



COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

June 2013



Worship Plans

Sunday, June 2 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Teacher Recognition Sunday
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, June 9 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost
Graduate Recognition Sunday
Guest preacher:
The Rev. Brad Tharpe,
Protestant Chaplain
at the Claremont Colleges

Sunday, June 16 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Vacation Bible School Commissioning
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, June 23 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
The Rev. Rocky Supinger preaching

Sunday, June 30 10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Guest preacher:
Setri Nyomi, General Secretary
of the World Communion
of Reformed Churches

From the Pastor

During the summer months, the CPC pastors in consultation with our Worship Commission often create an extended summer sermon series around a central theme. You may remember last year's series, "You May Say I'm a Dreamer" on dreams and dreamers in the Bible. Another year we considered "Sunday School Stories for Grown-ups" where we took a second look at some of the Biblical Sunday School stories that rarely appear in Sunday sermons. We have also had sermon series on The Lord's Prayer, The Seven Deadly Sins, and The Beatitudes.

This summer, we would like to embark on a "People's Choice" sermon series: we want to know what **you've** always wanted to hear a sermon about. Is it a particular Bible passage? A contemporary issue? A theological concept that you find mystifying, intriguing or annoying? A question of faith you wrestle with?

Please let us know!

Send an email to Pastor Karen (karensapio@claremontpres.org) or Pastor Rocky (rsupinger@claremontpres.org) with your idea for a sermon topic. We will collect the responses and choose ten of them for our "People's Choice" sermon series which will begin on June 30 and conclude on September 1. Since there are a limited number of summer Sundays, we can't promise to include everyone's suggested topic—but if we get a large number of suggestions, we may do a People's Choice reprise sometime in 2014.

We look forward to hearing your ideas! Peace be with you!

Special Guest Preachers

Those who attend worship at CPC will have the opportunity to hear two guest preachers in the month of June. Sunday, June 9 Reverend Brad Tharpe, the Protestant Chaplain of the Claremont Colleges, will bring the message. The final Sunday in June the general secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), Setri Nyomi, will be in our pulpit.

See the back of the calendar included with this newsletter for more information about these two guests.

Sunday Morning at Nine

Adult Education classes and forums begin at 9:00 a.m.

June 2, 9, 16

"The Culture of Violence: What Can We Do?"

We live in a violent culture. The real world is violent, with almost hourly news stories of war, murder, assault, and abuse. The imaginative world of film, literature, television, and video games seems even to celebrate violence. As people who follow The Way of peace, how do we live in a violent world? How do we combat – er, resist – the violence that seems to surround us? Come contribute to a conversation about faithful living in violent times.



After June 16 Sunday Morning at Nine Adult Education will take a summer break.

Support CPC Youth Going To Triennium

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a life-changing experience of worship and learning for Presbyterian high schoolers that happens once every three years in West Lafayette, Indiana. This summer, five CPC students will be attending the event, along with 14 others from the San Gabriel Presbytery and – crossing our fingers – two youth from the Synod of Ayacucho in Peru.

The Mission Interpretation Commission and Board of Deacons have both supported these students' Triennium experience with surpassing generosity. Your chance to send them on their way is coming on Sunday, June 2 and June 9, when they will host a "Wall-of-Envelopes"

fundraiser on the patio after worship. Come prepared with your words of encouragement and financial support for our students. Their participation in Triennium is an important expression of CPC's connection to our presbytery and denomination.

Summer Choir in July

Calling all singers – and we do mean "all" singers. Summer choir time is almost here and we would love to see whole families come and sing. Starting July 7, all that is required is coming to church at 9:00 a.m. and meeting in the choir room to learn a simple anthem for the service that morning. We would love to see the choir full of people of all ages and we encourage families to come and sing together. All ages, from young children to great-grandparents are welcome!

Looking forward to singing with you on any or all Sundays in the month of July.

