

COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

November 2016

From the Pastor

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

Mark 16:15

recent study of church trends identified the most common predictor of congregational decline. The one common factor for most declining churches is an inward focus. The report summarized, "In these churches, the ministries are only for the members. The budgetary funds are used almost exclusively to meet the needs of the members. The times of worship and worship styles are geared primarily for the members. Conflict takes place when members don't get things their way."

Vital and resilient churches, one the other hand, are outward focused. Their energy, passion and resources go toward making disciples of Christ who will make a difference in the world.

Our Stewardship theme for 2017 is *Make a World of Difference*. This focus reaffirms our congregation's commitment to look outward; to be a congregation that exists not primarily for itself but for nurturing disciples of Jesus and to make a world of difference to our community and to our world. Giving to CPC is not primarily about maintaining and institution, but about building our resources to continue proclaiming and living the good news of the gospel.

Claremont Presbyterian Church makes a World of Difference to:

- Refugees receiving care and guidance from our Refugee Concerns Team
- Youth seeking a space of welcome and acceptance at the end of a week of stress
- Children learning the gospel story as a counterpoint to the fear and anger they see around them
- Non-profits who share our space to do good in our community
- Villages in Peru building clean water facilities with support from Living Waters for the World
- Immigrant Fellowships on our campus such as GPIB Indonesian and Claremont Korean
- Housebound senior citizens receiving a Cheer Bouquet from one of our Deacons
- Over 75 families who send their infants, toddlers and preschoolers to our Children's Center
- And in countless other ways each and every day

In a few days, you will receive a card on which you can make your pledge to CPC for 2017. Please make this commitment to Make a World of Difference.



Worship Plans

Sunday, November 6 10:00 a.m.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching
"Jonah and God's Mercy"

Sunday, November 13 10:00 a.m.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching
"God Calls Isaiah"

Sunday, November 20 10:00 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching
"Jeremiah and a New Covenant"

Wednesday, November 23 7:00 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service hosted by CPC The Rev. Joel Fairley of First Baptist Church, Claremont preaching

Sunday, November 27 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent
The Rev. Krista Wuertz preaching
"God Will Deliver Us"

Sunday Morning Adult Education

wo separate programs are available which it is hoped will meet the diverse needs of the congregation. One will meet before worship and the other will meet after worship.

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.



- 11/06 Coffee and Twitter
- 11/13 Pastor Karen Sapio will speak about her recent trip to Cuba
- 11/20 Several Mission Partners who are participating in the Alternative Christmas Market will speak about their organization
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Break no class

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 will use 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. The leaders are the Rev. Karen Sapio, the Rev. Dongwoo Lee, the Rev. Mark Carlson and the Rev. Tina Blair.

Please note there will be no Bible Study session on November 27.

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

Progress in Capital Campaign Projects

Your Capital Campaign contributions are at work! Fencing is going up around the new patios off of Rooms 4 and 7. Trees Lake been trimmed, and one saved, to provide shade for activities in these lovely outdoor spaces. John Loper, project manager and CPC member, has demonstrated the patience of Job in working with the many contractors involved in the

renovation of the education wing. And CPC member Dee Kelley has recruited

generous donors who are furnishing the new spaces.

We can all look forward to many opportunities for fellowship and New Beginnings in the renovated education wing. Completion by the end of the calendar year is the goal.

All of this is only possible due to your generosity to the Capital Campaign and your faith in the future of Claremont Presbyterian Church for the next 60 years. Your timely payment of your Campaign pledges is truly taking CPC to New Beginnings.

you have questions, please feel free to contact the following people:

The Capital Campaign

Implementation Committee. Eric Bernal, Geri DeMasi, Dee Kelley, Joan Leibeck, John Loper, Sacha Lord, Karen Sapio and Teddie Warner

Environmental Stewardship. Sam Atwood, Tom Bleakney, Scott Randles, Karen Sapio and Steve Sittig

Facilities: Sacha Lord, Dee Kelley, Robin Kelley, John Loper, George and Peggy Trindle

Ministry. The Mission Commission and New Beginnings groups Music Geri DeMasi, Roger House and Karen Sapio



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 Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

College and Graduate School Age Drop-In Fellowship Group meets Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Congregational Gathering

Pollowing worship on Sunday, October 30, our congregation will gather for lunch and to hear from our 2017 Stewardship Team. Our theme for 2017 is "Make a World of Difference." The gathering will highlight the many ways CPC is making a world of difference in the lives of individuals, our community and around the globe. You will learn how your pledge in 2017 will be part of the World of Difference.

International Mission Trip for Youth and Young Adults

Judy Kohnen is organizing an international mission trip for youth and young adults this summer. She has met and discussed possibilities with some of the youth and parents, but the trip is still early in the planning stages. If you or your child (or grandchild), would be interested in traveling in late July and early August with a group from this church to Peru, please let us know as soon as possible. Please call the church office at (909) 624-9693.

Youth Bells

We want to celebrate the work that Barbara MacKenzie is doing with our youth this fall. Over the summer, some of our youth expressed the desire to learn how to play bells in a bell choir. Barbara has responded to their request by meeting with the youth regularly as a part of Sunday night youth group, and teaching youth and adults together how to play bells in the choir. Look forward to hearing them in worship soon!

