



COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

March 2015



March Worship Plans

Sunday, March 1 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday in Lent
Communion Sunday
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, March 8 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday in Lent
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, March 15 10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Lent
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, March 22 10:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday in Lent
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, March 29 10:00 a.m.
Palm/Passion Sunday
The Rev. Rocky Supinger preaching

Following Jesus through Lent

Lent is here again – a season of soul searching in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Traditionally, the account of the final hours of Jesus' life are read as Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday – or as part of a Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service.

These Holy Week readings are very meaningful – but they do not give us a chance to spend much time reflecting on each part of this story and what it might mean for our understanding and actions as followers of Christ in the World. This year, we will be using a variation of the ancient tradition of The Way of the Cross as a way of focusing our worship during Lent. In 1991 John Paul II initiated The Scriptural Way of the Cross as a more Biblically based and ecumenical version of the Roman Catholic tradition of the older Stations of the Cross. It is this guide for reflection and action that we will be using.

- 1st Station of the Cross: Jesus on the Mount of Olives (Luke 22:39-46)
- 2nd Station of the Cross: Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested (Luke 22:47-48)
- 3rd Station of the Cross: Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin (Luke 22:66-71)
- 4th Station of the Cross: Peter denies Jesus (Luke 22:54-62)
- 5th Station of the Cross: Jesus is judged by Pontius Pilate (Luke 23:13-25)
- 6th Station of the Cross: Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns (Luke 22:63-65)
- 7th Station of the Cross: Jesus takes up His cross (John 19:17)
- 8th Station of the Cross: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry His cross (Luke 23:26)
- 9th Station of the Cross: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem (Luke 23:27-31)
- 10th Station of the Cross: Jesus is crucified (Luke 23:33-47)
- 11th Station of the Cross: Jesus promises His kingdom to the believing thief (Luke 23:43)
- 12th Station of the Cross: Jesus speaks with His mother and disciples (John 19:26-27)
- 13th Station of the Cross: Jesus dies on the cross (Luke 23:44-46)
- 14th Station of the Cross: Jesus is laid in the tomb (Luke 23:50-54)

The first seven will form the basis for the sermons and liturgy for the first four Sundays of Lent. The final seven will be the basis for our Good Friday worship.

See you in church!

Pastor Karen Sapio

Sunday Morning at Nine Adult Education

Adult Education classes meet at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings

"Jesus and Jail"

February 22, March 1, 8, 15

During the first four weeks of Lent, Krista Wuertz will be teaching a class that will focus on the Doctrine of the Atonement and the prison system in the United States.



Interfaith Seder Experience

The Claremont Interfaith Working Group for Middle East Peace presents the Fifth Annual Interfaith Seder Experience: ***Our Journeys from Slavery to Freedom***, Sunday, March 29 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Islamic Center of Claremont at 3642 Garey Avenue in Pomona.

Join local faith leaders and community members in this unique opportunity to share "freedom stories" across cultures, religions and places of origin. Modeled on the Jewish Passover Seder, this inclusive event will seek to bridge that which divides us and create common ground through sharing our experiences with our neighbors.

Visit facebook.com/ClaremontInterfaithWG, email ClaremontInterfaithWG@gmail.com or call (909) 542-8150 to reserve a place.

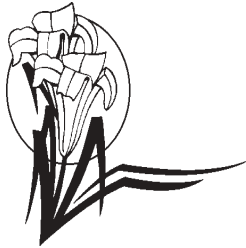
You can also join in planning and presenting this important event. Just contact as above or contact Cantor Paul at cantor@tbipomona.org.

March 8 Is Parish Sunday

Did you know that you are a member of one of eighteen "parishes" at CPC? In the church's early days, when most members lived in Claremont, members were grouped into parishes by neighborhood; each parish was assigned one Deacon, who would call on its members. As membership expanded, the parish system was changed, and parishes began to be determined alphabetically.

Now, "Parish Sunday" is an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with members of the congregation whom you may not bump into on a regular basis in your neighborhood, and for your Deacon to get to visit with you. The Deacons hope that you will be able to join them for special refreshments on the patio after worship on this year's Parish Sunday, which will be March 8.

Don't know your parish number or Deacon? Never fear, deacons will be introduced in worship and will have helpful signs at fellowship time!



Easter Lilies

The Flower Committee is preparing to decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You are encouraged to participate by donating to the traditional Easter Lilies which will decorate the Sanctuary.

Please complete and return the donation form included in this Communicator no later than Sunday, March 22.

Holy Week

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday
10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Worship

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday
Worship (time TBA)

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Worship

Junior High and Senior High

March Madness Retreat

7:00 p.m. Friday, March 20 -
Noon, Sunday, March 22

Big Bear Lake Christian Camps and
Conference Center

Cost - \$125

For more information or to register go to
<http://presbyteriancamps.wix.com/bb1>

Newcomer Orientation - March 22

If you have been visiting Claremont Presbyterian Church and would like to learn more about our congregation, we invite you to our Newcomer Orientation after worship Sunday, March 22 in our church library (the library is inside the church office.) This is a chance to find out more about our history, current ministries and vision for the future.

