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News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

April 2013



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Worship Plans

Sunday, April 7 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

The Rev. Karen Sapiro preaching

Sunday, April 14 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

John 21:1-19

The Rev. Rocky Supinger preaching

Sunday, April 21 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Guest preacher

Leslie Vogel - Presbyterian Mission Co-worker
in Guatemala

Sunday, April 28 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 13:31-35

The Rev. Karen Sapiro preaching

From the Pastor

When we think of the seasons of the church year we usually think of Advent – which lasts four weeks – or Lent with its forty days leading to Easter. We may forget that Easter itself is a season. It begins with Easter Sunday and lasts fifty days until Pentecost – that's a whole seven weeks!

The Worship Sourcebook explains it this way: "Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days Eastertide, the 'Great Fifty Days' that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living."

This year's "Great Fifty Days" last from Easter on March 31 through Pentecost Sunday on May 19. How will you spend your Great Fifty Days "exploring the ramifications of Easter?"

Here are some ideas:

- ◆ **Give away 50 things:** books, old clothes, canned food, garden produce, volunteer hours, money.
- ◆ **Write 50 letters:** to governmental representatives or others who can influence policy in our country, state or local communities.
- ◆ **Pray for 50 people:** Work your way through the church picture directory or make your own list of family, friends, or co-workers.
- ◆ **Have 50 real conversations:** invite people to have a cup of coffee, call the cousin you haven't talked to in years, take your grandkids to lunch – take half an hour to talk about things that matter.
- ◆ **Send 50 messages:** Emails, texts, FB wall posts – any way to send a note to people you would like to thank, encourage or inspire.
- ◆ **Plant 50 things:** flowers, vegetables, or crazy ideas.

You may have other ideas. Have a great 50 days!

Karen Sapiro

All Church Camp Is All Kinds of Fun

Want to get away for a weekend of fun and relaxing family activities in a pine-scented mountain setting? Then you and your family should sign up for CPC's All Church Camp on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5.

All Church Camp is a terrific way to get to know the CPC community better, as well as to unwind from the day-to-day. There will be lots of time to explore the beautiful grounds of the Big Bear Lake Christian Conference Center, to play games, or even to just curl up with that book you've been meaning to read. The cost for three meals and overnight lodging is only \$75 per person.

To register, see All Church Camp Registrar Karee Galloway on the patio after worship any Sunday in April or call the church office at (909) 624-9693.

Sunday Morning at Nine

Adult Education at CPC during Eastertide has something for YOU. All classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

Family Focus

April 7 - May 12, in Room 7

This coffee and conversation gathering is for anyone eager to share the journey of faith and family. Whether you have preschoolers, high schoolers, or grandkids, you are invited to this gathering to explore the holy struggles and joys of family life.

What's NEXT for Presbyterians?

April 7, in the Fellowship Hall

Pastor Karen, Pastor Rocky, Elder Charles Kerchner, and Godly Play teacher and seminarian Hannah Lewis participated in the NEXT Church conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, last month. Come hear them share what they saw and heard. Come get a glimpse of what's next for the Presbyterian Church.

Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence

April 14, in the Fellowship Hall

Based on the powerful documentary film featuring volunteers from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, this gathering will address the effects of gun violence, particularly as it is met by educators and parents of school-aged children. It will listen to the voices of victims of gun violence and explore faithful solutions.

Leslie Vogel, Mission Co-Worker to Guatemala

April 21, in the Fellowship Hall

Leslie is on the verge of a long-term mission appointment to serve the Presbyterian Church in Guatemala. Come hear about what the church in that part of the world is doing and how the Presbyterian Church (USA) is part of it.

Coffee And A Good Book: Help, Thanks, Wow!

April 28 - May 12

Come grab a cup of coffee and dish about the latest book by Presbyterian author Anne Lamott (*Bird by Bird, Travelling Mercies*). This is a laid back gathering to read a good book and enjoy good coffee together.

And Introducing A New Adult Education Opportunity:

Bible Study with Pastor Karen

Sunday evenings, 7:00 p.m. April 14 - June 2, Room 1

An introduction to the Gospels. Come probe the Scriptures with Pastor Karen in this new weekly gathering. For the curious, the informed, and the uninitiated.

What will *you* learn this Eastertide?



