



COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

March 2018

MARCH WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, March 4 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

John 2:13-22

Kristi Van Nostran preaching

Sunday, March 11 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

John 3:14-21

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, March 18 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

John 12:20-33

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Service

CPC Sanctuary

Mark 1:1-11

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

10:00 a.m.

Waffle Church

CPC Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer Service

CPC Chapel

Thursday, March 29 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Communion Service

Friday, March 30 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday

Community Worship Service

McAlister Center, Claremont Colleges

Holy Week 2018 at CPC

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. worship at CPC with Palm Procession

Sermon "Coats and Branches"

7:00 p.m. Service of Contemplative Prayer to begin Holy Week in the Chapel.



Thursday, March 29-Maundy Thursday

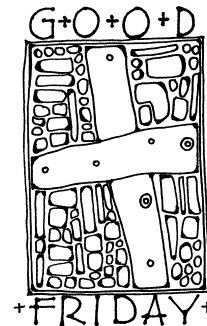
7:00 p.m. worship in the CPC Sanctuary

Communion worship will be combined with Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, GPIB Indonesian Fellowship.

Friday, March 30 - Good Friday

2:00 p.m. in the CPC Chapel, Meditations on "The Way of the Cross."

6:30 p.m. Community worship at the McAlister Center, Claremont Colleges, sponsored by local churches and the Chaplain's office.



Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service Opportunity: Volunteers from our church will serve Easter Breakfast to the staff and residents at Crossroads shelter for formerly incarcerated women.

10:00 a.m. worship in the CPC Sanctuary

Sermon "Won't Get Fooled Again"

The Sanctuary Choir will present *A Little Jazz Mass* by Robert Chilcott.

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Sunday morning Adult Education in March will be one of the Lenten Groups studying the book *Living Compassion: Loving Like Jesus*. The group will meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1.



One Great Hour of Sharing

On Easter Sunday, April 1, CPC will again take part in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our congregation's history of generously supporting this offering is well known, as Easter worship is decked with paper fish banks packed with coins collected by our children during the weeks of Lent. What may be less known are the specific denominational mission programs those brimming fish banks enable: The Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Each of these mission programs accomplishes important work that no congregation can fulfill on its own. And in times of great need, these works are needed more than ever.

Please prepare for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering by praying for those in need whom the offering helps. As we prepare, let us

take as inspiration some of the words of a song composed specifically for this occasion, "One Great Hour to Share":

*When the wind and the rain of the hurricane
left me homeless on the street*

*Did you give me clothes and shelter, did you
bring me food to eat?*

*When the Warlords came and I fled the
flames;*

*When they made me a refugee –
Did you feel my racing heart beat? Hear my
cries of agony?*

*When the heat and the sand of this barren
land left me struggling to survive*

*Did you help me find clean water, so my fami-
ly could thrive?*

*When I was lost and lonely and wandering in
despair*

*My greatest time of need was your one great
hour to share.*

Easter Morning Service Project

Join us April 1 for an early morning "service" on Easter...an Easter service project, that is. CPC will again prepare, serve and enjoy Easter breakfast with the guests and staff at Crossroads women's shelter. You can be a part of this Easter opportunity in several different ways: by helping with planning, by preparing food ahead of time, by providing flowers or table decorations, and/or by serving breakfast on Easter morning. All volunteers will be back in time for the 10:00 a.m. service at CPC, so please contact the church office if you'd like to join us.

Crossroads is one of CPC's many mission partners. Since 1974, the mission of Crossroads is to provide housing, education, support, counseling, and employment training in a homelike environment for women who have been incarcerated. The primary goal is to empower women with new skills to help them step out of the revolving door of prison and move towards economic self-sufficiency. Throughout the United States, 59% of women released from prison return to prison within three years. In contrast, 86% of Crossroads graduates are self-sustaining after six years!

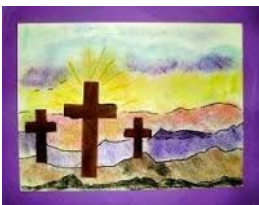
Easter Sunday Worship at CPC

Our 10:00 a.m. Easter service on April 1 will feature our wonderful chancel choir singing Robert Chilcott's *A Little Jazz Mass*.

