



COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

November 2017



WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, November 5 10:00 a.m.

Psalms 118:24

Grateful: A Series on Gratitude

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

"This is the Day"

Sunday, November 12 10:00 a.m.

Lamentations 3:23

Grateful: A Series on Gratitude

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

"New Every Morning"

Sunday, November 19 10:00 a.m.

Philippians 4

Grateful: A Series on Gratitude

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

"With Thanksgiving"

Alternative Christmas Market

Following worship

Sunday November 26 10:00 a.m.

A Sermon in Dialogue

Catherine Taylor and

Kristi Van Nostran preaching

Thankful People – Running Toward Our Vision

One of the great hymns for the season of Thanksgiving begins:
"Come Ye Thankful People, Come...."

As I write this, I come to all of you with a heart full of thanks. I thank you all for your love for God, your faithfulness to serving God's people, and your dedication to being the Church in this time and place. Over and over again, I see so many of you giving your time, your financial resources, and your dreams and visions for what God is calling us to do and to be.

The theme for our Fall sermons series was, "Let's Run With It – Moving Toward our Vision." The theme for our sermons in November is "Grateful: How Gratitude Can Change the World." These two themes are connected. Truly, gratitude is the fuel that keeps us running toward our vision. Thankful hearts, thankful minds, thankful spirits and hearts, minds and spirits open to God, open to the visions God sets before us. Gratitude helps us to see the world through God's eyes – both its brokenness and its possibilities.

As we move into our 2018 Stewardship Campaign, we embrace the vision that God has given our church: to be a vessel for Gospel shaped dreams. Just as Jesus used Peter's boat as a platform to proclaim his message, we passionately believe that our church – its people, its resources, its building, its network of relationships – can be like that boat: a place where Jesus invites people to place their dreams, gifts and talents in service of the gospel.

With grateful hearts, we invite you to join us in saying 'yes' to following Jesus as together we seek faithful and courageous ways to:

- ◇ Nurture one another in life giving faith
- ◇ Tell the great story of our faith to children
- ◇ Engage young people in spiritual formation for real life
- ◇ Discover God's call for us in every stage of our life's journey
- ◇ Embody the love and justice of Christ to the vulnerable in our community
- ◇ Forge local and global partnerships that break down walls that divide and bear witness to the universal love of God.

Your pledge for 2018 will provide a foundation for the financial resources that keep us running toward our vision.

Karen Sapio

Sunday Morning Adult Education

The adult education calendar for November includes three opportunities for post-worship fellowship in our “Pass The Salt” series. Join us after the service for a light meal and heavy discussion surrounding the topic of the sermon. Note that no formal adult education session is scheduled for November 19 due to our Alternative Christmas event.



- 11/05 – 11:15 a.m. – Pass the Salt (1)
 - 11/12 – 11:15 a.m. – Pass the Salt (2)
 - 11/19 – Alternative Christmas Market
 - 11/26 – 11:15 a.m. – Pass the Salt (3)
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FALL 2017 TAPESTRY YOUTH RETREAT November 10-12, 2017

Big Bear Lake Camp

575 Prairie Lane, Big Bear Lake, Ca 92315

6th – 12th graders are welcome

Friday night dinner – Sunday breakfast

Check in at 4 p.m. Friday, check out at 11 a.m. Sunday

\$150 per student

Register online at smcc.breezechms.com/form/Tapestry

Make checks payable to: San Gabriel Presbytery.

Mail to: Pastor Erin Thomas Calvary Presbyterian Church 4495 Magnolia Ave. Riverside, CA 92501

YOU MUST BRING TAPESTRY MEDICAL FORM WITH YOU TO THE RETREAT

Come to the beautiful Big Bear mountains with your friends to experience what it means to be God's beloved ones... people who love Jesus and reach out to others in community. We will praise God and worship together, play awesome games, hear great messages and study the Bible together. Learn. Share. Grow. Together. Bring a friend! You can't miss this.

