



COMMUNICATOR

news from Claremont Presbyterian Church

April 2019

WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, April 7, 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

John 12: 1-8 "Cultivating Gratitude and Joy"

Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday April 14, 10:00 am

Palm Sunday

Fauré "Requiem" presented by Sanctuary Choir

Luke 22:14-23:56

Brian Gaeta-Symods preaching

Sunday April 14, 7:00 pm

Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

Gathers in the Chapel

Wednesday April 17, 5:00 pm

Messy Midweek Church

Gathers in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday April 21, 10:00 am

Easter Sunday

Sanctuary choir presents portions of "Gospel Mass" and "A Little Jazz Mass"

Luke 24: 1-12

Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday April 28, 10:00 am

2nd Sunday of Easter

John 20: 19-31

Emmanuel Ilunga preaching

From the Pastor

Friends, as this newsletter is going to press, we are all still reeling from the devastating attack on people at their place of worship in New Zealand. It seems to me that the town in which this attack took place is a call to prayer and action for those who follow Jesus--the name of the city is Christchurch. Christ Church. If there ever was a time for us to be the church of Jesus Christ, it is now.

In the face of violence and hatred we must be Christ's Church.

Against the temptation to indifference and inaction, we must be Christ's Church.

In the place of empty gestures and easy answers, we must be Christ's Church.

When our sisters and brothers of other faiths are slaughtered, we must be Christ's Church.

When the powers of this world manipulate with fear and chaos, we must be Christ's Church.

As a prayer for us to use separately and together to ask God for the strength to do this, I offer a version of The Lord's Prayer from the Anglican Church in New Zealand.

*Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,*

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

*For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.*

Karen Sapio

Inland Valley Hope Partners Fundraising Night with the Ontario Reign

Cheer on the Reign as they take on the Stockton Heat and contribute to a great cause. On Friday, April 12, meet-up at the church in front of the sanctuary at 5:30 pm to carpool.

Please RSVP with Pastor Brian.

Newcomers Luncheon

If you are new to our church, please join the members of the Pastoral staff and Lay Leadership for a luncheon. We will share some of the history of this congregation, as well as other ways for you and your family to become involved and engaged in the life of this faith community.

Please join us. It won't cost you anything but an hour, and we hope you'll stay longer. Sunday, April 28: 11:15 am - 12:30 pm in classroom 7.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Presbyterian generosity helped save a community in Puerto Rico from the threat of displacement. Even before Hurricane Maria ravaged communities along the Martín Peña Channel in Puerto Rico last year, residents were facing another threat that could have completely disrupted their way of life. Plans to dredge the polluted channel and improve the waterway promised to dramatically increase property values in this section of San Juan near the financial district, airport, and universities. However, people living along the channel were looking at displacement rather than economic gain. Residents of these settlements did not have deeds to their dwellings, and land speculation and gentrification threatened to displace them — including families that had lived there for five generations.

Thanks in part to the generosity of Presbyterians — gifts from congregations just like ours received for One Great Hour of Sharing — the community formed the Martín Peña Channel Land Trust, which acquired title to a 200-acre area that is home to 1,500 families. While the trust owns the land, individuals can obtain deeds that give them surface rights to their homes. Lyvia Rodríguez, executive director of the land trust, explains, “Gifts from One Great Hour of Sharing ensure that a new generation of residents have the opportunity to live along a restored Martín Peña Channel.”

A community facilitator is helping families through the tedious process of acquiring deeds for their homes. “The hurricane destroyed 75 houses, and over 1,000 houses lost their roofs,” says Mariolga Juliá Paceco, special projects coordinator for the land trusts. “We were able to supply tarps, first aid supplies, food, and water.”

One of the lesser known effects of a disaster is the confiscation of land from poor people in the name of “progress,” mainly under the guise of “recovery” and “redevelopment.” In New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina ... in Haiti after the earthquakes ... in too many places where people have already suffered tremendous loss. Our church is present not only in efforts to recover from wind and rain damage, but also in solidarity to resist those who claim they are there to “help” but are really there to help themselves.

One Great Hour of Sharing ministries — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—are working alongside the land trust. Presbyterians have helped assuage the fears of families who are protected by the Martín Peña Channel Land Trust by looking beyond our own doors, our own walls. Paceco says, “We are grateful for the generous giving and for this help.”

During the season of Lent CPC is collecting for The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. 100% of these funds will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA). PMA will then distribute 36% to Presbyterian Hunger Program, 32% to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and 32% to Self-Development of People.

