



# COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

October 2013



## October Worship Plans

**Sunday, October 6 10:30 a.m.\***

*World Communion Sunday*

Joint worship service with  
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and  
GPIB Indonesian Fellowship

**Sunday, October 13 10:00 a.m.**

*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Luke 17:11-19

The Rev. Rocky Supinger preaching

**Sunday, October 20 10:00 a.m.**

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Luke 18:1-8

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

**Sunday, October 27 10:00 a.m.**

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Luke 18:9-14

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching  
Congregational meeting and light lunch  
following worship

**\* Please note that worship on World Communion Sunday, October 6, will begin at 10:30 a.m. to accommodate our friends from Emmanuel Presbyterian and GPIB Indonesian Fellowship.**

## From the Pastor

In the twelfth chapter of Genesis God calls Abraham and Sarah from their home and family and sends them into the unknown with this promise: **"I will bless you.....so that you will be a blessing."**

Here, in this foundational story of our faith, is a fundamental principle of how blessing works: it circulates, it flows, it comes from God to us and then moves onward from us into the world. God sums up this promise to Abraham and Sarah by declaring, "Through you will all the families of the earth be blessed."

All our discussions about Stewardship are really conversations about the flow of blessings in the world. God blesses us, and then we bless others so that the flow of blessings can continue to circulate freely. Many of our ministries here at CPC are really ways of opening new channels for the blessings of God to flow into our community and our world. Sometimes we see that flow of blessings rush off in surprising directions. Sometimes those blessings later flow back to us in unexpected ways.

This month we begin our Stewardship pledge drive for 2014. As you consider prayerfully your own pledge toward the ministries of CPC, consider how the blessings of God have flowed to you and through you in the past year. Consider how your new or continued generosity to our church can be part of God's flow of blessings into the world.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

## Congregational Meeting and Light Lunch

**Save the date Sunday, October 27!**

Join your fellow Claremont Presbyterian Church members for a light lunch and Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, October 27. The meeting will include the election of officers for the coming year, a presentation of stewardship goals for 2014 and a preliminary budget for 2014.

All are welcome with no reservations required. All members of CPC are voting members and are encouraged to participate. Friends and non-members are welcome to attend as well.

Child care will be provided.

## Adult Education

**S**unday Morning at Nine Adult Education classes and forums meet at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. In addition, there is an Adult Bible Study which meets Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

### **Marriage in Our Time: Continuing October 6, 13, 20 at 9:00 a.m.**

This six week series which began in September is exploring the state of the institution of marriage today, asking how the church is called to faithfulness with respect to cultural and legal changes.

### **Family Focus**

This group meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 7 to share faith on the journey of being family – parenting, working, learning, and growing.

### **Sunday Evening Bible Study**

This weekly study of the gospels, led by Pastor Karen Sapio, meets Sunday evenings in Room 1 at 7:00 p.m.



## No Question

Presbyterian Youth Retreat  
November 9 - 11  
Big Bear Lake



Come experience a community of young people looking to change the world.

No question: we'll dig deep.

No question: we'll play hard.

No question: we'll worship, worship, worship.

Sense of adventure required.

No question.

Who: 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders

When: 2:00 pm. 11/9 - 11:00 a.m. 11/11

Where: Big Bear Lake Christian Camp and Conference Center

Cost: \$150 for two nights lodging, five meals and t-shirt

Register: Online at [www.sangabpres.org](http://www.sangabpres.org)

Info: Rocky (909) 624-9693

## Tables for Eight

**T**he mission of the church began around a table as Jesus established a new covenant with his followers and called them be good news for the world. Our Evangelism and Nurture team is organizing Tables for Eight as a way of building community and mission in our congregation.

**Who:** Groups of 8-10 people who gather for friendship and mission. Each group sets a time to meet regularly and a mission they'd like to support.

**Why:** Because during our Season of Listening last spring we discovered that many in our congregation yearned for ways to get to know each other better.

