



claremont presbyterian church

# COMMUNICATOR

September 2023



## NEW BEGINNINGS

### Adult Education

- Begins with a Fall Series on Climate Change on September 11 (Classroom 1 & Zoom)
- Quarterly Sunday Morning Gatherings begin September 17

### Children and Youth Spiritual Formation

- Sundays - Communion, STEM projects, Music, and Waffle Church
- Youth Group gatherings after Worship
- Confirmation – Jan-March
- Family Outings
- Village Dinner Church returns September 20, 5:30
- LGBTQIA+ Ministry with The Haven and CPC

### Volunteer Opportunities Beginning 2024

- Coffee & Donuts with CPCC – Thursdays at 8 AM
- Lemonade Wednesdays – Wednesdays at 1 PM
- Village Dinner Church

### New Beginnings Sunday Sept. 10

A Sunday of fun, food and fellowship awaits you. Join us during worship to hear the stories of our spiritual formation ministries, missional ministries, and other opportunities to serve and participate in this community of faith. Stick around after worship for a refreshing treat from the Kona Ice Truck, delicious tacos from 626 Tacos, face-painting for all ages, and games on the lawn.

## Upcoming Worship

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

**Sunday, September 3, 10:00 AM**  
*Communion Sunday*  
Brian Gaeta-Symonds preaching

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**Sunday, September 10, 10:00 AM**  
*New Beginnings Sunday*  
Matthew 18:15-20  
Karen Sapio preaching

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**Sunday, September 10, 6:00 PM**  
Jazz Vespers  
with Sherry Williams

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**Sunday, September 17, 10:00 AM**  
*Parish Sunday*  
Matthew 18:21-35  
Karen Sapio preaching

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**Wednesday, September 20, 5:30 PM**  
The Village Dinner Church  
with Alex McDonald

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**Sunday, September 24, 10:00 AM**  
Matthew 20:1-16  
Karen Sapio preaching

## 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:

All sessions on Zoom and in Classroom 1 - Zoom ID: 531 953 6959

**Monday, Sept. 11, 7 PM** – Pt 1: What is the Problem? Study on Climate Change

**Monday, Oct. 16, 7 PM** – Pt 2: What is at Stake? Climate Change as a Social Justice Issue

**Monday, Nov. 13, 7 PM** – Pt 3: What is Being Done? Participating in fixing the problem

We also look forward to returning to Sunday morning gatherings before worship - **Sunday mornings at 9 AM** in Classroom 1. 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

## Daily Prayer Returns

Our online daily prayer on Facebook will return after Labor Day on September 5. Daily Prayer will be posted each morning Monday-Friday at 9 AM and will remain available to view at any time throughout the day—whenever a brief daily prayer devotion fits your schedule.

## Waffle Church

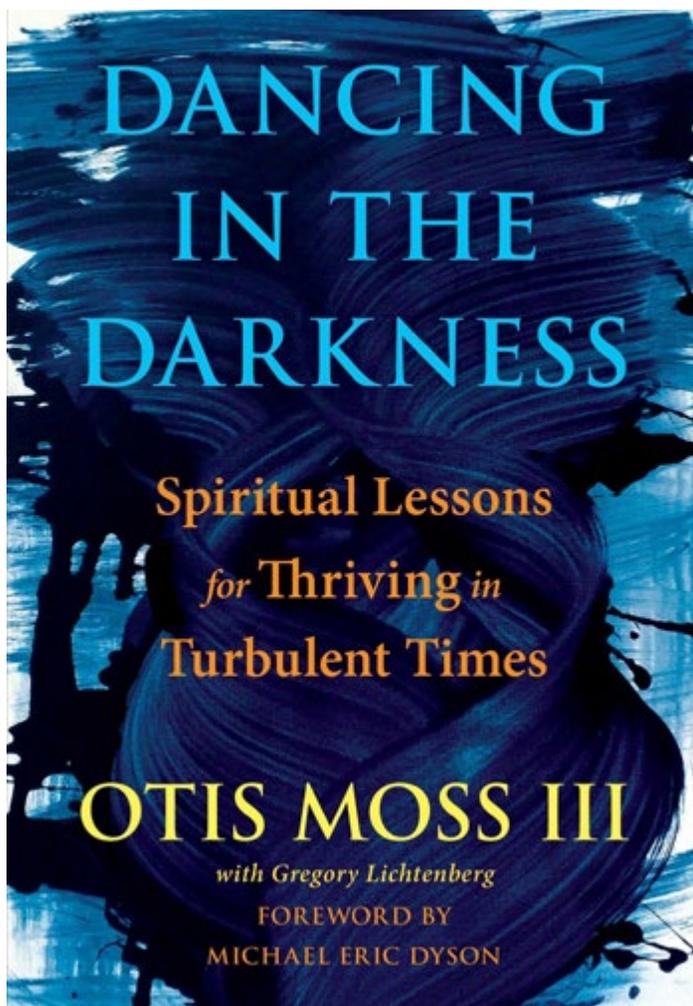
Join us on Sunday, **September 24**, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for this exciting family friendly abbreviated worship experience, followed by a real waffle breakfast with all the toppings. Our children are invited to gather up front in the Fellowship Hall on blankets and with pillows to participate in prayer, listen to a story from scripture, and hear a captivating message. Heather Chapman and our youth will help lead all those gathered in worship. And then take some time to eat and share in conversation with friends.