Bride's Room Refurbishing

Have you ever been in the Bride's Room in our Sanctuary? It is located next to the women's restroom. It is a great little space for brides and their bridesmaids to prepare for a wedding. It is also a nice spot on a Sunday morning for mothers and/or fathers with babies who need attention to feed or diaper the baby while still listening to the worship service (there are speakers that pipe in the sound.)

Our wedding coordinator, Karry Denton, has noticed for some time now that the space was not quite so great and was in desperate need of refurbishing. The Property & Finance has authorized Karry, with the help of her husband, Roger, to do just that. New floor, new furniture and fresh paint are transforming the room. Come take a look!

Teacher Appreciation Celebration

We are so blessed to have so many teachers in our community who year after year share their gifts willingly with our community. We want to celebrate the teachers among us, and thank you for all that you do to help each one of us develop the life-long love of learning that enriches our lives and continually renews the creativity in our community.

If you have taught at CPC, or are a teacher in the community, please come and let us celebrate you and thank you after worship on **June 2**. The whole community is encouraged to gather together in Angell Courtyard to enjoy refreshments and to have the opportunity to take the time to recognize the gifts of the teachers among us.

If you have any questions or would like more information about our Teacher Appreciation Celebration, please contact Krista at krista@claremontpres.org.



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 16, 2013 – Thursday, June 20, 2013

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This year at Vacation Bible School we will be learning about Athens and the life and work of the Apostle Paul. The children will have the opportunity to imaginatively journey back to Athens and meet Paul who will tell them about his life and his work. They will learn Paul's story, and consider what it means to leave a life of privilege and power in order to spread the news of God's love.

VBS is a wonderful experience that we offer each summer to the children from both the church and local community. At VBS the children who participate are able to experience their faith and to learn more about God's love. We have many activities planned for the children each night including: *Celebration Time* where the children sing, dance and talk about what they are learning together, *The Marketplace* where children do arts and crafts, organized field games, and a *Drama Center* where children get to engage actors who are representing people from Paul's community. Each night we also all eat a community meal together, which gives us a special opportunity to fellowship with one another. Throughout the week, adults from the Claremont Presbyterian Church community will be guiding the children through their activities helping to enrich the experience of VBS for all children. Please consider joining us at VBS this year, as this is a community event in which we all come together to enrich the faith experience of the children of our community.

Registration for VBS is easy. If you would like to pre-register, you can pick up forms from the CPC office. You are also invited to register on the first night of VBS. If you choose to register during VBS, please just come to do so about 30 minutes before we start for the evening (about 5:00).

If you have any questions about VBS or ideas about how you would like to help, please reach Krista at krista@claremontpres.org.

Summer Surprise

This year our focus for our eight-week Summer Surprise series is prayer. Together the children are going to have many opportunities to engage prayer in multifaceted and creative ways. We will be exploring prayer in the Bible, and we will talk about the ways in which prayer holds meaning for individuals and for communities. Some of the books we will be using in this series include: *Psalms for Young Children*, *Praying in Color*, *Images of God for Young Children*, *Journey to the Heart: Centering Prayer for Children*, *Writing to God: Kids' Edition*.

We will offer Summer Surprise for eight consecutive Sundays beginning June 16 and ending August 4. Children entering grades 1-5 are encouraged to participate each Sunday. Summer Surprise is taught during the worship hour following the "Time with the Children." If you have any questions about Summer Surprise or would like to help teach this curriculum, please contact Krista at krista@claremontpres.org.

Godly Play

In June we finish our Godly Play curriculum for the year. Our final lesson this year is on June 2. On that Sunday the children will explore together our understanding of the Holy Trinity. Children age 4 - grade 2 are invited to join us at 9:00 a.m., and children grade 3 - grade 5 are invited to come to Godly Play following the "Time with the Children" in worship. If you have any questions or would like more information about becoming involved in Godly Play, please contact Krista at krista@claremontpres.org.

