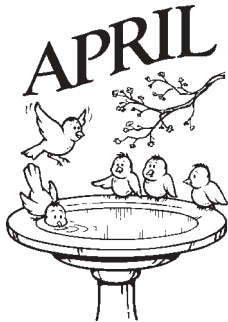




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News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

April 2016



Worship Plans

Sunday, April 3 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

Danielle Zhao preaching

Sunday, April 10 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

John 21:1-19

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, April 17 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher

The Rev. Floyd Thompkins,

Director of the Center

for Innovation in Ministry,

San Francisco Theological Seminary

Sunday, April 24 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday

Worship led by the Youth of CPC

Practicing Resurrection

After the celebrations and excitement of Easter Sunday, we often forget that Easter is not a day, but a season. The Great Fifty Days between Easter and Pentecost are a time when the church focuses on the practices of resurrection: living into the hope of new life that Easter offers us as individuals and as a Christian community seeking to share God's love and grace with the world.

This year, Claremont Presbyterian Church is hosting two events during the Easter season that will help us and other churches explore risk taking, new outreach, and innovation.

On April 2, CPC will host an event sponsored by the PC(USA) 1001 New Worshipping Communities Initiative along with San Gabriel and Riverside Presbyteries. It is an opportunity to learn more about this initiative and learn some of the practices of starting new communities. The event invites participants to:

*Join us to learn the heart language of a neighborhood. It is the first step to developing mission plans and ministry that can connect with those who are not going to come looking for church. This workshop is a time to learn how to listen to our neighborhoods, to practice being present, to organize what we have heard, and focus on how Christ is calling us to respond to what we have heard. * We will have lunch on our own and practice these methods and principles!*

On Sunday, April 17, CPC will welcome Rev. Floyd Thompkins, new director of San Francisco Theological Seminary's Center for Innovation in Ministry. He will speak at the 9:00 education hour and preach in worship.

Thompkins served as a dean and chaplain at Stanford and Princeton universities. He developed unique, highly effective programs to empower underserved teenage youth and young adults in urban and rural areas.

The Center for Innovation in Ministry was created a little over a year ago to increase the Church's capacity to respond faithfully and creatively to the opportunities and challenges of the twenty-first century by bringing together unlikely partners for collaboration and experimentation.

I hope many from our congregation will take advantage of these opportunities to learn more about innovation in ministry and how churches like ours are participating in resurrection.

Pastor Karen Sapio

Interfaith Seder Experience

The sixth annual Interfaith Seder Experience "Our Journeys from Slavery to Freedom" will be held Sunday, April 17 at the Islamic Center of Claremont, 3642 N. Garey Avenue in Pomona from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Join local faith leaders and community members in this unique opportunity to share "freedom stories" across cultures, religions and places of origin. Modeled on the Jewish Passover Seder, this inclusive event will seek to bridge that which divides us and create common ground through sharing our experiences with our neighbors.

Visit facebook.com/ClaremontInterfaithWG, call (909) 542-8150 or email ClaremontInterfaithWG@gmail.com to reserve a place.

Sunday Morning at Nine Adult Education

Sunday Morning at Nine Adult Education classes begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 9:45.

April 3, 10, 24 and May 1

Krista Wuertz will be teaching a four-part series on the issue of mass incarceration. This series is designed to help those who are seeking an understanding of the issues involved in mass incarceration, and those who want to consider a theological grounding for activism around these issues. Topics that will be addressed and discussed in this series include: the scope of mass incarceration in contemporary America, the relation of mass incarceration to the history of racial oppression in America, the racial implications of the "War on Drugs," the role of religion in promoting and cultivating a system of justice that is punishment-centered, the role of religion and commitment to restorative justice and reconciliation. This four-week series will use resources provided by the "We Who Believe in Freedom" curriculum.



April 17

CPC will welcome Reverend Floyd Thompkins as speaker at our 9:00 Education Hour. He will speak about his work as Director of San Francisco Theological Seminary's Center for Innovation in Ministry. Thompkins has served as Chaplain at Princeton and Stanford Universities where he excelled at creating unique partnerships and networks among a wide variety of people, agencies, and ministries. The Center for Innovation in Ministry was created just over a year ago to increase the Church's capacity to respond faithfully and creatively to opportunities and challenges of the 21st century.

April 24 Is Youth Sunday!