Celebrate new hope and new life. This inspiring choral work captures the energy and joy of the day.

"Chilcott's jazz influences truly come to the fore in *A Little Jazz Mass*: the Kyrie has real groove, the Gloria swings, the Sanctus sits right back, the Benedictus hums along, and the Agnus Dei draws inspiration from the Blues. The voices are underpinned by a characterful piano accompaniment which can be played as written or serve as a guide, and bass and drums can join *ad lib*, giving the flavor of an authentic improvised jazz trio." - Oxford University Press Programme Notes.

Want to sing? The choir is rehearsing this piece every Thursday at 7:15 p.m. They would love to have new singers join them.



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.

- ◆ Youth from 6th - 12th grade will meet for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ 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 Sundays after church for lunch.
- ◆ College and Graduate School Age Drop-In Fellowship Group meets Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



Capital Campaign Completion

Nearly three years ago, after two years of planning, Claremont Presbyterian Church embarked upon its 60th Anniversary Capital Campaign. Our goal was to equip our congregation for new beginnings in ministry and community service in the decades to come. We set a financial target of \$600,000 to support these efforts.

As of December 31, 2017, the following have been received and expended:

Income

Total pledged and non-pledged gifts \$636,017.35

Expenditures

Total expenditures to date * \$623,666.61

* Includes Ministry and Mission funds not yet granted. Remaining funds will be used to complete a few outstanding Capital Campaign projects.

God has blessed us through your generosity in making this possible. Worship flows with the music of our renovated pipe organ, children gather for Godly Play in our remodeled chapel, learning and collaboration are happening in updated classroom spaces, our water-wise landscape adds beauty to the northeast corner of our campus, and every day our new solar panels collect energy from our abundant California sunshine. Our fund for New Initiatives in Ministry and Mission is already at work in new outreach efforts such as Jazz Vespers and community service to refugees from Syria.

We are full of joy and gratitude that we have achieved the goals we set forth for this campaign. As we completed these renovations, we discovered other ways in which our campus needs to be repaired, maintained and upgraded in order for it to be safe and fully functional. As we move forward, you will hear more about opportunities for contributing to further efforts to make this possible.

In concluding the Capital Campaign and its projects, we share these words from Paul the Apostle:

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

The Capital Campaign Implementation Committee:

Eric Bernal	Delores Kelley	Sacha Lord	Teddie Warner
Geri DeMasi	John Loper	Karen Sapio	

With support from
Jo Colclough & Joan Leibeck

**Waffle
Church
Sunday,
March 25
See insert!**



Nursery Supervisor Needed

Claremont Presbyterian Church is currently seeking a supervisor for its Sunday morning childcare. The hours for this position are 9:45-11:45 a.m. each Sunday morning. Occasionally additional hours are needed due to special events. The hourly rate is negotiable. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please share this information. For more information or to apply, interested persons can contact Jeanine Robertson, Chair of the Education and Leadership Commission through the church office or contact her directly by email at jrobertson4119@gmail.com.

Monday, March 12 Centering Meditation and Reiki Talk

Gain clarity and serenity by taking some time for meditation and centering prayer in our chapel from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. We will be led by Sarah Stockham, a local teacher, author, and Reiki practitioner.

Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive at Pilgrim Place on Tuesday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please call the church office at (909) 624-9693 for information about making an appointment to give blood. Be sure to bring I.D. with you when you come to donate.

Thank you!

Lenten Practices

During Lent 2018 we are exploring practical compassion – aka “Loving Like Jesus” in several ways.

Reading the Book

You may purchase a copy of *Living Compassion: Loving Like Jesus* following worship on Sunday. Copies will also be available in the church office. A limited number of copies are in the church library.

Reading the Book with Others

Groups are gathering for a close study of the book at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays in Room 1 at CPC and at 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays with Pastor Karen at Sanctuary Coffee on Foothill Boulevard in Claremont.

Soup Friday Is Back!

Where? Claremont Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

When? Fridays, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

What? A warm meal and conversation, nothing fancy

Warm up those crock pots! Soup Friday continues for a limited run through March!

If you haven't come before, soup Fridays is a chance to get together to enjoy a simple meal at the end of the work week and enjoy each others' company. Whatever you feel like bringing, whether it's soup, bread, or a dish you would like to share is great. And if you can't bring something, come anyway! We always seem to have enough.

