



# COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

October 2018

## OCTOBER WORSHIP PLANS

**Sunday, October 7 10:00 a.m.**

World Communion Sunday

Sermon Series

*Road Trip! Where Jesus Takes Us*

Week 1

“Where the Children Are Blessed”

Emmanuel Ilunga preaching

**Sunday, October 14**

**10:00 a.m.**

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon Series

*Road Trip! Where Jesus Takes Us*

Week 2

“Where the Last are First”

Kristi Van Nostran preaching

**7:00 p.m.**

Evening Prayers

for Healing and Wholeness

CPC Chapel

**Sunday, October 21 10:00 a.m.**

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon Series

*Road Trip! Where Jesus Takes Us*

Week 3

“Where the Least are Great”

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

**Sunday, October 28 10:00 a.m.**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon Series

*Road Trip! Where Jesus Takes Us*

Week 4

“Where the Blind Can See”

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

## From the Associate Pastor

One month, already?! Saying goodbye to neighbors and friends in North Hills (in the San Fernando Valley) was a little sad, yet it allowed my boys and Gilbert and me to imagine and anticipate new ways of being a family and exploring new interests – seeing where God leads us. Having been Spirit-led to Claremont and CPC some newness has come in many forms; new soccer and baseball teams, new friends, new coffee baristas, new colleagues, new shops and eateries, new sights – and also a few new challenges. Our family has closed one chapter of our story and we are in the midst of writing the next. One month already...

It is hard to believe that after such a season of discerning, praying, and preparing we are just beyond the first day, and now a full month into our journey together. My family is settling more and more into the Claremont community; the boys into their schools, Gilbert into his daily routine, and I into associate pastor ministry here at the church. And our house, although temporary while we look to purchase, is becoming a home. One month already...

September was full of meeting new people and learning about the many opportunities for ministry and ways to serve here at CPC. I also went out into the city and met many of our community partners. A month is just long enough to have received delicious hospitality from the Deacons by way of home-cooked meals, warm smiles and embraces from new friends, giggles from the children at the Children’s Center, experienced beautiful worship, and prepared a place to set up shop. One month already...

One moment left an especially sweet impression on my heart and my mind. Recently on a Sunday evening I spent time with the young adults and a question was posed to those present. The question I answered was, “What is something you all should know about me?” One thing I shared was that I am a Spiritual Director. Having spent time forming my listening skills as a Director means that I have developed a great joy and sense of privilege in listening to other people’s stories. It comes from having a treasured story of my own to share.

The Spirit leads us to new adventures with both excitement and a little trepidation – all a good way to keep us looking onward and upward. I look forward to writing this new chapter with you all, to hearing your stories, and sharing mine. I invite you over the next few days to reflect on the words below written by Saint Augustine, and discern to what newness the Spirit is leading you. One month already...

You called, you cried, you shattered my deafness.

You sparkled, you blazed, you drove away my blindness.

You shed your fragrance, and I drew in my breath, and I pant for you.

I tasted and now I hunger and thirst.

You touched me, and now I burn with longing for your peace.

-Saint Augustine

## Sunday Morning Adult Education

Members and friends are cordially invited to the following Adult Education programs at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1.



### October 7 - When One Religion Isn't Enough - Rev. Duane Bidwell

Some people regularly cross religious boundaries, participating in two (or more) religions at the same time. In the process they blur social categories, evoke prejudice, and complicate religious communities. Their presence sparks questions: How and why do people become spiritually fluid? Are they just confused or unable to commit? How do we make sense of them?

This class draws on Duane's forthcoming book *When One Religion Isn't Enough*, and explores how people come to claim and be claimed by multiple religious traditions, how spiritually fluid people engage radically opposed truth claims, and what this growing population tells us about change within our communities.

### October 14 - When One Religion Isn't Enough - Rev. Duane Bidwell

### October 21 - When One Religion Isn't Enough - Rev. Duane Bidwell

**October 28 - What's at Stake in the Midterm Elections - David Menefee-Libey**, Professor of Politics; Coordinator of Public Policy Analysis at Pomona College (and CPC member.)

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## World Communion Sunday

Our preacher on World Communion Sunday will be our Seminary Intern Emmanuel Ilunga. Emmanuel is active in the United Methodist Church of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He has been involved there in ministries of evangelism and teaching.

