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From the Pastor

The 2020 Vision Team was mandated by the 222nd General Assembly (2016) and charged with developing a guiding statement for the denomination as it moves into the future. The following draft statement is now before the Church for study and contemplation. Beginning September 8, a five week sermon series will focus on the five themes of the statement.

God calls the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to be:

Prayerful

Confessing our sin to God and those we have wronged, we accept our responsibility for the brokenness in the world and in ourselves. In Christ we are assured of forgiveness and freed to forgive others. We ask the Holy Spirit to direct and guide us as we actively listen to Scripture and fully engage in the joys and challenges of life in this present world. By grace Christ binds us together, cleanses us in the waters of baptism, nourishes us at the Lord's table, and sends us out to share the Good News.

Courageous

Reformed and always being reformed, we follow the Holy Spirit in new and imaginative ways to places we have not yet been. We foster the hope of reconciliation in Christ who transforms the world through healing individuals and communities. We work for God's justice and peace for all people in every land, walking with the vulnerable, the marginalized, and the abused.

United

As members of the Church universal, we are Christ's disciples, called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Against forces that seek to divide, Christ compels us to bear witness to a love that connects communities across great differences. We approach others in a spirit of openness and trust as we follow Jesus Christ in respecting the freedom of other religions, worldviews, and traditions.

Serving

Gratefully following the One who washed his disciples' feet, we listen to our neighbors, working to meet their practical needs. We partner with others to become the hands and feet of God in the world, showing compassion and generosity to all creation. The Holy Spirit pushes us

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Upcoming Worship

Sunday, September 1, 10:00 AM

Communion Sunday

Guest Preacher: Leslie Vogel, Presbyterian
Mission Co-worker in Guatemala

Sunday, September 8, 10:00 AM

New Beginnings Sunday

PCUSA Guiding Statement "Prayerful"
Prayers of Jesus from Luke's Gospel
Karen Sapio Preaching

Sunday, September 15, 10:00 AM

Waffle Church

PCUSA Guiding Statement "Courageous"
Psalm 31 and Esther 4:12-17
Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, September 15, 7:00 PM

Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

Sunday, September 22, 10:00 AM

Parish Sunday

PCUSA Guiding Statement "United"
Psalm 133 and Colossians 2:1-5
Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, September 29, 10:00 AM

PCUSA Guiding Statement "Serving"
Philippians 2:1-11
Karen Sapio preaching

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beyond the familiar, meeting people where they are as we share Christ's transformative love.

Alive

We are people of the resurrection: though death surrounds us, we are not afraid because we follow the One who was raised from the tomb. The Holy Spirit gives us courage to build a community that reflects the fullness of God's image in humanity: beautifully diverse in age, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender identity, sexuality, physical and mental ability, geography, and theological conviction. In the sure and certain hope of resurrection, we joyfully testify that the Church and its members are called to follow Christ's model by risking all, even life itself, for the sake of the Gospel.

Karen Sapio

New Beginnings

Launching - Learning - Lunching

A mouthwatering taco lunch will round out a robust morning of learning about new and continuing ministry and mission initiatives launching this year at CPC. Family and Children's programs, Refugee and Immigration Concerns, Community Outreach opportunities, and Contemplative Ministries all await you here at Claremont Presbyterian Church's New Beginnings Sunday, September 8th, starting with worship in the sanctuary at 10AM.

Come curious, come hungry, just make sure you don't miss out!

Concerts in the Park

Ahhh, summer evenings in the suburbs...

blankets, lawn chairs, hot dogs and

hamburgers, ice cream, and great music.

Nearly 20 CPC folks from 4 years old to...well...older, gathered together to enjoy the cool of the summer evenings on Mondays. Our Summer Youth Interns scouted out a spot on the lawn at Memorial Park. It was a great way to catch up with long time and new friends while the kids played soccer or chased each other around with glow sticks. We certainly can see why this has become a loved tradition.



CPC Mission Partner - CLASP

by Teddie Warner



Would you like to spend a few hours a week helping a vulnerable child with homework, and be a friend? Are you new to the area or recently retired? Do you know someone who is? CLASP needs over 250 caring volunteers each year – people like Pat Reed, Greg Stout and Carol West.