Big Bear Summer Camp Registration Is Open

Registration for summer camp is now open! Rising 4th-6th graders, rising 6th-7th graders, and high school students can all spend a week in beautiful Big Bear Lake with friends old and new. Here are the dates:

- Junior Camp (rising 4th-6th graders): June 30th-July 6th
- Jr High Camp (rising 7th-8th graders): July 7th-13th
- L.E.A.D. Camp (rising 9th-12th graders) either June 30th-July 6th or July 7th-13th.

Registration for a week of summer camp costs only \$350 if received by the camp before April 30. If your son or daughter would like to go, please call Pastor Rocky in the church office to register (909) 624-9693 - or download the registration form at www.claremontpres.org.

Sunday Morning Schedule for Children & Youth

Sunday Mornings there are faith-nurturing activities for children in pre-school through high school all morning long.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Music and Art for grade 3 – grade 5 Godly Play for age 4 – grade 2 Youth Sunday School Class with Larry and Jeanine (grades 6 - 8) Youth Sunday School Class with Irene, Linda and Octavio (grades 9 - 12) <i>Nursery care is available for infants through pre-k</i>
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Music and Art for age 4 – grade 2 (after Time with the Children) Godly Play for grade 3 – grade 5 (after Time with the Children) <i>Nursery care is available for infants through pre-k</i>
11:15 a.m. - noon	Choir for youth 6th grade through high school (every other week)

Bible Breakfast April 14

Every year at Claremont Presbyterian Church it is our practice to celebrate the movement in faith of our young children by giving the children a Bible of their own that is from our whole community of faith. Traditionally we have given Bibles to children when they reach the third grade, or if they are beyond third grade but did not receive a Bible from our community when they were in the third grade. We present the children with their Bibles during our worship service, and we invite all of the families of the children who are receiving Bibles to join us for a “Bible Breakfast” at 8:30 that Sunday morning. If you have a child or grandchild in your family that would like to receive a Bible from our community please contact Krista at krista@claremontpres.org.

Our Bible Celebration this year will be on Sunday, April 14.

CPC Students Going Hungry to End Hunger

Youth from CPC will join their peers from the Claremont UCC Church and across the community next month to deal a blow to global hunger. Students will gather on Friday evening, April 19, and spend 24 uninterrupted hours together learning about the problem of global hunger, working to ease hunger in their own communities, and going hungry themselves.

The 30 Hour Famine is a program of World Vision, an international Christian mission

Godly Play

In April our focus in the Godly Play classroom is on the exploring the parables and on thinking about the relationship between Jesus and his disciples. Our lessons this month are as follows:

April 7: *Parable of the Leaven*

April 14: *Parable of the Sower*

April 21: *Jesus and the Twelve*

April 28: *The Synagogue and the Upper Room.*

Children age 4 - grade 2 are invited to join us at 9:00 a.m., and children grade 3 - grade 5 are invited to come to Godly Play following the “Time with the Children” in worship. If you have any questions or would like more information about becoming involved in Godly Play, please contact Krista at krista@claremontpres.org.

organization. Each year students all over the world pledge to not eat for 30 whole hours as a way of experiencing the kind of hunger millions live with every day, but they also pledge to raise funds to feed hungry people. Why 30 hours? Because 30 is the number of dollars it takes to feed and care for a single hungry child for a month.

Watch for worship announcements from students in the next few weeks to learn how you can be part of this powerful experience.

Mrs. Nelson’s Book Fair

Everyone is invited to participate in a fundraiser for the Claremont Presbyterian Children’s Center. Mrs. Nelson’s Book Fair is coming to CPC from Monday, April 15 through Monday April 22. The Book Fair will be in the PYG Room, open on the week days until 6:00 p.m., and on Sunday, April 21 after worship. Please plan to stop by and browse this wonderful selection of books and toys.

New Fence

You will notice a new addition to the CPC campus: the Children’s Center’s fence along the pathway between the Infant / Toddler building and the Church Office, and a gate between the Music Building and the Church Office. Given the charge of providing the most secure environment possible, and addressing safety concerns for the children, after careful review and deliberation the CPC Children’s Center Commission, the Property and Finance Commission, and the CPC Session approved adding a fence designed by Paul Wheeler, architect, to the CPC campus.