Prior to coming to the U.S. to study for the ministry, he has been a teacher of linguistics. Our sisters and brothers from Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, GPIB Indonesian Fellowship, and Claremont Korean Fellowship will join us for worship.

## Deep Gratitude for Generous Gifts

During the summer months, our church was blessed by some gracious gifts of financial resources to address needs that arose beyond what was covered by our annual budget. One gift enabled us to install much needed new flooring in the preschool building of our Children's Center. Another gift provided for a new laptop computer for our bookkeeper's

office. We are so grateful for the generosity of these church members who heard of a need and stepped forward to fill it.

If you are interested in learning about other opportunities to meet emerging needs around our church campus, please speak to one of the pastors or to Bill Brinegar, chair of the Property and Finance Commission.

## Evening Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

This fall, on the second Sunday of each month, all are welcome to join in Evening Prayers for Healing and Wholeness in the CPC Chapel.

Led by Pastor Karen Sapio and the Rev. Dr. Tina Blair, these services will combine time for quiet contemplation with singing and a time for prayers of healing for yourself, a loved one, or a world situation that is on your heart.

Please join us on Sunday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.



## Sundays for Children and Young Adults

**Ages 0-4: Sunday Nursery:** We have a wonderful nursery director, nursery assistant and volunteers from our congregation that care for and teach our youngest children. The children in the nursery learn primarily through music and play. The nursery is open every Sunday from 9:00 – 11:15 a.m.

**Elementary Age Children (grades K-5): Godly Play:** Godly Play uses storytelling and the invitation each week for the children to respond creatively through art, music and movement to the stories they hear to help children develop a sense of the beauty, mystery and wonder that is part of learning the stories of God's movement in the lives of the people of God. Godly Play meets every Sunday morning from 10:15 -11:15 a.m. The children are invited to come to worship at 10:00 a.m., and then leave with their teachers after "The Time with the Children."

**College-age and Graduate School: Fellowship Group:** This year, we are continuing with a college/grad. school age fellowship group on Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This is a drop-in group, and it will be facilitated by a small group of adults from our staff and congregation. Any college or graduate school age young people are invited to come to this fellowship group as frequently as they are able to attend. Those who are away at college are welcome to drop in this group whenever they are back in town.



## The Next Waffle Church Is November 4!

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 4 at 10:00 a.m. in 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 the church office at (909) 624-9693.



### ***Service of Installation for Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds***

***Come celebrate with Claremont Presbyterian Church as we officially install Pastor Brian as the Associate Pastor for Outreach***

***Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.  
Right here at Claremont Presbyterian Church***

***Light reception to follow the service.***

## 2019 Stewardship –

### My Commitment Builds Gospel Shaped Dreams

The theme for the 2019 Fall Stewardship campaign is “My commitment builds Gospel shaped dreams.” It is remarkable that even with a limited pastoral staff in 2018 CPC has been blessed with the creation of new worship services, expanded mission opportunities, offered more adult education classes, and been inspired by new music because people committed to their dreams and passions to make these things happen. Commitment does build Gospel shaped dreams. Begin to think about what commitments you will make for 2019 that will support the church’s mission to embrace those in need of love, hospitality, and compassion through our outreach and in our worship.

On Sunday, October 28 there will be a kick off Stewardship presentation in the Sanctuary following worship. After the presentation we will enjoy a buffet lunch on the patio where we can share with one another our Gospel shaped dreams for our church and our community.

The fall Stewardship campaign will be led by the Stewardship group of Jim Brashler, Alejandro Salas, Dee Kelley, Saba Elyousef and John Watts. Contact them if you have any questions and watch for other Stewardship activities and presentations throughout the fall.

One way you can make your pledge for 2019 is on the CPC website, [www.claremontpres.org](http://www.claremontpres.org). Scan this code (point the camera on your smartphone at it) to be taken directly to the Giving page.



### New Faces at CPC

In addition to our new Associate Pastor, we have several other new faces on our CPC staff this fall. Let’s welcome them to our community and to the ministry we share.

#### Emmanuel Ilunga, Seminary Intern

Emmanuel is a third year student at Claremont School of Theology. He is from the Democratic Republic of the Congo where he is part of the United Methodist Church. His wife and children continue to live there while Emmanuel completes his ministry studies. During his time with us Emmanuel will be observing and assisting in many different facets of our ministry.

