



COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

July/August 2017

Summer

WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, July 2 10:00 a.m.

Community Questions
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, July 9 10:00 a.m.

Community Questions
The Rev. Dongwoo Lee preaching

Sunday, July 16 10:00 a.m.

Community Questions
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, July 23 10:00 a.m.

Guest preacher
The Rev. Heidi Park preaching

Sunday, July 30 10:00 a.m.

Community Questions
Guest preacher

Sunday, August 6 10:00 a.m.

Community Questions
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, August 13 10:00 a.m.

Community Questions
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, August 20 10:00 a.m.

An Update from Cuba
The Rev. Dr. David Cortes Fuentes
preaching

Sunday, August 27 10:00 a.m.

Community Questions
The Rev. Dongwoo Lee preaching

From the Pastor - The More Things Change...

There is an old saying: "The more things change, the more they stay the same." I am not sure if this is an astute observation on how hard it is to achieve real change in this world or if it is the wishful thinking of those who find change threatening and undesirable. There are many changes taking place at Claremont Presbyterian Church as we move through these summer months.

Our Interim Associate Pastor, Krista Wuertz, received her doctoral degree from Claremont School of Theology and concluded her ministry with us as of June 1. Parish Associate Mary Kuhns decided to move back to her beloved New Mexico and left Claremont on June 27. Jenelle Anderson, our Director of Music, has accepted a continuing, full time appointment as a music professor at Pacific Union College in Northern California and will be moving there in August, ending nearly eleven years leading our music ministries here at CPC.

That is a lot of good-byes all at once! At the same time, however, we are paving the way for some joyful "Hellos" this summer and in the coming months.

By the time you read this, our congregation will have elected its Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, the team that will search for a new Associate Pastor/Director of Outreach.

We have three gifted and enthusiastic high school seniors – Maya Aga, Clara Becker and Sophia Jung – working this summer as Children's Ministry interns. They are coordinating our summer Sunday school and helping lead Vacation Bible School.

Our hardworking Personnel Committee is at work on several fronts:

- * Negotiating with our own Geri DeMasi to combine his work as our organist with the Director of Music position. He has enjoyed filling this role from time to time during the past year as Jenelle commuted between Southern and Northern California, and he is excited to have this opportunity to continue to build his conducting skills and extend the scope of his work with us.
- * Having some initial conversations with two talented seminary students about serving our church as interns starting this fall to ensure continued support and leadership for our many ministries.

There is another saying that declares, "Whenever many things seem to be ending all at once, it is because something new is trying to be born."

Let's give thanks to God as we anticipate this season of rebirth.

Karen Sapio

Summer Adult Education (with Lunch!)



Summer is here and things have slowed down a bit so it is a good time to try new things. We will gather after worship for six Sundays this summer to discuss and share our reflections on the Scripture and sermon that day. This will help us to know more about God and Christianity and strengthen our spiritual growth. At the same time it will deepen our relationships at Claremont Presbyterian Church. With the help of the Evangelism and Nurture Commission a light lunch will be served.

This series begins July 9 and continues for six Sundays through August 13. The great leaders from the CPC Adult Education Committee, Scott Randles and Elaine Walker will join the pastors in leading the conversation.

Please sign up by sending an email to Rev. Dongwoo Lee revdongwoolee@gmail.com.

(You may also come if you have not had a chance to sign up in advance but we may run out of food.)

Community Questions

Our July-August sermon series will focus on Community Questions. Each week will focus on a question about scripture, Christianity or faith in the world submitted from someone in the wider Claremont Community as well as a few submitted by church members.

We have room in the schedule for a few more questions! Ask your neighbors, co-workers, or extended family to suggest a topic.

Great Getaway Campout August 11-13

This year our Great Getaway Weekend will take place in mid August – a perfect time to beat the heat by heading to the mountains.

We have campsites reserved at Dogwood Campground near Lake Arrowhead. Named for its abundance of beautiful Dogwood trees, and situated in a densely wooded area with tall conifers and lush undergrowth, Dogwood Campground offers a spectacular scenic setting. Each campsite is placed to offer maximum seclusion. Dogwood Campground also offers:

- Evening campfire programs in the amphitheater on Friday and Saturday nights
- Nearby hiking at Heaps Peak Arboretum
- Short interpretive nature trail loop accessible from campground
- 15 minutes from Lake Gregory (boating, fishing water slide park)
- 5 minutes to Lake Arrowhead Village, with fine dining and shopping

Our reservations are for Friday and Saturday nights, departing Sunday after breakfast.

