



COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

September 2014



Worship Plans

Sunday, September 7 10:00 a.m.

Season of Creation 1

Genesis 2:4-22; John 3:1-16

The Rev. Karen Sapiro preaching

Sunday, September 14 10:00 a.m.

Season of Creation 2

Genesis 3:14-19; 4:8-16; Matthew 12:38-40

The Rev. Karen Sapiro preaching

Sunday, September 21 10:00 a.m.

Season of Creation 3

Psalms 18:1-19; Romans 8:18-27

The Rev. Karen Sapiro preaching

Sunday, September 28 10:00 a.m.

Season of Creation 4

Psalms 104:27-33; Revelation 22:1-5

Guest Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Jim McDonald, President,
San Francisco Theological Seminary

From the Pastor

Kicking and Dreaming

For many years at Claremont Presbyterian Church the Sunday after Labor Day has been known as “Kick Off” Sunday. Probably inspired by the simultaneous beginning of college football season, the name signifies that we are “Kicking Off” a new cycle of church programs that are tied to the school year: Sunday School, youth groups, choir, adult education, etc. I don’t know this for sure, but I would guess that whoever came up with that name thought it would be a catchy way to highlight that particular Sunday one year, never dreaming that we’d still be hanging onto the name decades later.

In several conversations recently, some church staff and other leaders have been wondering if this name, and some of the traditions associated with it, are still meaningful. Churches today are being encouraged to rethink their identity as purveyors of religious programs and reclaim their identities as communities of faith and service. Many “anchor” programs like church school and youth groups are changing and look less and less like the large, identifiable programmatic entities of past years. Summer is not a ministry hiatus, but full of wonderful ministries such as Vacation Bible School, summer surprise, creative sermon series, the youth work trip, and many fellowship opportunities. Also, for many of us, our summer journeys and experiences can be profoundly transformative to our spiritual lives and sense of call.

We’ve been trying to think of a name for this Sunday that helps us shift our emphasis from program to community, encourages our creative rethinking of some traditional programs, and honors and celebrates the great ministry work that happens during the summer and summer as a time of growth and transformation – on a par with the supposedly “real life” that starts again in September.

We haven’t come up with a name yet. Maybe you have a suggestion! Let us know. Until then, we’ll celebrate “the Sunday formerly known as Kick Off”. (I’ll buy a coffee for anyone who gets this highly generational pop culture reference.)

Karen Sapiro

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

In worship on Sunday, September 7 we will celebrate the ways in which God has met us on our summer journey – whether we physically travelled or not! Everyone is invited to bring a small item, picture or note that represents something important that you experienced this summer. We will place those items on the chancel during the opening hymn.

Adult Education

Sunday Morning at Nine Adult Education will resume September 14 at 9:00 a.m. **September 14, 21, 28 and October 5** Tom Bleakney will lead a four week series discussing faith and the universe using clips from the TV show "Cosmos".



Family Ministry

This year in our family ministry we are focusing on family fellowship through having monthly gatherings that will bring us together for a dinner followed by an opportunity for learning together. Beginning in October, we will have a gathering one Sunday evening a month for a pot-luck dinner followed by some storytelling from our Godly Play program and music led by Ms. Taylor. We hope this will be an opportunity for families to participate in faith formation together. Everyone is welcome, so please feel free to invite friends to join in. Look for more information in the church bulletin and the October Communicator. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Krista at krista@claremontpres.org

Some Changes to Our Sunday Morning Activities for Children

This year, we have decided to try something different in how we offer faith formation education to children preschool-fifth grade. We would like to give families a Sabbath of sorts from trying to get children to church an hour before worship in order for them to participate in Godly Play and/or Music and Movement.

We have decided to try a method of teaching that will involve a lot of collaboration between the children's education and music programs, and so all children will participate in both programs following the "Time with the Children," in worship. This means that our programming for children will run until 11:15 each Sunday morning – and we hope this gives adults time to relax and enjoy fellowship with others on the patio following worship before picking up your children from their activities.

Our schedules for Godly Play and Music and Movement are as follows: Children ages 4 - first grade will come to Godly Play from 10:15 - 10:45. Children grades 2 - 5 will be in Godly Play from 10:45-11:15. When the children are not in Godly Play they will be in Music and Movement. It is our hope that each program will enrich the learning taking place in the other. If you have any questions about these changes please feel free to contact Krista at krista@claremontpres.org anytime.

