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One Great Hour of Sharing and Humanitarian Relief for Ukraine

Each Easter Claremont Presbyterian Church participates in One Great Hour of Sharing. For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

During this time of crisis in Ukraine, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is actively reaching out to our partners in the region to provide humanitarian assistance. Mission Agency and PDA staff reported in March:

“We are grateful for the outpouring of prayers and calls from congregations and individuals asking how they can help. As the violence continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority as PDA is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and oth-

Upcoming Worship

Sunday worship services are in-person and accessible through Facebook Live
(facebook.com/claremontpres)

Sunday, April 3, 10:00 AM

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Communion Sunday

Guest Preacher - John Pavlovitz

Sunday, April 10, 10:00 AM

Palm Sunday

Being Human with Jesus

Luke 19:28-40

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Thursday, April 14, 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday

Worship with Communion

Friday, April 15, 12:00 PM

Good Friday

Community Good Friday Service at Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church

Friday, April 15, 3:00 PM

Good Friday Labyrinth Walk

Sunday, April 17, 8:00 AM

Sunrise Worship with Emmanuel Presbyterian Church on Church Lawn

Sunday, April 17, 10 AM

Easter

Luke 24:13-49

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 PM

The Village Dinner Church

Sunday, April 24, 10:00 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

er countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Funds are being used for emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc. “

You may give to One Great Hour of Sharing by a contribution to Claremont Presbyterian with OGHS in the memo line of check or electronic transfer. You may also donate online at pcusa.org/give-oghs

By supporting OGHS, you are contributing to Presbyterian efforts to respond to Ukraine and other crises around the world.

Karen Sapio

Fill the Red Wheelbarrow... and more

As a continuation of CPC’s red wheelbarrow project and our ongoing support for Inland Valley Hope Partners, the Board of Deacons will be sponsoring a personal hygiene drive to benefit Inland Valley Hope Partners as part of Sunday worship and coffee hour on May 1.

Any personal hygiene products of any size (travel, personal, or family) are welcome and may be dropped off on the patio before or after worship. Small items will be packaged into individual hygiene bags to offer to the unhoused. All other items will be available to support regular clients of IVHP, which is still experiencing a significant increase in need over past years.

Suggested items for donation include soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, hand sanitizer, and lip balm, along with razors, toilet paper, Kleenex, tampons, toothbrushes, dental floss, combs, hair brushes, Band-Aides, etc. Also welcome are basic cleaning supplies such as dish soap, laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, bleach wipes, and paper towels. We also welcome your collection of individually packaged utensils. No diapers or formula please. Diapers and formula are supported by an ongoing program and are not a specific need at this time.

If you are not able to attend in person worship on May 1 and would still like to participate, donations may be dropped off in the red wheelbarrow in the Narthax any time before the drive or in the church office during regular office hours between now and Sunday, May 1. In addition, you may contact Karee Galloway (kjgalloway@gmail.com) to schedule a pick-up from your home.

And of course monetary donations for Inland Valley Hope Partners are always welcome and needed. You can make a tax-deductible, monetary donation to support Inland Valley Hope Partners (onlineinlandvalley-hopepartners.org) or by mail. (Checks may be addressed to Inland Valley Hope Partners, 1753 N. Park Ave. Pomona CA 91768).

The deacons continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity of our worshipping community, especially in the last two years. Thank you for your continued support!

April Family Outing

For the CPC Family Outing on Sunday, April 24 we will return to the Planes of Fame Museum in Chino. We have a group tour scheduled shortly after meeting up at 1:45 PM. Tickets will be purchased upon arrival, no need to reserve ahead of time. Please know that we understand that many are taking extra precautions to remain safe during this Omicron surge, and so we completely appreciate it if you and your family have decided to sit out this activity. We will look forward to seeing you at upcoming activities. Please let Pastor Brian or Catherine Lin know if you have any questions. The museum can be located at 1498 Cal Aero Dr, Chino, CA 91710. Tickets: Adults \$12, kids \$4

Family Camp – Save-The-Date!