## Fall Bible Study Begins September 6

This Fall Wednesdays at 4:00 PM our study group will explore *Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times*, by Otis Moss III. Reviewers have described this book as a “life-affirming” guide to the practical, political, and spiritual challenges of our day. Drawing on the teachings of Dr. King, Howard Thurman, sacred scripture, southern wisdom, global spiritual traditions, Black culture, and his own personal experiences, Dr. Moss instructs us on how to practice spiritual resistance by combining justice and love. This collection helps us tap into the spiritual reserves we all possess but too often overlook, so we can slay our personal demons, confront our civic challenges, and reach our highest goals.

The book is available through most online book sellers in both print and electronic formats.

This group meets on ZOOM each Wednesday at 4 PM. The Zoom meeting ID is 862 1883 9113.



## The Loaves and Fishes Society: an additional way to give back to CPC

*“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many?”*

*John 6:9*

The Loaves and Fishes Society, the bequest program at CPC, provides all of us with an additional way to “give back” to our wonderful Church, in response to all that we have received.

While the annual pledge campaign provides the vital funding to support the daily operating budget of the Church, the bequest program serves long-range needs, as described in the Loaves and Fishes Society brochure. If you would like another copy of the brochure for yourself or a friend, please pick one up in the Church office – we hope it will serve as a ready guide and reference for future use.

Just as the loaves and fishes were multiplied to sustain multitudes (John 6:9), our individual bequest gifts, when combined with those of others, will have a far greater impact than any one of us could achieve on our own. Currently, 40 people are members of our Loaves and Fishes Society.

When you too have taken this important step, please inform one of the Pastors, any member of the Committee, or Neila Carey in the Church office – we want to offer our hearty thanks to you as well!

The Special Gifts and Endowment Committee of Claremont Presbyterian Church: Roger House, Dee Kelley, Kent Miller, Karen Sapio, Janet Siedschlag, Stan Springer, Kent Warner, Mike Wigton

## First Tuesday Coffee and Conversation

At **9:30 AM on September 5**, 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.*



Returns

Wednesday, **September 20**, 5:30PM – 7:00PM

Following a short summer hiatus, we will be back in September with exciting 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. On September 20 we will be hosting **newly elected CUSD Board Member, Alex McDonald.**

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

## Parish Sunday

Mark your calendars for Parish Sunday, September 17. Join us after church to get to know your Deacon and members of your parish. We hope you join us for a special coffee hour of fun, fellowship and great treats!

## Parish List 2023 - 2024

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 Deacons

Congregational Care Coordinator: Delight Slotemaker de Bruine

# Live Music at CPC



## **“Tribute to Big Bands”**

### **with San Dimas Jazz Workshop**

Join us for an unforgettable evening of musical delight as Claremont Presbyterian Church presents a captivating Big Band Jazz Concert. Experience the soulful melodies, toe-tapping rhythms, and sensational harmonies of this beloved genre.



## **Jazz Vespers with Sherry Williams**

Jazz Vespers are for the whole community and combine beautiful sounds with sacred space, sacred readings, and a time for heartfelt prayers. “The lady beckons you musically to eat out of her hand and you are happy to oblige... Sherry’s voice is much sweeter than wine.” — LA Times



## **Local Legends: Squeakin’ Wheels**

Squeakin’Wheels are six musicians who fuse musical influences from a wide range of times and places. Their soulful vocal harmonies rubbing up against some rambunctious licks will help you re-imagine folk music.

## **August Worship Flowers**

In the month of August our Sanctuary has been graced, and we have been blessed 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 if you would like to make a worship flower donation.

August 6: given by Diane Ntephe in honor of and in loving memory of the Reverend Dr. Robert Kelley on the anniversary of his death on August 2. Robert was the beloved professor and mentor of Diane’s husband, Azike Ntephe.

August 13: given lovingly by Jean Perry in joyous celebration of her daughter, Janice Montgomery, who celebrated her birthday on August 9.

August 27: given lovingly by Geri DeMasi, in honor of his wife, Karen, as they celebrated their third wedding anniversary on August 28.



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## Please Lift Up Your Prayers

In order to protect people's privacy, our published prayer lists will no longer include many details. After Labor Day, we will be inviting those of you who are interested to join a confidential bi-weekly Prayer Circle email that will have more complete prayer information. 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 for the lives of individuals:* Herb Christian and Carolyn Whitham, each recovering now at Magnolia Grove; Linda Hamilton and Lee Ireland, celebrating healing.

*In gratitude within the life of our CPC Community:* We give thanks for the continued ministry of the CPC Deacons in support of Mountain View back-to-school supplies. We appreciated the generosity of our CPC family and friends. We appreciate the CPC Worship Community seeking discernment to continue to identify safe places to be and to worship.

*In contemplation:* "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8, NRSV

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:* Brad Hanson; Tony Becker's mother, Lorraine Becker; Margaret Artino; Bonnie Symonds; Wadie Alkhouri.

*For continued healing:* Allison Blix; Georgie Frazier, brother of David and Lisa Frazier; Jean Perry; Phoebe DeVille.

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

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 07/31/2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$ 274,554.90	\$282,919.00
Other Income	\$102,908.93	\$69,601.00
Expenses	-\$420,558.38	-\$420,724.49
Variance	-\$43,094.55	-\$68,204.49
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 07/31/2023	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$ 707,056.33	\$652,535.00
Expenses	-\$678,193.10	-\$651,792.75
Variance	\$28,863.23	\$742.25

Gaeta-Symonds family; the Perry family; the Hughes family; Trisch Diaz; Catherine Lin and her mother, Patricia.

*For living transitions:* Pastor Brian's father, 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](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.

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## 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).

## 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](http://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](mailto:giving@claremontpres.org).





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## Weekly Online Events

### Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - Daily Prayer (Facebook)

### Sunday

10:00 AM - Worship (Facebook & Youtube)

### 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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