Nursery Care

Infants and pre-school age children are welcome in our nursery each Sunday. We have a nursery staff and volunteers from the congregation who consistently provide excellent care for the youngest members of our church family. In September the Director of the Nursery will continue to be Caitlin McHugh, who has done a wonderful job with the children throughout the summer in her interim position. At the end of September our new Director of the Nursery will begin, and we will introduce her to the congregation and to the children mid-September.

Our nursery hours are designed to let parents participate in both the education hour from 9:00-10:00, and in worship from 10:00-11:00 each Sunday morning. Please contact Krista Wuertz, our Director of Ministry to Children and Families, if you would like more information about our nursery care. krista@claremontpres.org.

Youth Groups Starting Soon!

PYGlets for 6th - 8th graders:
Sundays from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
in the CPC Youth Room
Starts September 14!

PYGs for 9th - 12th graders:
Sundays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
in the CPC Youth Room
Starts September 14!

Sunday School for 6th - 12th graders:
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
in the CPC Youth Room
Starts September 14!

Junior High After School Group for 7th - 8th graders:
Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
at CPC
Starts September 10!

High School After School Group for 9th - 12th graders:
Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
at CPC
Starts September 10!



Sunday Mornings for Children & Youth

Each Sunday morning (beginning September 7) child care will be available for infants and toddlers up to 3 years of age during both the 9:00 and 10:00 hours.

During the 10:00 worship hour children age 4 - 5th grade will be excused from worship following the "Time with the Children"

Children ages 4 - first grade will go to Godly Play from 10:15 - 10:45.

Children grades 2 - 5 will go to Music & Movement with Ms. Taylor from 10:15 - 10:45

Children grades 2 - 5 will go to Godly Play from 10:45 - 11:15.

Children ages 4 - first grade will go to Music & Movement from 10:45 - 11:15

Youth from 6th - 12th grade will meet for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. (Begins September 14)

6th Annual Interfaith Walk and Rally for Peace

"Many Faiths, One Future"

Sunday, September 21, 2014

An Event to Promote Friendship and Understanding Among Faiths in the Pomona Valley

4:30 p.m. Opening Program and Start - Temple Beth Israel (3033 N. Towne Avenue, Pomona)

5:15 p.m. Arrive at City of Knowledge Islamic School (Garey, just South of Foothill, Pomona)

6:00 p.m. Arrive La Verne Church of the Brethren (2425 E Street, La Verne)

All Are Welcome!

Sponsored by the Claremont Interfaith Working Group for Mideast Peace

Join us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/ClaremontInterfaithWG

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

Limited transportation available after rally back to Temple Beth Israel at conclusion.

Light Communal Meal
Served at Church of
the Brethren

Heroes of Peace
Award Presented

Commemorate
International Day of
Peace

Godly Play

On Sunday, September 7, we will begin our Godly Play lessons for the year. 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. In the fall our focus is primarily on foundational stories found in the Old Testament.

This year we are doing something new. In an effort to engage as many learning styles as we can in the children's faith formation we are coordinating the stories that the children are learning in the Godly Play classroom with the music and movement that Ms. Taylor teaches the children during their time with her each Sunday. We have an excellent and experienced team of youth and adult teachers returning this year to work

collaboratively to teach the Godly Play lessons each Sunday.

We hope that your children will join us, and participate in our learning community. Our schedule this year has changed a bit (please see notice about changes in activities for children also in this issue of the *Communicator*.) Godly Play for all ages will be taught following the time with the children in worship. Children ages 4- first grade will come to Godly Play from 10:15-10:45. Children grades 2-5 will be in Godly Play from 10:45-11:15. When the children are not in Godly Play, they will be in music and movement with Ms. Taylor. If you have any questions about the Godly Play curriculum or are interested in learning more about the philosophy on which the Godly Play curriculum is based, please contact Krista at krista@claremontpres.org.

CPC Children's Music

This year we are going to explore music through movement and storytelling. We will learn and experience music based on Biblical Stories. In addition, we will explore a variety of instruments and music of different cultures. All are welcome!!!