CPC has supported CLASP in a variety of ways since 2002, from providing space for a tutoring site and office, to financial donations from the Mission Commission and Alternative Holiday Market.

CLASP annually serves about 150 elementary school students at five sites throughout the community. Teachers refer students for different reasons: not completing homework on time, struggling to grasp necessary concepts for grade-level work, having trouble getting organized, losing focus on academic tasks, mismanaging time and lacking confidence in their ability to complete school work. These students are in need of an environment that provides strong academic support and a quiet place to study so they can complete their homework.

The program includes tutoring and mentoring from caring volunteers with a goal of one-to-one, recreation and enrichment, healthy snacks and transportation, three sessions a week for 2 hours. Students are generally 81% low income, 31% homeless, 89% minorities

Student quotes: "I felt shy and nervous in the beginning with my tutors, but now it feels like I'm talking to my own family. I prefer to do my homework at CLASP." "At CPC I learn better. My tutors review my homework as well. They are kind."

From parents: "In reading, he has been having a problem since kindergarten - he blends vowel sounds. He has improved a lot." "Before he was barely making his grades. Now he is getting 4's and excellents. I credit his improvement to the one-on-one from CLASP. He has always liked school. But he needs extra time to understand the material. The different ways of approaching the material has helped him.

To volunteer, call (909) 204-0127, email to office@clasp4kids.org or go to www.clasp4kids.org

Godly Play Returns

Godly Play, our Sunday School class for children in the elementary grades, will begin on September 1. You may register your child for Godly Play and sign them in each week in the church narthex with one of the Godly Play helpers. It takes place during the church service following the "time with the children." After the passing of the peace, the children will walk with their Godly Play teacher to the Chapel.

Godly Play helps children to gain religious language, explore through stories with visuals in a calm, meditative environment and learn through wonder and play. Following the Bible story, the children might do arts and crafts or go play on the playground. After the service, you can sign your child out either at the Chapel or the nursery building.

We hope your children will join us!

Community Conversations

The art of good and healthy conversation is quickly fading. We see this played out in the national arena as well as within our own communities. Following the Summer Sermon Series, a small group of folks (about 5-10) gathered each Wednesday evening at the Village Plaza to begin gently addressing BIG topics such as mental health, the polarization of community, environmentalism, consumerism, and even racism. Healthy conversation was had among friends, several of whom were new friends from around the city. Each conversation concluded with the question, "What is this conversation calling you to do, what is your next step?"

PW Bible Study

Bible Study sponsored by Claremont Presbyterian Women resumes Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 AM in the CPC Library. "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" is the theme for 2019-20. Pastor Karen Sapio will lead the study which will be held each second Tuesday from September through May. All members and friends are welcome to attend as schedules permit. To order a study guide (\$12), contact Elaine Walker at (909) 621-4261.

2019 VBS: A Roaring! Success

Forty children and thirty-five volunteers participated in CPC's successful Roar! Vacation Bible School during the last week of June. Children from age 3 through 5th grade from not only our congregation, but also from the Children's Center and the community had a great time while building both faith and a shared sense of community. Each evening included music during opening and closing times with Pastor Brian, Bible stories with Pastor Karen, crafts with Kim Brinegar and Delight Slotemaker de Bruin, videos and discussion about various children in Africa with Mark MacKenzie, games with Thomas Randles and his helpers and delicious dinners prepared by Kyungah Jung and the kitchen crew. None of this could have happened without the many hours of preparation led by our Summer Interns who also worked hard, along with other volunteers, shepherding our children as "Crew Chiefs" for each small group of 3-5 children.

Thank you to each of the volunteers (who are too numerous to all be mentioned) for making VBS a wonderful experience for our children! Because of the tremendous support from the congregation, we were able to nurture not only our own children, but also to have a significant outreach to families in our community.



VBS supports Inland Valley Hope Partners

Forty children and their parents donated nearly \$450 worth of school supplies during Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer. Our special project for VBS came out of Inland Valley Hope Partners' call for help in collecting donations for the kids and family members of the shelters who will be going back to school this Fall with little or no ability to get school supplies.