On this special Sunday, the youth of our community will lead us in worship. Any youth that are interested participating in this service should contact Krista as soon as possible, as we will start working on this service in youth group at the beginning of April. Adults in the congregation who would like to support the youth as they prepare to lead our community in worship are also most welcome. Please reach Krista at krista@claremontpres.org

Thank you, Karen!

March marked Pastor Karen's 10th Anniversary of arriving at CPC. And what a ten years it has been! Every week she brings inspiring insights to all of us through her sermons, prayers and worship planning. Her leadership has led us to evaluate who we are and to consider what new models of ministry we might take on. Her involvement with Presbytery and Next Church keep us connected with our broader Presbyterian community and mission. And what a delight to know that her clear voice leads us in the hymns that she knows so well!

Karen has also been a mentor and inspiration to younger people coming into the ministry, sharing her faith and wisdom to bring them along on their own journeys.

Congratulations, Karen, on ten years well spent. We are so grateful to have you as our pastor and look forward to many more years to come.

On April 10 we will celebrate Pastor Karen's tenth anniversary of arriving at CPC with cake after church. Please join us.

~ The 2006 Pastor Nominating Committee

Congregational Meeting April 3

There will be a brief meeting of the congregations immediately following worship on Sunday, April 3. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect Elders and Deacons.

New Member's Class

On Sunday April 17, after worship, we will be offering a New Member's class. This is open to anyone who would like to explore what it means to become a member of this worshipping community. We will investigate what it means to be Presbyterian, what it means to be a member of Claremont Presbyterian Church, and how becoming a member will nurture your faith development. Advance registration is required, but the class is free. If you have been visiting us for a while, we would like to encourage you to join us as a member. If you would like to register either visit the Welcome Table after worship on Sunday April 3.

Great Getaway

Once again we will be having a "getaway" to San Clemente State Beach. This year it will be for one night, Saturday May 21. The cost is \$10 per person, and includes one night of camping, and an entrée for Saturday night, you are responsible for other meals. Check-in to the campground is at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, but you can come early to enjoy the beach. If you want to come for fellowship, but aren't a camper there is a nearby hotel, where you can stay, and then pop over for fellowship. We will take registrations starting April 24 on the patio.

Sunday Morning for Children and Youth

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 - 5 will be excused from worship following the "Time with the Children" to go to Godly Play and Creative Expression.

Youth from 6th - 12th grade will meet for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Vacation Church School

**We are changing things up
this year!!!**

Join us **Tuesday through Thursday evenings, June 21-23**, as we have some old-school church camp fun! We will have dinner and arts and crafts, as well as storytelling and music around the campfire each night! Youth are most welcome to help run our church camp, and children entering kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate. There will be more information coming, as we get closer to the date. Please contact Krista with any questions or information. Please reach Krista by email at krista@claremontpres.org.

Godly Play

We invite all elementary age school children to join us for Godly Play during the worship hour. Children will be excused to go to Godly Play after the Time with the Children.

This is a wonderful curriculum that engages children's wonder and budding moral imagination. Our lessons are being taught by our team of adult and youth teachers, all of whom are trained and committed to the Godly Play way of learning together.

If you have questions or would like to get involved with Godly Play, please talk to Krista, or email krista@claremontpres.org.



Capital Campaign Projects Progress

Welcome back, Room 1! With new windows, lights and heating & cooling system, along with electrical upgrades, asbestos removal, painting and flooring installation, Room 1 is the first of the education-wing rooms to be completed and ready for all the new and continuing activities of CPC. The new doors have been installed in Room 7, new lights are in place, and work is moving forward to completion there, as well.

It is exciting to consider how the renovated rooms will be used by CPC, the CPC Children's Center and our community.

The refurbished organ console was re-dedicated on Palm Sunday with special music, including a new composition by Geri, to show off the expanded capabilities of our wonderful organ. The organ pipes have never worked so hard.

We will soon see some activity on the roof of Fellowship Hall as solar panels are installed on the roof to decrease our carbon footprint.