You can learn more about the ministry of The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering by going on-line to presbyterianmission.org/oghs. You may collect your offering in the fish banks that were distributed at church, or donate in a special offering envelope and return them during our offering collection in service.

Lenten Music presented by CPC

The Lenten season will be a busy and meaningful one for the CPC Sanctuary Choir, as we are excited to offer some significant musical presentations during the upcoming weeks.

Palm Sunday will feature the “Requiem in d minor” by Gabriel Fauré, the best known of his large works and a truly iconic piece within the classical literature. Originally composed in the 1880s, its seven movements focus on eternal rest and consolation. Fauré once wrote that “Everything I managed to entertain by way of religious (imagery) I put into my Requiem...which is dominated by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest.”

The presentation will be accompanied by organ and a small chamber orchestra. Also, we will be excited to welcome Dr. Ruth Charloff, choir director at Temple Beth Israel, as our guest conductor.

Easter Sunday will be a joyful jazz celebration in which we will be bringing back some of our favorite jazz selections from Robert Ray's “Gospel Mass” and Robert Chilcott's “Little Jazz Mass,” in addition to other pieces. Jazz instrumentalists will provide accompaniment.

We would like to thank John Watts and Linda Silva for their invaluable assistance in securing outside musicians for these presentations. Please come join us for a memorable and meaningful Lenten musical experience!

Holy Week at CPC

Wednesday, April 17

5:50 pm—Messy Midweek Church - Easter Theme, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 18, Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm—Multi-Lingual Communion Service with Campus Partners

We will worship with our friends from Emmanuel Presbyterian, GPIB Indonesian Fellowship, and Claremont Korean Fellowship to gather around Christ's table and follow his command, “Do this in remembrance of me.”

Friday, April 19, Good Friday

2:00 pm—Good Friday Contemplative Prayer, Chapel

7:00 pm—Community Good Friday service in Balch Hall at Scripps College

Sunday, April 21, Easter Sunday

10:00 am—Easter Worship, Sanctuary

Sundays for Children and Young Adults

Each Sunday morning child care will be available for infants and toddlers up to 5 years of age during both the 9:00 and 10:00 hours.

- ♦ During the 10:00 worship hour children grades K - 6 will be excused from worship following the “Time with the Children” to go to Godly Play and Creative Expression.
- ♦ College and Graduate School Age Drop-In Fellowship Group meets Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Introducing Lisa Donner Strom, Communications Coordinator

We are delighted to announce that Lisa Donner Strom has begun her work as Claremont Presbyterian Church's new Communications Coordinator. Lisa comes to us with experience in graphic design, photography and videography, podcasting, web development and social media engagement. Lisa is active at Rock of the Foothills Lutheran Church in La Verne. She will be taking on Jo Colclough's work with our print and on-line communications. Jo will continue with her work as our bookkeeper and stewardship clerk until her anticipated retirement this summer.



Easter Morning Service Project

Join us April 21 for an early morning “service” on Easter...an Easter service project, that is. CPC will again prepare, serve and enjoy Easter breakfast with the guests and staff at Crossroads women’s shelter. You can be a part of this Easter opportunity in several different ways: by helping with planning, by preparing food ahead of time, by providing flowers or table decorations, and/or by serving breakfast on Easter morning. All volunteers will be back in time for the 10:00 am service at CPC, so please contact the church office if you’d like to join us.

Crossroads is one of CPC’s many mission partners. Since 1974, the mission of Crossroads is to provide housing, education, support, counseling, and employment training in a homelike environment for women who have been incarcerated. The primary goal is to empower women with new skills to help them step out of the revolving door of prison and move towards economic self-sufficiency. Throughout the United States, 59% of women released from prison return to prison within three years. In contrast, 86% of Crossroads graduates are self-sustaining after six years!

Messy Midweek Church

Our next gathering is Wednesday, April 17, 5-7 pm. We gather in the Fellowship Hall. This month's theme will be: Easter! We will be making Easter baskets for our young friends who may not be able to get a basket this year.

Come and invite your friends to an evening of crafts, games, worship, and dinner for children and families.



Jazz Vespers

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

**Claremont Presbyterian Church
1111 N Mountain Avenue, Claremont**

Next Presbytery Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2019, 9:00 am at Divine Light, El Monte, 11608 Valley Blvd, El Monte, CA 91732.

If people would like to carpool please contact Pastors Karen or Brian.