**How:** Sign up on the inserts that will be in your bulletin starting September 29.

**When:** There will be a Kick-off Gathering on Saturday, October 19 at 6:30. All the groups

will have their own table and time to talk about future gatherings and projects.

**What:** Your Table for Eight can design its own way of pursuing community and mission according to what meets the needs and goals of its members. Some examples might include:

- A Table that meets monthly for a potluck dinner and collects food for the Beta Center.
- A Table that gathers weekly at a local restaurant and serves together at our Community Meal program.
- A Table that schedules group hikes/picnics and participates in the Deacons' Adopt-a-Family project together at Christmas.
- A Table that attends cultural events together and organizes a fund-raising concert to support one of our mission partners.

Fellowship  
and  
Mission

## Sunday Morning for Children and Youth

Sunday Mornings there are faith-nurturing activities for children in pre-school through high school all morning long.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Music and Art for grade 2 – grade 5  
Godly Play for age 4 – grade 1  
Youth 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Class  
Youth 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Class  
*Nursery care is available for infants through pre-k*

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Music and Art for age 4 – grade 1 (after Time with the Children)  
Godly Play for grade 2 – grade 5 (after Time with the Children)  
*Nursery care is available for infants through pre-k*

11:15 a.m. - noon Choir for youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school (every other week)

## Family Ministry Party

All children and youth are welcome to come to a costume party at CPC on **Friday, October 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** We will have a pizza dinner, spooky snacks, creepy crafts and dreadful drinks! You are encouraged to come in costume, but come and join the fun even if you don't want to wear a costume to the party!

We will meet in Fellowship Hall where we will enjoy games, movies, crafts and more. This time is also an opportunity for parents of CPC children

and youth to dine together at a local restaurant. This event requires an RSVP so that we can arrange age appropriate care for the children, and so that we can reserve a dining space for the adults. If your family is interested in attending this event, please RSVP at least one week in advance (by October 18) to Krista at [krista@claremontpres.org](mailto:krista@claremontpres.org). If you would like to contribute to help cover the cost of this event, we recommend a five-dollar donation per child.

## Godly Play

Our new year of Godly Play is off to a wonderful start. We have just completed a teacher training for adult and youth volunteers who will comprise our teaching teams this year. We have a wonderful curriculum, excellent teachers, and students who are eager to learn and participate in the dynamic and creative learning process that characterizes Godly Play.

We began the year in September with lessons about God's *Gift of Creation*, and the *Cirde of the Church Year* in which the children develop an understanding of the liturgical seasons. In the month of October we will focus on stories of the relationship between God and God's people that we find in the Old Testament.

Our schedule of lessons for October is as follows:

October 6: *Exodus*

October 13: *The Ten Best Ways*

October 20: *The Story of Moses*

October 27: *The Ark and The Tent.*

We have two sessions of Godly Play each Sunday morning. Children ages 4 - grade 1 are welcome to join us during the 9:00 hour, and children grades 2 - 5 come to Godly Play following "Time With The Children," during worship. If you have any questions about Godly Play, please contact Krista at [Krista@claremontpres.org](mailto:Krista@claremontpres.org).



## 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for the Hungry Sunday, October 20, 2013

Registration 12:00 p.m. Walk 1:00 p.m.

Claremont University Consortium, 101 S. Mills Ave. at 1<sup>st</sup> Street

**Why:** No one should go hungry. Join a caring community determined to make a real difference in the lives of local hungry children and families.

**How:** Obtain a registration form from Carolina Woodcock after worship or register online at [www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org](http://www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org). Collect sponsors, raise funds, come walk and enjoy yourself!



## People in the Church: Adele Anderson and Ju Koh

Adele Anderson and Ju Koh are new members who joined CPC earlier this year. Their brief biographies appear below. Among other new members are Jim and Lenore Brashler. A nice brief biography of them appears in the Pilgrim Place newsletter. The link is <http://www.pilgrimplace.org/documents/Bios.pdf>.

