thank everyone for your generous donations to Mt. View Elementary School's Back-to-School Drive. We delivered many supplies to the school as well as a gift card for each teacher. They greatly appreciated our donations. A teacher who is new to Mt. View sent a note saying how welcoming it was to start in a new district and at a new school and be the recipient of such generous donations. THANK YOU!!

Thanks to all who donated to the Red Wheelbarrow Drive. Remember the wheelbarrow is always in the narthex ready for donations. Our next drive will be on Sunday, November 10.

Look for information about donating to Adopt-a-Family coming up in November. These donations will be part of the church's Alternative Christmas.

First Tuesday Coffee and Conversation

At **9:30 AM on October 3**, 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.

Bunco Night

Save the date!! Claremont Presbyterian will be holding a BUNCO Potluck party on Saturday, **October 21** from 5:00-8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome and we

encourage you to invite your friends and family. We will be accepting donations on behalf of one of our mission partners (TBD) but it does not cost anything to play. More information to come in your Sunday bulletin and *The Latest* as the date approaches.

Project Angel

This year's "Project Angel" will be held on Tuesday, **October 3**, at 10:00 AM at Claremont United Church of Christ. This annual Baby Shower is your opportunity to bring items for babies born at Los Angeles County USC Medical Center, who are in need of supplies such as diapers, clothing, blankets, etc. We have begun collecting items in the narthex. If you would like to donate with a check, make it out to "St. Camillus Center."

Volunteer Tutors Needed

CLASP (Claremont After-School Programs) is looking for volunteer tutors to engage with 1st – 6th grade students two days per week at various locations in Claremont. You don't need to be "Smarter than a 5th Grader." All you need is an open mind and a loving heart.

Students are recommended by their CUSD teacher or principal and need help and support to finish their homework and work on foundational skills. Our program offers homework help and one-to-one mentoring twice a week for 1.5 hours. We will work with your schedule.

CLASP will provide you with school supplies, textbooks, worksheets, training, and support in a supervised location.

Please contact Raydie Buckley at office@office4kids.org or (909) 450-1079 or Cristina Antonioli at clasp.office@gmail.com or (909) 204-0127. Thank you.

15th Annual Interfaith Walk for Peace

“Creating Community Through Conversations”

Sunday, October 22

3 PM

Opening Program - **Islamic Center of Claremont**,
3641 N. Gary Ave
just north of Foothill Blvd

then walk to:

Temple Beth Israel, 3033 N. Towne Ave, 2 blocks
south of Foothill Blvd

then walk to:

St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, 830 W. Bonita
Ave where a light dinner will be served.

Special Note: The Interfaith Working Group reminds participants that the purpose of the Walk is to promote Peace and Understanding in a way that transcends specific world events, and that we are committed to promoting the positive and focusing on shared values. We ask attendees to please refrain from displaying signs or other material supporting particular factions, groups or policies, while participating in favor of the general message of unity.



Sponsored by the Inland Valley Interfaith Working Group for Mideast Peace

Wednesday Bible Study Continues

Wednesdays at 4:00 PM our study group will explore *Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times*, by Otis Moss III. Reviewers have described this book as a “life-affirming” guide to the practical, political, and spiritual challenges of our day. Drawing on the teachings of Dr. King, Howard Thurman, sacred scripture, southern wisdom, global spiritual traditions, Black culture, and his own personal experiences, Dr. Moss instructs us on how to practice spiritual resistance by combining justice and love. This collection helps us tap into the spiritual reserves we all possess but too often overlook, so we can slay our personal demons, confront our civic challenges, and reach our highest goals.

The book is available through most online book sellers in both print and electronic formats. You may also check this book out from the CPC Library. This group meets on Zoom each Wednesday at 4 PM. The Zoom meeting ID is 862 1883 9113.

