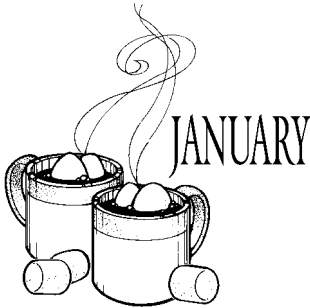




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News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

January 2018



WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, January 7 10:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

Service for Healing and Wholeness

Mark 1:4-11

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, January 14 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

John 1:43-51

Kristi Van Nostran preaching

Sunday, January 21 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:14-20

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

in the Sanctuary

Waffle Church in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 28 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Interfaith Exchange

with Temple Beth Israel

The Rev. Karen Sapio and

Rabbi Jonathan Kupetz preaching

From the Pastor

Our worship service on January 7 will include an opportunity for you to come forward and receive prayer to sustain you on your journey through 2018. We have done this on the first Sunday of the new year for several years now, and many people have shared with me how meaningful this service is.

Others, though, have shared that they rarely come forward because, in the moment, they cannot think of what they would pray for or about. As you consider what you would pray for yourself and others as the new year begins, here are some questions for reflection and contemplation that may bring your deepest hopes and fears closer to the surface.

What was your greatest joy this past year?

What made you the angriest?

Who came into your life unexpectedly?

What was the biggest surprise?

Where did you encounter the holy in an unexpected way?

What is the biggest change you would like to see in yourself in 2018?

What would you do in 2018 if you knew you weren't afraid?

What question would you most like answered in 2018?

What thresholds will you cross in 2018?

What change do you want to lead this year?

Whose suffering do you want to ease this year?

What do you want to create this year?

Who do you want to create it with?

As you reflect on these questions, pay attention to what it might prompt you to pray about.

See you in church.

Karen Sapio

Sunday Morning Adult Education

In January there will be Adult Education offerings before church and after church.

The 9:00 hour will begin on January 14 with a two week series in recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Jane Douglass will lead the discussion. This will be followed at the end of the month by a forum related to the annual interfaith exchange with Temple Beth Israel

January 14: *What Was the Reformation?*

January 21: *How Should We Be Reformers?*

January 28: Exchange with Temple Beth Israel



For the 11:15 slot, we kick things off in January with a Winter Writer's Workshop which will include the following speakers and topics:

January 7: Nora Quinn - *Writing the Memoir*

January 14: Judy Kohnen - *Writers Voice and Different Platforms to Launch Your Writing*. This will cover a general overview about getting started, how to match what you write with your message, your time and eventually, your audience.

January 21: Murphy Daley - *Publishing/ Self Publishing*



Register now for San Gabriel Presbytery's Winterfest 2018!

January 20, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Presbytery Center

9723 Garibaldi Avenue Temple City

Tinyurl.com/sgpwinterfest



There will be focused workshops for new officer training, community outreach, youth ministry, administrative issues and much more.

The featured speaker, Jake Mulder of Fuller Youth Institute, will speak on Growing Young - strategies to help your church grow spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically by engaging 15 to 29 year olds.

Unleashing the passion of young people in your church is possible! Churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation's leading congregations, *Growing Young* provides a strategy any church can use to engage 15 to 29-year-olds and as a result grow spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. *Growing Young* co- author Jake Mulder will show us how we can position our churches to engage younger generations in a way that breathes vitality, life, and energy into the whole church.

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.

Waffle Church - January 21

Waffle church is a child-centered family worship service that includes eating waffles and worshipping God together through story, art and music.

Waffle church is designed to respect and celebrate the enthusiasm and energy of children in worship, and it includes a lot of movement and child-centered activities – and of course waffles!

Our next waffle church worship will be on Sunday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. (There will be a traditional worship service in the Sanctuary at the same time.)

If you are able to help in the kitchen preparing waffles, please contact the church office.



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. Watch your Sunday bulletin and the church's Facebook page, website and weekly e-newsletter for more information about this year's exchange.

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has been meeting weekly since mid-July to search for a candidate for an Associate Pastor for Outreach (ordained) or a Director of Outreach (non-ordained.) The committee has completed its review of Personal Information Forms and resumes of more than 50 candidates and has selected a handful of finalists.

Starting in early January, committee

members plan to interview finalists by phone/video call. The top candidates from those interviews will be invited to Claremont for an in-person interview and tour of our town and church campus.

