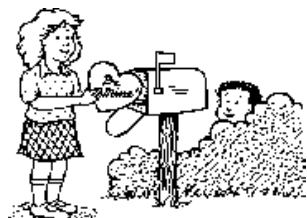




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News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

February 2018



FEBRUARY

WORSHIP PLANS

Friday, February 2 7:30 p.m.

Interfaith Exchange
at Temple Beth Israel

The Rev. Karen Sapio

and Rabbi Jonathan Kupetz preaching
Joint choirs leading music for worship

Sunday, February 4 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:29-39

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, February 11 10:00 a.m.

Jazz Sunday

Night Blooming Jazzmen
leading worship music

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Wednesday, February 14 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

Worship Service in CPC Chapel

Sunday, February 18 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, February 25 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Lent 2018

Living Compassion: Loving Like Jesus

We live in a time when much public discourse is hurtful and mean-spirited, when conflicts in our communities and around the world seem to be escalating. Christians are longing for practical ways to live lives of compassion, lives that make a difference.

A new book by Claremont author and professor Andrew Dreitcer leads readers through compassion practices that started with early church communities and continue today. Each practice moves beyond merely understanding compassion to truly living it. Practices center on the foundations of living a compassionate life: loving God, loving others, loving ourselves.

During Lent 2018 we will explore practical compassion – aka “Loving Like Jesus” in several ways.

Reading the Book

You may purchase a copy of *Living Compassion: Loving Like Jesus* following worship on Sunday starting February 4. Copies will also be available in the church office. A limited number of copies are in the church library.

Reading the Book with Others

Groups will gather for a close study of the book at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays in Room 1 at CPC and at 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays with Pastor Karen at Sanctuary Coffee on Foothill Boulevard in Claremont.

Sunday Worship

Sundays during Lent both sermons and prayer time during worship will explore the practices for everyday compassion outlined in the book.

Talk it Over

Following worship, everyone is invited to “Pass the Salt” – a light lunch with conversation about the themes, questions and practical wisdom of that Sunday’s sermon.

May the blessings of God go with us as we dive deep into our formation as a community of compassion this Lent.

Karen Sapio

Sunday Morning Adult Education

In February there will be Adult Education offering before church and in the latter part of the month, after church as well.

During the 9:00 hour:

February 4: *Refugee Team Update with John Hill and others*

February 11: *Lenten Study Preview*

February 18: *Lenten Study*

February 25: *Lenten Study*



Once Lent begins we will meet after church at 11:15 a.m. for Pass the Salt – light lunch with conversation about the themes, questions and practical wisdom of that Sunday’s sermon.

February 18: *Pass the Salt*

February 25: *Pass the Salt*

Companions on the Inner Way Spirituality Retreat

Interested in participating in a spiritual development retreat? The “Companions on the Inner Way” retreat is coming up soon in Malibu. The retreat this year will take place February 25-March 2 and will feature Helen Bruch Pearson Smith and Luther E. Smith, Jr. **Retreats include lecture and dialogue with the presenter; small group community around spiritual reading; corporate and individual times of silence and contemplation; worship with Eucharist; and communing with God through movement, art, and nature.**

The theme this year is **Living Our Authentic Selves in Beloved Community** as detailed below:

Our identity and relationships are often characterized by our work, roles, and personal and cultural histories. However, answering the question “Who am I?” involves more than describing responsibilities and interactions with persons. A clearer understanding of the authentic self results from our embrace of spiritual practices that illuminate and empower the true self. These practices also guide us in answering: “Who am I becoming?” Living as our authentic selves is vital to our contributing to experiences of beloved community. This retreat will focus on a spirituality that empowers the authentic Self to come forth in our bodies, relationships, and activism for beloved community.

We hope you can join other CPC members as well as other Southern California attendees (and even some from Northern California) at the Serra Retreat Center for this Companions Retreat. Here are the details if you are interested in attending:

Cost:

\$790 per person, shared accommodation

\$990 per person, single accommodation, pending availability

Work scholarships (\$200) are available on a first-come basis, shared accommodation only

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due upon registration

Limited scholarship funds are also available through the CPC office

To Register: Visit the website: www.COTIWay.org, call (510)484-3078

or e-mail companions@seventhavenuechurch.org.

Last year’s attendees from CPC were Chuck Kerchner and Jeanine Robertson. Contact either of them if you would like more information about their experience at the retreat.



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.



Annual Interfaith Exchange with Temple Beth Israel: Sunday January 28 and Friday, February 2

For four decades, Claremont Presbyterian Church and Temple Beth Israel have come together during January/February to celebrate what we share and deepen our understanding of the ways in which we are different.

