



COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

September 2015



Worship Plans

Sunday, September 6 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Blessing of Hands for Work
The Rev. Rocky Supinger preaching

Sunday, September 13 10:00 a.m.

New Beginnings Sunday
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, September 20 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Yearning to Pray and Learning to Pray:
"Praying with Scripture"
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, September 27 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Yearning to Pray and Learning to Pray:
"Contemplative Prayer"
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

That Kind of September

As summer becomes fall this year, you will notice some small and some large changes on our church campus. All of these will be signs of the progress we are making on our Capital Campaign projects.

In Mid-September our organ console will depart for a three month "spa vacation" at the workshop of Foley-Baker, Inc., Quality Pipe Organ Services in Tolland, CT. During this time the console will be rebuilt and equipped with digital controls. Our organist, Geri Demasi and choir director, Jenelle Anderson are looking forward to taking this time to use our piano to accompany worship singing as well as seeking out other instruments to enrich our worship together.

This fall will also see the start of our re-landscaping work on the north side of our campus. Andrew Bentson, our landscape architect and designer from BAM Waterwise Landscapes has advised us that November is the perfect time to put in drought resistant plants so that they can become well established before the next long dry season. In anticipation of that, we will begin to let the grass on the north side of campus die in September so that the sod can be removed easily about six weeks later to prepare for the installation of the new landscape design. Andrew hopes to have the project completed by December.

The first phase of the renovation of our Education Wing is also scheduled for September. This first phase includes Room 7 and the two bathrooms near Angell Courtyard. Project Manager John Loper reports that all bids for the plumbing work in the two bathrooms in the education wing are in and the accepted one is being signed. The bids for the new windows and doors for all the rooms are in and also being signed. We are happy to report that the bids for the air conditioning of all rooms in this area are in and within our projected costs.

Finally, Session has asked our Mission Commission to appoint a team to begin establishing some guidelines for how the Fund for New Beginnings and New Mission Initiatives will be used. Ten percent of our Capital Campaign pledges will be dedicated to providing support for new ministries and exploring new possibilities in Mission partnerships. This group will also convene its first meeting in September.

Thanks to all of you who have supported and prayed for these efforts. Keep praying for discernment and perseverance as our hopes, dreams and plans become reality.

Pastor Karen Sapio

7th Annual Interfaith Walk and Rally for Peace

"Many Faiths, One Future"

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

Sunday, September 20, 2015



4:00 p.m. Opening Program at City of Knowledge Islamic School
(Garey, Just So. of Foothill, Pomona) (Walk departs 4:30)

5:00 p.m. Arrive Temple Beth Israel (3033 N. Towne Ave., Pomona)

5:45 p.m. St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, 830 Bonita Ave., Claremont)

All Are Welcome!

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 the general message of unity.

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Contact us at ClaremontInterfaithWG@gmail.com or 909-542-8150

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

Limited transportation available back to City of Knowledge at conclusion)

Godly Play

On Sunday, September 13 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. 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. This year, some of our youth who heard the stories as children, will be teaching the stories to the children!

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 first rehearsal is **Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m.** in the choir room. Our first Sunday to sing is September 13.

Looking forward to learning and singing with you soon!

Associate Pastor Rocky Supinger's Evolving Role

On the first of September I will join the staff of the San Gabriel Presbytery in a 10 hour-per-week role as an Associate for Ministry Development. My main job will be to support the development of new leaders, new skills, and new worshiping communities within the presbytery. The CPC congregation voted to approve a change in my Terms of Call as the Associate Pastor last month to allow me to pursue this opportunity, and I am grateful.

I believe my work developing new ministries in our presbytery will have a direct impact on the work we want to do here at CPC, some of which has already begun since our New Beginnings assessment, such as an exploration already underway of forming a new worshiping community. Churches and leaders have a lot to learn about thriving as a faith community in the

We hope that your children will join us, and participate in our learning community. 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 working with our Artist in Residence. Please see a separate article on Page 5 about the Artist in Residence for the fall.

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.

Sunday Morning Nursery

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. The Director of our Nursery is an experienced teacher of young children. Ms. Marina Gonzales currently teaches pre-k at the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center, where she has taught for over ten years.

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.



Sunday for New Beginnings

On Sunday, September 13 we will celebrate in worship all of the New Beginnings that are occurring in our midst. In addition to blessing our Godly Play teachers, nursery workers and youth volunteers we will also be hearing stories of church members and friends who are developing the initial ideas generated by our New Beginnings process last spring. Come celebrate!!

era we live in, and I expect this transition will teach all of us something.

I will continue to work with youth here at CPC. I will be part of our Sunday morning program with Larry and Jeanine Robertson, and I will continue to serve a leadership role in the Tapestry Presbyterian Youth Collective that for almost five years now has connected teens at CPC to a diverse community of their peers for retreats and mission trips. Leadership of the PYG and PYGlet youth groups will shift to other individuals, both staff and volunteer, and I will work closely with them to align those groups with the larger goals of our youth ministry.

Thank you for modeling risk-taking and a spirit of connectedness to the larger church. I am privileged to serve here with you.

~Rocky

Artist in Residence Amanda Colclough

Our Artists in Residence are local artists from our community (musicians, visual artists, dancers, actors, photographers, etc.) who work with our children and youth on Sunday mornings as well as during our youth groups. Please meet Amanda Colclough who will be our Artist in Residence for the fall.