This year Family Camp will return to the Big Bear Lake Conference Center on May 28-30. Imagine it... hot showers, wi-fi, electricity, all your food is paid for and meals prepared!!

With gas prices rising and the increasing cost to go camping, we wanted to offer an opportunity to get away, closer to home and enjoy the amenities while being able to step out the doorstep and into nature.

Participants ages 16 and up = \$135. Participants ages 15 and younger = \$100. Children 2 years and younger are Free. Scholarships available.

Register with pastor Brian today with your \$50/participant deposit.

Painting Scheduled for Fellowship Hall in April

A generous donor has offered to help cover expenses for repainting the interior of our Fellowship Hall. This much needed upgrade will improve the appearance and usability of the Hall which has not been re-painted since the 1990s era renovation of that space.

The work is scheduled for April 4-29. The space will be mostly inaccessible for church and community groups during that time. Groups that regularly use that space are being accommodated in other rooms during that time. If you have any questions, please contact Facilities Manager Patrick West.

February Session Highlights

- Sadly heard of the death of Margie Ross on January 27, 2022 in Redmond, WA.
- Learned of the cancellation of the 2022 Youth Triennium
- Held a thoughtful discussion on how CPC has grown and changed during the two year of the pandemic, in relation to the Epiphany cycle, including: not just waiting, but creating new ways to do worship, fellowship, outreach, Christian education; truly embracing the mission of the Children's Center; commitment to being a community in a safe way. May we continue to embody this journey in this "new normal."

Grief and Trauma Workshop Series

The Contemplatives Ministries Team is hosting a 2-part series on Grief and Trauma on April 24 & May 1 from 1:00 -2:30 PM. When traumatic moments swoop into your life and you are spun into a time of grief it is difficult to navigate through to calmer times. Questions we often ask ourselves include, How do I process this moment? Where do I process it? With whom do I process it? Rev. Duane Bidwell will lead those gathered in discussion, conversation and the practice of how to create and hold space for those in times of grief and trauma. Come to listen, learn, and live together in these difficult times.

Nominating Committee at Work

The Church Nominating Committee is at work with a goal of presenting a slate of new officers, (Elders and Deacons), for class of 2024 at a Congregational Meeting on April 24. How can you help?

1. Contact one of our pastors if you have someone you would like to recommend, (including yourself!)
2. Be open to a conversation if a member of our Nominating Committee reaches out to you to discuss the possibility of serving.
3. Pray for our Nominating Committee and for our church that the Holy Spirit will lift up the leaders we need at this juncture in our life together.

Covid Protocol Updates for Church Events

With the winter Omicron surge waning, the LA County Department of Public Health issued a new Health Officer Order on March 4th which lifted some COVID safety restrictions. At its March meeting, the Claremont Presbyterian Church Session took these changes into consideration and updated our current protocols. This update moves us toward a return to some of our pre-COVID practices, while maintaining certain safety practices that protect young children who cannot be vaccinated as well as our vulnerable seniors and those with immune-compromising health issues.

Masks: At its recent briefing for Faith Communities, representatives of the LA County Health Department expressed concern that the emergence of the BA2 Omicron variant combined with Spring Break travel season could mean an increase in LA County's infection rates in the coming weeks. They stated that continuing to wear masks at indoor gatherings is one way to keep such a potential surge in check. Therefore, Session voted to continue to require masks for all indoor church events at this time. Session will revisit the indoor mask requirement at its April 27 meeting.

In April we will work toward moving the hymnals and friendship pads back into the pews, we will phase out the sign in process for those attending Sunday worship, and we will allow food to be served at indoor events as long as current Health Department guidelines and best practices are applied.

Thank you to all of you for working together to move ahead with care and safety for all.



