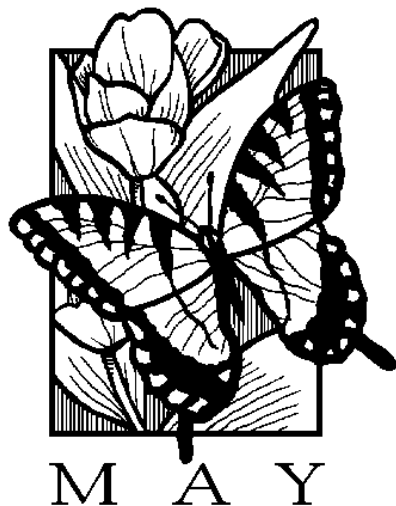




COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

May 2017



WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, May 7 10:00 a.m.

Teacher Appreciation Sunday
Act 8:26-39

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, May 14 10:00 a.m.

Mother's Day
Ordination & Installation of New Officers
Act 15:1-18

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, May 21 10:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday
Worship planned and led
by the youth of CPC
Galatians 1:13-17, 2:11-21

Sunday, May 28 10:00 a.m.

Farewell Sunday for Krista Wuertz
Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29
The Rev. Krista Wuertz preaching

From Temporary Associate Pastor, Krista Wuertz

Dear Friends,

I have known many of you since I started my ministry at Claremont Presbyterian Church and my doctoral studies at the Claremont School of Theology about seven years ago. This May, I am completing both my time with you at CPC, and also my doctoral program in Practical Theology at CST. I recently defended my dissertation entitled, "Building Resilience through Relational Practices: Imagining Intentional Christian Community for Returning Citizens in an Age of Mass Incarceration," and so I will graduate from my doctoral program in mid May. I look forward to the opportunity to share my dissertation with you during the Adult Education hour on May 14.

I am thankful for all of the life events and changes that I have had the opportunity to share with this congregation and community. Four years ago, you helped Ann and me welcome our twins into our family, and more recently you have been a part of my transition into ordained ministry.

Since I have completed the doctoral program that brought me to Claremont, our family is hoping to relocate in the next year. We are attentively listening to where God is calling me into ministry, and we are all appreciative of the opportunities for ministry that you offered over the past seven years. This community provided my children with their first sense of Christian community, and me with my first experience of ordained ministry. You have all been a part of helping us to listen and discern God's call in and on our lives, and for this we are forever grateful.

I will be happy to share more about our plans in personal conversations as we say our goodbyes together throughout this next month.

Warmly,

Sunday Morning Adult Education

There are two different options to assist adults in enriching their lives and learning on Sunday mornings at CPC.



9:00 a.m. in Room 1

“CPC Coffee & Twitter.” This program focuses on dealing with current social, political and international issues. It provides an opportunity to share our various experiences in the world to strengthen our sense of justice and love and keep us asking how to live in this world as Christians.

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| 05/07/17 | Charles Kerchner will lead the discussion on “The End of Public Education as We Know It.” |
| 05/14/17 | The Rev. Krista Wuertz will discuss her dissertation and her plans for the future. |
| 05/21/17 | TrippFuller, the founder and host of “Homebrewed Christianity” and a PhD candidate at Claremont Graduate University, will lead the discussion on the digital age and theological communication |
| 05/28/17 | No Adult Education due to the Memorial Day weekend |

11:15 a.m. in the CPC Library

A Bible study which leads people to learn more about the Bible, Christianity and its theological aspects can deepen the faith that we confess and help mature our Christian spirituality. We are using the curriculum of “Living the Word: Small Group” and “Life Mosaic” that correspond to the “Narrative Lectionary” that we are following in worship. Every week’s material will correspond to the sermon on Sundays.

If you have a question, please talk to the Rev. Dongwoo Lee. (revdongwoolee@gmail.com)

Church Staffing Update

Our church’s Personnel Committee has recently recommended and our Session has approved several actions regarding our staff here at Claremont Presbyterian Church.

Interim Associate Pastor Krista Wuertz’s twelve month term of call concludes on May 1. In consultation with Session, this has been extended through June 1 in order to conclude the Sunday School year. On May 28, Pastor Krista will preach her final sermon for us and we will celebrate her ministry here. We wish Krista, Ann, Rylan and Aidan the very best as they move toward new horizons. Session is working to ensure that there is staff and volunteer coverage for Summer Sunday School and Vacation Bible School in the months ahead.

Session has extended Parish Associate Dongwoo Lee’s contract for an additional six months, through the end of October. During this time he will continue to work with our Adult Education ministry and our collaborations with our on-campus ministry partnerships as well as working to improve and extend our on-line communications and social media profile.

The Personnel Committee has asked Pastor Karen to recruit additional temporary staff as

needed to support our ministries while the search for permanent pastoral staff is going on.

At its March meeting, Session received the report of our Staffing Strategy Team who sent representatives to give this report in person and answer questions. Copies of their report are available in the church office. Session agreed to take action on this report at their April 26 meeting. There will be an update during worship on May 7 to let the congregation know what action has been taken, and more information will be distributed in the June edition of the Communicator.

What is most important is that, even during this time of discernment and transition, our congregation has been moving forward in ministry and in new ways of reaching out to our community.

Ordination and Installation of New Officers

Join us in worship on Sunday morning, May 14 as we install new Elders and Deacons for the coming term. Those who have not previously served will be ordained as well.



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.
- ♦ Preschool Sunday School meets from 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. in the nursery.
- ♦ 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.

