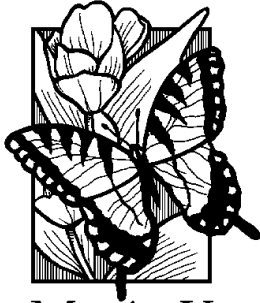




COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

May 2018



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WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, May 6 10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ordination and Installation of Officers

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, May 13 10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, May 20 10:00 a.m.

Day of Pentecost

Youth Sunday and

Volunteer Appreciation

Sunday, May 27 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Monday, May 28 7:00 p.m.

Contemplative Worship Service

CPC Chapel

Led by Rev. Tina Blair

From the Pastor

Our New Beginnings process in 2015 identified, "more opportunities for spiritual nourishment" as one of the things our congregation was longing for. Over the past several months, members and friends of the church have begun to offer new opportunities for prayer and contemplation.

Contemplative Worship: The Rev. Tina Blair has offered evening services for contemplation and reflection each month. These services last about 45 minutes and include silent prayer, reflection on scripture, meditative music, and intercessions for individuals, our community and the world at large. The next service will take place on May 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the CPC Chapel.

Morning Meditation: For those who wish to start their day with a time of centering on the divine presence, The Rev. Duane Bidwell and Elder Charles Kerchner are offering Morning Meditation each Thursday at 7:00 a.m. in the CPC Chapel. Come learn what it's all about!

Reiki Talks: Sarah Stockham, a local author and Reiki practitioner offers a time for meditation and learning on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the CPC Chapel.

For more information on each of these opportunities, please see the rest of this newsletter!

In addition to these new offerings, we continue our regular Jazz Vespers Services.

Do you have an idea for a opportunity for prayer and worship that you would like to help start? Speak to Pastor Karen or Parish Intern Kristi Van Nostran.

Contemplative Worship on Memorial Day 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Memorial Day brings flags, marching bands, twenty-one gun salutes and boisterous family picnics. Are you seeking a quieter way to remember those who have died and to pray for peace? The Rev. Tina Blair will offer an opportunity for contemplative worship and prayer in the CPC Chapel the evening of Memorial Day. Come for a time of reflection and community.

Sunday Morning Adult Education



Sunday morning Adult Education in May will include two offerings each week, one before church and one after. There will be no Adult Education Memorial Weekend, May 27.

9:00 a.m. - Room 1

May 6 - Bible Study - Ruth: Refugee and Redeemer led by Jim Butler

The story of Ruth is both familiar and charming. The bad fortunes of a family from Bethlehem are reversed by the faithfulness of a young Moabite widow, the resourcefulness of her beloved mother-in-law, and the generosity of a wealthy relative. But, as with most love stories, there is more drama here than is first apparent. Ruth is a “foreign woman,” a refugee from a particularly despised country. Naomi is by turns despairing and calculating. Boaz is intrigued, shocked, and then resourceful in dealing with family and village realities. Character studies for our times!

Each week there will be handouts and powerpoint ... but no tests.

May 13 - Bible Study - Jim Butler leads a Bible Study on the book of Ruth.

May 20 - “No Place Like Home: Migration, Forced Relocation, and the Body of Christ” led by Duane Bidwell

May 20 Is Youth Sunday

The youth (junior high and high school) of CPC will plan and lead all aspects of the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 20. You won't want to miss it. Invite your friends!

11:15 a.m. - Southwest Room

May 6 - Memoir Writing Class

May 13 - Memoir Writing Class

May 20 - Memoir Writing Class

For writers of all levels of experience. Learn more about yourself, sort it all out, write it down. Facilitator Nora Quinn, local writer, stand up comic, deacon, and attorney. Newcomers always welcome.

Bag-It Sunday – June 10

One of the many ways CPC assists the needy through the Inland Valley Hope Partners is Bag-It Sunday. After church on June 10 we will assemble hygiene kits for the homeless. As we fill each bag, we visit with one another, and appreciate having the basic necessities ourselves. Start collecting hygiene supplies now, bring them to church the week before (June 3) and plan to join us after church on June 10 to participate in this meaningful outreach to those in need.

Ways you can help include:

- ♦ Saving individual-sized hygiene articles as you travel or purchase them from the following list.
- ♦ Shopping for individual-sized hygiene supplies, such as soap, washcloths,

shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks (women's and men's), deodorant, razers, shaving cream, combs, anti-bacterial lotion (not gel), lip balm, sunblock, and snack packs like nuts, dried fruits, energy bars.

- ♦ Bringing items to CPC before June 3 so the Deacons can purchase what is needed.
- ♦ Making a monetary donation so the Deacons can purchase needed items – place in the offering plate, marked Bag-It, find the Deacons on the patio after church May 20 – June 3, or mail checks to the church, with the designation “Bag-It Sunday” in the memo.
- ♦ Joining us to assemble the hygiene kits after church on June 10.



