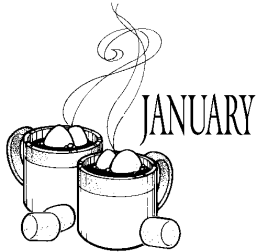




COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

January 2019



WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, January 6 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday

Matthew 2:1-12

The Rev. Karen Sapiro preaching
Star Gifts and Blessings

Sunday, January 13

10:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

Luke 3:15-22

The Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds
preaching
New Year, New Commitments

7:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer
for Healing and Wholeness
In the Chapel

Sunday, January 20 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:14-20

The Rev. Karen Sapiro preaching
in the Sanctuary

Waffle Church in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 27 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Interfaith Exchange

with Temple Beth Israel

The Rev. Karen Sapiro and
Rabbi Jonathan Kupetz preaching

From the Pastor

Some of us begin the new year with resolutions: things we want to achieve or change during the coming twelve months. In the lectionary for one of the first Sundays in the new year we have the story of the Baptism of Jesus, which is also a story of committing to a new way of life, a new set of priorities and a new community.

This month, on Sunday January 13, we will hear again in worship the story of Jesus' baptism by John in the river Jordan. We will also celebrate as a community some of the new commitments and opportunities our congregation is embracing for this new year.

We are reaching out to the parents and staff of the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center with Coffee and Donuts every Friday as the school day begins. Pastor Brian and volunteers from the church greet parents and students as they arrive and build new friendship, relationships, and connections between CPCC families and the church.

We continue to expand worship beyond 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning with Jazz Vespers, Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness and Thursday morning meditation.

We are working with a school in Tijuana to bring our Living Waters for the World clean water installations to a new site in addition to the sites we work with in Peru.

We celebrate Lemonade Wednesdays each week as Pastor Brian greets Mountain View Elementary students and families as they leave school for the day and congregate on our church's front lawn and patio.

We are reaching out to embrace Mountain View staff and faculty with caring appreciation: small "thank you" gifts at Halloween and Christmas.

These new initiatives also offer YOU an opportunity to be part of all the ways that our congregation is reaching out to our community in new ways. There will be a time to consider how you may be called to new commitments with us as the year begins.

It's an exciting time and place to be living and sharing the good news.

Happy New Year!

Karen Sapiro

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Members and friends are cordially invited to the following Adult Education forums at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1.

January 6: Katie Archibald-Woodward – “Born in Bethlehem” A contemporary look into Bethlehem’s children born today under military occupation.

January 13: Scott Randles – A fun and personal tutorial in Genealogy.

January 20: The Doctrine of Discovery – How it has torn apart generations of Native Americans and what it means to be in relationship with these peoples and nations today.

January 27: Temple Exchange – Conversation reflecting around our annual Temple Exchange with Temple Beth Israel.



Coming up in February – The CPC community is invited to:

“The State of Claremont” – A Series of conversations with community partners regarding the current state of homelessness, housing needs, and food insecurity in and near Claremont.

New Year – New Initiatives CPC Expo

This Baptism of the Lord Sunday invites each of us to engage in new ways at CPC. While you are considering new ways to engage in your community, come check out the exciting and creative new ministry initiatives happening right here at CPC. Gather information and speak with a new initiatives representative at the Expo tables on **Sunday, January 13, 2019** on the patio in front of the Sanctuary following the 10:00 a.m. worship service

Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & CPC Logo Launch

Joining the Claremont Chamber of Commerce at this point in our church’s life rings of new beginnings. As CPC is honored with its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony this month, we will also launch our new church logo. All are invited to join us for this celebration on **Thursday, January 31 at 5:30 p.m.** There will be fellowship, a food truck, and fun give away items.

Annual Interfaith Exchange with Temple Beth Israel: Sunday January 27 and Friday, February 1



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.

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.

- ◆ 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 the second Wednesday evening of the month for fun outings.
- ◆ College and Graduate School Age Drop-In Fellowship Group meets Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Waffle Church

Sunday, January 20, 2019

10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**Join us for an exciting
child-centered worship experience
that encourages participation from all ages.
Worship – Crafts – Waffles**



PYG's Midweek Outing

All junior and senior high school students are invited to join us Wednesday, January 16, 2019 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for Laser Tag and Dinner. Contact Pastor Brian with questions (562) 674-8407 brian@claremontpres.org

February 2 Work Day

Would you be willing to dust books in the library for free coffee and doughnuts? How about cleaning and straightening storage areas in Fellowship Hall or the Sacristy? Or some light gardening on the classroom patios? How about free coffee and doughnuts when you arrive and later when the work is done a free In-N-Out burger and fries?

All church volunteer work day February 2, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts available at 8:30 a.m. burgers and fries served at 12:15 p.m.