Join us Sunday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. for an Adult Education forum and then 10:00 worship at CPC with Rabbi Kupetz and our friends from Temple Beth Israel. Then on Friday, February 2 we will worship with TBI at their 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service.

Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2018

Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday. Begin the season of Lent with a service of contemplation and preparation in our church's chapel.



Jazz Sunday February 11

10:00 a.m. Worship

Music led by Chet Jaeger

and the Night Blooming Jazzmen

Once again we will round off the final Sunday of Ordinary Time before Lent begins with the sounds of Dixieland Jazz. Invite your friends and come to church ready to clap your hands!



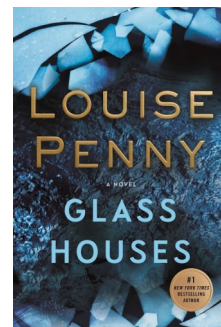
**Monday,
February 12
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Centering
Meditation and
Reiki Talk**



Gain clarity and serenity by taking some time for meditation and centering prayer in our chapel. We will be led by Sarah Stockham, a local teacher, author, and Reiki practitioner.

**PW Book Review and Tea
Saturday, February 10**

A cordial reminder: Claremont Presbyterian Women's Book Review and Tea is Saturday, February 10, 2018, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. No time to read the featured book, *Glass Houses* by Louise Penny? Don't stay away; major spoilers are avoided by reviewers. Contributions from a free-will offering, and opportunity drawings (back by popular request), will benefit local mission. Also, plan to stop at the book exchange table (bring a book, take a book). RSVPs are appreciated and tables for seven can be reserved. Please leave messages (with number of guests) at the church office (909) 624-9693.



Soup Friday Is Back!

Where? Claremont Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

When? Fridays, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

What? A warm meal and conversation, nothing fancy

Warm up those crock pots! Soup Friday continues for a limited run through March!

If you haven't come before, soup Fridays is a chance to get together to enjoy a simple meal at the end of the work week and enjoy each others' company. Whatever you feel like bringing, whether it's soup, bread, or a dish you would like to share is great. And if you can't bring something, come anyway! We always seem to have enough.



Presbyterian Women Bible Study



Date: Tuesday, February 13, 9:30 a.m.

Place: CPC Library

Leader: Bear Ride

Study Book: *Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews*

Cost for book: \$12.00 - see Pat Beswick



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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



Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 12/31/17	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	452,962	455,000
Other Income	98,861	95,000
Expenses	548,289	584,313
VARIANCE	3,534	-34,313
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 12/31/17	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	774,871	757,378
Expenses	785,092	757,378
VARIANCE	-10,221	0

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

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.

Souper Bowl of Caring February 4

A simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" inspired a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world.

This prayer, delivered by Brad Smith, then a seminary intern serving at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, gave birth to an idea. Why not use Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football and fun, to also unify the nation for a higher good: collecting dollars and canned food for the needy? Youth could collect donations at their schools and churches in soup pots, and then send every dollar directly to a local charity of their choice.

Your CPC youth will be collecting donations following worship on Sunday, February 5. All funds collected will be used to help alleviate hunger in our community.

CPCC Fundraiser

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, February 12 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.

Agenda for a Prophetic Faith

2018 Lecture Series

Sunday, February 25, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, 724 E. Bonita Ave., San Dimas, CA 91773

Lecture: "I Drink my Coffee Black: what it means to be Black in the Trump Era"

Amy Hunter

I drink my coffee black so I will not forget the impact globally of colonization on people of color. The impact on health, infant mortality, trauma, poverty and violence are some of the stark similarities and patterns of oppression that are shared in the lives of Black, Latino, Indigenous and Palestinian people. I have witnessed the strength of women and mothers; and the impact they are having on movements around the world. We all have a role to play to end racism and other forms of oppression. Come join the movement for change and liberation.



Amy Hunter

Sunday, March 11, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

Lecture: "American Muslims in the Age of President Trump"

Amir Hussain

Muslims, both within America and around the world, are the religious community that is most affected by the presidency of Donald J. Trump. Amir Hussain is both an American Muslim and a scholar of Islam in North America. Wearing either or both hats, it is clear to him that the remaining years of the Trump administration will continue to be difficult times to be an American Muslim. Professor Hussain will talk about the challenges raised for American Muslims, including issues such as travel bans, Islamophobic tweets, and administrative appointments. He will also look at the realities of Muslim life in the United States.

Web: faculty.lmu.edu/amirhussain



Amir Hussain

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.



Ed Bacon

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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.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, February 4 immediately following worship. Annual reports will be available on the church website www.claremontpres.org 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. 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.