### Adele Anderson

Three words begin with the letter a: *Adventure, Adele, Anderson*. After interviewing Adele Anderson it may be difficult for me to keep those words separate. With her husband, Edward “Ted” Anderson, she has been in Cambodia in wartime, in Ecuador during two successful coups of government, and lived among headhunters in Burma. The biological parents of three children, she and Ted adopted four children from Asia as well. While I suspect that an adventurous spirit was already somewhere deep in her genes, the stories she told me began after her marriage to her college sweetheart, Ted, who was pursuing a career as a professor and field botanist. In the late 1950’s a Cal Tech professor persuaded Ted, then a graduate student, to study and classify cacti, particularly the peyote, a plant used in Native American religious ceremonies. Mescaline, an extract from the plant, was popularized by Aldous Huxley in *The Doors of Perception* (1954) as a drug of choice for the Beat Generation. Ted became interested not only in the plants but also the native people and their culture, and by the time he received his Ph.D. he was well on the way to becoming an ethnobotanist.

Armed with his Ph.D. Ted accepted a teaching position at Whitman College. That became his base for thirty years. But a field botanist needs to be in the field, so Ted and Adele went to Ecuador as a Fulbright Professor in 1965-66, and to the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 1969-70. When another sabbatical year approached, Adele asked Ted where he would like to go. “I like the tropics,” he replied. Adele recalled that she had recently met Konrad Kingshill at a conference of Presbyterian college presidents. His university, Payap University, in northern Thailand, seemed like a good location. So Adele wrote to Konrad, explaining that she had a Ph.D. in government, Ted had a Ph.D. in botany, and they were willing to teach for a year. Just before she enclosed the letter in an envelope, it occurred to her that her mother might want to come along. So at the bottom of the letter she added that her mother was a pianist who could teach piano. Konrad quickly replied, “We need your mother. You can teach English. Your husband can be attached to the university so he can stay in Thailand.”

To understand what happened next you must ask Adele. All I can say is that clearly Thailand and Southeast Asia captured the hearts and interests of the Anderson family. Adele’s mother



stayed at Payap University for 13 years. The Andersons returned two more times for an entire year. Ted produced a major work, *Plants and People of the Golden Triangle: Ethnobotany of the Hill Tribes of Northern Thailand* (1993). Adele herself has returned to Thailand twice a year for nearly 30 years. She visits the tribes in Northern Thailand that she and Ted came to know so well. Her many travels and experiences have given her a significant multicultural perspective on events in Southeast Asia and the world.

One evening in Malaysia Adele was just leaving their house when her twelve-year-old son, Clark, asked where she was going. “To a Christmas party at a local orphanage, where there are children who don’t have any parents.”

Clark mulled this information over in his mind for a moment, and then proposed, “Can we adopt someone?”

“Wait until we get back to Washington,” Adele immediately replied. Two years later they adopted Stephen, a Korean child. Eventually the Andersons adopted and brought to America three Asian-American children to join Stephen and the rest of their family.

You know there is much more to this story. I hope this all too brief report will encourage you to seek out Adele and join her circle of friends at CPC.

### Ju Koh

Ju Koh grew up in Seoul, South Korea, in a very devout Christian family. Her mother, who served at times as a pastor, had Ju read a chapter of the Bible each day and then discuss with her what she had read. The family prayed regularly. Ju believed that God rules the world, that God loves us and wants us to love each other. But as a teenager Ju found herself “going the other way. I was no longer devout, I was no longer meek, I fought against religion controlling me too much.” She had been an excellent student, but now her grades began to decline. When tragedy befell a high school classmate, Ju found her faith badly shaken. At that point “I disliked God and my parents’ teaching. I wanted to care for those for whom even God did not care.” Struggling, she felt lost.

One day a highly-respected professor called Ju into his office and addressed her very bluntly, saying, “You have much potential. You should plan to study abroad.” Surprised by the man’s confidence in her, Ju listened very carefully. He became her mentor. Together they planned the remainder of her studies. With a goal in mind, her grades began to improve again. When she graduated, Harvard Divinity School accepted Ju into its Master of Divinity Program. She was off to America.