Cost: \$10/person (\$25 max per family)
Registration available starting July 9th.



Summer Choir

Have you ever wanted to sing with the choir...but just couldn't make it to weekly rehearsals? Well, your opportunity is here. Please join us for Summer Choir!

Beginning July 2 and on every Sunday during July, the Summer Choir will meet at 9:00 a.m. to rehearse an easy, accessible anthem in preparation for the 10:00 worship service. No previous choral experience is necessary, and singers of all ages are welcome. Just show up in the Music Building at 9:00 a.m. and get ready to sing. We look forward to seeing you!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Claremont Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 30, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life!

Please visit redcrossblood.org and enter CLRPBS to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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Summer Sunday School

The theme for Summer Sunday School is "Tasty Bible Stories." Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade will enjoy a gastronomic tour of the Bible. Each Sunday will focus on a different story from the Bible that features food as a main ingredient: Adam, Eve and the Apple, Esau's Birthright Stew, Queen Esther's Feast, The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes and many others. Our Artist in Residence, Jordan Nesbit, will continue to plan art making opportunities to go along with each week's story.

For toddlers and preschoolers, nursery care will continue each week with Jenny Eazel as nursery coordinator and Thomas Randles as her assistant.

July 2	Passover: The Unleavened Picnic
July 9	Ruth Goes to Bethlehem (The House of Bread)
July 16	David: Cheese Delivery and Giant Slaying
July 23	Queen Esther's Feast
July 30	Jesus Feeds Five Thousand
August 6	The Last Supper
August 13	The Parable of the Fig Tree

Nursery Supervisor Sought

Claremont Presbyterian Church is currently seeking a supervisor for its Sunday morning childcare. Hours 9:45-11:45 a.m. Occasional additional hours due to special events. Hourly rate negotiable. Job description available from church office. Please send resume to Pastor Karen Sapio at karensapio@gmail.com.

Support Our Schools Backpack Sunday Is Coming August 20, 2017

For many years CPC has provided backpacks filled with school supplies for at-risk students at Oakmont Elementary School. This year the Deacons would like to expand our outreach to other children, such as those who attend the Community Meal and our refugee families. Here are several ways you can participate in this caring ministry:

1) When the back-to-school sales begin, shop for school supplies for our backpacks, such as binders, spiral notebooks, ruled paper, calculators, crayons, pencils, pens, large erasers, child-safe scissors and glue sticks.

2) Monetary donations will be accepted on the patio after worship on July 30, August 6 and 13. Checks can be mailed to the church office, with "Backpacks" written on the memo line. The Deacons will purchase backpacks and any remaining items that are needed. Any extra funds will help provide for other needs at Oakmont.

3) Volunteer your time to fill the backpacks after worship on Sunday, August 20, 2017.



Join in the excitement of a new school year by providing basic school supplies for these children who need our support.

Fourth of July

Claremont Presbyterian Church, along with our partners on campus, Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church, GPIB Indonesian Fellowship and Claremont Korean Presbyterian Church, will host an information booth at the 4th of July celebration in Claremont Memorial Park. If you would like to sign up for an hour in the booth to represent CPC, hand out information and let the public know why you love CPC, please contact the church office at (909) 624-9693.

Baseball and Fireworks - Saturday, August 5

Join your fellow CPC members and friends for a fun night watching baseball in Rancho Cucamonga as the Quakes take on the Lancaster Jethawks, Saturday, August 5. Game time is 7:05 p.m. and there will be a fireworks show after the game. (Whether the Quakes win or lose!)

We have booked a block of 30 tickets in the Field Box Section at only \$10.00 each. They are available on a first come, first served basis so if you would like to go, contact Jo Colclough in the church office by email at jcolclough@claremontpres.org or call the office at (909) 624-9693.

Quakes baseball is a very family friendly outing so bring your kids and grandkids. The stadium is located on Rochester Avenue just south of Foothill Boulevard in Rancho Cucamonga, an easy drive. The Quakes are a farm team for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Play ball!





