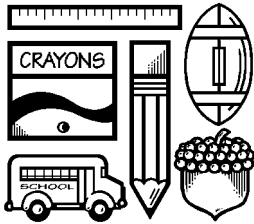




COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

September 2018



SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, September 2 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 1:14-15, Matthew 10:2-7

Summer Sermon Series

“The Gospel According to Jesus Christ”

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, September 9 10:00 a.m.

New Beginnings Sunday

Sermon Series: James - Faith in Action

James 1:22-24, James 2:1-10, 14-17

“Doers and Dreamers”

The Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds preaching

Sunday, September 16 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

James - Faith in Action

James 3:1-12

“Real News/Good News”

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, September 23 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

James - Faith in Action

James 3:13-4:8

“The Good Life”

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, September 30 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

James - Faith in Action

James 5:13-20

“Powerful Prayer”

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

From the Pastor

I am writing this just one day before my family embarks on a cross country road trip to deliver my daughter and my son to college campuses back east. I'm acutely aware that when I return to Claremont, life will be different! Family life as it has been won't be the same again. While this is a little scary, there are also many new possibilities and opportunities ahead.

As fall begins here at Claremont Presbyterian Church, life is changing as well! On September 1, The Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds will begin his ministry among us as Associate Pastor for Outreach. His arrival is the result of many months of prayer from our congregation as we prayed for new leadership, and many months of hard work by our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

Just as in family life, change is challenging, but it also holds exciting possibilities and opportunities. Now is NOT the time to stop praying, but a time for prayers to shift. As September begins, we pray for Brian and his family as they move to Claremont, for God's blessings on Brian as he begins his work among us, and for our congregation to stay open to the movement of the Holy Spirit calling us into the future with hope.

As we begin a new chapter in our life together, let us keep in mind this prayer:

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement

and even some anxiety,

We recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills

with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

Amen.

- Joseph P. Shadle

Karen Sapio

Sunday Morning Adult Education

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



September 16 - A Conversation with Brian Gaeta-Symonds, recently approved by the CPC congregation to serve as Associate Pastor for Outreach.

September 23 - PC(USA) International Peacemaker Fabienne Jean and Mission Co-worker Cindy Correll will share stories of their work and witness with the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Haiti.

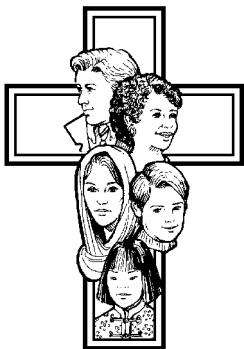
September 30 - Kristi Van Nostran, CPC Intern, will lead a discussion on supporting the vulnerable (Matthew 25).

Coming in October and November: a discussion series with Rev. Duane Bidwell based on his forthcoming book, *When One Religion Isn't Enough: The Lives of Spiritually Fluid People*; a presentation by David Menefee-Libey (professor, Pomona College) on the midterm elections; and the return of Pass the Salt. Watch for details.

Parish Sunday- September 23

The entire CPC membership is divided up into parishes. Each Parish is assigned a Deacon. Please contact your Deacon with any needs or prayer requests that you may have!

Join your Deacon and fellow parish members for coffee, conversation and treats after worship in the Fellowship Hall on September 23. We look forward to seeing you!!



| IF YOUR LAST NAME IS... | YOUR DEACON IS... | PARISH # |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Abusharr - Beswick | Mary Elyousef | 1 |
| Bidwell - Cassinelli | Carlynn Christian | 2 |
| Cave - Dick | Susan Starr | 3 |
| Dixon - Grant | Christine Kolb | 4 |
| Gross - Johns | Sally Lopez | 5 |
| Johnson - Leff | Irene Atwood | 6 |
| Legg - McCandless | Nora Quinn | 7 |
| McDonald - Nelson | Jean Perry | 8 |
| Nerheim - Rassieur | Leanne Kerchner | 9 |
| Reed - Slucter | Lynn Miller | 10 |
| Smith - Tuggle | Teddie Warner | 11 |
| Underwood - Zgorecki | Betty Butler/Dorothy Whitham | 12 |

Sundays for Children and Young Adults

In September we have learning and fellowship opportunities for infants, children and young adults. All of the activities described below will begin on our **New Beginnings Sunday, September 9.**

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.



New Beginnings Sunday

As summer turns to fall, many of our ministries begin anew. On **Sunday, September 9** we will celebrate our New Beginnings in worship. We will bless students and teachers as they begin a new year of learning together. The choir will be back in the loft and Associate Pastor Brian Gaeta-Symonds will begin our September sermon series, *James - Faith and Action* with a sermon entitled "Doers and Dreamers."