Once the committee has made its selection, the candidate will be invited to CPC as a guest preacher and the congregation will vote on whether to call the candidate!

We are excited to be moving toward this phase of our search process.

Service for Healing and Wholeness

Our first worship service of the new year on Sunday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m. will include both the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and an opportunity for those who wish to come forward for prayers for healing and wholeness.

PW Book Review and Tea

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) with the church office at (909) 624-9693.

Monday, January 8

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.

Community Meal January 14

Claremont Presbyterian Church will be serving the Community Free Meal on Sunday, January 14 at Sumner Elementary School.

On that date, volunteers are needed to either (1) prepare a food item for 20 people and bring it to Sumner School by 2:45 p.m. that day or (2) help serve the meal, visit with participants and prepare "to go" boxes.

If you're interested in helping out, please contact the church office at (909) 624-9693.

Stewardship 2018 - Let's Run with It!

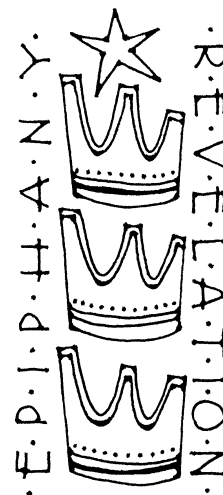
Over the last few Sunday services during the Stewardship Moment we've heard from several members of the community that are not members of this church. They have explained to us how important CPC is to fulfilling their mission for educating children, supporting refugee families, or reaching out to new people who seek spiritual community. Through their words we have had a glimpse of what the world would look like without our church and without the people in this congregation.

Our vision for CPC is one of "Giving" by embracing more outreach to the community, by offering CPC as a platform to others for new mission initiatives and services, and by doing all of that better. We are running with this vision and that requires resources, especially with the addition to our staff of an Associate Pastor of Outreach. To date, in support of that vision, we have received pledges of \$427,000 toward a goal of \$510,000 and this is a wonderful sign of the generosity of this congregation. We will continue to receive pledges into January 2018 before we set our budget for 2018. Please consider making your pledge, or increasing your pledge, so CPC can increase its outreach to the world in meaningful and creative ways.

Soup Friday Is Coming Back!

With the new year comes the return of a chance to relax with friends and enjoy good conversation over a simple meal: Soup Friday is back! Starting January 26 and continuing through March 23, just bring some soup, bread, or whatever dish you'd like to share to Fellowship Hall any Friday at 5:30 p.m. This is chance to sit and chat about whatever you'd like to chat about, and enjoy a no-fuss warm meal on a winter evening.

Questions? Want to be added to the email list? Contact the church office at (909) 624-9693.



Presbyterian Women Bible Study



Date: Tuesday, January 9- 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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Editor: Jo Colclough

Pastor
Karen Sapio

Adult Education
9:00 a.m.

Church School
10:15 a.m.

Worship
10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours

Annual Reports

Annual reports by all Commission, Committee and Board Chairpersons are due by January 10. Please send your report to CPC Office Manager Joan Leibeck by email to Joan@claremontpres.org.

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 11/30/17	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	393,540	417,083
Other Income	68,666	83,704
Bequests	34,469	
Expenses	<u>(508,897)</u>	<u>(535,621)</u>
VARIANCE	(12,221)	(34,834)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 11/30/17	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	645,781	631,148
Expenses	<u>(650,239)</u>	<u>(631,148)</u>
VARIANCE	(4,458)	0

Contribution Note

In order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2017, all donations for 2017 must be either: placed in the offering plate by December 31, 2017, brought to the office by **noon, Thursday, December 28** or postmarked by December 31, 2017. Checks that are placed in the offering plate on January 7, 2018 will not qualify for a charitable contribution in 2017 even if the check is predated to 2017 or was actually written in 2017.

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.



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 portion of the receipts one night each month to the Children's Center. **All you have to do is go to El Rancho on Monday, January 8 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 act justly
love mercy
walk humbly

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.

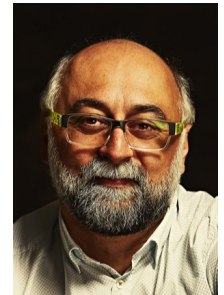
Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

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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“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.

Offering Envelopes

If you have submitted a pledge for 2018 and indicated that you will pay weekly, monthly or quarterly, pledge envelopes have been printed for you. Please pick yours up in the Narthex.

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.