Agenda for a Prophetic Faith



The next lecture in the series is “We Are Becoming: Taking the Next Faithful Step on the Journey to Dismantling Racism” by Ms. Erin M. Hawkins. Ms. Hawkins is General Secretary of the General Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist Church. She works to

share lessons in creating holy relationship with God by encouraging us “to persevere in the struggle towards becoming our better selves, and to combat our worst tendencies of racism, sexism, and classism.” Join us on Sunday April 7, 7:00 pm at Claremont United Methodist Church, 211 Foothill Blvd, Claremont.

Family Mixer for the CPCC and CPC Families

CPC Evangelism and Nurture is looking forward to hosting a Family Mixer for the CPCC and CPC families on May 3 from 5 - 7 pm.

This event would provide an opportunity for families to get to know other families and to hear about other ways to become involved and engaged in the life of the Center and the Church.

Plan on joining us for a celebration complete with a food truck, bouncer, and crafts. The Center and the Church will be showcasing different activities; for example – Godly Play Chapel, Petite Feet, RockStartsLA dance, Community Yoga, Coffee & Donuts, Play Group Sign-ups, Fundraising Volunteering, Messy Midweek Church, Waffle Church, and Jazz Vespers to name a few.

Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

The second Sunday of each month, all are welcome to join in Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness in the CPC Chapel. Led by Pastor Karen Sapio and the Rev. Dr. Tina Blair, these services will combine time for quiet contemplation with singing and a time for prayers of healing for yourself, a loved one, or a world situation that is on your heart. Please join us on Sunday, April 14 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Now Hiring

Claremont Presbyterian Church is currently looking to fill the following positions:

Teacher for Children: Music and Art

This is a part-time paid position. Please let Pastor Brian know if you have someone in mind who you know has a desire to work with children and a passion for music and art.

Nursery Lead

This is a part-time paid position, mostly Sunday mornings.

Please let Pastor Brian know if you have someone in mind who you trust who seems like a good fit or pass this information along with Pastor Brian’s e-mail: brian@claremontpres.org



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Pastor
Karen Sapio

Associate Pastor
Brian Gaeta-Symonds

Adult Education
9:00 am

Church School
10:15 am

Worship
10:00 am

Nursery Care
available both hours

Easter Flower Contribution

On Easter morning the sanctuary will be alive with the excitement of the Easter service. Part of the excitement will be our annual Easter lilies decorating the Chancel and cross. When worship has ended, the lilies are delivered to home bound and bereaved members of our church and the wider community.

Please help support the lily display and our compassionate outreach to our home bound by donating a lily with a dedication to a loved one or two in Easter Sunday's bulletin. A minimum \$25 donation is suggested but any amount will be gratefully accepted. General donations without a dedication are also encouraged.

The Flower Committee is grateful for your donations and each one will be acknowledged in the Bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 21. Feel free to contact Kim Brinegar at 909-981-7013 or kim@drsbrinegar.com should questions arise.

Find our form for requesting lilies in this mailing or your Sunday bulletin. Please make sure your form is submitted to the church office no later than Monday, April 8.

Financial Snapshot

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 02/28/19	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	79,817	78,333
Other Income	19,205	18,450
Expenses	<u>(100,496)</u>	<u>(100,173)</u>
VARIANCE	(1,474)	(3,390)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 02/28/19	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	135,957	134,317
Expenses	<u>(138,400)</u>	<u>(134,348)</u>
VARIANCE	(2,443)	(31)

April 2019

Mon Apr 1

6:00 pm CoDA
6:30 pm Xanath Dance Co
7:00 pm Firm Believers

Tue Apr 2

8:00 am Firm Believers
9:00 am Music & Movement
6:00 pm NAMI
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, MB

Wed Apr 3

1:00 pm Lemonade Wednesdays
4:30 pm Lent Meal and Study, FH
4:30 pm Yoga Class Rm. 7
6:30 pm AA, Southwest

Thu Apr 4

7:00 am Prayer, Chapel
8:00 am Firm Believers, FH
7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir, MB
7:30 pm Men's Alanon, SW

Fri Apr 5

8:00 am Coffee & Donuts, CPCC
7:00 pm EMM Bible Study, SW

Sat Apr 6

9:00 am Presbytery Meeting

Sun Apr 7

10:00 am Worship/Cong. Mtg
11:15 am Adult Education, Room 7
11:30 am EMM Church Rm.1
2:30 pm G.P.I.B Church, Sanc/FH
6:00 pm College-age Gathering Rm.4