Following worship, visit the tables on the patio to learn about the various ministries of our church, then move to Angell Courtyard where we will enjoy a delicious lunch together.

Join the Choir!

There is a place for you in the CPC Sanctuary Choir!

As CPC celebrates another season of New Beginnings, we extend a warm invitation to anyone who likes to sing. Our Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m., and the choir is open to all singers of all levels - novice to advanced. If you are unsure about an ongoing or full-year commitment, please come anyway and we will find a way to accommodate you.

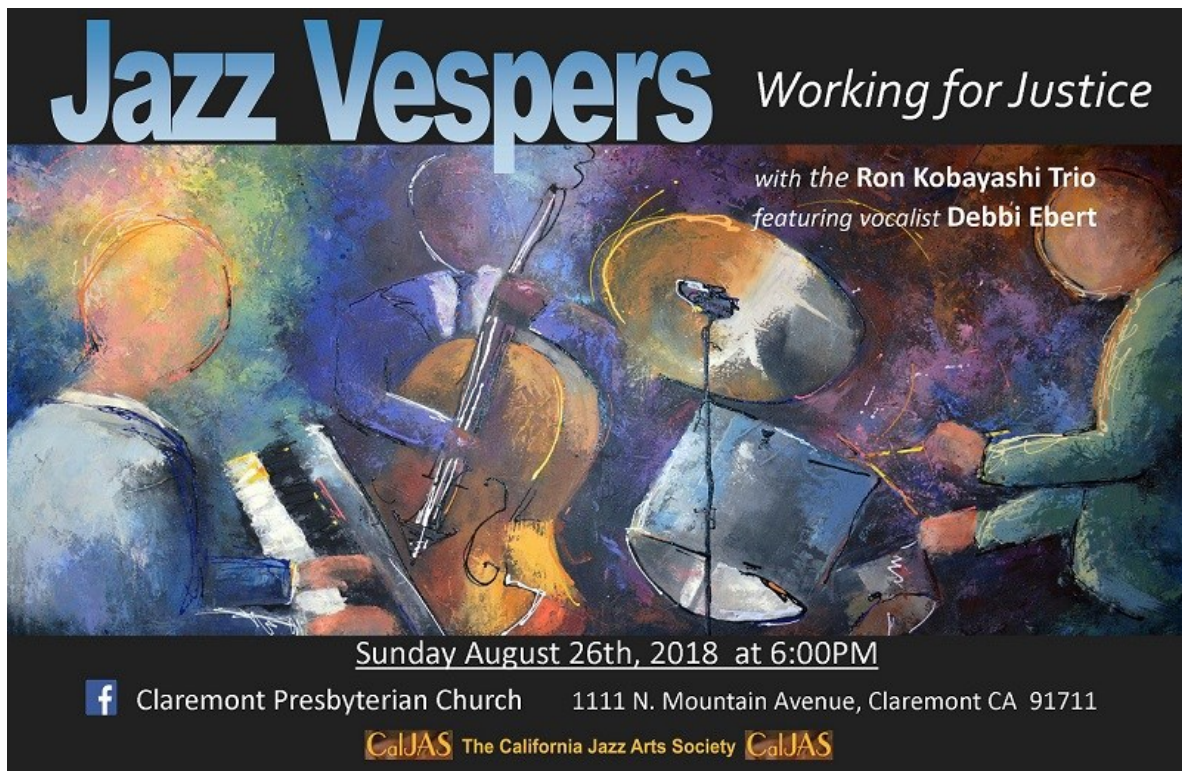
We're looking forward to an exciting year of praising God through song. Come join the Choir...you'll be glad you did!

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE

Labor Day, September 3, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Chapel

This is special service of quiet contemplation, prayer and Taizé music to help us start the fall work year with God's guidance.

Bring your hopes and your anxieties and offer them trustingly to our loving Savior.



Labor Day is coming. That got some of us at Claremont Presbyterian Church thinking, “What do we labor for?” In the Christian tradition we are encouraged to labor for justice. So this Jazz Vespers is dedicated to the people and organizations that labor for a more just world. Justice at the borders. Justice in the workplace. Justice for our planet. Justice for humanity. So come, be inspired by an evening of music, scripture and poetry in praise of justice, and the hard work that brings it into being.

The music is offered by the Ron Kobayashi Trio featuring vocalist Debbi Ebert, a group of exceptional musicians from the Los Angeles area. They come through the California Jazz Arts Society (CalJAS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established to preserve and promote jazz and other American art forms through concerts, workshops and presentations.