People In the Church: Joanne McCandless

I was petrified!" Joanne McCandless exclaimed. "At night I pushed the couch up against the front door and the washing machine against the back door." She was talking about that week in January 1964 when she was alone in Claremont while her husband, CPC Pastor Ken McCandless, went to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to help register black voters. People who know Joanne recognize her as a calm woman, not easily frightened. Her behavior gives us a glimpse of the civil rights movement of the 1960's, both in California and the United States. In California the legislature in 1963 had passed the Rumford Fair Housing Act forbidding landlords of multiple units to discriminate on the basis of race. Already a backlash had erupted and voters in 1964 would pass Proposition 14 making discrimination a constitutional right. Watts would explode in 1965. In retrospect Joanne's fears appear completely understandable. Even within CPC there were strong divisions. Ken, intent on doing what he thought was right in the eyes of God, was putting his life on the line by joining the movement in Mississippi. The previous June, 1963, Medgar Evers was murdered in Jackson, Mississippi. In September of that year a bomb at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, killed four young girls. Church members here were worried for his safety. Some were critical of his decision. Ken had cleverly asked the Session to allow him to use his vacation leave for the trip, which they could hardly deny even if they disliked the purpose. Then Ken preached a sermon to the congregation explaining the reasons he felt called. "It was a wonderful sermon. It convinced me," Joanne recalled. One member came up to Ken and said, "I disagree with you but I can see why you must do this." After church, people walked past Ken and dropped money in his pockets to help pay for the trip. Eventually it amounted to enough for two people so Ken invited Pete Reckard, the Chaplain of the Claremont Colleges, to join him.

That story reveals in Ken a strong determination to do what he thought was right, even if it meant taking significant risks. That same determination was present when Ken met Joanne. Ken was 30, the pastor of a church in Detroit, and director of a church summer camp where Joanne, then 22, was serving as a camp counselor. Smitten, and well aware that Joanne had several serious suitors buzzing around her, Ken finagled an extra week of summer camp for Joanne that included driving her home to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and meeting her parents. When Joanne returned to Iowa State University to complete her Master's degree in biology, Ken decided letters would not suffice and drove from Detroit to Ames, Iowa during a blizzard to spend some time with her. Finally the time arrived to pop the question, and Ken asked Joanne if she would "exchange her M.S. for an Mrs." Now Joanne didn't tell me this, and I may be completely wrong, but to me this sounds a bit awkward and I wonder if it doesn't sound to you like Ken was so entranced by Joanne, so worried that she might turn him down, that he almost didn't get the proposal out of his mouth? OK,

perhaps by now you are asking, just who is this woman?

She was born Joanne Schrier in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Her father was Dutch Reformed, her mother American Baptist, and somehow they settled on joining the Presbyterian church. Joanne faithfully attended church summer camps, where I suspect she imbibed the phrase that tripped from her tongue: "I'm Presbyterian born and Presbyterian bred, and when I die, I'll be Presbyterian dead." [If you'll permit a digression, I confess I had never heard this claim before, and don't recall reciting it at CPC on Sunday mornings, so I did some sketchy research. It appears in an apocryphal story, probably from the early 19th century, when Presbyterians and Methodists were vying for converts along the Midwestern frontier. It seems the daughter of the local Methodist minister and the son of the local Presbyterian minister were taunting each other. "I'm Methodist born and Methodist bred, and when I die, I'll be Methodist dead," the girl said, and the boy replied with his own Presbyterian creed. Then they decided on a contest to see who could say it fastest. The original story finishes this way: "Now Methodist is a shorter word than Presbyterian, and a woman always has the advantage of a man when it comes to talking. The boy was quickly beaten, but as he picked up his things and started towards home, he left this parting shot: 'Well, who wants to be a "dead one" anyhow?"]

Joanne had thought about a career in Christian education, but her college teachers discovered she had a wonderful knack for science and encouraged her efforts first in Chemistry, then Biology, and urged her to consider graduate work and a doctorate. These were the post-World War II years, by the way, when the number of women attending college soared. During the war, with men in the military and civilian manpower shortages, the government created ads encouraging women to enter the labor force, complete with a catchy song about "Rosie the Riveter." Women responded enthusiastically. After the war that same government, fearful that women would keep jobs that would leave returning soldiers unemployed, reversed its ad campaign and turned a blind eye toward gender discrimination. The soaring wave of women in college crested in the early 1950's and then rapidly receded. When Betty Friedan published her *Feminine Mystique* in 1963, she was provoked by the opportunities once promised to women but withdrawn in the previous decade. And although Joanne had said yes to Ken's proposal, she never forgot her professor's regret that Joanne would not complete her doctorate.