Advent Event December 4

ur Artist in Residence, Jordan Nesbit, is planning and coordinating artistic experiences for our Advent Event this year. He is planning art and craft projects for all ages from preschool to adults. We invite you to join us to make an artistic representation of the Advent season to keep in your home throughout the season. Our Advent Event this year will take place on Sunday, December 4th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Community Thanksgiving Worship Service Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. Claremont Presbyterian Church

Pastor Joel Fairley, First Baptist Church Claremont, preaching Music by combined choirs of the faith communities of Claremont





Please join us when twenty-six Mission Partners converge in Fellowship Hall for our annual Alternative Christmas Market following worship on Sunday, November 20. Each partner has many stories to tell about their current efforts in local communities and around the globe. Claremont Presbyterian Church has an opportunity to lend support for those efforts as **Together We Serve** to expand God's work.

You will have the opportunity to purchase beautiful hand-made gifts from African Ministries or make a contribution to one of our Mission Partners in the name of a friend or loved one as an alternative to buying a traditional Christmas gift.

Monthly Bible Study for All

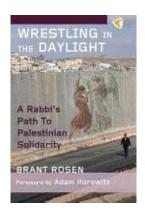
Presbyterian Women invite all interested persons (and all includes men!) to attend a Bible Study led by our own Bear Ride, former Associate Pastor at CPC, much beloved.

Who Is Jesus?
Bible Study led by Bear Ride
Tuesday, November 8 at 9:30 a.m.
Room 7
All Are Welcome
Study Guides Available, call the
church at (909) 624-9693.
On the way to Caesarea Phillipi with his

disciples, Jesus askes, "So what is the word on the streets? Who do people say I am?" The author of this study prays that in the course of the nine monthly discussions, you will find your own voice, your own answer. Who do you say that I am? Bear enthusiastically recommends this study.

Continuing to look forward, Presbyterian Women welcome all to the following event:

Book Review/Tea with Elaine Walker, Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in CPC's Fellowship Hall.





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Karen Sapio

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

> Worship 10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care available both hours

Rabbi Brant Rosen "Current Challenges in the Palestinian Solidarity Movement" Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. Decker Hall, Pilgrim Place 665 Avery Road, Claremont

Brant Rosen is currently the Midwest Regional Director of the American Friends Service Committee. He also serves as rabbi to Tzedek Chicago, a new "non-Zionist" synagogue which he helped to found in August, 2015. He is a former president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association and was the rabbi of the Reconstructionist congregation in Evanston, Illinois from 1998 to 2014. He is a co-founder and co-chairperson of the Jewish Voice for Peace Rabbinical Council. A much-sought speaker, he was named one of the Top 25 Pulpit Rabbis in America by *Newsweek* magazine in 2008.

Rabbi Rosen will speak about the evolution of his own thinking from a liberal Zionist perspective to that of an outspoken critic of Israel's unjust treatment of Palestinians, and will urge the need for continued resistance. His views put him at the center of ongoing controversy among American Jews, raising questions that concern all who seek peace and justice in the Middle East. How shall we think about Zionism, mutual recriminations of "antisemitism" and "apartheid," and growing campaigns for boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) of companies profiting from Israeli settlement construction?

Financial Highlights

ACTUAL.	BUDGET
11010112	202021
\$ 328,407	\$ 357,750
54,204	72,075
5,000	0
(406,813)	(430,321)
(19,202)	(496)
ACTUAL	BUDGET
\$ 563,790	544,197
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6,665	0
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A more complete financial report is available in the church office.

New Friendship Grow & Old Friendships Deepen Around Tables for Eight

Each fall CPC invites members and friends to sign up to be part of a Table for Eight, a small fellowship group that meets regularly for dinner and conversation. Each group sets its own schedule. Meals can happen in homes, restaurants or in a room here at the church.

A Kick-off Potluck will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 7 at CPC. If you have not yet had a chance to sign up and would like to do so, please call the church office to get your name on the list. Groups will be assigned and will meet together on the 5th to talk about their future gatherings.

Adopt a Family

Oh My!!!

To quote and old children's poem, "The time has come the walrus said to speak of many things..." It goes on to say "...of cabbages and kings." We're changing that to "packages and things."

Once again it is time for our annual Adopt a Family program. We will be providing Christmas gifts for five needy families. Our kick-off will be on Sunday, November 20 at the Alternative Christmas Market. Hurry over to our Christmas tree for the best selection of your gift ornaments. Black Friday will be just days away for your shopping pleasure.

Of course, donations of money will also be cheerfully accepted and we can do the shopping for you.

CPCC Fundraiser at El Ranchero

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, November 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.



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 ends
November 6.
Be sure to set your clock
back one hour
before going to bed
on Saturday, November 5.

Community Meal - November 27

ur 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 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**, **November 27**. 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.



The Presbyterian Performing Arts Series presents

Sunday, October 30 6:30 p.m. Claremont Presbyterian Church



The overwhelming energy and dynamic sound of this all-male chorale echo the leadership training of Mr. Steven Dahlgren. The unique tonal quality coupled with the contagiously vibrant, visual presence of these 90 young men will engage and inspire young and old alike. Combining fresh, new arrangements of contemporary praise and gospel music with classic hymns, spirituals, patriotic and folk songs, this robust group of young men presents a choral experience unlike any other.

The concert is free and open to the public.

A freewill offering will be received

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"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.

Soup Friday

Now it is easy to sign up to help at Soup Friday using the online tool. Just go to http://signupgenius.com/go/10c0a45acad2ca02-soup. You can also check to see if anyone has signed up. If there is no "Soupervisor" the group is most likely not meeting.

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.