



COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

April 2018



APRIL

WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, April 1 10:00 a.m.

Easter Morning

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Choral Music:

A Little Jazz Mass by Robert Chilcott
Communion Sunday

Sunday, April 8 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-23

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, April 15 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:36-48

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, April 22 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

John 10:11-18

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, April 29 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 15:1-8

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

From the Pastor - Wondering at Easter

In our Godly Play Sunday School class, much of the learning focuses around “wondering” questions. After sharing the bible story for the day, the teacher asks a series of wondering questions:

I wonder which part of this story is most important?

I wonder which part of this story you like best?

The final question is often, “I wonder what part of this story is about you?”

That’s a good question for all of us to ponder as we head into the Great 50 days of Easter, (the five weeks between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday.) Which part of the Easter story is about us as we seek signs of the work of the risen Christ among us?

Are we the women approaching the tomb, expecting to find nothing more than death and disappointed hopes? Are we those same women, running away from the angel’s message that resurrection is real? Are we the companions on the road to Emmaus who feel hope in their hearts but do not recognize that Jesus is walking with them? Or maybe we are not one of those main characters at all. Maybe we are those hearing the whispered rumors, the unbelievable accounts, the talk of dangerous repercussions.

Finding ourselves in the story may help us know how to live as Easter people – those who hold the promise of new life in our hearts and live it in our choices and our actions.

Happy Easter!



Sunday Morning Adult Education

Sunday morning Adult Education in April will include two offerings, one before church and one after, each week beginning April 8.

At 9:00 a.m. the Black Lives Matter movement will be the topic April 8, 15, and 22. Join us in Room 1 for what will be sure to be an informative and thought-provoking series.

Also at 9:00 a.m., beginning April 29, Jim Butler will lead a Bible Study on the book of Ruth which will continue through May 13.

At 11:15 a.m. Nora Quinn will lead a workshop on Memoir Writing. It will also begin on April 8 and will continue into May.

One Great Hour of Sharing

On Easter Sunday, April 1, CPC will again take part in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our congregation's history of generously supporting this offering is well known, as Easter worship is decked with paper fish banks packed with coins collected by our children during the weeks of Lent. What may be less known are the specific denominational

mission programs those brimming fish banks enable: The Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Each of these mission programs accomplishes important work that no congregation can fulfill on its own. In times of great need, these works are needed more than ever.

Easter Morning Service Project

Join us April 1 for an early morning "service" on Easter...an Easter service project, that is. CPC will again prepare, serve and enjoy Easter breakfast with the guests and staff at Crossroads women's shelter. You can be a part of this Easter opportunity in several different ways: by helping with planning, by preparing food ahead of time, by providing flowers or table decorations, and/or by serving breakfast on Easter morning. All volunteers will be back in time for the 10:00 a.m. service at CPC, so please contact the church office if you'd like to join us.



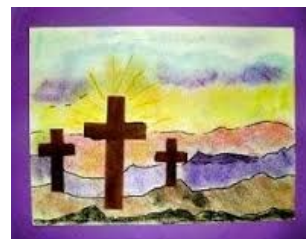
Crossroads is one of CPC's many mission partners. Since 1974, the mission of Crossroads is to provide housing, education, support, counseling, and employment training in a homelike environment for women who have been incarcerated. The primary goal is to empower women with new skills to help them step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

Easter Sunday Worship at CPC

Our 10:00 a.m. Easter service on April 1 will feature our wonderful chancel choir singing Robert Chilcott's *A Little Jazz Mass*.

Celebrate new hope and new life. This inspiring choral work captures the energy and joy of the day.

"Chilcott's jazz influences truly come to the fore in *A Little Jazz Mass*: the Kyrie has real groove, the Gloria swings, the Sanctus sits right back, the Benedictus hums along, and the Agnus Dei draws inspiration from the Blues. The voices are underpinned by a characterful piano accompaniment which can be played as written or serve as a guide, and bass and drums can join *ad lib*, giving the flavor of an authentic improvised jazz trio." - Oxford University Press Programme Notes.