Amanda's musical exposure began at a very young age through various Inland Valley churches and the children's performing arts group, Karousel Kids. She became a professional child actress at age 11 with runs as the title role in *Annie* as well as Marta in *The Sound of Music*. Her professional performance credits include a host of private recording projects for studios in Los Angeles, most notably, Capital Records. At age 16 she was invited to sing the national anthem at Dodger Stadium where she performed for 50,000 fans. She has also

performed with groups throughout the United Kingdom and recorded at Abbey Road Studios in London.

Amanda's work with children began at Foothill Country Day School in the summer of 1999. Throughout college and on into grad school she assisted and eventually took over the FCDS Kindeready Summer Program. As her position expanded she additionally led their preschool music program and joined the annual faculty as their Associate Kindergarten Teacher through 2009.

Outside of FCDS she has taught private and group voice lessons, along with the early-childhood music program, The Music Class, at the Upland School of Music. Amanda is currently assisting in the writing and recording of the movie musical, *Matchmakers*.



Contributions to CPC Using Paypal

If you have a Paypal account you can send a donation to CPC using that account. There is a bit of a trick to it, though. When you tell Paypal to "Pay or Send Money" be sure to choose the option to "send money to friends or family." Enter the church email address as cpcpaypal@claremontpres.org. If you use the "Pay for goods or services" option, CPC will still receive the money but a fee will be deducted so the full amount of your contribution will not be received by CPC.

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

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

~John 6:9

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-one 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!



The Special Gifts and Endowment Committee
of Claremont Presbyterian Church
Eric Bernal, Tom Duggan,
Roger House, Dee Kelley,
Karen Sapio, Stan Springer,
Kent Warner, Mike Wigton

The Latest



The *Communicator* is published monthly (except in summer) by Claremont Presbyterian Church. Submissions are subject to editing for content and length. To submit an article or item for the monthly calendar, please contact the church office by the 15th of the month by telephone at (909) 624-9693, email jcolclough@claremontpres.org or fax to (909) 624-4743.

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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

Subscribe to Weekly Email

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. Go to www.facebook.com/claremontpres.

You may contact Jo Colclough in the church office at jcolclough@claremontpres.org and tell her you would like to subscribe.

Be an Usher

The word "usher" comes from a medieval French word meaning "doorkeeper." At CPC, our ushers greet those arriving for worship with a smile, a bulletin and assistance for newcomers finding their way. We are looking for some friendly people willing to join our ushering team. CPC ushers commit to serving one Sunday per month. This is a great way to get to know people and serve our community.

If you are interested in becoming a CPC usher, please let one of our pastors know.

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 07/31/15	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$ 269,930	\$ 291,667
Other Income	41,234	60,141
Bequests/Gifts	0	0
Expenses	(353,945)	(365,579)
VARIANCE	(42,781)	(13,771)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 07/31/15	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$ 418,466	\$ 408,602
Expenses	(427,452)	(408,602)
VARIANCE	(8,986)	0

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

Volunteers Needed by CLASP



CLASP (Claremont After-School Program) is a non-profit organization that offers homework help, a snack and supervised recreation to underprivileged children in the Claremont Schools.

CLASP makes a real difference in the lives of over 150 public school children; many of whom are not succeeding in school. Children are usually referred to us by concerned teachers. Volunteer tutors help the students with their homework, stay on task, answer questions, and act as a supportive mentor.

Some of our tutors will be away for the first three weeks of January. We need substitutes to fill in for them. Think about helping us out by coming to one two-hour session where you will help a student finish his/her homework.

Log on to www.CLASP4kids.org and sign up to tutor on the interactive application

Dinner for a Good Cause

Claremont Presbyterian Church maintains a Children's Center that provides care for children from six weeks of age to Kindergarten.

On the second Monday of each month you have an opportunity to support the 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, September 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. What could be easier?



Help with Community Meal - September 13

Our 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:

Crossroads Orientation

Crossroads, Inc. provides housing, education, support and counseling in a homelike environment for women who have been incarcerated. The organization's goal is to empower women to take control of their lives and to help them step out of the revolving door of prison and jail.

Crossroads will be conducting an orientation for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, considering becoming a volunteer, or just interested in learning more about what they do and the clients

"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 13**. 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.



they serve.

The orientation will be held Wednesday, September 2 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at their administrative office located at 250 W. First Street, Suite 254 in Claremont. There are actually two buildings with the address of 250. Crossroads is located in the building furthest east, next to the bus stop.

If you are interested, please call Vicki Claudius at (909) 626-7847 or email her at vicki@crossroadswomen.org.

Attention All Presbyterian Women

All the Circles for the Presbyterian Women of Claremont Presbyterian Church have merged into one group and will meet once a month. Our Bible Study for the new year (2015-16) is entitled "Come to the Waters." We will have our first meeting on Tuesday, September 8 in the Southwest

Room at 9:00 a.m. This is the Circle meeting, not a separate Bible Study preparation meeting so everyone is invited. The Rev. Bear Ride will lead the study. If you would like to purchase a study guide, please contact the church office at (909) 624-9693.

Hygiene Kits for the Homeless

The CPC Board of Deacons is preparing for our annual "Bag-It Sunday" on **September 20** 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 20.



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Deadline for next issue of the *Communicator*: September 15

Prayer Chain

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

Save the Date

October 4	World Communion Sunday
October 11	Walk for the Hungry
October 25	Congregational Meeting

“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.

Be sure to share it with your friends!