Sunday Mornings for Children & Youth

Each Sunday morning child care will be available for infants and toddlers up to 3 years of age during both the 9:00 and 10:00 hours.

During the 10:00 worship hour children age 4 - 5th grade will be excused from worship following the "Time with the Children" to go to the following activities:

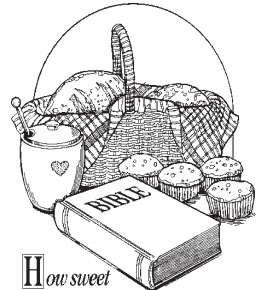
Children ages 4 - first grade will go to Godly Play from 10:15 - 10:45.

Children grades 2 - 5 will go to Music & Movement with Ms. Taylor from 10:15 - 10:45

Children grades 2 - 5 will go to Godly Play from 10:45 - 11:15.

Children ages 4 - first grade will go to Music & Movement from 10:45 - 11:15

Youth from 6th - 12th grade will meet for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.



*How sweet
are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.*
-Psalm 119:103

Bible Presentation

Each spring at Claremont Presbyterian Church we celebrate our commitment to helping the children among us grow in their faith by presenting them with a Bible of their own from the CPC community. We present these Bibles to the children during our worship service, and we have a reception to celebrate following worship. Traditionally we give children their own Bible when

they are in the third grade, but we also have Bibles for those that began worshipping at CPC after they were in third grade. If you have a child or grandchild who would like to receive a Bible from our worshipping community, please contact Krista at krista.wuertz@cst.edu. Our presentations of the Bibles and celebration of the children will be on Sunday, April 19.

Godly Play

During the month of March we will be helping the children participate in the season of Lent in preparation for Easter. We use a series of lessons called "The Faces of Easter" that teach about the life of Jesus that leads up to his crucifixion and resurrection. These lessons are designed to help

the children sense the continuity between Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection.

All children age 4 - grade 5 are encouraged to join us in Godly Play following "Time with The Children" in worship each Sunday.

Mark your Calendars - The Great Getaway Weekend – May 29 - 31 San Clemente State Beach

Join us for a fun weekend of fellowship and relaxation as we retreat the last weekend in May. We had so much fun last year we're doing it again this year! Here are the details.

When: Friday evening May 29 through Sunday lunch May 31.

Where: San Clemente State Beach (just one hour and 10 minute drive.)

How Much: \$25 a person to CPC, includes camping and Friday and Saturday dinners.

Plus \$15 per vehicle per night entry fee to be paid at the campground (if you have a State Park Pass that will get you in.)

AND if you don't like/ want to camp, the San Clemente Inn Resort is nearby. So you can come for the day, and sleep in a bed at night. You will have to make your own reservations. (Groupon often has good deals for this hotel.)

We will be taking sign-ups in April, but put it on your calendars now!



Spend Halloween/All Saints Day in Mexico!

The Community Church of San Miguel de Allende, where Pastor Karen Sapio was visiting pastor during her 2014 Sabbatical, offers a Day of the Dead tour each year. The proceeds from this event support the many local mission projects of that congregation.

The dates for the 2015 Day of the Dead Tour are: Tuesday the 27th of October through departure on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Tour guests stay in beautiful homes of North American residents and attend daily events, meals, parties, a lecture, and excursions all planned for their enjoyment and social immersion. This is a behind-the-doors experience of San Miguel that money just can't buy.

The tour includes:

- * Accommodation in a private home, one bedroom/bath per couple or single guest for 7 nights, with a host watching out for you and assisting you while on tour, as wanted
- * Transportation from the airport to San Miguel de Allende and back, with tour guests only

- * Daily breakfast with host and one main meal per day with open bar/entertainment
- * Historical walking tour of city
- * Visit to village gardening project
- * Halloween excursion
- * "Understanding the Day of the Dead" lecture
- * Day of the Dead market tour
- * Day of the Dead Altar making with cultural guide
- * Participation as a Catrina in the Day of the Dead parade
- * Musicians at events
- * Panteon Visit
- * Home & Garden Tour, Botanical Garden Tour

After years of producing this tour, the organizers believe they have arrived at the right blend of free-time and group activities for guests. There will be time daily for exploring, shopping, resting and visiting on your own. It is very easy to 'navigate' San Miguel, which is a pedestrian friendly city.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Karen.



Agenda for a Prophetic Faith Lecture Series

A program of the Pomona Valley Chapter of Progressive Christian Uniting (PCU), a consortium of various churches in Southern California focusing on prophetic action.