September Worship Flowers

Our worshiping community is truly blessed with the adornment of exquisite worship flower arrangements donated by members of our church and community. We are most appreciative of the generosity shared for the enjoyment of all of us in worship. Worship flowers for the month of September were donated as follows

September 3: by Jean Perry in honor of her son, Ron Perry’s birthday on September 6

September 17: by Janet Siedschlag, with a heart filled with compassion, in memory of her granddaughter, Charlotte



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Patricia Raff, on what would have been her 5th birthday.

September 24: by Betty and Frank Pinkerton in memory and in honor of Betty's mother's birthday, Dorothy Gray Zimmer, on September 23.

Worship Flower Ministry

Dates are open from now through the end of the year for you! Our CPC Worship Flower Ministry invites you to celebrate and to share all kinds of exciting special events within our community or within your family, by making a donation of a Sunday worship flower arrangement!

Have you just purchased a new home? Do you or a family member have a new job? Has your child, grandchild, or other family member completed an education, sport, music or some other milestone? Do you have a birthday? Are you celebrating an anniversary? Would you like to celebrate or honor some aspect of life within our CPC Community? Traditionally, you may also choose to honor or remember a family member, in birth, life or death, or celebrate any other special event! These are all ways in which you may celebrate and share within our CPC Community by donating Worship Flowers on a Sunday morning to be enjoyed by all while enhancing our worship space.

It's easy! The suggested donation is \$60.00, payable to "CPC Worship Flower Fund." Contact delight@claremontpres.org and she will take care of all of the arrangements, including dedication, flower colors, and distribution in collaboration with you!

The following Sunday Chancel Worship Flower dates are open:

October 1 and 22

November 12, 19, and 26

December 3 and 10

Narthex flower space is open every Sunday from October 1 through Sunday December 31.

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 07/31/2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$307,085.30	\$323,336.00
Other Income	\$130,870.23	\$129,544.00
Expenses	-\$480,452.84	-\$481,948.01
Variance	-\$42,497.31	-\$29,068.01
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 07/31/2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$815,177.29	\$746,040.00
Expenses	-\$784,000.39	-\$744,968.00
Variance	\$31,176.90	\$1,072.00

Please Lift Up Your Prayers

In praise: Congratulations to Ed and Patricia Maine sharing in joy, in the birth of their first grandchild!; Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

In contemplation: “Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...” (Philippians 1:27)

For those who have died, may God wrap each one left grieving in love and peace: Brad Hanson; Mike West, Patrick West’s brother; Lorraine Becker, Tony Becker’s mother; Margaret Artino.

For continued healing: Jean Perry; Phoebe DeVille.

For those for whom we wish the gentle soothing grace, peace, and comfort of the Holy Spirit as they navigate life at this time: Ann Hanson; Pam and Roger House; Herb & Carlynn Christian; Joyce Alexander who is navigating news of pancreatic cancer; Lisa Blix, Joyce Alexander’s niece; Sally Lopez’s sister, Suzanne; Marcia Reich, her family, brother, and especially her niece; the Gaeta-Symonds family; the Perry family; the Hughes family; Catherine Lin and her mother, Patricia.

For those living homebound, or in retirement facilities: We lift up our prayers of love and support to all of our friends and members in these living communities

We also lift up all of those who remain unnamed here, but whose names and spirits are named within our hearts.

Please be assured that your CPC staff, along with your Congregational Care Coordinator and Deacons are praying and caring for each one of you. Please contact 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.

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Subscribe to *the Latest* by going to claremontpres.org and scrolling to the bottom of the page. Here you can enter your e-mail and begin receiving our weekly email with all the most recent evens and information.

See All That’s Happening...

For the most up-to-date calendar of events, go to www.claremontpres.org/calendar.

Ways to Give

- Place offerings in offering box in narthex after worship.
- **Check:** We can receive contributions by checks mailed or dropped of 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 below.
- **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.





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Weekly Online Events

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - Daily Prayer (Facebook)

Sunday

10:00 AM - Worship (Facebook & Youtube)

Wednesday

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

4:00 PM - Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday

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



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