Summer Nursery Hours

During the summer months nursery care is available during the worship hour and fellowship time following worship (10:00-11:30 a.m.) each Sunday. During the summer, staff members and volunteers offer care in the nursery to children ranging in age from infants to children entering kindergarten. If you would like more information about the nursery care at CPC, please contact Krista at krista@claremontpres.org.

Represent CPC at Claremont's 4th of July

Claremont's 4th of July celebrations give us wonderful opportunities to reach out to our community. CPC will have a booth at Memorial Park during the day and an entry in the afternoon parade. Starting Sunday, June 16, we will have a table on the patio following worship to sign up those who would like to participate in one of these events. Sign up to staff our booth in Memorial Park for an hour between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



Sixth Annual Bequest Emphasis Sunday

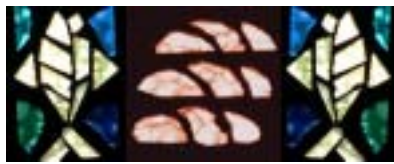
The Special Gifts and Endowment Committee is pleased to announce CPC's Sixth Annual Bequest Emphasis Sunday, to take place on June 16.

During the service on that day, a presentation will be given to illustrate the importance of making special gifts to CPC, over and above our annual pledges for the operating budget. These special gifts can be made during lifetime or through our estates and can direct support to a particular part of CPC's program and outreach or can be left unrestricted. In either case, such gifts further enrich our spiritual life here at CPC and our ministry to a needy world.

At the service on June 16, we will recognize the thirty people who, to date, constitute the members of our Loaves and Fishes Society. This is the bequest society of CPC and is sponsored by the Special Gifts and Endowment Committee.

The Loaves and Fishes Society draws its inspiration from John 6:9, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to sustain the multitudes. Everyone who includes CPC in his or her estate plan is entitled to membership in the Society.

If you have taken this important step and have not yet notified us, please inform one of the Pastors, any member of the Committee, or Jo Colclough in the Church office – we want to add you to our membership rolls! For more information, please pick up a copy of our Loaves and Fishes Society brochure on the patio on Sunday morning or in the Church office. The brochure provides the names of the Committee members.



*There is a boy here who has five
barley loaves and two fish. But what
are they among so many?*

~John 6:9

The current members of the Loaves and Fishes Society are:

Sharron Bentley
Eric Bernal
Teresa Bernal
Doris Chambers
Susanne Christian
John Connelly
Gordon Douglass
Jane Douglass

Joan Harlan
Frank Hungerford
Chet Jaeger
Eileen Jaeger
Delores Kelley
Robbin Kelley
Jeanne Kennedy
Taylor Klingerman

Joanne McCandless
Kathleen Sigtenhorst
Pieter Sigtenhorst
Betty Springer
Stan Springer
Marjorie Stoddard
Carol Stubblebine

Craig Stubblebine
Roger Swartz
Kent Warner
Teddie Warner
Mary Wheeler
Dorothy Whitham
Rick Whitham



Meet Our Newest Members

Ju Koh is from Seoul, South Korea. She came to Claremont last August to pursue a Ph.D. degree in Philosophy of Religion and Theology at Claremont Graduate University. She loves Claremont thus far especially because of the good weather and nice people.

She is from a Presbyterian family, and she had performed many roles at her church in Korea, e.g. Sunday school teacher, weekly young-adult group, newsletter editor, young-adult group worship director, Bible study group leader, a member of a women's quartet, and others.

She is interested in the relation between Christian self and the role of community.

Adele Anderson was born and brought up in Santa Barbara, CA, graduated from Pomona College, and earned a Master's and Ph.D. at Claremont Graduate School. She married Edward F. Anderson (Ted), an Ethno-Botanist and Professor, also a Pomona College graduate

and CGS Ph.D. They lived for 30 years in Walla Walla, Washington where Ted taught at Whitman College and did Ethno-Botany field work in northern Thailand.

While in Walla Walla, Adele taught at various colleges in the area. For eight years, she served on the City Council. She was ordained as an Elder in the Presbyterian Church in the 1960s, served on the Synod General Council of the Alaska Northwest Synod, and served on the national mission board.

