



# COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

July/August 2018

## Good News from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Following a 12-month period of much hard work, prayer and discernment, CPC's Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has unanimously and enthusiastically extended a call to the Rev. Brian S. Gaeta-Symonds. And he has accepted!

The APNC believes that Brian is a great fit for CPC. By now you should have received a mailing telling you all about Brian. You can also find information on the church website [www.claremontpres.org](http://www.claremontpres.org).

Now we need your help with next steps. Please put these two important dates on your calendar:

On Saturday, July 21, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, the APNC will host a reception for Brian and his family so that you may get acquainted with them; and

On Sunday, July 22, Brian will preach and lead worship at CPC. Immediately following worship, the Session will call a congregational meeting to vote on approving Brian's call and its terms. Please be present!

If approved by the congregation, Brian will start work at CPC on September 1. He would also be available during August for meetings with church leadership to help plan our fall program.

I would like to personally thank the hard-working and faithful members of the APNC: Jenny Eazell, Karee Galloway, Stuart Lillich, Tom Luschei, Scott Randles, Alejandro Salas, and Rita Watts, as well as presbytery liaison Sonnie Swenston. During the past 12 months, we met more than 30 times, reviewed more than 120 resumes and conducted eight interviews. The work of the APNC also stands on the shoulders of the foundations laid by our New Beginnings initiative and the Staffing Strategy Task Force.

I also would like to thank Pastor Karen and all church members for their prayers and support for our committee.

I hope to see you on July 21 for Brian's reception and on July 22 for worship and the congregational meeting!

Blessings,

Sam Atwood  
APNC Chair

## Sunday Morning Adult Education



Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Adult Education will take a break for the summer and will resume in September.

### Pass the Salt - 11:15 a.m. in Room 7

Each Sunday in July

Join us for a light lunch and a discussion of the theme, questions and practical wisdom of that Sundays' sermon.

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## Summer Sermon Series: The Gospel According to ...

Victorian poet Gerard Manley Hopkins once wrote:

Christ plays in ten thousand places,  
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his.....

The poem speaks of how Christ reveals himself throughout creation and human culture – in unexpected places and even through those who have no idea that they are bearing the imprint of Christ into the world.

Our 2018 Summer Sermon Series will take up this idea. The Gospel According to...will explore elements of popular culture which teach us something about God's redeeming and reconciling love at work in the world, and about what God calls the church to be and do. The topics for each week come from suggestions from congregation members and friends of the church



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| July 1:      | The Gospel According to Mr. Rogers  |
| July 8:      | The Gospel According to The Big Bang Theory                               |
| July 15:     | The Gospel According to Food Trucks                                       |
| July 22:     | Sermon by Associate Pastor Candidate Brian Gaeta-Symonds                  |
| July 29:     | The Gospel According to Shrek (Waffle Church for the Whole Congregation!) |
| August 5:    | The Gospel According to Star Wars   |
| August 12:   | The Gospel According to Your Favorite Hymn                                |
| August 19:   | The Gospel According to Alice in Wonderland                               |
| August 26:   | The Gospel According to Harry Potter                                      |
| September 2: | The Gospel According the Jesus Christ                                     |



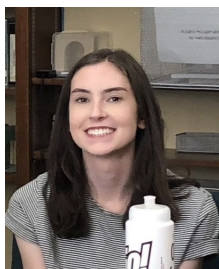
## Sundays for Children, Youth and Young Adults

Regular Sunday programming for Children, Youth and Young Adults has concluded for the school year and will resume in the fall.



### Join us for Summer Sunday School!

This year we will be learning about being peacemakers through bible stories, crafts and games. Join us every Sunday from June 17- August 12!



Clara Becker

## Summer Interns

This summer our children and families will have the privilege of working with four talented and passionate people - Clara Becker, Jenny Garcia, Sophia Jung and Dillon Lopez - as Summer Ministry Interns. They all bring lots of enthusiasm and creativity as well as vast and varied experiences working with children and youth. Together, they are



Sophia Jung

coordinating our summer Sunday school and helping to lead Vacation Bible School. And be on the lookout for fun, family-friendly activities that our Summer Interns will be promoting on our Facebook page and in *The Latest* in the months ahead.



Dillon Lopez



Jenny Garcia

## Claremont 4th 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, please contact the church office at (909) 624-9693.

