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Summer on Campus

Yes—things move more slowly during the summer. However our Claremont Presbyterian Church campus has been alive with activity. Drop by on any summer day and you might see:

- Vacation Bible School
- Uncommon Good Summer Day Camps
- Concerts on the Lawn
- Children’s Center classes enjoying a picnic in Angell Courtyard
- A Red Cross Blood Drive
- A COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
- The Property and Finance Committee Work Day
- Neighbors walking the Community Labyrinth
- Village Dinner Church

And of course Sunday worship for CPC, Emmanuel Presbyterian, and GPIB Indonesian Fellowship. In our “Stories from the Road” series, we heard about God’s call to Abraham in which God promised, “I will bless you so that you will be a blessing....” Our campus is blessing our community all through the summer months, helping us live into our vision of being a place where gospel shaped dreams can flourish.

Karen Sapio

Upcoming Worship

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

Sunday, August 7, 10:00 AM
Guest Preachers Noah Park and Esther Shin

Sunday, August 14, 10:00 AM
The Road from Galilee
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Wednesday, August 17, 5:30 PM
The Village Dinner Church

Sunday, August 21, 10:00 AM
The Road to Jerusalem
Matthew 20:17-28
Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, August 28, 10:00 AM
The Road to Emmaus
Luke 24:13-35
Rev. Karen Sapio preaching



PCUSA Mission Co-workers Will Lead Worship on August 7

On Sunday, August 7, we will welcome PCUSA Mission Co-workers Esther Shin and Noah Park to Claremont Presbyterian Church.

Park and Shin, a married couple, serve as professors at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETCS). Noah teaches New Testament, and Esther teaches Christian education. ETCS, a ministry of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Egypt, is one of a handful of seminaries in the Middle East that trains future Protestant pastors. Presbyterian mission personnel founded the school in 1863. The seminary located in Cairo has two academic centers, one in Minya/Upper Egypt, and one in Alexandria. Though most of its 350 students are from Egypt, some come from elsewhere in the Arab world, including Syria and Sudan, to prepare for service in churches in their home countries. ETSC also recently launched a distance learning program for Arabic speakers around the world.

Noah and Esther work closely with Elmarie and Scott Parker, Mission Co-workers based in Beirut, who are long-time partners with CPC in their work with churches and ministries in Syria/Lebanon.

Morning and Evening Prayer on August Hiatus

Pastor Karen's Morning Prayer and Pastor Brian's Evening Prayer on Facebook Live will be on hiatus during the month of August. Both will return after Labor Day in September.

CLASP Seeks Volunteers

CLASP (Claremont After-School Programs) is looking for volunteer tutors to engage with 5th and 6th graders on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:30 in Fellowship Hall. You don't need to be "Smarter than a 5th Grader," all you need is an open mind and a loving heart. If you prefer working with younger students, we have openings at other sites in Claremont on Monday and Wednesday.

Our program offers homework help and one-to-one mentoring, provides a healthy snack for our kids, and accommodates our tutors' schedules.

Our volunteers are community members, college students, and high school students who tutor 1.5 hours, twice a week (vacations not a problem) and can elect to work online or in-person with a student.

Our students attend Claremont Schools, grades 1-6 and are recommended to CLASP by their teacher or principal. These students need help and support with their homework.

We provide volunteers with the choice of three locations or on-line, office supplies, textbooks, worksheets, and training and support.

Please contact Raydie Buckley at office@clasp4kids.org or (909) 450-1079.

Adult Ed – What's Coming Up?

After a short hiatus during August Adult Ed will be hosting its Fall 2022 line-Up beginning in September. Planning and details are still underway, but here is just a taste of what's to come:

September: Gun Violence & Presbyterians - An informational and conversational dialogue using our denomination's resources on addressing gun violence.

October: Election Season Discussion – A conversation about navigating issues during midterms.

Advent: Indigenous Peoples & Realities in Southern California – A 3 part series addressing the issue of racism as it relates to Indigenous realities. Participants will be engaged in exploring these realities by learning through storytelling, hearing about contemporary Indigenous issues as it relates to churches, and what it means to live in a place that doesn't belong to you.

Vacation Bible School

Something MONUMENTAL took over much of our church campus the last week of June. Thirty children, 20 volunteers, 2 youth interns, and 2 staff members once again came together for Vacation Bible School. Learning from Bible Memory Buddies Harley, Miley, Howell, Rollo, and Jet we were lead on an adventure through different places like Monument Valley (summer and winter), Havasupai Falls, the Mitten Buttes, and Valley of Rocks - all from right here in Claremont. With all the games, great stories, crafts, videos, songs, and delicious meals, we realized that God has a great big boulder-sized MONUMENTAL love for each and every one of us.

4th of July Booth

It was a beautiful day in Memorial Park. Despite a pause in tradition due to the pandemic, the Memorial Park 4th of July Festival was on this year. Claremont Presbyterian Church hosted a fun and informational booth to share CPC with the community. We had the prayer map up, stickers for children and young at heart, and literature about the church and the Children's Center. Many thanks to the Evangelism & Nurture Commission for keeping this tradition going all these years.