Following Ted's interest and opportunities, they have lived in Germany, Ecuador, Malaysia and Thailand.

In 1992, they moved to Phoenix, AZ where Ted was the Senior Research Botanist at the Phoenix Botanical Garden. After Ted's death and 20 years in Phoenix, Adele moved to Claremont in 2012.

Her family includes seven children.



People in the Church: Bill and Pat Reed

Life needs a little confusion, don't you think? Try this. You can subtitle this column "From CPC to CPC." In 2010 Bill and Pat Reed came from CPC (aka Central Presbyterian Church) in Summit, New Jersey, to CPC (aka Claremont Presbyterian Church) in Claremont. Wait, that's not all. They moved to be close to their daughter, Cathy Reed, and son-in-law, Eric Hughson, both tenured professors at CMC (Claremont McKenna College), formerly known as CMC (Claremont Men's College). Are you still with me? OK, let's continue.

Bill and Pat are very active participants at (our) CPC. They regularly attend E-hour programs, worship service, and have been involved in church work projects and a number of different outreach efforts. But they remain members of (that other) CPC where Pat served as an Elder and Bill as a Deacon, continuing some 50 years of membership. Pat is currently active in CLASP, our local after school tutoring program, which reminds her of a very successful tutoring program she and Bill helped from its beginnings in the poverty-stricken Port area of Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the late 1960's. Fondly she remembers Earl, a young black man who had dreams of becoming a professional basketball player. Earl was a problem for the tutors. He wouldn't listen, wouldn't read anything except *Sports Illustrated*, and he bolted for the door at every opportunity. All the other tutors had thrown up their hands in despair, which is how Earl became Pat's charge. When nothing else worked, Pat finally challenged Earl to a contest of "push-ups," which Pat, to Earl's consternation, easily won. "OK, sit-ups," taunted Pat, and again left Earl in the dust. "I guess you're ok," Earl sheepishly confessed, never realizing that Pat was a P.E. teacher. From that moment Earl and Pat bonded. Earl blossomed and went on to college only to drop out when he was forced to help support his family. Pat later became the supervisor of this tutoring program from 1990 until she left for California in 2010 and Bill served on the Board of Directors of the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center for 40 years.

Both Bill and Pat have very interesting family backgrounds. "The Lord will provide!" was the motto of Bill's father, and according to Bill, "He lived it!" Raised a Christian, Bill's father became a Baha'i, a faith which he found more open to other faiths and more consistent with the life that Jesus practiced and preached. Somehow the Lord (or someone) provided for Bill to attend Oberlin College in Ohio, and that's where he met Pat. Pat was what colleges call a "legacy," since both sets of her grandparents as well as her mother and father were Oberlin graduates. A Physics course at Oberlin excited Bill and determined his future career.

After graduation and marriage, they moved to the Chicago area where Pat taught school while Bill attended Northwestern University, attaining a Ph.D. in Physics. Through what Bill modestly calls a series of fortunate events he was hired in 1961 by Bell Laboratories, at that time the premier research institution in the world for scientists. Over a dozen Nobel laureates have worked there, and seven Nobel prizes have been awarded for

work completed at the Laboratories. Assuming that his work at Bell would be done in a few years, Bill convinced Pat to live in nearby Summit, New Jersey, which at the time was "wealthy, white, and Republican." Bill chuckles when he remembers the local cab driver who proudly responded to a question about living in Summit by announcing that the city council members were "all bankers, CEO's, that sort – men who can't be bothered with a \$5,000 bribe!"

Bell Labs proved Bill wrong about the "few years." He retired from Bell 40 years later, having spent his entire career in the company of some of the most brilliant minds on the planet. When they thought about retiring to the Claremont area, the fact that Claremont is a "college town" greatly appealed to Bill, and they both have been delighted with the array of talents found in our church, the community, and visiting speakers.