The Village Dinner Church

For this month we will be in the Angell Courtyard on April 20 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

The Village Dinner Church offers an alternative to Sunday worship. A time where people gather around a table to talk, eat, pray, and sing—much as Jesus did with his disciples and the members of the communities they visited. If you are looking for a place to connect with folks who are seeking spiritual nourishment, try it!

All are welcome – families, single people, retirees; especially those who may have stepped away from, or have not yet found a church, and who are seeking a community.

Our purpose is to create an inviting space for folks to gather and experience worship either for the first time, for something less intimidating, something more energetic and hopefully something fun!

Do you know of a neighbor, friend, or loved one who may be seeking a new kind of worship experience? Invite them to the CPC Village Dinner Church, or put them in contact with any of the Lead Team members.

Lilies to Beautify the Sanctuary for Easter

In celebration of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, there is still an opportunity to donate a lily to adorn our magnificent CPC sanctuary on Easter morning! You may make a dedication in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, or in celebration of an event. Your donation and dedication will be included in the Easter Sunday morning worship bulletin. You may opt to take your lily with you, to keep or to deliver to your honoree; you may choose to help deliver an Easter lily to someone on the Deacons list; or you may choose to have the Deacons deliver your Easter Lily donation. Suggested donation per Easter Lily is \$25.00. You may drop off/mail your donation to the CPC office, with the designated form, or donate via the online form at www.claremontpres.org/lilies. Deadline is Wednesday April 6.

AN EVENING WITH JOHN PAVLOVITZ

FREE EVENT

Saturday, April 2, 7:00 PM

Join author, pastor, and activist John Pavlovitz as he leads a conversation on how people of faith, morality, and conscience can live lives of greater empathy.

John Pavlovitz is a writer, pastor, storyteller, and activist from Wake Forest, North Carolina. Over the past six years his blog, "Stuff That Needs To Be Said," has reached a diverse worldwide audience, recently passing the 100 million views mark.

A 25-year veteran in the trenches of local church ministry, John is committed to equality, diversity, and justice—both inside and outside of faith communities. His books include *A Bigger Table*, *Hope and Other Superpowers*, *Stuff That Needs to Be Said*, and *If God is Love, Don't Be a Jerk* which arrived this past September.

This event will also be live streamed at facebook.com/claremontpres.



Flowers for Worship

Our CPC Sanctuary was enhanced by the following generous individuals in March.

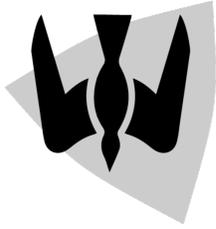
March 6: given by Jean Perry in honor of her son Robert's birthday! We celebrate with Jean Perry, and with her family, for the marriage of her youngest son, Robert, married in Sacramento on 2/22/2022 at 2 PM! The flowers were cheerfully shared with all on the patio following worship, distributed by the CPC Deacons.

March 13: dedicated to the memories of Sandy Shervington, beloved wife of Roger, mother of Phyllis, and grandmother of three, and to Roger's brother Bruce Shervington. March 13 marks the second anniversary of Sandy's passing. Roger shared that Sandy loved daisies, so the arrangement was designed by Sherwood Florist, in bright yellows and whites. In their memories, Roger and Phyllis shared the blooms on the patio after church.

March 20: The flowers at the base of the cross on this Sunday, were given by Doug Carrington, in loving memory of Mary Hughes, who passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, and in honor of the Hughes family, Ed, Sean, Matthew, and the caregivers, Geoff and Armando. This arrangement went home with loving care following the service, to the Hughes home.

The flowers in the narthex were given on behalf of the entire Hughes family, Ed, Sean, and Matthew, as well as by the caregivers, Geoff and Armando, in loving memory of Mary Hughes, with gratitude and thanks to the Dialysis Center, and all of their staff, who so compassionately cared for Mary on each visit. This arrangement was delivered to the Dialysis Center by Geoff.

March 27: The lovely silk flowers adorning our worship space, on this Sunday morning, were beautifully hand-crafted by Kim Brinegar and Paula Pitzer, and given as a gift to CPC to enjoy. We continue to be appreciative of their thoughtful, generous creativity!