Sign-ups on the patio in January.

Do you have a small cleaning or maintenance project you've noticed on campus and thought, "Someone needs to take care of that." or even better, "With a little time and help I could take care of that." Share your work day ideas with Bill Brinegar any Sunday after church on the patio or at bill@drsbrinegar.com.



Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

The second Sunday of each month,
all are welcome to join in
Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness
in the CPC Chapel.

Led by Pastor Karen Sapio and
the Rev. Dr. Tina Blair,
these services will combine
time for quiet contemplation with singing
and a time for prayers of healing for yourself,
a loved one,
or a world situation that is on your heart.

Please join us
on Sunday, January 13
7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

19th Annual Book Review

A cordial invitation is extended to all for the 19th Annual Book Review, sponsored by Claremont Presbyterian Women.

Date: February 9, 2019

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Place: CPC Fellowship Hall


Book: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

Program Highlights:

- ♦ Author and story insights by Leanne Kerchner and Elaine Walker.
- ♦ Video interview with the author. Memories of "place" from Jo Hardin, Pomona College faculty.
- ♦ Light refreshments, book exchange (bring a book, take a book) and opportunity drawings.

Tickets are not required. Reservations are not needed, except for tables of 7. Donations will benefit CPC local mission. For additional information contact Elaine Walker, ewconnects@gmail.com or (909) 621-4261.

START YOUR DAY A
LITTLE CLOSER TO
GOD



25 MINUTES
THURSDAYS AT 7:00 A.M.
PRAYER AND MEDITATION
IN THE CPC CHAPEL

Moment For Mission: David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez-Acevedo— Mission Co-Workers in Cuba

Claremont Presbyterian Church contributes to the Presbyterian World Mission, whose ministries focus on alleviating poverty, sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ, and working for reconciliation. Two of the Mission Co-workers we support are David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez-Acevedo, who are in their third year working at the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas, Cuba. David and Josey were previously active members of our church, including Josey working as our Director of Family Ministry and David teaching some very informative Adult Sunday classes about the Gospels and Galatians.

In November they sent a Mission Connections newsletter telling us that currently seven of those residential students at the seminary are preparing for ministry in the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cuba. Two are in their third year, three are in their second year and two are in their first year. These students also have church leadership responsibilities every weekend at various ministry assignments for six months. This provides them with a wide variety of training and experiences. The students share their field experiences so that the ministry experiences

provide an opportunity to be both learners and teachers.

David and Josey report this creates a real partnership in which they as members and leaders of the PC(USA) are blessed by our partners in Cuba and are a blessing to the Church in Cuba and the seminary in Matanzas. They have come to know about the sacrifices and dedication of hundreds of brothers and sisters in local churches serving the Lord and helping the community fight the root causes of poverty, creating opportunities for reconciliation and peace by breaking the cycles of violence, and empowering the Church to witness to their faith even in the difficult times and with very few resources.

David and Josey send online updates regarding their ministry through Mission Connections at pcusa.org/missionconnections.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

Presbyterian Women Bible Study



Date: Tuesday, January 8 – 9:30 a.m.
Place: CPC Library
Leader: Kristi Van Nostran
Study Book: *God's Promise – I Am with You.*
All are welcome – men and women alike.

Annual Reports

Annual reports by all Commission, Committee and Board Chairpersons are due by January 10. Please send your reports to jcolclough@claremontpres.org.

Financial Highlights

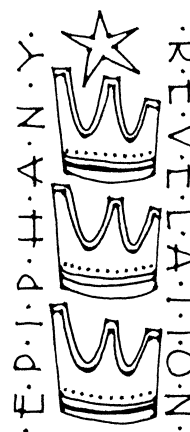
CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 11/30/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	397,845	421,667
Other Income	74,687	95,975
Expenses	<u>(482,175)</u>	<u>(537,687)</u>
VARIANCE	(9,643)	(20,046)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 11/30/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	720,517	724,167
Expenses	<u>(732,153)</u>	<u>(724,167)</u>
VARIANCE	(11,636)	0

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.



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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



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, January 14 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.

Inland Valley Interfaith Working Group for Mideast Peace
presents:

What in Heaven's Name Is Going on in the Holy Land?

What can we do to promote peace?



A dialogue/symposium presenting perspective from a variety of viewpoints

Thursday evening, January 31, 2019

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Pre-program Middle Eastern Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

(no charge — donations appreciated)

Haddon Conference Center — Claremont School of Theology

1325 N College Avenue

Claremont, CA 91711

Interested? Please R.S.V.P. to tjohnson@cst.edu

(Dinner R.S.V.P.s particularly appreciated)

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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 2019 and indicated that you will pay weekly, monthly or quarterly, pledge envelopes have been printed for you (unless you said you did not want envelopes.) 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.