#### Jose Colmenares, Lead Custodian

Jose comes to CPC with over a decade of experience as a church custodian. He has worked for a Nazarene church in Pasadena which, like CPC, has a child care facility on their campus. He looks forward to getting to know our community and all the groups that use our campus.

#### Gabriel Silva, Choir Intern

Gabriel is a bass/baritone who was part of the Claremont High School Chamber singers. He has sung with our CPC choir previously for special holiday services and looks forward to being a regular part of our choir this year.

### 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

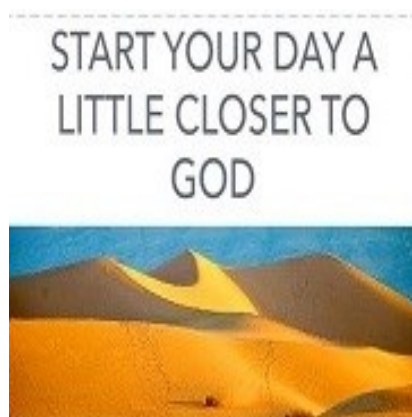
Jesus went to the desert to pray, and for centuries believers and non-believers alike have sought calm and quiet to listen to the Holy Spirit.

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

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.







## Angel Interfaith Network

This year's "Project Angel" will be on Thursday, October 25 at Temple Beth Israel, 3033 N Towne Avenue, Pomona. This annual baby shower, which support the Angel Interfaith Network, supplies items for babies born at Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center to guarantee they go home with the basic supplies they need.

Bring new, unwrapped baby items such as blankets, clothes, diapers, car seats, bottles, toys, etc.

If you cannot attend the shower but would like to donate baby items, please bring them to church by Sunday, October 21.



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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

### Book Review and Tea

Plan to join members and friends at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Review, sponsored by Presbyterian Women of Claremont Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng has been selected as the featured book. Tea and light dessert fare will be served. Donations will benefit local mission.

## Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 08/31/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	287,797	306,667
Other Income	53,450	69,800
Expenses	337,668	385,463
VARIANCE	3,579	(8,996)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 08/31/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	534,600	526,667
Expenses	538,952	526,667
VARIANCE	(4,352)	0

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

## 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](http://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](mailto:jcolclough@claremontpres.org) and tell her you would like to subscribe.

## Presbyterian Women Monthly Bible Study

Date: Tuesday, October 9

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: CPC Library

Study Book: *God's Promise - I Am with You*

Cost: for book \$12.00, see Pat Beswick

Leader: Kristi Van Nostran

All are welcome, men and women alike!

## Best Wishes Joan!

Claremont Presbyterian Church Office Manager, Joan Leibeck will be married at the end of October in Maui, Hawaii. We congratulate Joan and her soon-to-be husband, Richard Sherman, and wish the happy couple all the best.



## 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, October 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.

# All Souls Jazz Vespers

*Music for the soul   Messages for the spirit*



with the **Ron Kobayashi Trio** *featuring vocalist* **Debbi Ebert**

**Sunday October 28th, 2018 at 6:00PM**

Claremont Presbyterian Church 1111 N. Mountain Avenue, Claremont

## 10th Annual Interfaith Walk and Rally for Peace

### “One World Community/One World Family”

An Event to Promote Friendship and Understanding

Among Faiths in the Pomona Valley

**Sunday, October 21, 2018**

4:00 p.m. Opening Program at Islamic Center of Claremont

(walk departs at 4:15)

4:30 p.m. City of Knowledge Islamic School

5:00 p.m. Arrive Temple Beth Israel

6:00 p.m. arrive Claremont United Church of Christ, via Pilgrim Place

Light meal served at  
walk conclusion.

All are welcome!  
Bring the family.

Special Note: The Interfaith Working Group reminds participants that the purpose of the Walk is to promote peace and understanding in a way that transcends specific world events, and that we are committed to promoting the positive, and focusing on shared values. To that end, we ask attendees to please refrain from bringing or displaying signs or other material supporting particular factions, groups or policies, in favor of a message of unity.

Sponsored by the Inland Valley Interfaith Working Group for Mideast Peace

Those unable to walk comfortably are welcome to drive between locations.

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Deadline for next *Communicator*: October 15

## Congregational Meeting

Immediately following worship on Sunday, October 28 there will be a meeting of the congregation. Our Stewardship Team for 2019 will make a short presentation regarding plans for this year's campaign. See article on Page 5 for more information.

## "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.

## 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.