And a big shout out to the several volunteers who came out to set up, share in conversation and keep good company.

June Session Highlights

- Planned a Session retreat for October 2 and canceled the July Session meeting
- Voted to become an anchor church for The Haven, a PCUSA New Faith Community to support the LGBTQ+ community in Azusa
- Learned that Property & Finance Commission is investigating possibilities for a new phone system as well as some needed updates for Fellowship Hall
- Scott Randles shared plans for another trip to Tijuana for the clean water project



Lawn Concert Featuring Squeakin' Wheels

Find us on the front lawn on August 20. Music starts at 6:00 PM, but feel free to come early with a picnic.

Squeakin' Wheels are six musicians who fuse musical influences from a wide range of times and places. In a nod to folk traditions, old songs are reinvented and mixed in with originals by siblings David and Marguerite Millard. Squeakin' Wheels are not a traditional string band museum piece but a compendium of folk, Country, blues, rock and gospel flavors. Their soulful vocal harmonies rubbing up against some rambunctious licks will help you re-imagine folk music.

This concert is free and open to the public.

Jr. High Pool Party was a Refreshing Pivot

Despite not being able to attend Jr. High Camp in Big Bear this summer, the Jr. Highers gathered at the Trindle home for an afternoon pool party. Swimming was a must, and then there were games, conversations and laughter, and delicious burgers and hot dogs! A special thanks to our Jr. Highers and their families for making a quick pivot in order to do something special together. And a big THANK YOU to Peggy and George Trindle for opening their beautiful home to this wild bunch.

Summer Soirée Wrap Up

The Adult Education Forum was so excited to host the Scholar Soiree Series al fresco. During May, June, and July

several CPC friends and community members came out to hear from different local scholars as they shared a bit about their doctoral research and studies. Our bright and enthusiastic scholars were – Najeeba Syeed, Krista Wuertz, and Yuki Schwartz. Thank you to our presenters for sharing with us and to the Adult Ed Team for providing refreshments as we gathered in the warm summer air.

The Village Dinner Church

Do you know of a neighbor, friend, or loved one who may be seeking a new kind of worship experience? Invite them to the Village Dinner Church or put them in contact with any of the Lead Team members. Join us Wednesday, August 17 at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Your CPC Village Dinner Church Lead Team: Anjlo & Lubna Ajmal, Shelley Randles, Jenna & Andrew Brooks, Tessa Klarin, and Pastor Brian.

Pentecost Offering

Way-to-go CPC! We collected a total of \$597.00.

This year the Education & Leadership Commission has decided to designate our 40% portion to go to the Claremont Presbyterian Village Dinner Church and specifically to support a stipend for two Youth Interns serving the wider community with Vacation Bible School. (60% went to the denomination to support children and youth ministries and initiatives across the states and the globe). To find out more about The Village Dinner Church go to: claremontpres.org/village.

Highlights from the 2022 General Assembly

Climate change. Voting 340-41, the assembly directed PC(USA) entities to divest from five oil and gas companies it concluded are not moving quickly enough to try to slow global warming — Chevron, ExxonMobil, Marathon Petroleum, Phillips 66, and Valero Energy. The vote reflected continued support for the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI)'s strategy of corporate engagement and selective divestment. Action on another item, ENV-09,



Back-to-School Sunday

It will soon be back-to-school time and once again we will be collecting and donating school supplies to Mt. View Elementary School. Back-to-School Sunday will be August 14. You can help by donating supplies, helping to sort the supplies after church and/or by making a monetary donation to be used to buy supplies. Below is a list of supplies that the teachers requested the families buy for their children.

#2 Pencils	spiral notebooks	glue sticks
lead pencils (0.7)	3 ring binders	post-it notes
box of 24 crayons	pocket dividers	dry erase marker
box of 8 markers	lined paper	blue & black pens
box of 8 thin markers	3 ring pencil pouches	red pens
yellow highlighters	sheet protectors	scissors
black sharpies	colored pencils	erasers
rulers-in & cm	Lysol wipes	kid's masks

The Deacons thank you in advance for your support!!

also affirmed “that working in the fossil fuel industry is a necessity for many” and assured Presbyterians that “divestment is not a condemnation or judgment of their choice of employment.”

Litany of repentance. One of the assembly’s most powerful emotional moments came when White Presbyterians recited a litany of repentance from RGJ-08, offering an apology to African Americans for the sin of slavery and its legacy. One assembly committee focused exclusively on issues of race and gender justice — including violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, disparities experienced by Black women and girls, and racial disparities in health care. Other concerns: confronting White supremacy in the PC(USA) and working for reparative justice.

Gun violence. With recent mass shootings still echoing, the assembly approved VIOL-07, declaring 2022-2032 a “Decade to End Gun Violence” — asking the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) to develop tools for faith-based advocacy against gun violence and for studying “the intersection of white supremacy culture, Christian nationalism, and gender with gun violence.” It also approved VIOL-11, directing MRTI to begin a process of corporate engagement with Walmart, Dick’s Sporting Goods, and Kroger, three publicly-traded companies included in the investment portfolios of either the Board of Pensions or Presbyterian Foundation, and which sell guns not classified as semi-automatic and assault-based weapons. (Those weapons previously mentioned are already on the divestment list.)