GPIB Celebrating 7 Years

GPIB Indonesian Fellowship invites everyone to join them as they gather to praise God and celebrate their seventh anniversary on Sunday, May 6.

The worship service will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary at 1111 N. Mountain Avenue and will be followed by a celebratory meal in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend both the worship and the meal or just one or the other.

Volunteer Appreciation

Sunday, May 20 we will recognize all those who have volunteered in the Christian Education of our young people and adults. Teachers and leaders during the school year which began in September will be acknowledged and thanked. Come show your appreciation for all those who have helped to guide us along our journey to discipleship.

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.



New Officers to be Ordained and Installed on May 6

God has richly blessed our congregation with gifted people willing to serve as leaders. In worship on May 6, we will ordain and/or install the following new officers:
Elder - Jim Brashler, Bill Brinegar, Carol Sittig, Peggy Trindle and Alejandro Salas.
Deacon - Christine Kolb, Lynn Miller, Henrick Kohnen, Leanne Kerchner and Irene Atwood.

Thank You for Your Service

A sincere thank you to the following people who have completed their term of service as officers at Claremont Presbyterian Church: Elders Maya Aga, Jane Douglass, Janet Siedschlag, Delight Slotemaker de Bruine and Miles Smith. Deacons Teresa Bernal, Peter Campbell, Patricia Perry, Ron Perry and Carol West. A very special thank you to Jeanine Robertson and Nora Quinn who have completed three years of service but agreed to extend their term an extra year.

Living Waters for the World Trip to Peru

Last August the San Gabriel and Riverside Presbyteries sent a group of youth to Urubamba, a rural town about an hour from Cusco, Peru. In addition to sightseeing, our youth visited a boy's home, helped make mud bricks, set-up crafts and performed a few plays. The activities were from the Living Waters for the World (LWW) Vacation Bible School curriculum. The boy's home had a LWW water system, even though our San Gabriel group did not install that particular water purification system, we were able to build community, teach health education and create a cooperative, long term relationship by spending time with them.

The week of May 27 to June 2, we are sending another Living Waters team to Lima. The new site has been sponsored by a Rotary International grant. Rotary clubs raised funds for five new water purification systems in Lima. They asked various LWW teams to do the installation work. Our proposed site is San Mateo School, located in a suburb, San Juan de Lurigancho. The 101 team organizing logistics is Cyndie Crowell, Wendy Gist and Octavio Guerrero. The 102 team, in charge of health education, is Irene Atwood and Pat Martinez-Miller. Rob Crowell and Will Kohnen are the 103 team; they do the actual system installation with Octavio helping with translation. Rev. Twining Campbell and Don Maddox will also be joining on this trip to assist all teams as needed. The group also scopes out new locations and visits existing installations.

Under the direction of the 101 and 103 teams, the school has prepared a tiled room with electricity, plumbing to dispense water, a sink and a tank that holds purified water on the rooftop. Several months ago, Roger Denton got together with Octavio and Will to work on the floor plan, after Rob and Octavio checked on construction progress. Upon our team's arrival in Lima on Friday, May 25, after rest and a meal, part of our team will travel around Lima purchasing PVC pipes, water filters, UV lights and all the nuts and bolts from Lima's Home Depot-like hardware stores. Meanwhile, others may be found shopping for the Alternative Christmas Market items, such as angels and friendship bracelets.

The health team plans, prepares and shops for their curriculum in the States, transporting supplies in plastic boxes inside their luggage. All supplies are left behind as a donation to the school. On Monday, May 28, the water system installation and training will begin. The Health Education team will assemble teachers and will review the Living Waters curriculum with them. After that, they watch the teachers teach their classes. On the last day, the 102 team prepares a celebration for the ribbon cutting party and clean water is passed around for everyone to drink!

There is always the unexpected, many good meals, laughter and tourism. But make no mistake, a Living Waters installation is not a vacation, rather a few days of hard work with a stressful deadline to get everything operational before leaving. Prayers for all the people working on this project are appreciated as is all the support they have received from our congregation. This will be San Gabriel's 9th year in Peru, our seventh installation, and Irene Atwood's first trip as a Living Water for the World participant.

Come Build Hope - Exploring Partnership in Mexico

Our Mission Commission has been exploring the possibility of extending our work with Living Waters for the World into northern Baja in Mexico. To that end, several CPC members, along with Pastor Karen, traveled to Tijuana in March for a meeting between leaders of Mexican Presbyterian congregations in that region and leaders from San Diego Presbytery. While there, we learned of this opportunity to participate in an event with a church in Rosarito Beach, Tijuana and Solana Beach Presbyterian Church in San Diego. We hope that some of our CPC members will participate and help us continue to explore the possibility of having an international partnership close at hand.