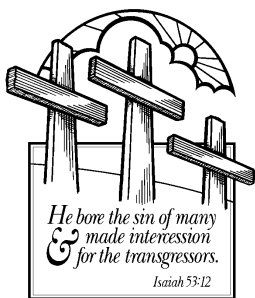
Sundays for Children, Youth and Young Adults

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

- ◆ Youth from 6th - 12th grade will meet for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ 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 Group for junior high and senior high school students meets Sundays after church for lunch.
- ◆ College and Graduate School Age Drop-In Fellowship Group meets Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



Holy Week 2018 at CPC



As Easter approaches, choose one or more of these actions as your part to play in reaching out to share the joy of Resurrection with others.

1. Come! Offer your own presence in gratitude and celebration.
2. Invite your family. Many of those who don't worship regularly are open to an Easter invitation.
3. Speak with visitors to our church over the next several Sundays and invite them to be there for Easter worship.
4. When CPC posts information about Easter worship on its Facebook feed, share it on yours.
5. Invite someone you know who is new to the area and not yet affiliated with a faith community.
6. Pray for our Easter worship to be a blessing that will overflow into our community.

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. worship at CPC with Palm Procession
Sermon "Coats and Branches"

7:00 p.m. Service of Contemplative Prayer to begin Holy Week in the Chapel.



Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday

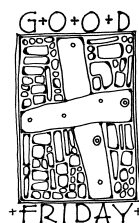
7:00 p.m. worship in the CPC Sanctuary
Communion worship will be combined with Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and GPIB Indonesian Fellowship.



Friday, March 30 - Good Friday

2:00 p.m. in the CPC Chapel, Meditations on "The Way of the Cross."

6:30 p.m. Community worship at the McAlister Center, Claremont Colleges, sponsored by local churches and the Chaplain's office.



Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service Opportunity: Volunteers from our church will serve Easter Breakfast to the staff and residents at Crossroads shelter for formerly incarcerated women.



10:00 a.m. worship in the CPC Sanctuary
Sermon "Won't Get Fooled Again"
The Sanctuary Choir will present *A Little Jazz Mass* by Robert Chilcott.

Come Build Hope - Exploring Partnership in Mexico

Our Mission Commission has been exploring the possibility of extending our work with Living Waters for the World into northern Baja in Mexico. To that end, several CPC members, along with Pastor Karen, traveled to Tijuana in March for a meeting between leaders of Mexican Presbyterian congregations in that region and leaders from San Diego Presbytery. While there, we learned of this opportunity to participate in an event with a church in Rosarito Beach, Tijuana and Solana Beach Presbyterian Church in San Diego. We hope that some of our CPC members will participate and help us continue to explore the possibility of having an international partnership close at hand.

Come Build Hope May 25-27

- ◇ Come Build Hope is an annual Memorial Day home building trip to Baja, Mexico.
- ◇ Join us as we board buses and head to Baja to build relationships, homes, and hope!
- ◇ All ages are welcome. Children 10 and under must have parents accompanying them.
- ◇ The registration cost is \$210 for each participant over 10 years old.
- ◇ Interested? Please speak to Pastor Karen Sapio, Octavio Guerrero or Kristi Van Nostran.

Centering Meditation and Reiki Talk

Gain clarity and serenity by taking some time for meditation and centering prayer in our chapel Monday, April 9 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. We will be led by Sarah Stockham, a local teacher, author, and Reiki practitioner.



April Presbytery Meeting

Saturday, April 21 the meeting of the Presbytery of San Gabriel will be hosted by Claremont Presbyterian Church. Contact Pastor Karen if you are available to assist with registration in the morning.

Nursery Supervisor Needed

Claremont Presbyterian Church is currently seeking a supervisor for its Sunday morning childcare. The hours for this position are 9:45-11:45 a.m. each Sunday morning. Occasionally additional hours are needed due to special events. The hourly rate is negotiable. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please share this information.

For more information or to apply, interested persons can contact Jeanine Robertson, Chair of the Education and Leadership Commission through the church office at (909) 624-9693.