"We believe very strongly in the mission outreach of CPC," Bill said. Hip surgery has prevented Bill from volunteering for Living Waters, but he hopes to do so in the future. Pat has been a tutor in CLASP since she first heard about it at CPC. Both have participated in meals for abused women. Our inclusive statement in the church bulletin and our outreach to the gay community have also been important to them.

When the topic shifts to God, Pat acknowledges that she is the product of several generations of Presbyterians. Bill, however, has experienced a profound shift since the days when he was raised as a Baptist and watched his father become a Baha'i. His life as a scientist, improving the lives of millions by painstaking attention to tangible, observable phenomena, subjecting everything to a rigorous scientific method, has had its impact. Looking me in the eye, he states, "I don't believe in God. However I do believe in the church as an instrument of great good and great evil. I believe that CPC is a church that emphasizes the good."

Which leads Bill to declare, "I have an obligation to help others." The Christian ethic, to love your neighbor, to live a life like Jesus, resonates deeply with Bill. In a certain sense, he has retraced the steps of his own father, finding meaning in the ethic while discarding the dogma of religion. It strikes me that Bill's view is similar to that of many young people in our society, and he may be ahead of the curve when we try to ascertain which way religion is heading in America.

At a CPC congregational meeting in April called to review the results of the Listening Project, there emerged the key realization that people felt disconnected from each other and longed for a stronger sense of community. That's when Bill stood up to comment that two years had elapsed and he and Pat had not been able to obtain a church directory. Delight Slotemaker de Bruine jumped out of her seat and dashed to the church office, returning post-haste with a directory. That event highlighted an important issue and prompted me to seek an interview with the Reeds. Is CPC a welcoming church?

(see **Reeds** on Page 6)



Conscientious Projector

Conscientious Projector is a monthly gathering of mindful, passionate people coming together to screen documentaries about important current justice issues, and to discuss these viewpoints from a variety of perspectives. Screenings are free to the public. Screenings in Claremont are at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Claremont Forum, 586 W. First Street (in the old packing house.)

In the film *Genetic Roulette, The Gamble of Our Lives*, "Never-Before-Seen-Evidence" points to genetically engineered foods as a major contributor to rising disease rates in the US population, especially among children. Gastrointestinal disorders, allergies, inflammatory diseases, and infertility are just some of the problems implicated in humans, pets, livestock, and lab animals that eat genetically modified soybeans and corn.

Monsanto's strong arm tactics, the FDA's fraudulent policies, and how the USDA ignores a growing health emergency are also laid bare. This sometimes shocking film may change your diet, protect you and your family, and accelerate the consumer tipping point against genetically modified organisms (GMOs) already underway. Don't miss this film! Wednesday, June 19.

Make Every Second Monday a Fiesta

The second Monday of each month the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center has a fundraiser at the El Ranchero Restaurant on Foothill Boulevard in Claremont. **On Monday, June 10 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.** eat at El Ranchero Restaurant and tell them you are with the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center. The center will receive a portion of the proceeds and you will enjoy a delicious Mexican meal. If you prefer to eat at home you may get your food to go. Thank you for your support!

All Church Work Day June 1

The Property & Finance Commission has arranged for an All Church Work Day on Saturday morning, June 1. Come join the commission and other church members and friends in helping to spruce up our church campus. There will be jobs available for all skill levels and physical abilities. Rumor has it there may even be coffee and bagels.

Many hands make light work!

Session Digest

At its April meeting the Session:

- Welcomed four confirmands and two adults as new members, and thanked the advisors of the confirmands for their wonderful efforts.
- Approved a donation toward the retirement gift of Rev. Bob Wendel after 20 years of work as Stated Clerk of the San Gabriel Presbytery (he will continue serving as pastor to his congregation.)
- Heard of several upcoming projects in the planning stages by the Mission Interpretation and Church and Society Commissions.

The Reeds (cont. from Page 5)

People who joined years ago always replied "yes" to that question. But is it still true today? If we are having trouble connecting with each other within the church, how can we possibly be welcoming to visitors? Can we do better?

