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From the Pastor

Windows on Eastertide

Every time someone enters our sanctuary, they experience the gospel--even if they are here for a concert or a lecture and not a worship service. How is that possible? Our stained glass windows. The twenty-four windows that line the east and west walls of the sanctuary were specifically designed to tell the story of Christ and illuminate the means of grace. These windows “preach” the good news no matter what event draws people into our common worship space.

This Eastertide (the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost) our worship will highlight seven of the symbols depicted in those windows that are particularly related to the stories in Acts that are part of the post-Easter cycle of lectionary readings. What a wonderful chance to learn more about the art in our sanctuary and about the symbols of our faith!

The real windows of Eastertide, though, are the windows that open up when Christ’s resurrection power flows through us and give other glimpses of the Realm of God. You can be part of those windows this month by holding our church in prayer, by participating in Jazz Vespers, by volunteering to be part of our first Laundry Love outreach collaboration, by welcoming families at our Family Night Mixer, and many other ministries that you will read about in this newsletter.

Let's be windows through which others see God's love at work in the world!

Karen Sapio



WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday April 28, 10:00 AM

2nd Sunday of Easter

John 20: 19-31

Emmanuel Ilunga preaching

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 AM

Windows on Acts

Acts 9: 1-20

Karen Sapio preaching
Ordination and Installation of
Officers

Sunday, May 12, 10:00 AM

Windows on Acts

Acts 9: 36-43

Youth Sunday - Just as Peter was re-introducing the power of God to the people of Joppa, our young people will be re-introducing themselves to our congregation. Come support and empower our young people.

Sunday, May 12, 7:00 PM

Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness (in the Chapel)

Sunday, May 19, 10:00 AM

Windows on Acts

Acts 11: 1-18

Karen Sapio preaching
Waffle Church in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 26, 10:00 AM

Windows on Acts

Acts 16:9-15

Kristi Van Nostran preaching
All Church Campout/Picnic

Laundry Love Project Volunteers Needed

Since the ending of the Community Meal ministry, the Mission Interpretation Commission (MIC) has been reaching out to explore other possible ministries to the food insecure. Nora Quinn, from the Deacons, and Carol Sittig, from MIC, have visited and participated in the Laundry Love Project in Pomona and would like to invite the CPC congregation to join us in this ministry on May 15 to provide a meal and gain further insight and contribution in evaluating this ministry as a new way for CPC to minister to the low-income and no-income people in our community.

Laundry Love, as a larger organization, began in 2003 after a conversation in Ventura with a homeless man called T-Bone. In one conversation he was asked, "How can we come alongside your life in a way that would matter?" He replied "If I had clean clothes I think people would treat me more like a human being". Laundry Love in Pomona was started in 2014 by St. Ambrose, Claremont and St John's, La Verne and is coordinated by Julie McCurdy from St. Ambrose and Kathy Winsor from St. John's.

The third Wednesday of each month Laundry Love Project of Pomona invites homeless and low income people to wash and dry up to eight loads of clothing and bedding at a laundromat in Pomona between the hours of 6 – 8 PM. Currently that is at Lucy's Laundry Mat at 365 W. Holt Ave., Pomona, on the corner of Holt and Park. On average about 50 families bring an average of 450 loads of laundry per month. St Ambrose, St John's, St Mark's of, Upland and St Paul's of Pomona provide the foundational funding along with a one year grant from Tri-City Mental Health Services (which expires the end of June). Other organizations are pitching in with funding and volunteers, and we would like to invite CPC to be one of those partners. 100% of all donated money goes towards the purchase of coins for the machines, laundry detergent and drying sheets. No donated funds go towards administrative costs. Volunteers offer their time to set up washers and dryers, and

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provide a small dinner for the people while they wait for their laundry to finish. The food is donated from partner organizations and that is what MIC is asking CPC to provide on May 15.