Ju found Harvard both “liberating” and “challenging.” The

(see **Ju** on Page 6)







## Conscientious Projector

Conscientious Projector is a monthly gathering of mindful, passionate people coming together to screen documentaries about important current justice issues, and to discuss these viewpoints from a variety of perspectives. Screenings are free to the public. Screenings in Claremont are at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Claremont Forum, 586 W. First Street (in the old packing house.) Wednesday, October 16 the film to be screened is *I AM*.

*I AM* is an utterly engaging and entertaining non-fiction film that poses two practical and provocative questions: what's wrong with our world, and what can we do to make it better? The filmmaker behind the inquiry is Tom Shadyac, one of Hollywood's leading comedy practitioners and the creative force behind such blockbusters as *Ace Ventura*, *Liar Liar*, *The Nutty Professor*, and *Bruce Almighty*. However, in *I AM*, Shadyac steps in front of the camera to recount what happened to him after a cycling accident left him incapacitated, possibly for good. Though he ultimately recovered, he emerged with a new sense of purpose, determined to share his own awakening to his prior life of excess and greed, and to investigate how he as an individual, and we as a race, could improve the way we live and walk in the world.

## Session Digest

At its August meeting, the Session:

- Heard from Moderator of the Deacons, Bill Brinegar, about recent and planned work and service by the Deacons.
- Learned details of the NEXT Church Conference hosted here at CPC in late September.
- Voted to use a portion of the Peacemaking Offering to help member Margaret Woodcock in her upcoming travel to Israel as a delegate of the Peacemaking Conference.

Steve Sittig,  
Clerk of Session

## Welcome Andrew!

Our new church custodian, Andrew Montesinos, joined our staff on September 10. Andrew comes to us with custodial experience in both school and retail environments. He grew up in this area and now lives in Ontario with his family, including a baby son. We are excited to have him on board! Please welcome him as he becomes part of our CPC community.

## Run to Live Charity Race

[www.runtoliverace.org](http://www.runtoliverace.org)

On Saturday morning, November 9, 2013, Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center is very excited to sponsor a charity event called, "Run To Live". The event will consist of a 10k and 5k race, and a 1 mile kids' race for runners or walkers of all ages at Bonelli Regional Park in San Dimas. You may have heard of the African proverb, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." In the work we do, this adage rings true and is dear to our hearts. We are seeking to reach out to our fellow community stakeholders to provide an opportunity in which you can be part of our "village" to further nurture a loving environment for the children we serve and contribute to the welfare of children around the world.

Our vision is to use the proceeds of this event toward creating a natural playground at CPCC, which is environmentally sound and would be functional in all aspects. This specific style of playground provides for an optimal learning environment that will be cherished for years to come.

A portion of the proceeds will also go to "Living Waters for the World," which works to provide clean water to people living in areas of high poverty and low resources around the world. We strongly believe in the idea of a "global village" in helping to raise a child.

The environment of CPCC is such that we have teachers who have been part of this center for over 20 years. High school students return to the center to remember the loving environment they came from and many alumni volunteer to work with the current children because of their fondness for the center. Kaitlyn Peterson, a junior in high school and alumna says this of CPCC, "I still remember how loving all the teachers were. Every time I see one of my old teachers, I can't help but think about what an amazing experience I had." Her expression is a testimony of what CPCC is doing to be a part of our village.



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### Pastors

Karen Sapio  
Rocky Supinger

### Church School

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

### Worship

10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care  
available both hours

## JU (cont. from page 4)

courses she took involved liberation theology, feminist theology and post-structuralism. There were many new radical ideas. When she received her Master of Divinity degree, Ju felt she needed some time to reflect upon the ideas that had nearly overwhelmed her. She chose to return to Korea. She appreciated that Harvard had given her a new view of God as the instigator of progressive improvement in the world. There was room in this concept for her to recognize the existence of evil, but not to assume that God had "allowed" it. She felt more comfortable with a feeling that God was inside her and God surrounded her. She could pray to God at any time; in fact, it felt like her life itself became a prayer. However, she felt less comfortable with many of the new ideas that she had encountered. Ju wanted very much to help less fortunate people, not just engage in intellectual discussions of the ideas of intellectuals like Michel Foucault. She decided to stay in Korea and teach English writing during the week and be a volunteer helping others during the weekend.