SUNDAY, March 1, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Chris Hedges, *Truthdig* - *The Age of Revolt*

Claremont United Church of Christ 233 West Harrison Street, Claremont, CA 91711

SUNDAY, March 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary - *Redeeming Society in a Dysfunctional Age*

Claremont Presbyterian Church 1111 North Mountain Avenue, Claremont CA 91711

SUNDAY, March 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Cecelia Tichi, Vanderbilt University - *Lessons for the Second Gilded Age (2015) from the First (1910)*

LaVerne Church of the Brethren 2425 "E" Street, LaVerne, CA 91750

SUNDAY, April 19, 7:00 p.m.

Andrew Bacevich, Boston University - *The End of American Dominance and What it Means for National Defense*

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church 724 E. Bonita Ave., San Dimas, CA 91773

THURSDAY, June 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Bill McKibben, 350.org - *Global Warming as THE American Crisis*

"Big" Bridges Auditorium, Pomona College 450 N. College Way, Claremont, CA 91711

(In conjunction with the conference: Seizing an Alternative: Toward an Ecological Civilization www.whitehead2015.com)

Series tickets for all lectures \$50, Individual tickets \$15

Low income, student and scholarship tickets available

To purchase tickets online: www.agendaforapropheticfaith.info

The Latest



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, email jcolclough@claremontpres.org or fax to (909) 624-4743.

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Church School

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

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours

Subscribe to Weekly Email

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. Go to www.facebook.com/claremontpres.

You may contact Jo Colclough in the church office at jcolclough@claremontpres.org and tell her you would like to subscribe.

Two Ways to Send Your Donation to CPC

1. By going to Paypal.com. If you have a PayPal account and you log in to your account you can send your contribution to cpcpaypal@claremontpres.org. There will be no fee to you or to CPC.

2. By going to the church website. The CPC website is www.claremontpres.org. Look under the "About Us" tab for "Giving to CPC." Then click on the "Donate" button and follow the instructions. Please note that if you send a donation to CPC using this button on the website and choose either credit card or PayPal, CPC will be charged a service fee.

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 01/31/15	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$ 42,431	\$ 41,667
Other Income	6,570	8,592
Bequests/Gifts	0	0
Expenses	(44,738)	(52,226)
VARIANCE	4,263	(1,967)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 01/31/15	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$ 58,279	\$ 58,372
Expenses	(65,587)	(58,372)
VARIANCE	(7,308)	0

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

Help with Community Meal on March 22

Our church is one of a number of congregations involved in serving meals three Sundays a month on a rotating basis: Claremont United Church of Christ, Friends Meeting (Quakers), Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Claremont United Methodist Church, Monte Vista Unitarian-Universalist and Nithyananda V. Temple, Montclair.

As you may remember, this meal program is the response to discussions more than three years ago led by members of the Interfaith Council on the question: "What can local faith communities do to address the needs of the 'homeless' (or financially challenged) in our midst?"

It's now our turn again on **Sunday, March 22**. On that date, volunteers are needed to (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.



Dinner for a Good Cause

Claremont Presbyterian Church maintains a Children's Center that provides care for children from six weeks of age to Kindergarten.

On the second Monday of each month you have an opportunity to support the 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, March 9 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.

What could be easier?

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60th Anniversary Capital Campaign *Celebrating our Past ~ Embracing New Beginnings*

Dear Friends,

We are proud to announce that the public launch of the CPC 60th Anniversary Capital Campaign will take place soon!

After church on Palm Sunday, March 29, all are invited to the gala Campaign Kick-Off Luncheon at 12:00 noon at the Doubletree Hotel, 555 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

This is a complimentary event, and children are welcome. Invitations and RSVP cards are now in the mail, and you should be receiving yours shortly. Please complete and return the RSVP card not later than March 15.

If you do not receive your invitation soon, please pick up another one at the Church office.

This will be a festive opportunity for our whole CPC family to gather together over a delicious meal and to celebrate CPC's 60 years of worship and witness.

We will also hear about the exciting plans for CPC's future, as developed over the past several years by the Campaign Steering Committee, with much input from the congregation. New Beginnings are everywhere, and you will want to have a front-row seat!

There may even be a few surprises as part of the special program, which you won't want to miss.

We're excited about the future of our great Church, even as we honor all its past accomplishments. Standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, there are new opportunities for service out ahead, calling us all to respond.

See you at the Kick-Off Luncheon on March 29!

The 60th Anniversary Capital
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Be sure to share it with your friends!

Did You Know?

Ann McIntyre, former CPC Clerk of Session who now lives in Scotland, has just published a book about her husband, Donald's life. *McIntyre's Parcel of Fine Red Herrings: a Life of Learning, Love and Laughter* is available through Amazon.com. Donald B. McIntyre was a widely respected Scottish geologist who was the chairman of the Pomona College Geology Department from 1955 - 1984. Approximately 85% of the book is in Donald's own words: writings, addresses and family notes, painstakingly brought together by Ann over the last five years.

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 contact 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.