We need 6 volunteers who are each willing to cook and deliver a lasagna that will serve 25, with one serving being 1 cup. We need volunteers willing to provide either a lettuce salad or fruit (apples, bananas, pears, etc) as a side dish to serve 150 people. Please contact MIC Chair Carol Sittig at sittigcarol@gmail.com if you would be willing to provide some of this needed food. We need the food delivered to us at Lucy's Laundry Mat by 5:30 PM, May 15, so we can set up the table inside the laundry mat before the people start washing their clothes at 6pm. If you are not able to deliver your food, please let Carol Sittig know that as well so that we might be able to coordinate other arrangements. Thank you in advance for celebrating the dignity of each human being.



Hockey for a Cause

Several of us from the congregation attended the Ontario Reign game on Friday, April 12. Although the Reign did not win that night, the event was definitely a win for Inland Valley Hope Partners (IVHP). The tickets we purchased were part of a fundraiser for IVHP. We all felt a little proud to do something fun while doing some good for our congregation's community partner.

That night at the game happened to be the final game for goalie Peter Budaj. And so we were able to celebrate with the fans this man's long career and wish him well on his next adventure. It would seem that the church gathered is usually celebrating and sending, wherever we may be gathering. It was great fun for our multi-generational bunch, and this probably won't be the last time we catch a game together. So be on the lookout for more sporting opportunities with Claremont Pres.

Bag-It Sunday – June 9

One of the many ways CPC assists the needy through the Inland Valley Hope Partners is Bag-It Sunday. After church on June 9 we will assemble hygiene kits for the homeless. As we fill each bag, we visit with one another, and appreciate having the basic necessities ourselves. Start collecting hygiene supplies now, bring them to church the week before (June 2) and plan to join us after church on June 9 to participate in this meaningful outreach to those in need.

Ways you can help include:

- Saving individual-sized hygiene articles as you travel or purchase them from the following list.
- Shopping for individual-sized hygiene supplies, such as soap, washcloths, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks (women's and men's), deodorant, razors, shaving cream, combs, anti-bacterial lotion (not gel), lip balm, sunblock, and snack packs like nuts, dried fruits, energy bars.
- Bringing items to CPC before June 2 so the Deacons can purchase what is needed.
- Making a monetary donation so the Deacons can purchase needed items – place in the offering plate, marked Bag-It, find the Deacons on the patio after church May 19 – June 2, or mail checks to the church, with the designation “Bag-It Sunday” in the memo.
- Joining us to assemble the hygiene kits after church on June 9

Graduation Sunday, June 9

It has become a tradition here at CPC to lift up the names of our graduates. If you have a family member whom you know is graduating from Jr. High School, High School, College, or Graduate studies, please let us know their name so we can add it to our bulletin.



Alejandro Salas accepted into Peace Corps

One of our own, Alejandro Salas, has received his invitation to serve in the Peace Corps. Here's what he had to share about this exciting offer:

"I got invited to the Peace Corps; didn't even cross my mind at the beginning of college. A Peace Corps envoy came to a club meeting saying they needed Spanish speaking volunteers. I wasn't a citizen at the time so I couldn't apply, but when the possibility was available I considered and asked myself...why not?"

"I applied to Paraguay after careful consideration as it would be a place to learn something new and help people while doing it. My job will be to promote environmental conservation in schools, clubs, and wherever they tell me I have to go and promote. I'll be there!"

"I am impressed by the support that this church has given me already. Encouraging and inclined to help..."

People have asked me how can they support me while I'm there and honestly I have no idea. So... just keep me in your prayers for now."

Alejandro has been a faithful member of the Young Adults Group, CPC Choir, Session, Stewardship Committee, and the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (the crew who interviewed me), as well as volunteering for many other ministries and missions. In the time leading up to Alejandro's departure in September, we all are invited to share with him our congratulations and best wishes.