Soon after Joanne became Mrs., the Korean War broke out. Ken had already served in the Navy during World War II, but he volunteered again, this time as a Navy chaplain. Pregnant, Joanne moved back to her Kalamazoo home to give birth to her first child, a daughter, Marty. The Navy sent Ken to the Great Lakes Training Camp and assigned him to soldiers in the brig. Here he learned that most of them simply "didn't know how to handle life" and just needed some good

(See **Joanne** on Page 6)

Distinguished Speaker Series

Progressive Christians Uniting arranged a series of five lectures by distinguished speakers given at five local churches (including CPC) which began February 24, 2013 and runs through April 7, 2013. Individual speaker tickets are \$10.00. The remaining speaker, location and lecture subject is:

James Carroll, Boston Globe, Author *Constantine's Sword* and *House of War*
"Toward a Civil Society"

Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at La Verne Church of the Brethren, 2425 E Street, La Verne

Please visit the website www.agendaforapropheticfaith.com for more information and to purchase tickets. Tickets are also available at the door.



Conscientious Projector

Conscientious Projector is a monthly gathering of mindful, passionate people coming together to screen documentaries about important current justice issues, and to discuss these viewpoints from a variety of perspectives. Screenings are free to the public. Screenings in Claremont are at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Claremont Forum, 586 W. First Street (in the old packing house.)

Wednesday, April 17 the film to be screened is "Occupy Love." Join acclaimed director Velcrow Ripper (Scared Sacred, Fierce Light) on a journey deep inside the revolution of the heart that is erupting around the planet, as he asks the question, "How could the crisis we are facing become a love story?"

"Occupy Love" explores the growing realization that the dominant system of power is failing to provide us with health, happiness or meaning. The old paradigm that concentrates wealth, founded on the greed of the few, is causing economic and ecological collapse. The resulting crisis has become the catalyst for a profound awakening: millions of people are deciding that enough is enough – the time has come to create a new world, a world that works for all life.

Session Digest

At its February meeting, the Session:

- Heard from the Deacons that their work is being carried on well, despite needing more deacons to share the load.
- Engaged in a 'listening' exercise that is part of the Lenten season's ministry program.
- Approved the purchase of new hymnals for the sanctuary to replace our 23 year old ones.
- Affirmed the Special Gifts and Endowment Committee's pursuit of a CPC's 60th Anniversary celebration.

Make Every Second Monday a Fiesta

The second Monday of each month the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center has a fundraiser at the El Rancho Restaurant on Foothill Boulevard in Claremont. **On Monday, April 8 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.** eat at El Rancho Restaurant and tell them you are with the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center. The center will receive a portion of the proceeds and you will enjoy a delicious Mexican meal. If you prefer to eat at home you may get your food to go. Thank you for your support!

CPC Choir Needs Basses

Due to vacation and travel schedules, the CPC choir needs basses. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Join us for a lot of fun, fellowship and good music. Please contact Jenelle Anderson (andersonjenelle@gmail.com), if you are interested.

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 02/28/13	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$ 73,219	\$ 85,000
Other Income	13,733	16,350
Bequests/Gifts	0	0
Reserve Transfer	0	0
Expenses	(94,838)	(105,698)
VARIANCE	(7,886)	(4,348)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 02/28/13	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$125,467	\$112,960
Expenses	(120,142)	(112,746)
VARIANCE	5,325	214

A more complete financial report is available in the church office.



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Church School

9:00 a.m.
(Except in Summer)

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours

Joanne (cont. from page 5)

counseling. Eventually the Navy posted Ken to Coronado, California. Joanne accompanied him and found the climate “heavenly.” But after a time the Navy sent Ken to Korea and Joanne, pregnant again, returned to Kalamazoo to have her second child, Tom.