May 7 Is Teacher Appreciation Sunday!

Please come and celebrate the teachers in our lives, and particularly the teachers in our congregation! You are invited to take time to thank a teacher for all of the work that they do supporting the children and youth of this church and of our larger community during a special coffee hour following worship Sunday morning, May 7. We look forward to honoring our teachers both during and after our service of worship.

Youth Sunday - May 21

On Sunday, May 21 this year the youth in our community will lead us in worship. Any youth who are interested in participating in this service should contact Krista as soon as possible, as we will begin to work on this service during our regular youth group (Sundays 11:30-1:30). Adults in the congregation who would like to support the youth as they prepare to lead our community in worship are also most welcome. Please reach Krista by email at krista@claremontpres.org.



Come Hear About Krista Wuertz' Dissertation

On Sunday, May 14 in the 9:00 a.m. "Coffee & Twitter" class in Room 1, Rev. Krista Wuertz will lead a discussion on her recently completed dissertation entitled, "Building Resilience through Relational Practices: Imagining Intentional Christian Community for Returning Citizens in an Age of

Mass Incarceration." In this work, Krista uses interviews with women returning from prison after decades of incarceration to analyze the possibilities for transformative Christian community in relation to the cultural conditions that support mass incarceration.

Save the Date!!

Vacation Bible School will be

Monday - Thursday

June 26 - June 29, 2017

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.



If you are interested in helping to plan VBS this year, please contact the church office at (909) 624-9693.

Presbyterian Performing Arts Committee presents



Friday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Claremont Presbyterian Church

1111 N. Mountain Avenue

Claremont, CA 91711

'Milagros: Variations on Everyday Themes'

Join the electrifying and adventurous Del Sol String Quartet for a musical exploration of California and the Pacific Rim - commonplace tunes from diverse cultures re-imagined to reveal the transcendent. The program will include Gabriela Lena Frank's musical impressions of Peru, Ben Johnston's "Amazing Grace," and Stefano Scodanibbio's kaleidoscopic arrangement "Bésame mucho," alongside works by Terry Riley and Huang Ruo.

Community Meal - Sunday, May 14

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.

This meal program is part of the response to discussion several 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, May 14**. On that date, volunteers are needed to either

(1) prepare a food item for 20 people and bring it to Summer School by 2:45 p.m. that day or (2) help serve the meal, visit with participants and prepare "to go" boxes. May 14 is Mother's Day. Help others in honor of your mother.

If you're interested in helping out, please contact the church office at (909) 624-9693.





Renovation Completion Celebration

On Sunday, June 4, we will celebrate the completed renovation of our classrooms, chapel, and Southwest Room along with the solar panels on Fellowship Hall. This celebration will take place right after the conclusion of Sunday worship. Look for more details later in May in the church bulletin, weekly e-newsletter, website and Facebook page.

Community Wide Yard Sale

Do you like yard sales? Those interested in buying or selling toys, clothing, household items, or any curiosities have a chance to do so at the Crossroads Community-wide Yard Sale to be held Saturday, May 20. The event is scheduled to take place at Cahuilla Park, on the corner of Indian Hill and Scripps Drive, from 8:00 a.m. to noon with up to 150 vendors displaying their goods. The cost per space is \$20.00, and is non-refundable.

For more information you can call (909) 626-7847 or visit www.crossroadswomen.org

There is no fee to attend the yard sale and you might find some great deals on toys, clothing, household items, and more!

Yard Sale Volunteers Needed

Crossroads, Inc. is one of CPC's mission partners. Their mission is to assist formerly incarcerated women transition from prison to self-sufficiency.

The Claremont Community Yard Sale on May 20, 2017 at Cahuilla Park will be hosted by Crossroads and they need volunteers to help in setting up and cleaning up.

Below are the shifts and duties.

5:30 - 9:00 a.m. - Set up trash boxes, snack area, set up barricades, help vendors unload and set up their spaces, keep the public out before the sale starts.

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Help at yard sale - help buyers load their purchases into their cars, distribute snacks, collect trash bags from vendors and take to the dumpster, monitor entrance and loading areas.

12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Clean up, pick up trash, help vendors and buyers load their vehicles and take unsold items to the donation truck that will be on the grounds.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Vicki at (909) 626-7847 or email her, vicki@crossroadswomen.org.

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 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, May 8 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.



For in the one spirit
we were all baptized
into one body.

1 Corinthians 12:13



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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



Jazz Vespers

Vespers are an ancient form of evening prayer and music that has found new meaning in this time of polarization and fracturing communities. At Claremont Presbyterian Church we offer this beautiful service to the whole community, anyone who needs 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. Our theme for the evening: On a Mission.

The music will be offered by The Debbie Ebert Trio with Debbi Ebert on vocals, Richard Abraham on piano, Baba Elefante on bass and Steve Dixon on drums. All are professional musicians from the Los Angeles area with numerous credits to their names. They are provided by the California Jazz Arts Society (CalJAS) which is a 501 (c) (3) corporation whose mission is to preserve and promote jazz and other American art forms through concerts, workshops and presentations.

EAT FOR CHANGE



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center. Come in to the Chipotle at **2298 Foothill Blvd Suite C** in La Verne on **Thursday, May 18th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center.



If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

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Deadline for next *Communicator*. May 15

Jazz Vespers June 4

Another Jazz Vesper service is planned for Sunday, June 4. Look for more details in the June *Communicator* and on the church website.

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.

“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.