Community Meal - Sunday, March 11

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, March 11.

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.



Talk it Over - Pass the Salt

Following worship, everyone is invited to “Pass the Salt” – a light lunch with conversation about the themes, questions and practical wisdom of that Sunday's sermon. Pass the Salt meets in Room 7 at CPC.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study



Date: Tuesday, March 13, 9:30 a.m.

Place: CPC Library

Leader: Bear Ride

Study Book: *Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews* (combining Chapters 6 & 7)

Cost for book: \$12.00 - see Pat Beswick

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. Please fill out the form included with this newsletter and return it to the church office no later than Sunday,

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 01/31/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	24,482	38,333
Other Income	6,785	8,725
Expenses	40,884	43,918
VARIANCE	(9,617)	(3,140)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 01/31/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	67,195	65,833
Expenses	61,819	65,833
VARIANCE	5,376	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 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.

Daylight Saving Time!



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 10.

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, March 12 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.



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Adult Education
9:00 a.m.

Church School
10:15 a.m.

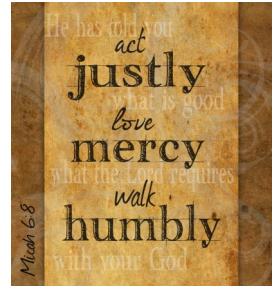
Worship
10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours

Agenda for a Prophetic Faith

2018 Lecture Series

Agenda for a Prophetic Faith is a program of *Progressive Christians Uniting* (PCU), an expression of social concern among various Christian churches in Southern California. Tickets for a single lecture are \$15.00. You may purchase tickets from Steve Sittig or at the door. For more information <http://www.agendaforapropheticfaith.com/>



Sunday, March 11, 2018 7:00 p.m.

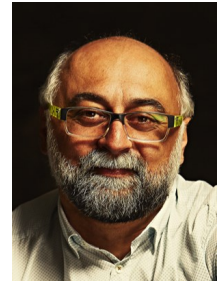
Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

Lecture: "American Muslims in the Age of President Trump"

Amir Hussain

Muslims, both within America and around the world, are the religious community that is most affected by the presidency of Donald J. Trump. Amir Hussain is both an American Muslim and a scholar of Islam in North America. Wearing either or both hats, it is clear to him that the remaining years of the Trump administration will continue to be difficult times to be an American Muslim. Professor Hussain will talk about the challenges raised for American Muslims, including issues such as travel bans, Islamophobic tweets, and administrative appointments. He will also look at the realities of Muslim life in the United States.

Web: faculty.lmu.edu/amirhussain



Amir Hussain

Sunday, April 8, 2018 7:00 p.m.

La Verne Church of the Brethren, 2425 E Street, La Verne, CA 91750

Lecture: Peter Dreier

Peter Dreier is the E.P. Clapp Distinguished Professor of Politics and chair of the Urban & Environmental Policy Department at Occidental College. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. Before joining the Occidental faculty in 1993 he worked as a community organizer, newspaper reporter, and government official (deputy to Boston Mayor Ray Flynn). He is the author or coauthor of five books including his most recent book, *The 100 Greatest Americans of the 20th Century: A Social Justice Hall of Fame* (Nation Books). He writes regularly for American Prospect, The Nation, the Los Angeles Times, Dissent, Salon, and Huffington Post and occasionally for the New York Times and Washington Post.



Peter Dreier

Sunday, April 15, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Claremont United Church of Christ (UCC), 233 W. Harrison St., Claremont, CA 91711

Lecture: "Effective Justice Indignation"

Ed Bacon

The danger in being outraged by the outrages of our times is drowning in our own anger. That leads us to play thoughtless roles in perpetuating the tribalistic polarization narrative in the United States today. There is an option that makes indignation not only righteous but effective. Explore with Ed Bacon the lessons he is learning in his new "Red state environment" in Alabama about blessing the



Ed Bacon



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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.

Interested in Becoming a Member of Claremont Presbyterian Church?

Our Evangelism & Nurture Team is hosting a New Members’ Orientation following worship on March 4. Those wishing to become members are invited to meet with Session before worship on March 11. Please speak with Pastor Karen Sapio for more information.

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.