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Guest Preacher on Sunday, August 20th

The Rev. Elmarie Parker and her husband The Rev. Scott Parker have ministered together from Beirut, Lebanon since 2013. Elmarie Parker serves as regional liaison to Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. The heartbeat of her work is to help deepen and strengthen the relational ties between the church in her region and the church in the United States and to develop the practical ministries that are birthed from these relationships. More specifically, she facilitates Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) support for partner programs and activities and implements partnership strategy. Elmarie assists in strengthening healthy, effective and appropriate relationships among entities of the PC(USA) and those of partner denominations and organizations in the region. This often takes shape through PC(USA) group solidarity and learning visits to Syria, Lebanon and Iraq facilitated by Elmarie. Additionally, Elmarie supports other PC(USA) associates serving in this region through communications, information sharing, mentoring/ guiding, encouraging and reflection.

Elmarie and Scott have been key partners in our ongoing support for refugees from the conflict in that region, both in Lebanon and here in the U.S. Claremont Presbyterian Church is part of the PCUSA's Syria/Lebanon Partner Network which held its annual meeting here last September.

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, August 6, 10:00 AM

Communion Sunday
Means of Grace: Service
Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, August 13, 10:00 AM

New Light Through Old Windows:
Padres and Wagons
Karen Sapio

Sunday, August 20, 10:00 AM

New Light Through Old Windows:
World Mission
Elmarie Parker preaching

Sunday, August 27, 10:00 AM

New Light Through Old Windows:
What's Missing?
Karen Sapio preaching

Morning and Evening Prayer August Hiatus

Our daily Morning and Evening Prayer postings on Facebook will go on hiatus during August. After Labor Day, our online prayers on Facebook will return as Daily Prayer, offered each day at 9 AM. As always, the videos are saved to our Facebook feed so you can engage with them at any time of day. Facebook address is facebook.com/claremontpres/.

Vacation Bible School

Children from the Children's Center and the community, and volunteers from our congregation, came to together to dive deep into God's love. They heard stories of how water was used in the Bible, sang songs about water, played water games, ate delicious and fun meals, participated in a mission project, and designed and created their own under the sea craft throughout the week. We are so blessed by the community showing up and the volunteers giving of their time. Another summer blessing the community.



Local Legends Concerts

Our Local Legends Concert Series continues in August with two wonderful local artists:

August 12: CRAiC Haus - Irish Folk. As the only PIONEERS of SHAMROCKABILLY, CRAiC HAUS hails from Claremont California, but brings a heavy dose of the Emerald Isle to their sound. With the occasional penny whistle, mandolin or harmonica thrown into the mix, their original tunes have captured the ears of fans all over the world.

August 26: Claremont Voodoo Society - Blue Roots/Americana. The Claremont Voodoo Society is Jerry O'Sullivan, Bill Barrett, Ray McNamara, Roy Durnal, and "Lazy" Brad Lewis' dream; a musical collective made of great musicians playing originals and obscure covers of gutbucket blues, rock, and epic ballads.

The concerts begin at 6pm on the front lawn at CPC. Bring a lawn chair, a picnic, and join us as we offer our space to create celebration and community around the amazing talents of local musicians.



Jr. High Pool Party

Saturday, August 26th 2-6PM at George and Peggy Trindle's home.

Jr. High summer pool parties are back! Jr. Highers and their families are invited to cool off with some pool fun, enjoy some games, and eat delicious food. This will be an exciting time for our youth to bond and for families to build relationships with one another.

Indland Valley Hope Partners Newsletter Mentioning

Inland Valley Hope Partners gave a thanks for the Local Legends series in their June 2023 publication.

"John York plays the classic "Here Comes the Sun" at Claremont Presbyterian Church's Local Legends Outdoor Summer Concert Series event on Saturday, June 3rd. Inland Valley Hope Partners was invited to speak at the concert, and a portion of all funds raised will be donated in support of our mission. Thank you to our friends at Claremont Presbyterian Church for including us in this innovating fundraising event."

Children's Center Independence Day Parade



Returns Wednesday, **September 20, 2023**
Fellowship Hall at 5:30PM – 7:00PM
(every 3rd Wednesday usually in the Fellowship Hall)

Following a short summer hiatus, July and August, we will be back in September with an exciting line-up of speakers made up of community leaders, fresh music, delicious meals, and great company. All you need to do is show up ready to worship and eat - we'll take care of the rest.

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.

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

Adult Ed - Fall 2023 Preview

The Adult Education Planning Team invites you to a 3-part series on Climate Change. The changing climate impacts more than just our environment, it impacts the very lives of different people all over the globe, and especially right here in the states. By way of special guest speakers, a variety of resources, and storytelling we will learn together how climate change is bigger and yet closer to home than we ever imagined. Here is a schedule:

Monday's at 7PM on Zoom and in Classroom 1

Zoom ID: 531 953 6959

Sept. 11 – Pt 1: What is the Problem? Study on Climate Change

Oct. 16 – Pt 2: What is at Stake? Climate Change as a Social Justice Issue

Nov. 13 – Pt 3: What is Being Done? Participating in fixing the problem

Quarterly Gatherings on Sunday Morning's

Adult Ed invites you back to participate in quarterly gatherings on Sunday morning's at 9AM in Classroom 1 before worship. The Planning Team continues to find ways for many to participate in educational opportunities at Claremont Presbyterian Church.