Blessed Journey Alejandro,
Pastor Brian

New Officers to Be Ordained and Installed

During worship on May 5 we will be ordaining and installing the new elders and deacons elected at the congregational meeting on April 7. Please pray for our new officers as they begin their terms of service to our congregation.

For Elder:

Sam Atwood - 1 year

Saba Elyousef

Robbin Kelley

Will Kohnen

Barb MacKenzie

For Deacon

Elissa Aga- 1 year

Irene Atwood - 1 year

Karee Galloway - 1 year

Kathy Leff

Nora Quinn - 1 year

All Church Camp-Out

Memorial Day Weekend, May 25-27, 2019
(Friday afternoon - Monday morning).

Do you like camping, BBQ, hiking, games, movies outdoors, bonfires, and all things nature? Then join us for the All Church Camp-Out.

This year we'll be camping on the church front lawn, allowing us to be near bathrooms, a working kitchen, and home if you'd prefer to hang out for the day. You may also want to bring your RV and help us create a mountain-like facade around the lawn giving us a feel for being away from the city. Right in the middle of the weekend we will have Camp Church on Sunday morning in the Sanctuary with the rest of the congregation.

Fees: \$20 - Adults, \$10 - Teens (13 yrs-17 yrs), and \$5 - Kids (12 yrs and younger) Every registrant will get a special gift to help them get in the spirit of camping-out.

Please see Pastor Brian for more information.



A Messy Midweek Easter

Nearly 25 children and their families joined us for Messy Midweek Church on April 17. Following a wonderful sharing of the story of Jesus washing his disciples feet by Pastor Karen, the children packed Easter baskets for the kids and care baskets for the women at the Our House Shelter (a mission of Inland Valley Hope Partners).

The children also excitedly participated in bubble activities, an Easter egg hunt around Angell Courtyard (147 eggs were hidden), and egg carrying relay races on the front lawn. We also welcomed five volunteer teens from El Roble Intermediate and Claremont High School. The next Messy Midweek Church will be on THURSDAY, June 27 at 5:00 PM and will be part of the Vacation Bible School final day celebration. You will not want to miss it. Invite your friends and neighbors!

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, May 12 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel.

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.





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Adult Education
9:00 AM

Church School
10:15 AM

Worship
10:00 AM

Nursery Care
available both hours

Community Yard Sale Supporting Crossroads

Get ready to browse/shop/enjoy our huge annual communitywide yard sale! Great deals on household items, clothing, toys, tools and more! The event is on Saturday, June 1 at Cahuilla Park in Claremont from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Would you like to sell your stuff?

Spaces are on sale now! \$30 per space (or 2 for \$50) You can reserve up to 6 spaces. This is a great opportunity for neighbors, organizations, families and friends to host a large yard sale together. For more information, call (909) 626-7847.

There are several ways to reserve your spot...

- Call: (909) 626-7847
- Mail: Crossroads Inc., 250 W. 1st St., Ste. 254, Claremont, CA 91711

Jazz Concert at Claremont Pres

The California Jazz Arts Society and Claremont Presbyterian Church present a community outreach project featuring Bonnie Bowden, former vocalist for Sergio Mendez and Brasil 66.

Bonnie began her career at a young age at Six Flags Over Texas. Moving to California, she landed a solo position at Disneyland on the Sound Castle Stage in Tomorrowland.

Later, she was offered the lead singer position in one of the hottest bands in the world... Sergio Mendez and Brasil '66, which by the early 70's had been renamed Brasil 77. Bonnie remained through the 77 years into the Brasil 88 years. The engagements allowed her to tour the world many times over, and also included appearances with Johnny Carson, Merv Griffin, Mike Douglas, Dinah Shore, and the Midnight Special.

Join us, May 11, 7:00-9:00 PM. Admission is free—donations graciously accepted. Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase. Courtesy reservations appreciated: Dale175@aol.com.