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.



Waffle Church - Sunday, November 12



Waffle church is coming back in November! Our previous waffle church worship services were a great experience, so we have decided to make this a regular form of worship at CPC. If you missed it earlier, waffle church is a child-centered family worship service that includes eating waffles and worshipping God together through story, art and music.

Waffle church is designed to respect and celebrate the enthusiasm and energy of children in worship, and it includes a lot of movement and child-centered activities – and of course

waffles!

Our next waffle church worship will be on Sunday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (There will be a traditional worship service in the Sanctuary at the same time.)

If you are able to help in the kitchen preparing waffles, please contact Catherine Taylor, Catherine.taylor@cst.edu.

Godly Play

We invite all elementary age school children to join us for Godly Play during the worship hour. Children will be excused to go to Godly Play after the Time with the Children.

This is a wonderful curriculum that engages children's wonder and budding moral imagination. Our lessons are being taught by our team of adult and youth teachers, all of whom are trained and committed to the Godly Play way of learning together.

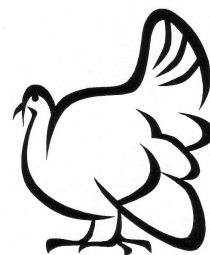
November 5	The Holy Family
November 12	Waffle Church
November 19	Preparation for Advent
November 26	Preparation for Advent

Thanksgiving Meal for the Community

The Deacons will once again be coordinating our church's support of the annual Thanksgiving Community Meal which is held at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church. Each year our congregation generously donates cooked, sliced turkey and pies to this event.

If you wish to help, turkeys must be cooked and carved, placed in freezer bags and put in the church kitchen freezer by Tuesday, November 21. Pies must be completely wrapped if homemade or in their original packaging if purchased. They should also be placed in the freezer by November 21. The Deacons will then deliver the food to St. Ambrose.

We thank you for your help!!



Save the Date - February 10 - for Presbyterian Women's Book Review and Tea

The best mystery writers do more than spin tales of suspense and intrigue. Some of the most acclaimed write books that also explore how human motives and actions affect the common good. Award winning author Louise Penny is such a writer. Her latest book, *Glass Houses*, is the selection for Claremont Presbyterian Women's Book Review and Tea on **Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.** While this is the 13th book in a series, it is an exceptional stand-alone mystery.

The featured series character, Chief Inspector Gamache, is a man with enduring family ties, fierce loyalties to colleagues and friends, and strong moral principles. Penny's books are filled with theological "allusions" and literary references. Elaine Walker and Leanne Kerchner look forward to sharing character analysis, themes, and author insights.

This title is available as a hardback, e-book or audiobook.

September Refugee Dinner Enjoyed by All

On Saturday, September 23, 2017 Claremont Presbyterian Church hosted an appreciation party for refugees with the volunteers who support their resettlement in our area. The event sold out and additional seating was placed in the courtyard patio to accommodate all attendees. The meal was prepared by a refugee family from Syria. All told, there were 35 refugee adults, 15 assorted teens and children and 95 Americans. Most refugees were from Syria, but our translator was from Iraq. He cooperated with the US Army Corps when they were rebuilding bridges in southern Iraq, and his extended family has been harassed, kidnapped and ransomed ever since.

The party was a celebration of refugees and volunteers. It was a testimony to how local non-profit groups identify and gather individuals who care about a common cause –like refugee resettlement. Claremont Presbyterian Church offered the venue at Fellowship Hall through the Refugee Concerns Committee. The American Institute for Democratic Progress paid for party supplies through a grant fund. Refugee Resettlement Team Two, (RRT#2) a grassroots, community based group of volunteers identified refugees and sent invitations out to them. That group includes members of Temple Beth Israel, working through their Social Justice Committee. A few community volunteers learned about refugee needs at Indivisible house meetings, or from other churches or colleges and universities. All this activity is based on groundwork of an earlier group formed by the Pomona First Presbyterian Church, college students and the Islamic Center of Claremont.