Once the war was over Joanne and Ken settled in Chicago and Ken completed the coursework for a Master’s degree in pastoral counseling at the University of Chicago while Joanne worked part-time in the U.C. Biology Department. There followed six years in Geneva, Illinois, where Ken took over a new church and rapidly expanded its membership. Joanne gave birth to their third child, Tim. Meanwhile, in Claremont, Pastor Fred Beebe had resigned, Bob Kelley capably served as interim, and church member Aletha Burger wrote to her good friends, Joanne’s parents, asking if Ken might consider CPC. Hearing no response, she sent her second letter to Joanne and Ken. Ken had a very successful pastorate, yet he also had a sense that it might be “time to move on.” He wrote a letter in response, but then sensing Joanne’s hesitation, said to her, “You mail it if you think you would like to go there.” Joanne held on to the letter for several weeks, and finally she mailed it.

Next came a call that Leta Dooley, whom Joanne recalled as “one of five or six fantastic women leaders at CPC” in those early years, would be in Chicago and would visit the McCandlesses in Geneva. If Ken had any hesitations about coming to CPC, Leta dispelled them. After she left, Ken turned to Joanne and exclaimed, “With someone there like that, they don’t need a minister!”

But of course we did. The McCandless years (1960-68) at CPC experienced tremendous growth leading to plans for a new sanctuary. With characteristic modesty, Ken deflected all praise, saying that these were years of great population growth in Claremont, and “all we did was open the doors.” During this time pastor’s wives were pretty much expected to be full-time appendages of their husband’s work, playing piano, leading the choir, organizing all the social gatherings, and so on, but that was not Joanne’s desire. Ken too wanted Joanne to have her own life. Just “do what you would normally do as a member of a church,” he counseled her. She became a strong member of the Women’s Circles and enjoyed the social life of the church. She also appreciated the openness CPC had toward other faiths and fully

supported Ken when he declared, “We’re all polishing facets of the same diamond.”

Eventually the career that had eluded Joanne became a reality. After their children were grown, Joanne began working in Honnold Library of the Claremont Colleges. In 1974 she was offered the position of Supervisor of Circulation at Sprague Library, Harvey Mudd College. She held that position until 1980, calling it “one of the happiest times of my life.” She enjoyed it so much that she took coursework and received a Master of Library Science degree from CSU Fullerton. Later she returned to Honnold, leaving that position in 1986 to accompany Ken on his post-retirement travels.

For some there is an uncomfortable tension between scientific knowledge and Biblical understanding. Joanne dismisses that. Recent discoveries of innumerable galaxies in the heavens, chock full of planets the size of earth or smaller, may challenge the perceptions of those who insist on the primacy of earth and its human inhabitants. But Joanne says simply, “There is a spirit involved in all of this.” As for evolution, the same reply holds. Quoting from memory the *Westminster Shorter Confession*, she avers that “God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.” Reaching into her pocket, she produces an aphorism which says, “There are two curiosities in life: Science proves things hard to believe. Religion believes things hard to prove.” As for the Bible, Joanne describes it as “a drama, a story,” but immediately signifies it may be much more, quoting Mark 9:24, “I believe; help thou mine unbelief.” And then, with deep affirmation, reflecting upon a life of surprises, of “doors opening” and choices emerging, she acknowledges, “Often you may not feel God is leading you, but when you look back you see that you have been led.”



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Decker Hall in Pilgrim Place. You may call the church office at (909) 624-9693 to schedule your appointment to donate blood - “the gift of life.”



Seeking Volunteer

Our sincere thanks to Dawn Swarthout who has, for several years, taken it upon herself to straighten up the Sanctuary pews on a weekly basis! Dawn would now like to pass this task on to someone else. If you can give 30 - 45 minutes per week during regular office hours to help improve the look of our Sanctuary, please contact CPC Office Manager, Joan Leibeck at (909) 624-9693.

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This is a great way to keep up with what is happening at CPC and to share what is happening with your friends.

Save the Date for VBS!

This year Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 16 - Thursday, June 20 in the evening on our CPC campus. Tell your friends and look for more information coming soon.

Prayer Chain

If you (or a loved one) are in need of prayer, the Prayer Chain of the Presbyterian Women is there for you. Call the church office at (909) 624-9693 with your prayer request. Please be sure you have the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer.

Website Photos

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