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Please Lift Up Your Prayers

In celebration and gratitude: We are grateful for every moment of life that God gives us and for the opportunity to extend kindness to all whom we meet in Christ's name.

For family and friends, surrounding them with love, as they process the recent death of loved ones: Mary Hughes, who died March 9. We lift up Ed, Sean and Matthew, and caregivers Armando and Geoff; Margie Ross, grandmother of Matthew and Gabrielle Rodriguez; Lois Weider, Barbara Mackenzie's mother; Chet Jaeger and Lee McDonald.

For those transitioning to new living situations: Carolyn Kingshill, moved to a new living situation in Pilgrim Place on March 11; Marion Thompson; Mary-Anne Blaine; Pastor Brian's aunt and family, Cecile Trindle (mother of George and Peggy Trindle), Janette Gould (mother of Andrea Gould who is the daughter-in-law of Larry and Jeannine Robertson).

For the compassionate touch of the Holy Spirit for strength and grace for: Sean Hughes; George and Peggy Trindle; Elaine Newton; Lisa Frasier, as she cares for both David and for Georgie while David is laid up in pain; Carrie Willette, Jan Willette's daughter, for continued navigation through cancer; Barbara Patch; Jean Perry; Phoebe DeVille; Elsie Harber; Carlynn & Herb Christian; Doris Craig and Mae (Becky) Beck and her nieces; Meredith Clayton & Rocky Supinger.

Please contact delight@claremontpres.org for any prayer requests. Details will be shared only as you give permission. Otherwise, the CPC Staff and Deacons will lift up your confidential prayer requests.

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 02/28/22	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$82,128.90	\$80,000
Other Income	\$12,580.60	\$17,370.00
Expenses	-\$100,646.11	-\$116,496.04
Variance	-\$5,936.61	-\$19,126.04
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 02/28/22	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$169,094.81	\$182,847.70
Expenses	-\$167,774.47	-\$180,255.26
Variance	-\$1,320.34	\$2,592.44

Ways to Give

As we return to in-person worship, following CDC recommendations, we will still not be passing the offering plate. There will be a collection box in the Narthex and all these methods are still available:

- Check: As long as the US Mail is still delivering, we can receive contributions by checks mailed to our church office.
- Online: You can make an online contribution to Claremont Presbyterian Church by navigating to our website at claremontpres.org/giving-2. or by scanning the QR code to the right.
- Autopay from your checking account: Your bank should be able to help you set up an electronic payment directly to CPC.
- Transfer money through your bank or the Zelle app. Send your money to: giving@claremontpres.org.



See All That's Happening...

For the most up-to-date calendar of events, go to www.claremontpres.org/calendar.

PANDEMIC *Requiem*

Pandemic Requiem Premieres in Claremont on April 10

Geri DeMasi, Director of Music at Claremont Presbyterian Church, has composed a new choral work to mark the losses that have come to our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pandemic Requiem follows the traditional requiem form used by Verdi, Mozart, Britten, and other well known composers. Claremont Presbyterian Church invited DeMasi to compose the work as a way for our community to come together not only to mourn all that has passed since March 2020, but also to look forward in hope.

Composer DeMasi grew up in Claremont and is a graduate of both The Webb School and Pomona College.

The first performance of Pandemic Requiem will take place Sunday, April 10 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary and live streamed at facebook.com/claremontpres. The performance is free and open to the public. Claremont Presbyterian's Sanctuary Choir will be joined with other singers from the community for this premier performance.



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Weekly Online Events

Monday - Thursday, Saturday

8:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Facebook)

Sunday - Friday

5:00 PM - Evening Prayer (Facebook)

Sunday

10:00 AM - Worship (Facebook)

Wednesday

11:30 AM - Mid-Week Mini Concert (Facebook)

4:00 PM - Bible Study (Zoom)

Friday

8:00 AM - Morning Meditation (Online Meditation Chapel)



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