Vespers are an ancient form of evening prayer and music. This beautiful service is for the whole community; for anyone who needs time to reflect, relax, pray, and listen. There will be spoken verse, prayers of the people, and live jazz lifting up our words, thoughts, hopes and feelings. The theme August 27 will be “Staying Centered in the Chaos.”



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Karen Sapio

Parish Associate
Dongwoo Lee

Adult Education
9:00 a.m.

Church School
10:15 a.m.

Worship
10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours

Planning Ahead for Bag-It Sunday, September 24

As you travel this summer, please remember that Bag-It Sunday is coming in September. Collect those individual-sized containers of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, shower caps, etc. Bring them to church for Bag-It Sunday, when we fill hygiene kits for the homeless.

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 05/31/17	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	174,987	189,583
Other Income	40,736	53,881
Expenses	<u>(236,921)</u>	<u>(243,464)</u>
VARIANCE	(21,198)	0
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 05/31/17	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	333,545	315,574
Expenses	<u>(329,510)</u>	<u>(315,574)</u>
VARIANCE	4,035	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.

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, July 10 and/or Monday, August 14 between 5:00 and 8:00**

p.m. and tell them you are with CPCC (Claremont Presbyterian Children’s Center.)



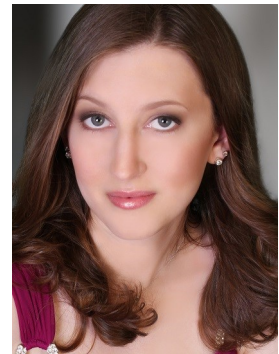
The Presbyterian Performing Arts Committee presents:

Faces of Love

Friday, July 28, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Claremont Presbyterian Church
1111 N. Mountain Avenue
Claremont



Join Soprano Kathryn Lillich and Mezzo-Soprano Christina Esser for a unique concert featuring the many different faces of love and desire. Highlights include Roger Quilter's *Seven Elizabethan Lyrics Opus 12* and Jake Heggie's *The Deepest Desire: Four Meditations on Love*. Also featured are famous operatic duets by Strauss and Delibes.

Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$15.00. Both Kathryn and Christina are currently pursuing MM degrees in vocal performance at the prestigious Herb Alpert School of Music at UCLA.

GPIB Indonesian Fellowship Sixth Anniversary

On Sunday, May 28 the GPIB Indonesian Fellowship celebrated six years at CPC. Both the sanctuary and fellowship hall were decorated in the bright, happy colors of yellow, turquoise and chartreuse. Decorations included a huge bouquet of roses, a three-tiered cake, balloons, matching table cloths and napkins as well as a lighted backdrop on the stage. Gifts and prizes were wrapped in the chosen colors also. Some of the church members even dressed in yellow, turquoise and chartreuse. All this reflected the joy and gratitude that infused the celebration.

First came the worship service. Then remarks were made by a few specially invited guests. Welly Rey, one of the founders of the fellowship, spoke about some of the history. A representative from the Los Angeles Indonesian Consulate brought official greetings. Another guest represented the organization of Indonesian congregations in California. CPC Pastor Karen Sapio spoke briefly about the parallels between a small group that founded

CPC 60 years ago and what GPIB is doing each Sunday as they too come together to worship, educate their children in the faith and share God's Word with others.

Special activities included a poster contest reflecting the different regions of Indonesia where the members originated. A video and a pamphlet highlighted aspects of the congregation's six year history. A whole roast pig was the centerpiece of the Indonesian feast which concluded the evening.

There were guests from Emmanuel congregation at the celebration. Pastors Karen Sapio and Dongwoo Lee were joined by Ruth Auld and Gail Duggan in receiving warm words of gratitude from the members of GPIB. They want to let all the members of CPC know how thankful GPIB is that they can worship weekly in the lovely CPC sanctuary. They feel very welcome on the CPC campus and want to let CPC members know that you are always welcome at any of their events.



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Deadline for next *Communicator*: August 15

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Life seems to slow down in the summer and the church is no exception. That is why there will only be this one issue of *The Communicator* for July and August. The next newsletter will be for September and the deadline for submissions will be August 15.

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 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.

“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.