Immigration. The assembly voted 340-25 to declare the PC(USA) a “sanctuary and accompaniment church” — saying the denomination stands with immigrants and asylum-seekers and is committed to working for justice in U.S. immigration policy. That work often involves Presbyterians accompanying immigrants by offering housing and legal assistance, going with them to immigration hearings and other appointments and trying to get people released from detention.

Reproductive justice. In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the assembly approved a resolution on reproductive justice — saying the PC(USA) rejects “attempts at all levels of government to reduce, limit, or eliminate access to contraceptive and abortion care.”

LGBTQIA+ equity. The assembly created a new LGBTQIA+ Equity Advocacy Committee as a permanent committee of the General Assembly — equivalent in access and accountability to the Advocacy Committee for Women and Gender Justice and the Racial Equity Advocacy Committee.



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Family Outings - End of Summer & Fall

Your Education & Leadership Commission would like you to take note of the upcoming Family Outings happening at the end of the summer and through the Fall (details TBD):

August 28 - End of the Summer Ice House Canyon afternoon hike (Mt. Baldy area)

September 11 - Family Hang-Out at Frank Bonelli Park (afternoon picnic and relaxing fun)

September 23-25 - Joshua Tree Camping with Families (group site hosted by the Lin Family)

October 9 or 16 - Apple Picking in the Oak Glen area

November 11-13 - Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center Fall Family Camp (hosted by Big Bear Camp & Conference Center)

December 4 - Local afternoon hike

Ways to Give

- Place offerings in offering box in narthex after worship.
- 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.



CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 06/30/2022	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$203,127.35	\$240,000.00
Other Income	\$48,788.14	\$53,649.98
Expenses	-\$315,854.75	-\$336,906.38
Variance	-\$63,939.26	-\$43,256.40
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 06/30/2022	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$561,537.22	\$550,043.20
Expenses	-\$536,914.17	-\$540,465.74
Variance	\$24,623.05	\$9,577.28

Flowers for Worship

The following worship flowers were donated to enhance our lovely worship space for the enjoyment of all by the following individuals last month.

July 3 - given anonymously in honor of all July celebrations: July 4 Independence Day, all July birthdays, anniversaries, and heart-felt milestones or celebrations.

July 17 - given by Dorothy Whitham in celebration of CPC and of our continuous ministry in Praise of God!

July 24 - the chancel flowers were given by Beth and Jim Harber, children of Elsie Harber, in memory of their mother following her Zoom memorial on Friday, July 22. Beth writes: " My mother's membership and many times, lay leadership, in Claremont Presbyterian Church and the congregational community were all very important to her over many decades. Elsie loved Gerbera daisies, white daisies and day lilies."

The Narthex flowers were given by Tina Blair and Gillian Steinmetz-Blair, in memory of Marvin Steinmetz on the anniversary of his birth.

July 31 - given by Betty Pinkerton and daughter, Emily Pinkerton, in loving honor of Frank Pinkerton's birthday on July 30.

Please Lift Up Your Prayers

In gratitude: We give thanks to the Lord for healing those whom we have lifted in prayer.

For traveling mercies and the Holy Spirit's grace: for all who are traveling and setting out on journeys in body, mind, soul, and spirit. May your travels be smooth and without incident, and may they bless you as you bless others.

For those who have died, as we surround their grieving families and friends with prayer and love: Rev. Fred Beebe; Cecile Trindle; Bob Kelly; Elsie Harber

For those recovering from surgery or hospital stays: Lisa Frazier; Ron Perry; Jean Perry; Gennie Ransom; Steven Marks; Cori Eazell; Kyungah Jung

For continued healing and recovery: Catherine Lin for painful trigeminal neuralgia; Mike Layne; Mark Nelson; Kelsey, Brad and Susan Starr's daughter-in-law; Larry Robertson; Patrick West; Frank Pinkerton; Cloyce Morrow; Joyce and Ted Alexander; for all of our friends recently exposed or testing positive for Covid, and recovering.

For the compassionate touch of the kind and tender Holy Spirit for strength and grace in very "real-life" situations for: Ron Perry; Trish Perry; Jean Perry; Greg Stout and for his sister, Margie Stout Ludwig; Gennie Ransom and her friend Sandra on lock-down for Covid at Sunrise; Denise Mann and her sister, Jennifer, and sister's boyfriend, Joseph, all in the hospital following an accident; Herb & Carlynn Christian; Pastor Brian's Aunt; Bonnie and Dennis Symonds, parents of Pastor Brian; Pastor Brian and family; the Agwu family; Sean, Matthew, and Ed Hughes; for Kerry Ryan and her dog, Baxter; Carrie Willette, Jan Willette's daughter; Barbara Patch; Phoebe DeVille; Doris Craig and Mae (Becky) Beck and her nieces; Meredith Clayton & Rocky Supinger.

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.

We also lift up all of those who remain unnamed here, but whose names and spirits are strongly engraved 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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Weekly Online Events

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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