Financial Snapshot

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 03/31/19	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	124,231	117,500
Other Income	24,787	27,675
Expenses	<u>-146,526</u>	<u>-150,260</u>
VARIANCE	2,492	-5,085
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 03/31/19	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	216,457	201,475
Expenses	<u>-205,212</u>	<u>-201,522</u>
VARIANCE	11,245	-47

Wednesday, May 1	7:00 EMM Bible Study, SW	8:00 Firm Believers, FH
9:00 Emmanuel Prayer Mt, Rm. 1	Saturday, May 11	9:00 Music & Movement Rm. 7
11:00 Petite Feet, Rm. 7	11:00 Memorial for Jane MacLeod	7:00 Boy Scouts FH
1:00 Lemonade Wednesdays	3:30 Memorial for Mary Ida	7:00 Evangelism & Nurture
4:30 Yoga Class Rm.7	Gardner, Decker Hall, Pilgrim Place	Wednesday, May 22
6:30 AA, SW	4:00 GPIB FH	9:00 Emmanuel Prayer meeting #1
Thursday, May 2	Sunday, May 12	11:00 Petite Feet, Rm. 7
7:00 Prayer in the Chapel	9:00 Adult Education, Room 1	1:00 Lemonade Wednesdays
8:00 Firm Believers, FH	10:00 Worship	4:30 Yoga Class Rm.7
9:00 CPCC Chapel	10:00 EMM SW	5:00 CLASP Board Meeting, Rm 1
3:00 CLASP, FH	1:00 Korean Church	6:30 AA, SW
7:00 Firm Believers, FH	11:30 EMM Sunday School, Rm. 1	7:00 CPC SESSION Rm.1
7:30 Men's Alanon, SW	11:30 EMM Church Sanctuary	Thursday, May 23
7:30 Sanctuary Choir, MB	3:00 G.P.I.B Church, Sanc/FH	CPCC Open House
Friday, May 3	6:00 College-age Gathering Rm.4	7:00 Prayer in the Chapel
8:00 Coffee & Donuts, CPCC	7:00 Healing & Wholeness Chapel	8:00 Firm Believers, FH
9:00 CPCC Yoga, FH	Monday, May 13	9:00 CPCC Chapel
3:00 Family Dinner mixer FH/AC	3:00 CLASP, FH	7:00 EMM Session Rm.1
7:00 EMM Bible Study, SW	6:00 CoDA, MB	7:00 Firm Believers, FH
Saturday, May 4	6:30 Xanath Dance Co. Rm 7	7:30 Men's Alanon, SW
CPC Officers retreat	7:00 Firm Believers, FH	7:30 Sanctuary Choir, MB
10:00 EMM Group	Tuesday, May 14	Friday, May 24
3:00 Memorial for Bob Jacoby, Westminster Gardens, Duarte	8:00 Firm Believers, FH	8:00 Coffee & Donuts, CPCC
4:00 GPIB FH	9:00 Music & Movement Rm. 7	9:00 CPCC Yoga, FH
Sunday, May 5	9:30 PW Bible Study, Lib	7:00 EMM Bible Study, SW
9:00 Adult Education, Rm. 1	3:00 CLASP, FH	Saturday, May 25
10:00 Worship/Install Officers	5:00 CPCC Comm, Lib	9:00 Boy Scouts SANC
10:00 EMM SW	7:00 Boy Scouts FH	10:00 Boy Scouts FH
1:00 Korean Church	Wednesday, May 15	4:00 GPIB FH
11:30 EMM Sunday School, Rm. 1	9:00 Emmanuel Prayer, meeting #1	Sunday, May 26
11:30 EMM Church Sanctuary	11:00 Petite Feet, Rm. 7	9:00 Adult Education, Rm. 1
3:00 G.P.I.B Church, Sanc/FH	1:00 Lemonade Wednesdays	10:00 Worship
6:00 College-age Gathering Rm.4	4:30 Yoga Class Rm.7	10:00 EMM SW