Help Uncommon Good by Buying Healthy Produce

You can now buy Farm Fresh Organically Produced Vegetables from Uncommon Good, four days a week, at their very good super adobe building in back of the Methodist Church on Foothill Blvd. You have to be confident to get there. You can't doubt yourself. Drive between the two banks, US Bank and Pacific Western. The road hits a T by the church. Go Left. Then Right, then Right again. Park. Walk to the adobe building with the curved roof. (Stand up straight. Feel the energy of doing the right thing.)

Their hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9:00 - 5:00, Tuesday 9:00 - 7:00.

You go in the building. You think you must be in the wrong place. Then a really nice woman comes out and asks if she can help you. Instead of telling her about all of the problems in your life, just tell her you want to buy vegetables. Tell her you know Nora. I don't get referral points or anything but it will brighten her day.

I just went by and got an ENORMOUS bag of chard. It looked like it had just been picked. I was the SECOND customer ever. I think they will probably put up a plaque showing me with my bag of chard.

What is available is determined by what is in their fields in Pomona. You can call to find out

what is available because it changes every day: (909) 625-2248.

Right now there is: Arugula, Basil, Chard (not much left, ha, ha, ha,) Cilantro, Grapefruit, Green Onions, Kale (beautiful - couple of varieties), Lemons, Lettuce Mix (packaged in an interesting way. Like Chard, with the stems secured with a rubber band, but it is several kinds of lettuce), Mizuna, Peaches, Radishes (I know what that is), Squash, Tatsoi (no, I don't know what it is), Tomatoes, Turnips.

By Monday there might be a different collection of veggies. Only the Goddess Pomona knows for sure. Oh, and maybe my friend Nancy who runs the place.

It is good if you can bring bags, but not necessary. Elizabeth, the nice woman helping me, took me out to the cooler which was really cold, and we went through rubber maid tubs getting stuff out.

Uncommon Good will then do uncommonly wonderful things with your money. They mentor families transitioning from being homeless to having apartments. They find tutors for at risk children. They pay the student loans for doctors and lawyers who want to work in public clinics.

~Nora Quinn



Hygiene Kits for the Homeless

The CPC Board of Deacons is preparing for our annual "Bag-It Sunday" on **September 21** where we put together hygiene kits for homeless people who come to the Beta and Sova Centers that we support. We are looking for toiletry items (all in travel sizes) that you can pick up while you are travelling or shopping.

Some suggestions of items to bring are:

Washcloth, New Gym Socks,
Toothbrush, Toothpaste,
Emery Board, Shaving Cream,
Disposable Razor,
Kleenex Pack,
Shampoo, Conditioner,
Deodorant (men's and women's),
Comb, Dental Floss, Hand Lotion,
Sewing Kit, Band Aids



Please drop off your donations in the church office any day before September 21.

Help with Community Meal September 14



Our church is one of seven 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.

As you may remember, this meal program is 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, September 14**. On that date, volunteers are needed to (1) prepare a food item for 20 people and bring it to Summer School by 2:45 p.m. that day or (2) help serve the meal, visit with participants and prepare "to go" boxes.



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Church School

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

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours



Help Support CPCC

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, September 8 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!



New Ways to Send Your Donation to CPC

Claremont Presbyterian Church now has two new ways you may make a donation or pay your pledge, using a credit card or using a PayPal account. If you would like to donate to CPC using a credit card you may do so by going to the church website www.claremontpres.org. On the "Giving to CPC" page there is a "Donate" button. Please note that if you use this button to make a donation, Claremont Presbyterian Church will be charged a fee of \$0.30 plus 2.9% of your donation. This fee will be charged when you use this button whether you use a credit card or your PayPal account. The entire amount of your donation will be attributed to your pledge and listed on your giving statement. If you wish to add the 2.9% to offset the fee charged to CPC you are more than welcome to do so (and that will be listed as a donation as well.)

PayPal is an online payment service that allows individuals and businesses to securely transfer funds electronically. Many people use PayPal to purchase goods online or to send money to friends and family. If you have a PayPal account you may make a fee-free donation by signing in to your account and sending a payment to the email address cpcpaypal@claremontpres.org. **The church will not be charged a service fee if you make your donation this way.**

As with all donations made to the church, your information will be kept confidential.