Earth Day

A Jazz Vespers for the Blue Planet

with the Ron Kobayashi Trio
featuring vocalist Debbi Ebert



Sunday April 22 at 6PM

Claremont Presbyterian Church

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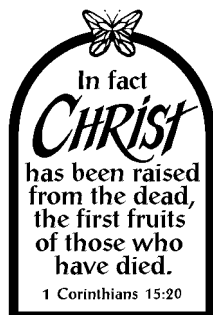


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Jazz Vespers at CPC April 22 6:00 p.m.

End your Earth Day activities with a beautiful Jazz Vespers service that will celebrate the planet we live on and the environment we live in. Scripture, Muir, and great jazz from Debbi Ebert and the Ron Kobayashi Trio are all part of this very special service.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study



Date: Tuesday, April 10, 9:30 a.m.
Place: CPC Library
Leader: Kristi Van Nostran
Study Book: *Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews*
Everyone is welcome!

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 scroll to the bottom of the home page where it says "Subscribe."

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.



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Adult Education
9:00 a.m.

Church School
10:15 a.m.

Worship
10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours



Save the Date
Vacation Bible School (VBS) at CPC
Monday - Thursday, June 25 - 28, 2018

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 02/28/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	55,079	76,667
Other Income	12,969	17,450
Expenses	88,588	87,837
VARIANCE	(20,540)	6,280
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 02/28/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	135,647	131,667
Expenses	125,989	131,667
VARIANCE	9,658	0

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



CPCC Fundraiser

On the second Monday of each month you have an opportunity to support the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center. El Rancho restaurant at 984 Foothill Boulevard in Claremont has graciously agreed to donate a percentage of the receipts one night each month to the Children's Center. **All you have to do is go to El Rancho 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.

Human Flow - A Refugee Benefit Film

Created by Chinese artist and dissident Ai Wei Wei

Official selection at Venice Film Festival 2017

Nominated for 2018 Oscar as Best Documentary

“When there is nowhere to go, nowhere is home.”

Saturday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m.
Claremont Presbyterian Church

Tickets \$15.00 per person*

Order tickets www.refugeeteam2.org

Families, Friends, Neighbors welcome.

Free parking. Light refreshments.

Sponsored by Refugee Resettlement Team #2.

* All proceeds will go directly to refugee families

Agenda for a Prophetic Faith

2018 Lecture Series



Agenda for a Prophetic Faith is a program of *Progressive Christians United (PCU)*, an expression of social concern among various Christian churches in Southern California. Tickets for a single lecture are \$15.00. You may purchase tickets from Steve Sittig or at the door. For more information contact The Rev. John Forney, Program Coordinator, jforney@aol.com.

Sunday, April 8, 2018 7:00 p.m.

La Verne Church of the Brethren, 2425 E Street, La Verne, CA 91750

Lecture: Peter Dreier

Peter Dreier is the E.P. Clapp Distinguished Professor of Politics and chair of the Urban & Environmental Policy Department at Occidental College. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. Before joining the Occidental faculty in 1993 he worked as a community organizer, newspaper reporter, and government official (deputy to Boston Mayor Ray Flynn.) He is the author or coauthor of five books including his most recent book, *The 100 Greatest Americans of the 20th Century: A Social Justice Hall of Fame* (Nation Books). He writes regularly for *American Prospect*, *The Nation*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Dissent*, *Salon*, and *Huffington Post* and occasionally for the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*.



Peter Dreier

Sunday, April 15, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Claremont United Church of Christ (UCC), 233 W. Harrison St., Claremont, CA 91711

Lecture: “Effective Justice Indignation”

Ed Bacon

The danger in being outraged by the outrages of our times is drowning in our own anger. That leads us to play thoughtless roles in perpetuating the tribalistic polarization narrative in the United States today. There is an option that makes indignation not only righteous but effective. Explore with Ed Bacon the lessons he is learning in his new “Red state environment” in Alabama about blessing the space between us and our adversaries while being a progressive activist.



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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.

Congregational Meeting April 8

Please plan to stay for a brief Meeting of the Congregation following worship on Sunday, April 8. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2020 and to fill any unexpired terms.

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.