All of this is only possible due to your generosity to the Capital Campaign and your faith in the future of Claremont Presbyterian Church for the next 60 years. Your timely payment of your Campaign pledges is truly taking CPC to New Beginnings.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the following people:

The Capital Campaign Implementation Committee: Eric Bernal, Geri DeMasi, Dee Kelley, John Loper,

Sacha Lord, Karen Sapio and Teddie Warner
Environmental Stewardship: Sam Atwood, Tom Bleakney, Scott Randles, Karen Sapio and Steve Sittig
Facilities: Sacha Lord, Dee Kelley, Robin Kelley, John Loper, George and Peggy Trindle
Ministry: The Mission Commission and New Beginnings groups
Music: Geri DeMasi, Roger House and Karen Sapio



Room 1

People in the Church: Delight Slotemaker de Bruine

Six weeks ago a nostalgic movie viewer went on the Internet Movie Data Base message board to ask, “Where’d she go?” The viewer went on to describe her: “Sexy little buttercup from Happy Days and one B flick but left an impression on the Teenage boys of the late seventies. Another example of a promising actress who just disappears off the screen to never return, without any explanation. Her co-star in her one movie goes on to enjoy a successful career in film and TV and Delight just got lost? c’mon, makes no sense. Accident?”

Ah, dear viewer, puzzle no longer. She’s right here, at Claremont Presbyterian Church: our own Delight Slotemaker de Bruine. Who knew?

But as one question gets put to rest, others pop up. How did Delight get to *there*, a promising screen career, and how did she get from *there* to *here*?

Born in New York, Delight grew up in Piedmont, California. “My father’s ancestors trace back to a series of ministers, both religious and political, in government and in the Diplomatic Service in the Netherlands, Indonesia, Switzerland, South Africa, and finally in the U.S. My father ‘broke the mold’ by becoming an electrical engineer and inventor. My mother, whose father was a lawyer, was raised as a “proper Southern belle” (*and I was a San Francisco Debutante*) and also ‘broke the mold’ by first having received her business degree at University of North Carolina, followed by working at the Oak Ridge, Tennessee Manhattan (Atomic Bomb) Project before moving to New York City where she continued her career as a businesswoman and met and married my father.”

“From a very young age, I had two very ambitious dreams. I first wanted to become a professional dancer. I was only nine when I received a full scholarship to a ballet company in San Francisco. Later, I also apprenticed with a modern dance company in New York. Eventually, while having been recruited to attend Princeton, along with having been provided with the opportunity to study privately with Ballet Maestro Vincenzo Celli in New York City through my Godmother, Katherine Rutgers (listed in “Who’s Who of American Women” for her work in Liturgical Dance), I opted to attend UCLA. I simultaneously followed two parallel courses of study: in the Colleges of Fine Arts, majoring in Dance; and in the College of Letters and Sciences, taking enough courses in both French and Art History to achieve my other goal of being graduated Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and Regents Scholar.”

But before all that, something else very important happened to Delight. Her aunt invited her to come to Florida for the summer after ninth grade. Delight’s parents had been Presbyterian and regularly attended the local nondenominational Piedmont Community Church. But Aunt Nancy was a Baptist. In Florida Delight joined a Baptist youth group. One evening when the kids said, “Let’s go witness on the beach,” Delight asked, “What’s that?”

That evening, quietly in her room, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. It felt wonderful. “It was

like that book, *My Heart — Christ’s Home*.” She began reading the Bible, “the inspired word of God,” with a new seriousness.

Delight joined Young Life and a few summers later worked as a counselor at Mt. Hermon Christian Conference Center near Santa Cruz. While there she read Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *Letters and Papers from Prison* and thought how horrible it would be if you did not have access to a Bible. She began memorizing Bible verses, starting with Philippians 4. Now she daily reminds herself of Philippians 4:4-13.

“After graduation from UCLA,” she notes, “I ‘took’ four Bible verses with me to encourage me while pursuing my dream and path to pursue a career as a professional dancer, actress and model:

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. (Ps 37:4)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. (Proverbs 16:3)

The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps (Proverbs 16:9)”

Delight had many Christian friends who ranged in outlook from mainstream to more conservative evangelicals. She recalled especially two groups. “One group was very supportive and said, ‘We pray for you and your success as a dancer.’ The other group said, ‘Dancing is sinful! You are sinning against God! You must stop!’ It was very confusing to me.”

Delight came to the conclusion that she had pledged herself to God and that her talent as a dancer was a gift from God. If God didn’t want her to dance He would let her know. He would guide her steps and establish her plans. It resolved her dilemma at the time but it created difficulties later on.

“I have always dreamed high,” Delight says. “I dreamed I would get my star on Hollywood Boulevard. I didn’t quite make that. I also dreamed that I would be on a billboard, and I was! More precisely,” she adds with a giggle, “it was my body attached to the head of Bernadette Peters.”

