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## Stories from the Road: A Sermon Series for Summer

Much of scripture is stories from the road. We hear of Abraham and Sarah on the road to Canaan, Moses on the road to challenge Pharaoh, Ruth and Naomi on the road to Bethlehem, Jesus and his disciples walking the highways and byways of Galilee and Judea, Paul encountering Christ on the Road to Damascus and many more. What’s more, we often speak of faith as a journey and the Christian faith particularly as “walking the path of Jesus.”

What do we learn from these stories from the road? During the summer months when many of us find ourselves on the road to various destinations, we’ll take a close look at some of these journeys. Many of these journeys take place in the middle of a crisis, or in response to a disaster. Some are journeys away from one set of loyalties and realities into a completely new life. In many cases, the external journey is mirrored by a parallel inner journey of the heart and spirit.

Join us each Sunday--in person or from the road--for an exploration of the great road trip stories of the Bible.

*Karen Sapio*

## Upcoming Worship

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

**Sunday, July 3, 10:00 AM**

*Communion Sunday*

Galatians 3:26-28 & Luke 10:25-37

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

**Sunday, July 10, 10:00 AM**

Stories from the Road: The Road from Eden

Genesis 3:1-24

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

**Sunday, July 17, 10:00 AM**

Stories from the Road: The Road from Haran

Genesis 12:1-5

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

**Wednesday, July 20, 5:30 PM**

The Village Dinner Church

**Sunday, July 24, 10:00 AM**

Stories from the Road: The Road to Pharaoh

Exodus 2:22-3:12

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

**Sunday, July 31, 10:00 AM**

Stories from the Road: The Road to Freedom

Exodus 14:5-29

Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds preaching

## Calling all Singers!

We are pleased to announce the return of CPC Summer Choir! On Sunday mornings during July, Summer Choir will be meeting at 9 AM in the Sanctuary before worship to rehearse simple choral selections for the service. This is a great opportunity for all who would like to sing in a choir, but whose time commitments prevent regular attendance at rehearsals.

There are no other rehearsals during the week, and no choral experience is necessary! So please join us starting Sunday, July 3 at 9 AM in the Sanctuary as we praise God through song during the summer. We look forward to seeing you!

## Campus Work Day

Due to Covid, we have not had a campus work day since Fall 2019! There is much to do! So on Saturday July 9 beginning at 8:00 AM grab your gardening tools or your cleaning cloths and come to church for a morning of sprucing up our campus. There will be outdoor tasks: (weeding, trimming, etc.) and indoor assignments, (cleaning, decluttering, etc.), and most important--DONUTS for eager volunteers. We should wrap up about 12:00 PM. Check in at the kitchen and choose your mission! Questions? Contact Property and Finance chair, Kent Miller.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Booth Returns

Look for CPC at the July 4 Memorial Park festivities. Claremont Presbyterian Church will host a fun informational booth to share about CPC with the community. The Evangelism & Nurture Commission has taken pride in this festive event for many years and looks forward to this year again. We will have the prayer map up, stickers for children and young at heart, literature about the church. Fun for the whole family.



## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Gifts and Bequests Sunday

The Special Gifts and Endowment Committee was delighted to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Gifts and Bequests Sunday last month. There was lots to celebrate and if you couldn't be with us, you can always catch the service on our Facebook or YouTube pages.

Pastor Karen created a special video for the service where she sat down with Stan and Betty Springer who shared what a gift it has been to be able to watch worship online which we can do thanks to special funds.

The June service also recognized the 37 people who are the members of our Loaves and Fishes Society. This is the bequest society of CPC and is sponsored by the Special Gifts and Endowment Committee.

The current members of the Loaves and Fishes Society are:

Sharron Bentley	John Connelly
Eric Bernal	Geri DeMasi
Teresa Bernal	Karen DeMasi
Tina Blair	Jane Douglass
Doris Chambers	Gail Duggan
David Colclough	Mary El Yousef
Jo Colclough	Saba El Yousef

John Hill	Janet Siedschlag
Brenda Hill	Kathleen Sigtenhorst
Frank Hungerford	Pieter Sigtenhorst
Dolores Kelley	Betty Springer
Robbin Kelley	Stan Springer
Jeanne Kennedy	Carol Stubblebine
Charles Kerchner	Craig Stubblebine
Taylor Klingerman	Roger Swartz
Joanne McCandless	Kent Warner
Paula Pitzer	Teddie Warner
Tom Rennard	Dorothy Whitham
Sandy Tice (Rennard)	

## Summer Evenings Under the Stars

Our new stage on the church lawn gives us a wonderful venue to enjoy summer evenings together. Bring friends and join us for these special gatherings in July. Feel free to bring a picnic and your favorite lawn chair.

**Saturday, July 9, 7:00 PM** - Summer Sing! Have you missed group singing during the pandemic? The great outdoors offers the safest way to lift our voices together. Join us for an evening singing hymns, camp songs, and other favorites. Barbara MacKenzie will accompany us on keyboard. If you have requests, please send them to Pastor Karen in advance.

**Saturday, July 16 5:30-7:15 PM** - Scholar Soiree with our speaker, Yuki Schwartz. Bring a picnic!

**Saturday July 23, 7:00 PM** - Join CPC's own Katy Lillich for an evening of Irish and American folk tunes performed on the Celtic harp. Kathryn (Katy) Lillich is delighted to return to her hometown — and the church where she grew up — to debut her first solo album: *Echos from Home*. The album was inspired by her many travels around the British Isles, the people she encountered there, and the innate desire we all have to find the place we call home. The concert will feature many of the tunes on the album, as well as

other traditional tunes for harp and voice. CDs will be available for purchase.

Classically trained in voice and piano, Kathryn discovered the Celtic harp when she was 17. She started performing just six months later and has since played at the Irish Fair, Southeastern Harp Festival, NAPA Music Festival, and more. She now has her own teaching studio in San Diego where she specializes in teaching students how to sing with their harps. You can follow her work on YouTube and social media — just visit [klmusicstudio.com](http://klmusicstudio.com) for all the links!



## The Village Dinner Church

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!

Join us on Wednesday, July 20 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## BYOC

July 6 is the date for the next BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee) group at Lemle Plaza in the Claremont Village. Carol Sittig Hopes to see you all there for conversation at 9:30 AM.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Because blood donations must be used within 42 days of collection, there is always a need. Claremont Presbyterian Church is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive and Friday, July 8 from 12:00 - 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be welcomed. To schedule your appointment go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS and mention our sponsor code: CLRPRS. Every donor will receive a Red Cross tote.

## May Session Highlights

- Were saddened to hear of the passing of long-time member Elsie Harber
- Welcomed new Elders Heather Chapman, John Lin, Patricia Maine and Kent Miller
- Set Chairs of Commissions for the coming year: CPCC Committee – Jenny Eazell through August; Education & Leadership – Heather Chapman & Jenny Eazell; Evangelism & Nurture – Karry Denton; Mission Interpretation – Scott Randles; Personnel – Tracy Doebler; Property & Finance – Kent Miller; Worship & Music – Bill Brinegar
- Heard about many special upcoming worship services and events, including Youth Sunday, Graduate Sunday, Third Grade Bible presentations and Family Camp



## Remembering CPC's Organizing Pastor

The Rev. Fred Beebe, CPC's Organizing Pastor, passed away last month. In the obituary he wrote in advance he noted: "I am grateful for the gifts and adventures of life. I am grateful for a life-giving and loving marriage with Joan (Jo) Beebe with whom my life has been full and rich with the meaning of being human. I am grateful for a wonderful daughter Gwendolyn who has been part of the real richness of Jo's and my life. I am grateful for a wonderful son, Jonathan."

### A Note from Your Treasurer:

As we make plans for summer vacations and travels, this is a gentle reminder that the church still has bills to pay! Please remember your pledges during the summer months.

Ways to Give:

- Place offerings in offering box in narthex after worship.
- Check: 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](http://claremontpres.org/giving-2).
- 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](mailto:giving@claremontpres.org)

Thank you for your generous support of Claremont Presbyterian Church!

*-Janet Siedschlag, CPC Treasurer*



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## Changes to Serving Communion

On July 3, we will begin celebrating communion by passing the individually sealed communion elements in baskets through the pews. This allows us to return to our tradition of serving one another in this sacrament while continuing to reduce the risks of COVID transmission. There will continue to be sealed elements on the table for those who still prefer no contact.

## Flowers for Worship

Gorgeous, exquisite worship floral arrangements were donated by the following individuals in June. This is a lovely way to remember or to honor a loved one, to adorn our worship space, and to share the generosity with our CPC family, whether worshipping remotely or in person.

**June 5:** Mike and Chanielle Serret in loving memory of beloved wife and mother, Marilyn, on the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing.

**June 12:** Lisa, David, and Georgie Frazier “in celebration of both Lisa and David Frazier’s son, Sean’s, 39<sup>th</sup> birthday, on June 10 and also in honor of Delight Slotemaker de Bruine’s father, on what would have been his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 13.”

The white rose celebrated the birth of Kylie Jean MacKenzie, born June 11 to parents Holly and Chris MacKenzie. Grandparents are Barb and Mark MacKenzie.

**June 19:** Carol West and sister, Sandy Garcia, in loving memory of their parents, Hillis and Margaret Folkins to honor their wedding anniversary on June 20 and in memory of their sister, Lynn Loser. The three yellow roses are symbolic of the three sisters.

**June 26:** The flowers on this Sunday are donated by Doug Carrington,

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 05/31/2022	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$175,600.95	\$200,000.00
Other Income	\$38,205.66	\$44,925.00
Expenses	-\$262,405.45	-\$277,863.17
Variance	-\$48,598.84	-\$32,938.17
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 05/31/2022	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$467,320.77	\$458,119.19
Expenses	-\$438,376.25	-\$450,138.12
Variance	\$28,944.52	\$7,981.07

husband, and by Scott Carrington, son, in loving memory of Judy Carrington on the one-year anniversary of the celebration of her life held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at Claremont Presbyterian Church.

Doug and Judy Carrington came to Claremont in the 1950s at which point he became involved in the new Claremont Presbyterian Church. He served as Director of Music Ministry at CPC for many years and was also instrumental in helping to design the Aeolian-Skinner Organ, Opus 1471, 1965, installed in 1967, on which Geri De Masi currently bestows his magic. Doug Carrington first played this magnificent organ in Claremont Presbyterian Church.

## Service for Elsie Harber

There will be an online memorial service for Elsie Harber on Friday, July 22 at 2 PM. Her family invites CPC members and friends to participate. Please use the following Zoom Meeting ID: 876 8707 0740 Password: 706398.

## Please Lift Up Your Prayers

**In gratitude and in celebration:** the birth of a new grandchild to Barb and Mark Mackenzie on June 11! We celebrated the life of Mary Hughes on June 11 with our Sanctuary, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall adorned with exquisite representations of Mary's art and paintings; we celebrated graduates of all ages and stages on June 5.

**For those who have died and for their family and friends, We surround them with love as they grieve their loss:** Rev. Fred Beebe, Organizing Pastor of CPC; Cecile Trindle, mother of George and Peggy Trindle, died on May 16; Bob Kelly; Elsie Harber; Chuck Freitas; Mary Hughes

**For those transitioning to new living situations:** Herb & Carlynn Christian; Pastor Brian's aunt.

**For continued healing and recovery from recent surgery or incidents:** Mike Layne; Gennie Ransom

**For the compassionate touch of the Holy Spirit for strength and grace for:** Greg Stout and his sister, Margie Stout Ludwig, who remains in care for long-haul Covid complications; Ron and Trish Perry; Bonnie and Dennis Symonds, parents of Pastor Brian; the Agwu family; Sean, Matthew, and Ed Hughes; Carrie Willette, Jan Willette's daughter; Barbara Patch; Jean Perry; Phoebe DeVille; Doris Craig and Mae (Becky) Beck and her nieces; Meredith Clayton & Rocky Supinger.

**For on-going healing concerns and for continued strength for:** Larry Robertson; Patrick West; Frank Pinkerton; Pastor Brian and his family; Cloyce Morrow; Joyce and Ted Alexander.

**For those whom we tenderly remember on an ongoing basis:** Kevin Kessler and his brother, Ken; Judith Rios; John Najarian; Suzanne and Kay Brown; Chris Hartmire; Tom Bleakney; Jean Underwood; Eileen Jaeger; Claire McDonald; Barbara Myers; Doris Chambers; Marianne Hillman; Sandra Deibel; Carolyn Whitham; Marion Thompson; Jean Cochran.

Please contact [delight@claremontpres.org](mailto: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.

## See All That's Happening...

For the most up-to-date calendar of events, go to [www.claremontpres.org/calendar](http://www.claremontpres.org/calendar).



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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 & Youtube)

### Wednesday

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

### Friday

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



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