It was a joyful party. A cake was brought out for seven year old Malak - everyone knows the words to the "Happy Birthday" song.

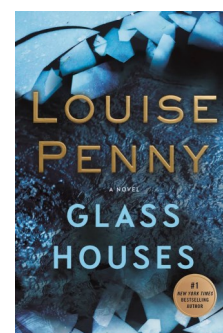
Children gleefully pulled out tickets for the opportunity drawing with donations of Syrian tablecloths, handmade boxes, and jewelry. After dinner, one of the ladies attached her iPhone to the speakers and ululated while Syrian music played and the men danced, twirling white handkerchiefs in the air. Ladies watched and clapped in merriment. Several women recorded my husband dancing and ran up to show me their videos with great amusement afterwards.

Overall, our objective is to offer a kind welcome to refugees resettling in California and to move them toward independence as they become American citizens. When refugees arrive without jobs or community contacts, they need an orientation to fill out forms, to find schools, housing, employment, doctors and ESL instruction. Volunteer support is intended as transitional help but lasting friendships form in the process.

I was thrilled to detect an emerging self-confidence and resilience in the "older" refugee families. They have made improvements in English. They feel less like strangers in a strange land because many took the initiative to invite every other refugee they knew to hang out together.

We hope to offer more community events like these in the future: picnics, presentations and good times.

Judy Kobnen





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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

At Claremont Presbyterian Church Sunday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for another evening of soulful contemplation and celebration. This gathering will highlight the theme of All Saints/All Souls - remembering and giving thanks for all who came before us to light the way. Music will once again come from the talented and inspiring Ron Kobayashi Trio with vocalist Debbi Ebert.

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 09/30/17	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	317,008	341,250
Other Income	59,092	71,250
Bequests	34,469	
Expenses	<u>(421,624)</u>	<u>(438,235)</u>
VARIANCE	(11,055)	0
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 09/30/17	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	583,533	568,033
Expenses	<u>(587,024)</u>	<u>(568,033)</u>
VARIANCE	(3,491)	0

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, November 13 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.



Banquet / Room Available
909-624-8824
984 W. FOOTHILL BLVD., CLAREMONT, CA 91711

Community Thanksgiving Worship

Each year the Claremont Interfaith Council holds a Thanksgiving worship service to which members of all faiths are invited. This year's service will be Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Beth Israel, 3033 N. Towne Avenue in Pomona. All are encouraged to attend.

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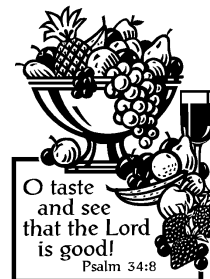
CPC has a Facebook page. Look for the Claremont Presbyterian Church page on Facebook and click on "like" to begin receiving news feeds about what is happening at CPC.

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.



Alternative Christmas Market Sunday, November 19 - 11:00 a.m.

God's wish is for nations to live at peace with one another

On November 19, 2017 the Claremont Presbyterian Church Alternative Christmas Market will be held in Fellowship Hall following worship. Come and see CPC at work in the local community and the world through our relationship with twenty-five mission partners. See the needs that exist and the opportunities available to fill those needs. Complete your shopping list through alternate giving by contributing to the work to ease hunger, want and ignorance in the local community and the world.

"Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance."
-Francis of Assisi

Centering Meditation and Reiki Talk

Led by Sarah Stockham, Claremont author, teacher and Reiki practitioner

Monday, November 6 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

In the Chapel at Claremont Presbyterian Church
1111 N. Mountain Avenue, Claremont

Everyone is invited!

Save the Date!

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 17



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Deadline for next *Communicator*: November 15

Presbyterian Women

Date: Tuesday, November 14 - 9:30 a.m.

Place: CPC Library

Leader: Bear Ride

Study Book: *Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews*

Cost for book : \$12.00 - see Pat Beswick



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.