A free-will donation will be accepted to support the Jazz Vespers series as well as the Deacons’ Adopt a School work at Oakmont Elementary School in Claremont to provide science field trips and materials for students.

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

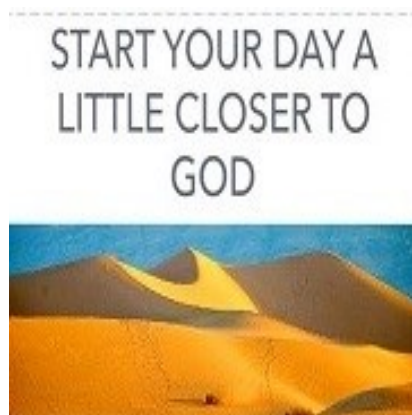
annoyances of the day and practice creating a more intimate relationship to God.

All are welcome. You don’t have to be a CPC member or regularly practice any religion to participate.

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





2018 Adopt a School Project

For many years CPC Deacons have supported Oakmont Elementary School by providing backpacks, tickets to The Nutcracker Ballet and funds for academic needs. According to Principal Jenny Adams, the greatest current need is funding toward the field study trips each class takes.

In 2009 the school became Oakmont Outdoor School, with a focus on studying the different biomes of our world. Each grade level studies one of the Biomes (forest, arctic/antarctic, grassland, desert, marine and shrub land) with outdoor experiences, culminating in field study trips from one to four days.

The Deacons' 2018 Adopt A School Project will begin in September with a presentation about the school's outdoor curriculum. Donations marked Adopt a School may be placed in the offering plate, turned in or mailed to the office, or given to a Deacon after church in September.



Financial Highlights

| CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 07/31/18 | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|---|---------|---------|
| Pledges | 252,640 | 268,333 |
| Other Income | 48,028 | 61,075 |
| Expenses | 291,865 | 334,721 |
| VARIANCE | 8,803 | (5,313) |
| CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 07/31/18 | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
| Revenue | 471,772 | 460,833 |
| Expenses | 463,575 | 460,833 |
| VARIANCE | 8,197 | 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 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 and tell her you would like to subscribe.

Presbyterian Women Monthly Bible Study

Date: Tuesday, September 11,

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: Karen Sapio (filling in for Kristi Van Nostran)

All are welcome, men and women alike!



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, September 10 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.

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 or email jcolclough@claremontpres.org.

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Karen Sapio

Adult Education
9:00 a.m.

Church School
10:15 a.m.

Worship
10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours

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?*

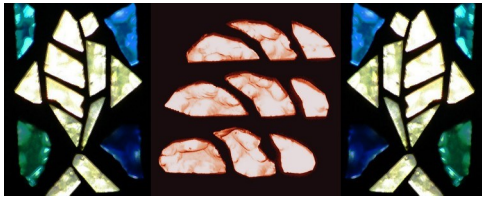
~John 6:9

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 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, Roger House,
Dee Kelley, Kent Miller,
Karen Sapio, Stan Springer,
Kent Warner, Mike Wigton

Spiritual Practices for Changing the World

A Retreat Offered by

Companions on the Inner Way and Claremont Presbyterian Church

September 28-30, 2018

Claremont Presbyterian Church • 1111 N Mountain Avenue • Claremont, CA 91711

Keynote Speaker - Dr. Lisa Fullam

Lisa Fullam is Associate Professor of Moral



Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University. Her research interests include the intersection of ethics and spirituality, and Ignatian spirituality. In 2008, she climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. The view

from the top is just glorious! She is married to John Mabry and has been our speaker at previous Companions Retreats.

Friday - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday - 8:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Each day includes presentations and dialogue with Dr. Lisa Fullam, small group community around spiritual reading, corporate and individual times of silence and contemplation, worship, and communing with God through movement, art, and nature.

Cost \$75 includes all activities plus Saturday and Sunday lunch. Dinner Saturday is on your own.

Register online at www.claremontpres.org or call the church office at 909-624-9693.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jeff Gaines



Ms. Luba Kravchenko



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Deadline for next *Communicator*: September 15

Presbytery Meeting

Everyone is encouraged to attend the next meeting of the Presbytery of San Gabriel on September 15 at Calvary Presbyterian Church in South Pasadena. Our new Associate Pastor for Outreach, the Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds, will be received into the Presbytery. Call the church office or check the Presbytery website www.sangabpres.org for more details.

“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.