We continue to strive to live out our belief that we see Christ in our neighbor, and we recall the essence of Matthew 25... when I was in need, you came alongside me. Continue to look for ways that we are partnering with Inland Valley Hope Partners and come alongside those in need.



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.

Fall Adult Education Programs

Accountability in our churches - Concentration Camps - Racism.

These are a few of the topics your Adult Education Forum will explore this Fall 2019. The summer sermon series, "We Need to Talk," fueled a deep hunger for more opportunities to have important conversations about real and relative topics. Consider being part of the following transformative conversations:

A cordial invitation is extended to CPC members and friends to participate in adult education Fall programs. The Adult Education Forum meets on Sunday at 9:00 am in Room 1, and the following programs are scheduled for September.

September 8 - CPC's "resident church historian" Jane Douglass, will lead a discussion titled Reformed Churches Hold Each Other Accountable. She offers the following overview: Churches, like people, make mistakes; but unity helps them rethink their understanding of faith. The program will explore cases of mutual responsibility among Reformed churches and how they have worked together to bring about change. Be prepared for a thoughtful, lively, and surprising presentation.

September 15 - Sanctuary Coffee as a Compassionate Mission - A conversation with Steve Gerali of Sanctuary Coffee.

September 22 - Experiences of a Child in a Concentration Camp will be shared by Monique Saigal.

September 29 - Musical Exploration - Geri DeMasi
Coming in October - Chris Hodges from Progressive Christians Uniting will join us for discussion, followed by a 3-part series on Racism facilitated by Dr. Nicholas Grier from CST.

Enneagram: A Journey of Self-Discovery

Mark your calendars for our Fall retreat on November 1 & 2. In this seminar, the Enneagram, a profound, elegant, and compassionate map of the human psyche—including both psychological and spiritual components—will be our guide toward self-understanding and self-development. By gaining insight into our personal world view, we gain deeper understanding of ourselves and others. Values, habits and motivations will be explored – and healthy, presence-based alternatives discovered. Lecture, discussion and interactive exercises. All levels of Enneagram knowledge welcome.

The Loaves and Fishes Society: an additional way to give back to CPC

*"There is a boy here who has
five barley loaves and two fish.
But what are they among so many?"*

John 6:9

The Loaves and Fishes Society, the bequest program at CPC, provides all of us with an additional way to "give back" to our wonderful Church, in response to all that we have received.

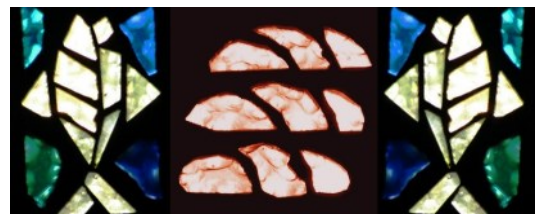
While the annual pledge campaign provides the vital funding to support the daily operating budget of the Church, the bequest program serves long-range needs, as described in the Loaves and Fishes Society brochure. If you would like another copy of the brochure for yourself or a friend, please pick one up in the Church office – we hope it will serve as a ready guide and reference for future use.

Just as the loaves and fishes were multiplied to sustain multitudes (John 6:9), our individual bequest gifts, when combined with those of others, will have a far greater impact than any one of us could achieve on our own. Currently, 32 people are members of our Loaves and Fishes Society.

When you too have taken this important step, please inform one of the Pastors, any member of the Committee, or Neila Carey in the Church office – we want to offer our hearty thanks to you, as well!

*The Special Gifts and Endowment Committee
of Claremont Presbyterian Church:*

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Adult Education
9:00 AM

Worship
10:00 AM

Nursery Care
available both hours

Parish Sunday - September 22

What is a parish?! Such an interesting word; could be a community connected to a church or a county division in Louisiana. And, not to be confused with parish, as is often done.