## 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 1 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!

## Summer Communicator



Life seems to slow down in the summer and the church is no exception. That is why there will only be one *Communicator* for the combined months July and August. The next newsletter will be for September. The deadline for submissions to the September newsletter is August 15. Please send your articles to [jcolclough@claremontpres.org](mailto:jcolclough@claremontpres.org).

## Key Amnesty

Where are all the keys? Have you checked out a key for one of the rooms at church and you keep forgetting to return it? Please bring it to the office. We will gladly take it back, and we won't even ask how long you have had it.



The *Communicator* is published monthly (except in summer) by Claremont Presbyterian Church. Submissions are subject to editing for content and length. To submit an article or item for the monthly calendar, please contact the church office by the 15th of the month by telephone at (909) 624-9693 or email [jcolclough@claremontpres.org](mailto:jcolclough@claremontpres.org).

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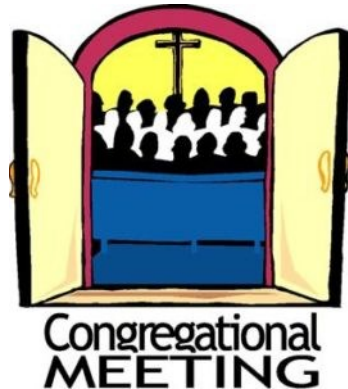
**Pastor**  
Karen Sapio

Adult Education  
9:00 a.m.

Church School  
10:15 a.m.

Worship  
10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care  
available both hours



## Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 05/31/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	168,299	191,667
Other Income	35,444	43,625
Expenses	213,654	233,238
VARIANCE	(9,911)	2,054
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 05/31/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	341,134	329,167
Expenses	340,973	329,167
VARIANCE	161	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](http://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](mailto:jcolclough@claremontpres.org) and tell her you would like to subscribe.

## Congregational Meeting

There will be a Meeting of the Congregation immediately following worship on Sunday, July 22 for the purpose of voting to approve the call and terms of call of the Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds as Associate Pastor for Outreach at Claremont Presbyterian Church.

All members of Claremont Presbyterian Church are voting members and are encouraged to attend.



## 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, July 9 or Monday, August 13 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.

Save The Date  
Claremont Presbyterian Church  
Alternative Christmas Market  
Sunday, November 18, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

"If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need, then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed."

(Hymn: *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*, Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal)



## Community Meal - July 22

Claremont Presbyterian Church is one of a number of churches serving meals to those in need three Sundays a month on a rotating basis at Sumner Elementary School in Claremont. It will be our turn again on Sunday, July 22.

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.



## Thursday Morning Prayer and Meditation

START YOUR DAY A LITTLE CLOSER TO GOD.  
25 MINUTES - THURSDAYS AT 7:00 A.M.  
PRAYER AND MEDITATION  
IN THE CPC CHAPEL

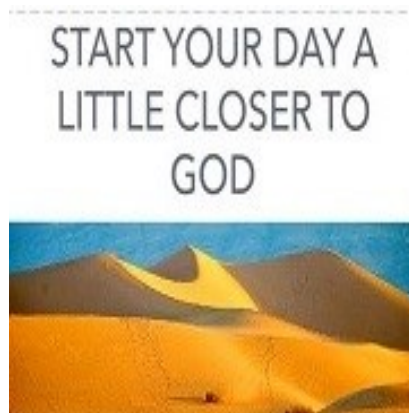
Jesus went to the desert to pray, and for centuries believers and non-believers alike have sought calm and quiet to listen to the Holy Spirit.

We invite you to join together in centering prayer and meditation at the beginning of the day. Rev. Duane Bidwell and Elder Charles Kerchner will lead a short service that invites us to the ancient spiritual discipline of making ourselves available to the Holy Spirit.

Keeping silence together allows us to support one another as we push aside the

annoyances of the day and practice creating a more intimate relationship to God.

All are welcome. You don't have to be a CPC member or regularly practice any religion to participate.



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Deadline for next *Communicator*: August 15

## Important Note Regarding “Like” Us on Facebook Donations by Check

Bank of America has recently informed us that they will no longer accept checks made out to “CPC.” Checks must now be written to the full name, “Claremont Presbyterian Church” and not to an abbreviation.

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.

## 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.