Her career moved smoothly ahead (“I was an active member of three performer’s unions: SAG, AFTRA and Actor’s Equity, still maintaining SAG/AFTRA membership today.”). Delight also dreamed of dancing on Broadway. At the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion she danced in several musicals that toured the US headlined by stars such as Debbie Reynolds and Robert Goulet. “I also performed with Mickey Rooney, Gavin McLeod, Joanna Gleason, Eric Estrada, David Cassidy, Gene Kelley, Dean Martin, even doing TV specials with the Beach Boys and Ringo Starr. I began to get commercials (I was Miss Budweiser!) and acting roles.”

(see **Delight** on Page 6)

Agenda FOR A Prophetic Faith proclaim Jubilee



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

Worship
10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours

Agenda for a Prophetic Faith for 2016

The lecture series continues for its fourth season in Southern California with one final speaker in April. Tickets are \$15.00 for single lectures. See Stan Springer (909) 624-463 for tickets.

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Galen Guengerich, Author, *God Revised: How Religion Must Evolve in a Scientific Age*
"Redeeming American Politics through a Return to Gratitude"

Claremont United Church of Christ, 233 W. Harrison Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711

2016 Pictorial Directory Time

It's that time again! Time to flex those smile muscles and raid the closet for the "picture clothes," so that you and yours can be photographed for a new Claremont Presbyterian Church Directory. We want everybody's picture in it...including YOURS.

If you haven't been part of this process before, here's how it works. First, you sign up for a photo session either in person on Sunday after church, or on-line the rest of the week. Second, assemble other family members as necessary and figure out your photo session clothing strategy. Third, show up to your photo session appointment. Finally, smile for the camera. Each family that participates will get one 8 x 10 print. You will also have an opportunity to purchase additional photos in sizes

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 02/29/16	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$ 77,034	\$ 79,500
Other Income	16,644	16,017
Bequests/Gifts	0	0
Expenses	(87,666)	(96,071)
VARIANCE	6,012	(554)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 02/29/16	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$130,053	\$ 120,933
Expenses	(113,064)	(120,933)
VARIANCE	16,989	0

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

Dinner for a Good Cause

On the second Monday of each month you have an opportunity to support the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center. El Ranchero restaurant at 984 Foothill Boulevard in Claremont has graciously agreed to donate a portion of the receipts one night each month to the Children's Center. **All you have to do is go to El Ranchero on Monday, April 9 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. and tell them you are with CPCC** (Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center.) You may eat at the restaurant or take your food to go.

What could be easier?

and finishes, but there is no obligation. Your photos will be sent to you, and in a few months we will have a new directory.

The photographers will be here Tuesday - Friday, April 12 - 15 from 1:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday April 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

If you haven't signed up for a sitting, please do so on-line ASAP. Go to the church website at www.claremontpres.org and look for "Pictorial Directory." We hope to get as many people as possible so our directory is a good and complete snapshot of our church family. If you can't make any of those dates, we will do make-ups in order to get in the directory, but they won't be done by the photographers.

GPIB Indonesian Fellowship

Ruth Auld and Gail Duggan have continued for almost a year worshipping several times a month with the GPIB Indonesian Fellowship. This has been part of our New Beginnings outreach efforts to get better acquainted with those who share our facilities with us.

We are always warmly welcomed and usually stay for a meal after worship. Since joining them at 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon worship, GPIB has incorporated a lot more English into their service for us. Speak to Ruth or Gail about joining us some Sunday or just come!

Soup Friday

Soup Friday meets each Friday from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come for a light meal of soup and bread. Meet new people, invite old friends. If you feel inspired to bring soup or bread, please do so, but if not, please just come! Coordinators are needed to keep this project going, please contact Pastor Karen.

Delight (Cont. from Page 4)

So what indeed happened? By now you are probably sharing the curiosity of that nostalgic movie viewer.

Delight suffered a bad case of pleurisy, an inflammation of the lining of the lungs and rib cage. In most people it makes breathing very painful and exertion almost impossible. In Delight's case the inflammation spread, paralyzing her right long thoracic nerve, destroying 75% mobility of her right arm. In many cases pleurisy can be successfully treated if one understands the underlying cause. Delight's cause was indeterminate. In the years that followed she practiced many therapies to regain most of the motion of her right arm. But her career as a professional dancer was over.

"It was a huge identity crisis," Delight admitted. "Dancing was my avocation, my vocation, my identity, my being, my joy." It was also a spiritual crisis. She had thought being a dancer was part of God's plan. It appeared, much to her dismay, that God's plan had changed. So Delight asked, "What would you have me do now, God?" Her question revealed her deep trust, a faith that sustained her. It also revealed that she herself did not see a clear future.