The Reeds have persisted in attendance, but when they compare this experience to their lives at (that other) CPC in Summit, they have found it more difficult to get to know people. "Could we serve coffee after worship?" they asked me. "It would help us to meet people."

Our answer needs to be about more than serving coffee. What would you say?

~Dick Johnson

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 04/30/13	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$148,003	\$170,000
Other Income	29,254	32,700
Bequests/Gifts	1,500	0
Reserve Transfer	0	0
Expenses	(192,609)	(211,396)
VARIANCE	(13,852)	(8,696)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 04/30/13	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$249,685	\$225,919
Expenses	(236,852)	(225,493)
VARIANCE	12,833	426

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



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Karen Sapio
Rocky Supinger

Church School

9:00 a.m.
(Except in Summer)

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours

Junior High Work Week 2013 June 17 -21

Claremont - La Verne Heights - San Marino - South Pasadena -
Riverside - Diamond Bar



What is it?

An amazing week of learning, fun, and service. A different service project in a different city every day, concluding with a day of surf camp on Friday.

When is it?

9:00 - 5:00
every day, June 17 -21

Who's it for?

Students who will be in 6th - 8th grades in fall 2013

What's the cost?

\$75 per person
Cost includes t-shirt and van rental for the week

How do I go?

Sign up by emailing Rocky at rsupinger@claremontpres.org. Include your t-shirt size.

CPC Performing Arts Series presents

Kathryn Lillich

Saturday, June 1 7:00 p.m.



Coloratura soprano, **Kathryn Lillich** is delighted to return to her hometown after four years away at Luther College. Along with her accompanist Janet Noll, Kathryn will offer a program of opera arias, oratorio, and art songs. Come hear "Let the Bright Seraphim" by Handel and other songs by Mozart, Bellini, Richard Strauss, and Dominick Argento. A freewill offering will be received.

Kathryn (Katy) **Lillich** will graduate Magna Cum Laude from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa this May with a BA in Music. She will begin graduate work in Vocal Performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music in Ohio this fall. She began soloing at age seven and has participated in many ensembles in Claremont, including the Claremont Children's Chorale, and Claremont High School Concert Choir, Jazz Choir and Chamber Singers. At CPC, she sang with the Sanctuary Choir, the Youth Choir, played hand bells, and accompanied the Children's Choirs. She has sung in several

choirs at Luther College including Aurora, Collegium Musicum, Cathedral Choir, and Collegiate Chorale. She was most recently seen in the opera "Orpheus in the Underworld" where she understudied the role of the goddess Diana. Kathryn is also a frequent soloist at local churches, retirement communities and civic organizations.

Janet Noll, accompanist, has earned degrees from the University of Kentucky (Bachelor of Music and Master of Library Science) and the University of Montana (Master of Music). Ms. Noll's accompanying and coaching experience spans thirty-five years, and includes work in the areas of chamber music, solo, vocal and instrumental duo work, choral ensembles, musical theatre and opera productions. She is a solo and duo pianist, harpsichordist, fortepianist, and chamber musician.



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If you are already a member of facebook, use this link, sign in to your facebook account and click on the “Like” button. (Or you can just search for Claremont Presbyterian and choose the one under “Pages.”) News feeds from CPC will now show up on your home page.

This is a great way to keep up with what is happening at CPC and to share what is happening with your friends.

Prayer Chain

If you (or a loved one) are in need of prayer, the Prayer Chain of the Presbyterian Women is there for you. 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.

Graduate Recognition

Is someone in your family graduating from high school or college? We would like to recognize them in worship on Sunday, June 9. High school graduates who are present will be recognized in the service, college grads will be listed in the bulletin. Please let the church office know the name of your graduate and the institution from which they are graduating (and the degree they are earning.)

Website Photos

Photographs are often taken at church events. These photos may be posted on the church's public website. If you object to having a photograph that may contain your image (or your child's image) posted on the church website, please notify the office in writing.