Upcoming Quarterly Dates:

Sept. 17 – Discussion on AI (Artificial Intelligence) and Chatbots

Dec. 3 – A Special Advent Presentation

Mar. TBD – Rev. Dr. Duane Bidwell Shares his newest Book

First Tuesday Coffee and Conversation

At **9:30 AM on August 1**, grab a cup of coffee to go from your favorite Claremont Village coffee shop and join friends in Laemmle Square for a time of conversation and building friendships. This is a great chance to get better acquainted with members of our community. Questions? *Call the church office at 909-624-9693.*

July 5 Session Highlights

- Met with Kristi Van Nostran and voted to recommend she move from an Inquirer to a Candidate for Ordination. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of recommendation.
- Were saddened to note the passing of Wadie Alkourie and Bonnie Symonds.
- Tracy Doebler reported on the bittersweet Presbytery meeting when a new pastor was welcomed to the Altadena, and the La Puente church was dissolved.
- Heard from Pastor Brian about his studies on "Re-thinking the Church"
- Treasurer Janet Siedschlag reminded everyone to stay current with pledges through the summer.
- Voted to hire Amanda Colclough to job share with Heather Chapman the position of Children, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator.
- Thanked the Evangelism and Nurture Commission members for providing refreshments at the popular Local Legends concerts.

Pastor Brian on Vacation

Following a very challenging spring and summer Pastor Brian is going to take a couple of weeks of family vacation. He will be away **July 30-August 5 and August 12-19.**

See All That's Happening...

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

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

- 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



Parish List 2023 - 2024

Dennis & Phoebe Frankeberger

Catherine Lin

Mark Nelson

Sally Lopez

Lisa Frazier

Paula Pitzer

Marcia Reich

Susan Starr

Sue Likens & Jean Perry

Vera Caselles

Nora Quinn

Barb MacKenzie, Moderator Deacons

Congregational Care Coordinator: Delight Slotemaker de Bruine

Parish 1

Parish 2

Parish 3

Parish 4

Parish 5

Parish 6

Parish 7

Parish 8

Parish 9

Parish 10

Parish 11

Abusharr - Bobo

Bovard/Ellens - Colclough

Beck, Colmenares - Farmer

Farr - Holtan

Hormell - Kinsey

Klein - Lord

Luschei - Morrow

Najarian - Quinn

Randles - Silva

Sittig - Thorndyke

Trindle-Wuertz/Wilson



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Worship Flowers for July 2023

Our CPC Sanctuary has been graced, and we have been blessed, each Sunday during worship, in the month of July, 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 celebration, or in prayer. 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, for their generosity. Worship flowers were donated as follows:

July 2: The flowers on this morning, at the base of the cross, were given by the Butler family, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Jim Butler's ordination. The flowers in the Narthex were given by the Rev. Dr. Tina Blair, in celebration of the birthdays of her daughter, Gillian, and her friend Delight Slotemaker de Bruine.

July 9: Flowers were from Emily Pinkerton, in honor of her parents, Frank and Betty Pinkerton, on their 55th wedding anniversary!

July 16: The worship flowers were given by Jack and Vera Caselles, in honor of Jack's dad, Vincent G. Caselles, on his birthday, born in Denia, Spain, on 7/18/1900, died in Glendale in 1961.

July 23: The flowers are given by Dennis and Phoebe Frankeberger, in honor of their two daughters, Jessica and Bex Frankeberger.

July 30: Given by Dorothy Whitham, in loving memory of Rick Whitham, on what would have been their 49th wedding anniversary on July 27.

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 06/30/23	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$ 235,986.58	\$ 242,502.00
Other Income	\$ 93,218.84	\$ 59,658.00
Expenses	- \$ 356,939.57	- \$ 361,450.97
Variance	- \$ 27,734.15	- \$ 59,290.97
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 06/30/2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$ 614,818.37	\$ 559,030.00
Expenses	- \$ 586,280.60	- \$ 558,612.50
Variance	\$ 28,537.77	\$ 417.50

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: Please share in uplifted prayers of gratitude on behalf of: Herb Christian, Sharron Bentley, and Carolyn Whitham, each recovering now at Magnolia Grove; Linda Hamilton and Lee Ireland, celebrating healing; We offer deep thanks to God for the life of Bill Brinegar, with us. We appreciate the CPC Worship Community seeking discernment to continue to identify safe places to be and to worship.

In contemplation: May we go forth into the world seeking to be the Light of Christ to all whom we meet, reflecting the deep love of God for all of us.

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

For those who are prayerfully recovering from surgery: Nancy Treser Osgood

For those who continue the healing process: Dennis Frankeberger; Jean Perry; Phoebe DeVille

For those for whom we wish the continued grace, peace, wisdom and comfort of the Holy Spirit: the Gaeta-Symonds family; the Perry family; the Hughes family; the Master family; the Kessler family; Trisch Diaz; Catherine Lin and her mother, Patricia

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

For living transitions: Pastor Brian's father, Dennis Symonds.

For all of our friends living in long-term care: Please Remember, all of those who live in long-term care facilities in your prayers, wishing down glimpses of Christ's love and opportunities to smile and laugh with moments of joy each day.

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.

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 below.
- **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.





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Weekly Online Events

Sunday

10:00 AM - Worship (Facebook)



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Wednesday

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



[claremontpres](https://www.facebook.com/claremontpres)

Friday

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



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