"Despite this challenge," she affirmed, "I prayed daily that my life would reflect the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22), and that I would be a Light to all whom I met each day."

Within a few years Delight had moved into a new life. She was off to pursue her next dream, "to become a businesswoman – like Carly Fiorina or Meg Whitman." She began a highly successful career in sales and marketing of cosmetics. "Promoted to a position as Vice President of Sales for a Cosmetics & Skincare Company, I moved to Upland and bought a house." In 1992, she wandered into Claremont Presbyterian Church and immediately felt she had found a home.

When Pastor John Najarian learned that Delight had been a dancer he said, "I would welcome you to do liturgical dance at CPC." Delight rejoiced at the chance to serve the Lord doing what she loved, "offering my gift of dance to worship and to praise God." Delight threw herself into life at CPC. "I worked with the PYGs, helped with the Alternative Christmas, the Women's Retreats, Evangelism & Nurture, served three terms as a Deacon, currently an Elder, in addition to serving as an usher, and on the Mission Interpretation Commission." When asked to whom at CPC she felt close, Delight began rattling off a long list of names, including almost every pastor and associate pastor and interim since John Najarian, while highlighting laypersons Kathy Croughan, Jean Perry, and Kim and Bill Brinegar ("angels personified").

In the mid-nineties Delight experienced another severe difficulty. She woke up one morning to find the left side of her face paralyzed. She couldn't blink, her infectious and wonderful smile worked only on the right side, she had to drink from a straw, and she drooled. Such symptoms can indicate several very severe illnesses. The good news was that it was Bell's Palsy. The bad news was that it usually lasted about six months, sometimes longer. The worst news was

that it was happening to someone who sold cosmetics for a living!

"What was God trying to teach me?" Delight asked. "I learned some profound truths, one of which was the reminder that we are who we are on the inside, we are not our 'outside package.' Not knowing whether or not the paralysis would be permanent, I realized I'm still a good businesswoman. Six months later, as I recovered, I was grateful for these profound insights, and continued my career with renewed confidence."

Delight moved to a larger cosmetics company and greater responsibility. "I traveled-extensively, both professionally and as a passion, (31 countries!) I delivered significant achievements and productive contributions to the company."

But then, after 16 years....

Her job had caused a great deal of stress. Delight frequently prayed that God would help her reduce her feelings of stress. One morning five years ago the boss's son called. "Delight, we've reorganized the business and your position has been eliminated."

"Well, not exactly what I meant when I asked God to reduce my stress," Delight ruefully acknowledged. Thrown off-balance once again, Delight pondered. "OK, Lord, what would you have me do now?"

"My father had always taught me to 'see the glass half-full.' My mother reminded me to 'trust in the Lord' and to be positive. My neighbor in Upland encouraged me to see this as an opportunity 'to depend on your faith.'"

America still struggled with an economic recession. Other cosmetic companies acknowledged they too were cutting staff, not hiring. Teddie Warner introduced Delight to CLASP, and she accepted a part-time position. "I continued to 'knock on doors.' Three years ago I found a new cosmetics firm where I am once again employing my skills to help that company grow. I continue to travel, having done trade shows in Moscow, Hong Kong and three times in Dubai!"

Delight still wonders what God is trying to teach her. "I'm not sure. Perhaps to trust fully, not be anxious or stressed, to be peaceful." She wishes she knew more clearly. But that question appears not to demand an immediate answer. For Delight there is something more important – that she maintain her faith and keep her trust in God. She wants to make a difference. In that effort CPC and its people have been immeasurably helpful. For CPC, as for many other things in her life, Delight is deeply grateful.

~ Dick Johnson

CPCC Scoop Night - April 13

Scoop up your change and join CPCC (Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center) for a night of ice cream at Bert and Rocky's Cream Company in the Claremont Village. CPCC Staff and friends will be scooping on Wednesday, April 13 from 5 - 8:30 p.m. All tips and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the child care center.



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The Latest

Claremont Presbyterian Church is now sending out a weekly email update for last minute news and announcements. The email is called "The Latest." You can sign up to receive "The Latest" several different ways.

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 Jo Colclough in the church office at jcolclough@claremontpres.org and tell her you would like to subscribe.

Mission Yearbook Online

As of January 1, 2016, the 120-year old Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study is available exclusively online. You can visit the website www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook or choose to receive the yearbook day by day via email or RSS feed.

"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.

Be sure to share it with your friends!

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 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.