Mon Apr 8

3:00 pm CLASP, FH
6:00 pm CoDA, MB
6:30 pm Xanath Dance Co. Rm 7
7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH

Tue Apr 9

8:00 am Firm Believers, FH
9:00 am Music & Movement Rm. 7
9:30 am PW Bible Study, Lib
3:00 pm CLASP, FH
7:00 pm Evan. & Nurture
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, FH

Wed Apr 10

1:00 pm Lemonade Wednesdays
4:30 pm Lent Meal/Study FH
4:30 pm Yoga Class Rm.7
6:30 pm AA, SW
7:00 pm P & F, Library

Thu Apr 11

7:00 am Prayer in the Chapel
8:00 am Firm Believers, FH
9:00 am CPCC Chapel
1:30 pm PCU Meeting, Rm. 7
3:00 pm CLASP, FH
7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir, MB
7:30 pm Men's Alanon, SW

Friday, April 12

8:00 am Coffee & Donuts, CPCC
9:00 am CPCC Yoga
7:00 pm EMM Bible Study, Rm. 7

Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday

10:00 am Worship
11:30 am EMM Church Rm.1
2:30 pm G.P.I.B Church, Sanc/FH
6:00 pm College-age Gathering Rm.4

Mon Apr 15

3:00 pm CLASP, FH
6:00 pm CoDA, MB
6:30 pm Xanath Dance Co. Rm 7
7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH

Tue Apr 16

8:00 am Firm Believers, FH
3:00 pm CLASP, FH
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, FH

Wed Apr 17

1:00 pm Lemonade Wednesdays
4:30 pm Yoga Class Rm.7
5:00 pm Messy Midweek Ch, FH
6:30 pm AA, SW

Thu Apr 18—Maundy Thursday

7:00 am Prayer in the Chapel
8:00 am Firm Believers, FH
9:00 am Foothill Philharmonic
3:00 pm CLASP, FH
7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH
7:00 pm Maundy Thurs. Wor, Sanc
7:30 pm Men's Alanon, SW
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir, MB

Fri Apr 19—Good Friday

2:00 pm Good Friday Service Chapel
3:30 pm CLASP Trng, Rm 1

Sun Apr 21—Easter

10:00 am Worship
11:30 am EMM Church Rm.1
2:30 pm G.P.I.B Church, Sanc/FH
6:00 pm College-age Gathering Rm.4

Mon Apr 22,

3:00 pm CLASP, FH
3:30 pm CLASP Trng, Rm 1
6:00 pm CoDA, MB
6:30 pm Xanath Dance Co. Rm 7
7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH

Tue Apr 23

8:00 am Firm Believers, FH
9:00 am Music & Movement Rm. 7
3:00 pm CLASP, FH
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, FH
7:00 pm Deacon Board, Library

Wed Apr 24

1:00 pm Lemonade Wednesdays
4:30 pm Yoga Class Rm.7
5:00 pm CLASP Board, Rm 1
6:30 pm AA, SW
7:00 pm CPC SESSION Rm.1

Thu Apr 25

7:00 am Prayer in the Chapel
8:00 am Firm Believers, FH
3:00 pm CLASP, FH
3:30pm CPCC Hospitality, Patio
7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH
7:00 pm Mission Comm, Lib
7:30 pm Men's Alanon, SW
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir, MB

Fri Apr 26

8:00 am Coffee & Donuts, CPCC
9:00 am CPCC Yoga, FH
7:00 pm EMM Bible Study, SW
7:00 pm GPIB Bible Study, Rm 7

Sun Apr 28

9:00 am Adult Education, Room 1
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Newcomers Lunch. Rm. 7
11:30 am EMM Church Rm.1
2:30 pm G.P.I.B Church, Sanc/FH
6:00 pm College-age Gathering Rm.4
6:00 pm Jazz vespers

Mon Apr 29

3:00pm CLASP, FH
6:00 pm CoDA, MB
6:30 pm Xanath Dance Co. Rm 7
7:00 pm Firm Believers, FH

Tue Apr 30

8:00 am Firm Believers, FH
9:00 am Music & Movement Rm. 7
3:00 pm CLASP, FH
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, FH

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The Latest

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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. You may also contact Lisa Strom at lisa@claremontpres.org and tell her you would like to subscribe.

"Like" Us on Facebook

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.

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 call Joyce Alexander at (909) 621-0493 with your prayer request. Please be sure you have the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer.