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A Look Through Our Windows

This July we will use our church windows to go on a journey. These windows, designed when the Sanctuary was built in 1965, are intentionally placed to tell the story of God’s journey with us through Creation, Covenant, the life of Christ, and the story of Christ’s church. There are 25 windows with several symbols on each one, so we clearly will not make it through all the windows in the nine Sundays of July and August. Instead we will focus on two sections of the windows: first, the six windows that depict The Means of Grace, those instruments God uses to reveal God’s love and mercy to us. Our Means of Grace windows depict Sacraments, Worship, Scripture, Prayer, Community and Service. The last three Sundays of August, we will look at the final windows on the western wall of the sanctuary. The world has changed in the last six decades in ways that invite us to look at the windows that tell the story of the Church in different ways. During July, our online Morning Prayer will focus on some of the windows not included in the sermon series. The wonderful booklet, *The Light of Christ*, tells the story of our windows. There are extra copies in the narthex for anyone who would like to take one home.

Karen Sapio

Upcoming Worship

Sunday worship services are in-person and accessible through Facebook Live (facebook.com/claremontpres) or YouTube (search Claremont Presbyterian Church).

Sunday, July 2, 10:00 AM

Communion Sunday

Means of Grace: Sacraments
Brian Gaeta-Symonds preaching

Sunday, July 9, 10:00 AM

Means of Grace: Worship
Kristi Van Nostran preaching

Sunday, July 16, 10:00 AM

Means of Grace: Scripture
Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, July 23, 10:00 AM

Means of Grace: Prayer
Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, July 30, 10:00 AM

Waffle Church

Means of Grace: Community
Karen Sapio preaching

4th of July Booth

Despite a pause in tradition due to the pandemic, the Memorial Park 4th of July Festival is on this year. 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.

It takes volunteers to make this happen, and the commission needs your help! If you can staff the booth for a 1hr or 2hr shift between 10 AM - 2 PM, please let Pastor Brian know brian@claremontpres.org.

June Red Wheelbarrow Drive Recap



We extend our thanks to all of you: friends and members of our CPC community for your contributions to the Red Wheelbarrow Drive to benefit the Beta Center. Thanks to the efforts of our deacons and volunteers, we collected a bounty of paper towels, women's hygiene supplies, peanut butter, canned goods, macaroni, and other products!

We are grateful to Karee Galloway and Duane Bidwell, who loaded up their car with the many bags and boxes of goods to be delivered to IVHP.

The red wheelbarrow resides in the narthex 7 days a week. Feel free, as you desire, and are able, to fill the red wheelbarrow with items to share.

Thank you again to all for your generous contributions!

Calling all singers!

Once again 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 2 at 9 AM in the Sanctuary as we praise God through song during the summer. We look forward to seeing you!

Back-to-School Sunday

As you enjoy your summer, we'd like you to start to think about collecting and donating school supplies to Mt. View Elementary School. Back-to-School Sunday will be August 13. You can help by donating supplies or money. Monetary donations can be done on Zelle, or a check (with Back-to-School Drive on the memo line) or cash sent to or delivered to the church office. Supplies will be collected beginning July 30. Below is a list of supplies that the teachers requested.

- Boxes of 16 or 24 Crayola crayons
- Black fine and ultra fine Sharpies
- Boxes of skin tone Crayola crayons
- Large Elmer's glue sticks
- Thin dry erase markers and erasers
- Sheet protectors
- Clorox wipes and baby wipes
- Kleenex brand boxes of tissues
- Gardening supplies- kids gardening gloves, trowels and hand rakes

Your CPC Deacons thank you in advance for your support!!

Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School will be July 17-20, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM and our theme is: *Under The Sea: Diving Deep Into God's Love!*

Suggested donation of \$25 per child, but no more than

\$60 per family (no child will be excluded for not being able to offer a donation). We will gather each afternoon in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Register TODAY at claremontpres.org/vbs



Local Legends...Times 2

In July we welcome two local artists to our outdoor stage for our Local Legends concert series. These concerts are free and open to the public.

July 1 - David Tull. Dave Tull has long been known as one of the world's finest jazz drummers and has also built a reputation as a premiere jazz singer and songwriter. Singing from the drums, Dave brings to the stage a rare combination of joyous songwriting, world-class jazz singing and drumming.

July 29 - The Jimmie Rodgers Experience. The Jimmie Rodgers Experience is a tribute to America's Blue Yodeler, Jimmie Rodgers, and his contemporaries of the 1920s and 30s.

Check Out "Meditations on Meditation"

For interesting stories, tips, and encouragements around mediation, check out the "Meditations on Meditation" blog on the Claremont Presbyterian website. You can find "Meditations on Meditation" at claremontpres.org/meditation.

You can also improve your meditation practice by joining us on Friday mornings. Sam Atwood, Duane Bidwell, Lynn Miller, and Charles Kerchner lead meditation at 8 AM. Join us, and meditators from around the world. If you do not have the links, email charlestaylorkerchner@gmail.com.

You can also follow Kerchner's publication *Letters*

from an Elder, on the Medium publication site and he will send you a notification every time he writes. Registering at Medium is free, although some articles are only available to subscribers.

CPCC El Rancho Fundraiser

The Children's Center will be having their second "Second Monday of the Month" fundraiser at El Rancho, 984 Foothill Blvd, Claremont on Monday, July 10. It's a great time for having dinner in a place that's not your house with people who usually aren't at your dining room table for good conversation. Flyers will be on the table in the narthex on the Sunday prior or you can get one from Barb MacKenzie or Sacha Lord at El Rancho. We hope that you'll come join us!

Jazz Vespers: Journeys



Sunday, July 9 at 6:00 PM, the Ron Kobayashi Trio and Debbie Ebert return for a Vespers service exploring the universal experience of journeying. Join us in the sanctuary for songs, stories, and prayers.

Jr. High Summer Camp – REGISTER TODAY!

Jr. High summer camp changed my life! The food was great! There were sports, ropes courses, climbing wall, and so many more activities. I began to connect with my church friends and make new friends. I also started connecting my faith to my very real day-to-day life. CPC wants to provide every opportunity to help our Jr. Highers build bonds and relationships that will last a lifetime. This year's summer camp is at Big Bear Lake Christian Conference Center on July 9-15. The camp is open to rising 6th graders

through graduating 8th graders. Total Cost: \$350. Register today with your \$75 deposit (contact Pastor Brian - brian@claremontpres.org). Scholarships available.

May Session Highlights

- Learned of the passing of Doris Chambers on April 28 and Wilma Wilt on May 9.
- Welcomed new Elders Tracy Doebler (second term), Stuart Lillich, Lynn Miller and Ginni Rassieur.
- Heard an update from Vikki Randall on Haven, a safe and supportive faith community for the LGBTQ+ community. Session voted to establish a lead team with Haven to explore and examine establishing an outreach under CPC.
- Established a New Covenant restricted fund, the Bob Kelley Memorial Fund, with distributions for Christian education under Education and Leadership Commission. This fund is made possible by a special gift of \$50,000 from Dee and Robbin Kelley.
- Approved hiring Gillian Steinmetz-Blair to cover duties for Lisa Strom during July.
- Established a 70th Anniversary Planning Committee for events in 2025.

July Labyrinth Meditation

The year has wound its way to the Summer Solstice and now winds back to the Winter Solstice. The labyrinth reminds us of the twists and turns of life. We wind our way to the center and remember that God was with us at each turn. As we wind back out, we offer ourselves and our future twists and turns to God-with-us, Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, who will dance the twists and turns with us.

A song comes to my mind of what this dance of life is like from " 'Tis a Gift to be Simple."

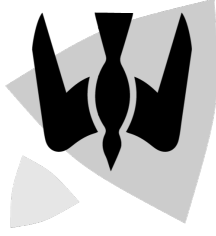
" 'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free;
'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be;
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn, will be our delight,
till by turning, turning, we come 'round right."

May Christ be present to you in a special way in these labyrinthine turns.



2023 -2024 Parish List

Dennis & Phoebe Frankeberger	Parish 1	Abusharr - Bobo
Catherine Lin	Parish 2	Bovard/Ellens - Colclough
Mark Nelson	Parish 3	Beck, Colmenares - Farmer
Sally Lopez	Parish 4	Farr - Holtan
Lisa Frazier	Parish 5	Hormell - Kinsey
Paula Pitzer	Parish 6	Klein - Lord
Marcia Reich	Parish 7	Luschei - Morrow
Susan Starr	Parish 8	Najarian - Quinn
Sue Likens & Jean Perry	Parish 9	Randles - Silva
Vera Caselles	Parish 10	Sittig - Thorndyke
Nora Quinn	Parish 11	Trindle-Wuertz/Wilson
Barb MacKenzie, moderator		CPCC
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Ways to Give

- Place offerings in offering box in narthex after worship.
- Check: We can receive contributions by checks mailed or dropped off at 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.



Flowers for Worship

Our CPC Sanctuary has been graced and we have been blessed each Sunday by the loving, kind donations of worship flowers given by our CPC friends. Worship flowers are donated in celebration of an event, or in memory of, or in honor of an individual. We invite you to remember these individuals in prayer, or in celebration.

Please contact Delight Slotemaker de Bruine via delight@claremontpres.org if you would like to make a worship flower Altar or Narthex donation.

We express our gratitude to each of those making worship flower donations.

June 4: given by Jack and Vera Caselles in memory and in celebration of Jack's mother, Nina, on her birthday. Jack says: "She loved Roses, Carnations, and Gladiolas, and all colors.... She loved to play, even as she grew older, she loved to make me laugh and loved to laugh with me..." From Vera: "She was the best "mother-in-law" a woman could have."

June 11: donated by Catherine and John Lin, with gratitude to CPC for all of their support and encouragement, embracing the development of Christian's talented piano playing. The flowers are in thanks to CPC, and

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 05/31/2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$194,438.18	\$202,085.00
Other Income	\$90,113.13	\$49,715.00
Expenses	-\$300,651.68	-\$301,877.45
Variance	-\$16,100.37	-\$50,077.45
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 05/31/2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$502,133.76	\$465,525.00
Expenses	-\$476,673.84	-\$465,869.75
Variance	\$25,459.92	-\$344.75

in celebration of Christian's debut in Carnegie Hall after having won two International piano competitions! His second Carnegie Hall performance will be in December 2023.

The flowers in the Narthex were donated by Lisa, David, and Georgie Frazier and Lisa's sister, Michele Morgan, in heavenly remembrance of Sean Frazier's 40th birthday on June 10.

June 18: given by: Carol West and her sister, Sandy Garcia, in loving memory of their parents, Hillis & Margaret Folkins and their sister, Lynn Loser.

June 25: given by Kim and Bill Brinegar who were married here at CPC by the Reverend Jim Angell on June 23, 1973 - 50 years ago!

Please Lift Up Your Prayers

In order to protect people's internet privacy, our published prayer lists will no longer include many details. In August, we will be inviting those of you who are interested to join a confidential Prayer Circle email that will have more complete prayer information. Details coming soon. In the meanwhile, please be assured that your CPC Staff, along with your Congregational Care Coordinator and Deacons are praying and caring for each one of you.

In gratitude: We lift up praise and thanks to God for those in our CPC community experiencing improvements in health and well-being. We celebrate graduations. We welcome vacations and time to restore, refresh, and rejuvenate. We lift up Pastor Karen and Pastor Brian.

In contemplation: Let us be the vehicles of sharing the deep love of God with kindness and compassion extended to those around us, looking for where we see the face of Christ. Christ be our Light. Illumine our paths and give us wisdom to follow you. Give us the wisdom and vision to see what you would have us see.

For those who have died, may God wrap each one left grieving in love and peace: Wadie Alkhouri; Wilma Wilt; Doris Chambers; Barbara Myers.

For those who are who are looking forward with hope to strength and healing as they are faced with health challenges and recuperation: Ann Hanson; Dennis Frankeberger; Nwojo Agwu; Obi Agwu; Encarnacion Amores, mother of Teresa Bernal, and Marivic Amores; Jean Perry; Sean Hughes; Allison Blix, Joyce Alexander's daughter-in-law.

For those for whom we wish the continued grace, peace, wisdom and comfort of the Holy Spirit: the Hanson family; the Perry family, the Hughes family; Lee Ireland; Dolores Morgan; the Master family; the Kessler family; Trisch Diaz; Catherine Lin and her mother, Patricia; Joan Kelly and Donna Kelly.

For those for whom we wish the gentle soothing grace, peace, and comfort of the Holy Spirit as they navigate life at this time: Brad Hanson; Pam and Roger House; Linda Hamilton; Sally Lopez's sister, Suzanne; Marcia Reich's family, especially her niece.

For living transitions: Pastor Brian's parents, Bonnie and Dennis Symonds.

We also lift up all of those who remain unnamed here, but whose names and spirits are named within our hearts.

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.

See All That's Happening...

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



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Deadline for August *Communicator* - July 15

Weekly Online Events

Monday - Thursday, Saturday

8:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Facebook)

Monday - 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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