Come Build Hope May 25-27

- ◇ Come Build Hope is an annual Memorial Day home building trip to Baja, Mexico.
- ◇ Join us as we board buses and head to Baja to build relationships, homes, and hope!
- ◇ All ages are welcome. Children 10 and under must have parents accompanying them.
- ◇ The registration cost is \$210 for each participant over 10 years old.
- ◇ Interested? Please speak to Pastor Karen Sapiro, Octavio Guerrero or Kristi Van Nostran.

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

Centering Meditation and Reiki Talk

Gain clarity and serenity by taking some time for meditation and centering prayer in our chapel Monday, May 14 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. We will be led by Sarah Stockham, a local teacher, author, and Reiki practitioner.

New Members

A warm welcome to the newest members of Claremont Presbyterian Church!

Amy and Jared Farmer

Amy and Jared moved to Claremont several years ago so that Jared could attend graduate school. Amy is a nurse. Their son Liam is in preschool. At CPC, Amy is part of the Education and Leadership Commission and Jared has led Adult Ed classes.

John and Catherine Lin

John and Catherine are busy professionals and parents to Christian, age 5. Since coming to CPC, they have enjoyed singing in the choir.

Matthew and Gabriella Rodriguez

Matthew grew up coming to CPC with his grandmother, Margie Ross. Matt and Gabriella are both nurses. They are parents to Noah, age 2 1/2 and newborn Emillia.

Susan Tenorio

Susan works locally as a Senior Advocate. She enjoys worshipping at CPC with her adult children.



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.

Community Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, May 5

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cahuilla Park, Claremont

Sponsored by Crossroads Women.

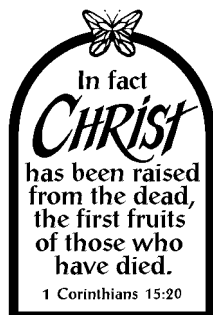
To purchase a space to sell your goods, call (909) 626-7847.

Admission is free to the public for great deals on household items, toys, tools and more!

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GOD



Presbyterian Women Bible Study



Date: Tuesday, May 8, 9:30 a.m.
Place: CPC Library
Leader: Kristi Van Nostran
Study Book: *Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews*
Everyone is welcome!

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 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 and tell her you would like to subscribe.



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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



Save the Date
Vacation Bible School (VBS) at CPC
Monday - Thursday, June 25 - 28, 2018

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 03/31/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	87,062	115,000
Other Income	16,564	26,175
Expenses	128,739	131,755
VARIANCE	(25,113)	9,420
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 03/31/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	204,250	197,500
Expenses	199,152	197,500
VARIANCE	5,098	0

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



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, May 14 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.

A SILENT FILM AND MUSIC EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY, MAY 19

7:00 P.M.

**CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1111 N. MOUNTAIN AVENUE
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- **CLASSIC COMEDY FILM SHORTS
ACCOMPANIED BY LIVE MUSIC**
- **MUSIC SELECTIONS FROM THE 20'S AND 30'S**
- **FAMILY APPROPRIATE**
- **FREE WILL OFFERING**



**JOIN US AS THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY
HOSTS OUR ISLAMIC NEIGHBORS FOR THE EVENING PRAYERS AND
THE IFTAR MEAL THAT CONCLUDES THE DAILY RAMADAN FAST
SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 3, 2018 - CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

7:00 P.M. WELCOME FOLLOWED BY KEYNOTE ADDRESS

7:55 P.M. ISLAMIC EVENING PRAYERS

8:15 P.M. FESTIVE IFTAR MEAL

Limited Seats Available with Reservation

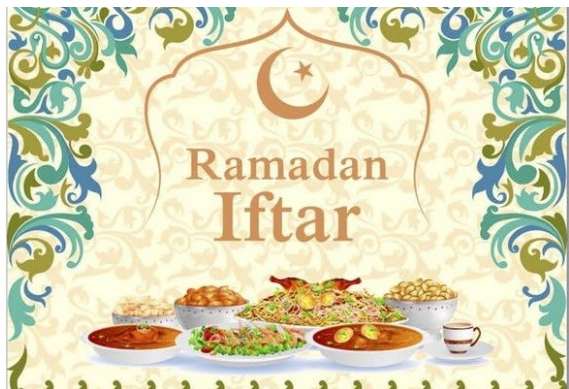
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Community Meal - Sunday, May 13

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, May 13.

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.



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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.

Graduate Recognition

Is someone in your family graduating from high school or college? We want to acknowledge them in worship on June 10. High school graduates will be called forward and college graduates will be listed in the bulletin.

Please let us know by sending an email to jcolclough@claremontpres.org with the name of your graduate, the school from which they are graduating, and the degree they are earning (in which field.) You may also call the church office at (909) 624-9693 with your graduate’s 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.