Monday, May 6	6:30 AA, SW	1:00 Korean Church
3:00 CLASP, FH	Thursday, May 16	11:30 EMM Sunday School, Rm. 1
6:00 CoDA, MB	7:00 Prayer in the Chapel	11:30 EMM Church Sanctuary
6:30 Xanath Dance Co. Rm 7	8:00 Firm Believers, FH	3:00 G.P.I.B Church, Sanc/FH
7:00 Firm Believers, FH	9:00 CPCC Chapel	6:00 College-age Gathering Rm.4
Tuesday, May 7	3:00 CLASP Last Day, FH	Monday, May 27
8:00 Firm Believers, FH	7:00 Firm Believers, FH	6:00 CoDA, MB
9:00 Music & Movement Rm. 7	7:00 Mission Comm, Lib	6:30 Xanath Dance Co. Rm 7
3:00 CLASP, FH	7:30 Men's Alanon, SW	7:00 Firm Believers, FH
6:00 NAMI, FH/Rm7&1/Chapel	7:30 Sanctuary Choir, MB	Tuesday, May 28
7:00 Boy Scouts, MB	Friday, May 17	8:00 Firm Believers, FH
Wednesday, May 8	8:00 Coffee & Donuts, CPCC	9:00 Music & Movement Rm. 7
9:00 Emmanuel Prayer meeting #1	9:00 CPCC Yoga, FH	7:00 Boy Scouts FH
11:00 Petite Feet, Rm. 7	7:00 EMM Bible Study, SW	6:00 Deacon Board, Warners'
1:00 Lemonade Wednesdays	Saturday, May 18	Wednesday, May 29
5:00 CLASP Dinner, FH?	4:00 GPIB FH	9:00 Emmanuel Prayer meeting #1
4:30 Yoga Class Rm.7	Sunday, May 19	11:00 Petite Feet, Rm. 7
6:30 AA, SW	9:00 Adult Education, Room 1	1:00 Lemonade Wednesdays
7:00 P & F, Library	10:00 Worship	4:30 Yoga Class Rm.7
Thursday, May 9	10:00 EMM SW	6:30 AA, SW
7:00 Prayer in the Chapel	10:00 Waffle Church	Thursday, May 30
8:00 Firm Believers, FH	1:00 Korean Church	7:00 Prayer in the Chapel
9:00 CPCC Chapel	11:30 EMM Sunday School, Rm. 1	8:00 Firm Believers, FH
1:30 PCU Mtg, Rm 7	11:30 EMM Church Sanctuary	9:00 CPCC Chapel
3:00 CLASP, FH	3:00 G.P.I.B Church, Sanc/FH	3:30 E&N Refresh, CPCC Patio
7:00 Firm Believers, FH	6:00 College-age Gathering Rm.4	7:00 Firm Believers, FH
7:30 Men's Alanon, SW	Monday, May 20	7:30 Men's Alanon, SW
7:30 Sanctuary Choir, MB	6:00 CoDA, MB	7:30 Sanctuary Choir, MB
Friday, May 10	6:30 Xanath Dance Co. Rm 7	Friday, May 31
CPCC Lunch	7:00 Firm Believers, FH	8:00 Coffee & Donuts, CPCC
8:00 Coffee & Donuts, CPCC	Tuesday, May 21	9:00 CPCC Yoga, FH
9:00 CPCC Yoga, FH		7:00 EMM Bible Study, SW

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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.

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.

Now Hiring

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

Adult Education in May

May 5 - Doubt & Evil in the World - Jarod Farmer
May 12 - The Untold experience of an incarcerated mother separated from her children - Crossroads
May 19 - Presbyterian Heritage, When we did it poorly - Jane Douglass
May 26 - Stewardship of Creation, Climate Change and Ecology - Scott Randles

VBS Is Coming

June 24-27 - Consider Volunteering!