One day her old mentor asked her to visit. In his office she told him what she was doing and that she was pleased with her path that allowed her to help others. This time her mentor exceeded even his own reputation for bluntness. "Are you crazy?" he shot at her. She was not using the potential, the talent that he knew was hers. He reminded her that God gives us talents and we

have a responsibility to develop and use those talents. The words burned into her. She knew he was right. Soon they were once again planning, this time to enroll in the Ph.D. program in Religion at Claremont Graduate University.

Now in her second year at CGU, Ju seems very happy with her studies. She is focusing on more traditional works, Augustine and Kant among others. She has no car or bike, so she walks most places, including CPC each Sunday for worship. What is next for her? Looming over the fall semester is a personal budget crisis, so she may seek to work in a Korean church to supplement her scholarship. Soon she may begin the process toward ordination in the Presbyterian Church. The future cannot be fully known, but it may include ministry, or academe, or a combination of both. In the meantime she calls her family in Korea each day to hear their voices and assure them that all is well in Claremont.

~Dick Johnson

Postscript: Seeing me in church in September, Susan Starr praised my "wonderful essay on Elaine Walker," who means much to her and husband Brad. Honesty forced me to tell Susan that the column on Elaine was the fine work of Elsie Harber, who, after much arm-twisting, has consented to write another interview in the coming months. Watch for it!



## Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 08/31/13	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$319,644	\$340,000
Other Income	49,801	65,400
Bequests/Gifts	1,500	0
Reserve Transfer	0	0
Expenses	( 394,763)	( 422,792)
VARIANCE	( 23,818)	( 17,392)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 08/31/13	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$472,197	\$451,839
Expenses	( 471,423)	(450,985)
VARIANCE	774	854

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

## Annual Project Angel Baby Shower

The Annual Baby Shower for newborns at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center will be held on **Tuesday, October 15 at Claremont Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m.** This was begun as a Mitzvah Ministry project between CPC and Temple Beth Israel about seventeen years ago. It has grown to include other local congregations.

This program through Angel Interfaith Network (formerly known as Project Angel), supplies layette items for babies who have been born into families living at or below the poverty level. Everything from diapers, undershirts, and blankets to lotions and powders have been donated by members of local churches to guarantee that these babies have the basic supplies to accompany them home from the hospital.

We will collect these items for two Sundays prior to the shower, October 6 and 13. If you have any questions please call the church office at (909) 624-9693.

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## **Prayer Chain**

If you (or a loved one) are in need of prayer, the Prayer Chain of the Presbyterian Women is there for you. 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.

## **Make Every Second Monday a Fiesta**

The second Monday of each month the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center has a fundraiser at the El Rancho Restaurant on Foothill Boulevard in Claremont. **On Monday, October 14 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.** eat at El Rancho Restaurant and tell them you are with the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center. The center will receive a portion of the proceeds and you will enjoy a delicious Mexican meal. If you prefer to eat at home you may get your food to go. Thank you for your support!

## **“Like” Us on Facebook**

Claremont Presbyterian Church has a facebook page. You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/claremontpres>.

If you are already a member of facebook, use this link, sign in to your facebook account and click on the “Like” button. (Or you can just search for Claremont Presbyterian and choose the one under “Pages.”) News feeds from CPC will now show up on your home page.

This is a great way to keep up with what is happening at CPC and to share what is happening with your friends.

## **Website Photos**

Photographs are often taken at church events. These photos may be posted on the church's public website. If you object to having a photograph that may contain your image (or your child's image) posted on the church website, please notify the office in writing.