Our congregation (our community of faith) is divided into different groupings, parishes. As our church grows and changes in different ways, especially with people, we want to make sure every one of us knows we are cared for by someone in our community. Each member of our Board of Deacons is assigned to a parish. As life happens and you find yourself wanting to share celebrations and

Your last name	Your Deacon
Abusharr - Bidwell	Mary Elyousef
Blackstock - Chaney	Elissa Elder
Chapman - Douglass, G & J	Susan Starr
Douglass, M - Hanson	Christine Kolb
Harber - Keller	Sally Lopez
Kelley - Lockhart	Irene Atwood
Loper - Morgan, B	Nora Quinn
Morgan, D - Pollock	Jean Perry
Pon - Silva, L & D	Leanne Kerchner
Silva, K - Trindle	Kathy Leff
Tuggle—Zgorecki	Karee Galloway

prayer concerns with our community you can feel confident to reach out to your Deacon. Join us on September 22 following the worship service to meet your Deacon and others in your parish. Grab some coffee and a treat, and get to know your parish.

CPC by the Numbers

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 07/31/19	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	254,227.00	274,167.00
Other Income	54,747.00	64,575.00
Expenses	<u>-359,568.00</u>	<u>-350,608.00</u>
VARIANCE	-50,594.00	-11,866.00
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 07/31/19	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	504,622.00	470,108.00
Expenses	<u>-477,590.00</u>	<u>-470,218.00</u>
VARIANCE	27,032.00	-110.00
VBS attendance	40 kids	
VBS volunteers	23	
June Jazz Vespers attendance	94	
Summer Intern hours worked (5 interns)	275	
Prayers Pinned at Fourth of July Booth	52	

Sunday, September 1

10:00 AM Worship
 10:00 AM Emman. Bible Study, SW
 11:30 AM Emman. S. School, Rm. 1
 11:30 AM Emman. Wor, Sanctuary
 1:00 PM Clare. Korean Wor, MB
 3:00 PM GPIB Service Sanc/FH/SW
 6:00 PM College-age Gather, Rm. 4

Monday, September 2

Labor Day Observed - Office closed

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

Tuesday, September 3

8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7
 5:00 PM CPCC Commission, Lib.
 6:00 PM NAMI, FH/Rm7&1/Chapel
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, MB
 7:00 PM Contemplative Min. Team

Wednesday, September 4

CLASP Student Enrollment
 9:00 AM Emman. Pray. Meet, Rm. 1
 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon, SW
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib
 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7
 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays
 4:30 PM Yoga Class, Rm. 7
 6:30 PM AA, SW
 7:00 PM SG&EC, Library

Thursday, September 5

CLASP Student Enrollment
 7:00 AM Meditat. & Prayer, Chapel
 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM CPCC Chapel
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH
 7:30 PM Men's Alanon, SW
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, MB

Friday, September 6

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts CPCC
 9:00 AM CPCC Yoga FH
 7:00 PM Emman. Bible Study, SW

Saturday, September 7

10:00 AM Emman. Women's Fellow.
 11:00 AM Salas Family Party, FH

Sunday, September 8

9:00 AM Adult Ed.
 10:00 AM Worship - New Beginnings
 10:00 AM Emman. Bible Study, SW
 11:15 AM Ed. & Leadership, Rm. 7
 11:30 AM Emman. S. School, Rm. 1
 11:30 AM Emman. Wor, Sanctuary
 1:00 PM Clare. Korean Wor, MB
 3:00 PM GPIB Service Sanc/FH/SW
 6:00 PM College-age Gather, Rm. 4

Monday, September 9

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

Tuesday, September 10

8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7
 9:30 AM PW Bible Study, Lib
 3:00 PM CLASP Tutor Orientation
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts FH

Wednesday, September 11

9:00 AM Emman. Pray. Meet, Rm. 1
 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon, SW
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib
 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7
 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays
 4:30 PM Yoga Class, Rm. 7
 6:30 PM AA, SW
 7:00 PM P & F, Library

Thursday, September 12

7:00 AM Prayer & Meditat., Chapel
 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM CPCC Chapel
 1:30 PM PCU Mtg, Rm. 7
 3:00 PM CLASP Tutor Orientation
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH
 7:30 PM Men's Alanon, SW
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, MB