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 07/31/14	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$ 279,398	\$ 291,667
Other Income	48,538	60,141
Bequests/Gifts	5,500	0
Expenses	(351,871)	(367,278)
VARIANCE	(18,435)	(15,470)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 07/31/14	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$ 414,168	\$ 422,633
Expenses	(430,546)	(422,633)
VARIANCE	(16,378)	0

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

Attention All Presbyterian Women

The Women's Association of CPC has undergone some changes and we'd like to take this opportunity to catch you up to date. We are being guided by a Committee consisting of Pat Beswick, who acts as Treasurer, Barbara Patch, in charge of Mission Programs, Elsie Harber, in charge of the Book Review and Carolyn Kingshill.

We have two Circles which meet for Bible Study from September - May. Circle II meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the morning in the Church Library. Circle I meets the second Wednesday in the evening at Mt. San Antonio Gardens. For more details contact Barbara Patch for the evening Circle (909) 624-5767 or Elsie Harber for the daytime Circle (909) 626-2166.

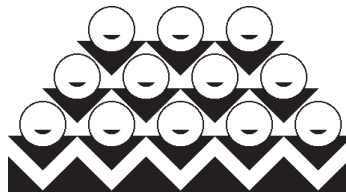
Join the Choir!

The Sanctuary Choir is starting up again for the year and we welcome any church member or friend, new or old, to join us. The choir is a fun-loving, hard-working, energetic group that loves a variety of music. Current members are always pleased when new people join the choir. No audition is required. The choir is made up of musicians of all experience levels, so you don't need to be a strong sight-reader or an experienced musician to join. All that is required is a willing spirit, and an enjoyment of singing.

Our Bible Study this year will be on "Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of II Corinthians." Starting in September there will be a training session for the Circle Bible Study on the first Tuesday of each month led by the Rev. Bear Ride. Anyone interested may attend this 9:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Church Library.

In addition to Circle meetings, we have two other events in which we participate. One is the Angel Interfaith Network Baby Shower, which will be held November 4, 2014 at Claremont United Church of Christ. The other is the Book Review, which we enjoy in February. The Book Review, which in 2015 will be our fifteenth, is led by Elsie Harber and Elaine Walker.

Our first rehearsal is **Thursday, September 4 at 7:30 p.m.** in the choir room. Our first Sunday to sing is September 7. Looking forward to learning and singing with you soon!



Newcomer Orientation

If you have been visiting Claremont Presbyterian Church and would like to learn more about our congregation, we invite you to our next **Newcomer's Orientation** after worship on **Sunday, September 14** in the church library. (The library is inside the church office.) This is a chance to find out about our history, our current ministries and our visions for the future.

The Loaves and Fishes Society: An Additional Way to Give Back to CPC

The Loaves and Fishes Society, the bequest program at CPC, provides all of us with an additional way to "give back" to our wonderful Church, in response to all that we have received.

While the annual pledge campaign provides the vital funding to support the daily operating budget of the Church, the bequest program serves long-range needs, as described in the Loaves and Fishes Society brochure. If you would like another copy of the brochure for yourself or a friend, please pick one up in the Church office – we hope it will serve as a ready guide and reference for future use.

Just as the loaves and fishes were multiplied to sustain multitudes (John 6:9), our individual bequest gifts, when combined with those of others, will have a far greater impact than any one of us could achieve on our own. Currently, thirty-two people are members of our Loaves and Fishes Society.

When you too have taken this important step, please inform one of the Pastors, any member of the Committee, or Jo Colclough in the Church office – we want to offer our hearty thanks to you, as well!



There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many?

~John 6:9

The Special Gifts and Endowment Committee
of Claremont Presbyterian Church,

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Did You Know?

Kathryn (Katy) Lillich, daughter of Stuart & Lori Lillich recently won first place in the adult category of "Candlelight's Got Talent" at the Claremont Candlelight Pavilion! Katy is an aspiring opera singer who teaches voice & piano in her private studio in Claremont as well as at a music school in Monrovia

"Like" Us on Facebook

Did you know that 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.

Be sure to share it 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.

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.