Friday, September 13

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts CPCC
 9:00 AM CPCC Yoga FH
 7:00 PM Emman. Bible Study, SW

Sunday, September 14

9:00 AM Presbytery Meeting

Sunday, September 15

9:00 AM Adult Ed.
 10:00 AM Worship w/Waffle Church
 10:00 AM Emman. Bible Study, SW
 11:30 AM Evangelism & Nurture
 11:30 AM Emman. S. School, Rm. 1
 11:30 AM Emmanuel Wor, Sanctuary
 1:00 PM Clare. Korean Wor, MB
 3:00 PM GPIB Service Sanc/FH/SW
 6:00 PM College-age Gather, Rm. 4
 7:00 PM Healing & Whole, Chapel

Monday, September 16

2:30 PM CLASP, FH
 6:00 PM CoDA, MB
 6:30 PM Xanath Dance Co, Rm. 7
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH

Tuesday, September 17

8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7
 2:30 PM CLASP, FH
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, FH
 7:00 PM Evangelism & Nurture

Wednesday, September 18

9:00 AM Emman. Pray. Meet, Rm. 1
 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon, SW
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib
 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7
 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays
 4:30 PM Yoga Class, Rm. 7
 6:30 PM AA, SW

Thursday, September 19

7:00 AM Prayer & Meditat, Chapel
 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM CPCC Chapel
 2:30 PM CLASP, FH
 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

Friday, September 20

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts CPCC
 9:00 AM CPCC Yoga FH
 7:00 PM Emman. Bible Study, SW

Sunday, September 22

9:00 AM Adult Ed.
 10:00 AM Worship -Parish Sunday
 10:00 AM Emman. Bible Study, SW
 11:30 AM Emman. S. School, Rm. 1
 11:30 AM Emman. Wor, Sanctuary
 1:00 PM Clare. Korean Wor, MB
 3:00 PM GPIB Service Sanc/FH/SW
 6:00 PM College-age Gather, Rm. 4

Monday, September 23

2:30 PM CLASP, FH
 6:00 PM CoDA, MB
 6:30 PM Xanath Dance Co, Rm. 7
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH

Tuesday, September 24

8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7
 2:30 PM CLASP, FH
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts FH
 7:00 PM Deacon Board, Library

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 AM Emman. Pray. Meet, Rm. 1
 10:00 AM Overeaters Anon, SW
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib
 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7
 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays
 4:30 PM Yoga Class, Rm. 7
 5:00 PM CLASP Board Mtg, Rm 1
 6:30 PM AA, SW
 7:00 PM CPC Session, Rm.1

Thursday, September 26

7:00 AM Prayer & Meditat, Chapel
 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM CPCC Chapel
 2:30 PM CLASP, FH
 7:00 PM Emmanuel Session, Rm. 1
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH
 7:30 PM Men's Alanon, SW
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, MB

Friday, September 27

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts CPCC
 9:00 AM CPCC Yoga FH
 7:00 PM Emman. Bible Study, SW

Sunday, September 29

9:00 AM Adult Ed.
 10:00 AM Worship
 10:00 AM Emman. Bible Study, SW
 11:30 AM Emman. S. School, Rm. 1
 11:30 AM Emman. Wor, Sanctuary
 1:00 PM Clare. Korean Wor, MB
 3:00 PM GPIB Service Sanc/FH/SW
 6:00 PM College-age Gather, Rm. 4

Monday, September 30

2:30 PM CLASP, FH
 6:00 PM College Fair, Sanctuary
 6:00 PM CoDA, MB
 6:30 PM Xanath Dance Co, Rm. 7
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH

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Deadline for the OCTOBER *Communicator*: September 15

Save the date!

Claremont Presbyterian Church
Alternative Christmas Market
Sunday, November 24, 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM
Doors open for Mission Partner setup at 9:00 AM



**"Light dawns on a weary world when
eyes begin to see all people's dignity."**

Light Dawns on a Weary World, from
Glory To God, The Presbyterian Hymnal