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Stewardship 2023 Let Our Light Shine!

As our community has emerged from the shadows of pandemic, our congregation has been there, shining the light of hope, compassion, and faith to discern the way forward. Our 2023 Stewardship Campaign celebrates our work together and invites our church family to pledge their financial support for the coming year so that we can continue to Let our Light Shine.

Look for your Stewardship Information Packet to arrive in the mail in late October. Then plan to bring your pledge card on Sunday, November 6th to the Stewardship Sunday Celebration following worship. There will be tacos served on the church patio, and music on the church lawn. Mark your calendars and plan to enjoy this event for our whole community.

Upcoming Worship

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

Sunday, October 2, 10:00 AM

World Communion Sunday

The Rev. Dr. James Lee preaching

Sunday, October 9, 10:00 AM

Someone Else's Mail

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, October 16, 10:00 AM

Someone Else's Mail

2 Timothy 3:14—4:4

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Wednesday, October 19, 5:30 PM

The Village Dinner Church

Sunday, October 23, 10:00 AM

Someone Else's Mail

2 Timothy: 4:6-8, 16-18

Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, October 30, 10:00 AM

All Saints and Reformation Sunday

Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds preaching

Rev. Dr. James Lee to preach for World Communion Sunday

The Rev. Dr. James Lee will be our guest preacher for World Communion Sunday. Dr. Lee is president of International Theological Seminary in West Covina. Prior to assuming the presidency, Dr. Lee was resident professor of Old Testament at ITS. President Lee's commitment to global ministry grew early on when he traveled to churches in Guatemala, Mexico, Colombia, and Russia as a high school student. He considers his role as president, his scholarly inquiry, and teaching ministry as extensions of a deep and abiding desire to be a part of God's redemptive work in the world.

President Lee earned his Ph.D. in Old Testament from Union Presbyterian Seminary. He received his M. Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a B.A. in Philosophy from University of Texas at Austin.

Ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), President Lee served congregations in New Jersey, Richmond, and Dallas. He enjoys teaching the Bible in cross-cultural contexts, most recently having taught in India, Rwanda, Indonesia and Nigeria.



Local Legends: A Fall Concert Series

Claremont is full of talented musicians. In October we will celebrate several of our local legends with events on our new outdoor stage.

Saturday, October 8, 5 PM The Citrus Sisters — Ellen Harper, Elizabeth Hangan and Marguerite Millard — are based in Southern California and have been playing music together in a variety of formats for many years. Ellen Harper is a singer, songwriter, musician and author and is co-owner of the Folk Music Center in Claremont. Elizabeth Hangan is a singer, songwriter, bass player and music educator based in Southern California. Marguerite Millard has played with a variety of musical groups in the Bay Area and in Southern California. Her group Squeakin' Wheels performs frequently around Claremont—including a concert on our outdoor stage last July.

Saturday, October 22, 5 PM John York is a bass player, guitarist, and songwriter currently based in Claremont. His musical gifts have led him to collaborations with leading lights of the musical world, including time as part of the well known folk rock group, The Byrds. John attended

one of the summer concerts on our new outdoor stage and loved the space and the spirit of the venue. He is looking forward to sharing his vocal and instrumental talents with Claremont on our front lawn.

These concerts are free of charge and open to the public.

Biblical Storytelling Workshop and Story Concert

Have you enjoyed the biblical stories Pastor Karen tells in worship? Would you like to learn more about the art of Biblical Storytelling?

Pastor Karen Sapio is working on her Certificate in Biblical Storytelling through the Network of Biblical Storytellers International. She has told a number of the stories she has learned in worship over the last several months. In partial fulfillment of the Certificate Requirements, she will be presenting a Bible Storytelling Workshop on October 16 from 4:30-6:00 in Room 1 and a Storytelling Concert that same evening at 7 PM. All are invited. There is no charge for either event, however it would be helpful for those planning to attend the Workshop to let Pastor Karen know by emailing her at karensapio@claremontpres.org.

Adult Ed – What’s Coming Up?

“Navigating the Midterm Elections” is the topic of a non-partisan conversation to be held prior to Worship on Sunday, October 23 at 8:45 AM in Room 1 or on Zoom, meeting ID 843 4386 4106. David Menefee-Libey will facilitate our discussion, as he has for many election seasons, and assist us in identifying significant issues. Menefee-Libey is the William A. Johnson Professor of Government, professor of politics, and coordinator of public policy analysis at Pomona College where he has taught since 1989. He is a six-time winner of the college’s Wig Distinguished Teaching Award, and describes his recent teaching emphasis as “the challenges of building and sustaining liberal democracy and the rule of law in the United States amid political polarization, and large and growing economic inequity.” His research interests include the politics of elementary and secondary education reform, and civic education. His engagement in community life includes being a long-time member of CPC.

A three-part series on “Indigenous Peoples and Realities in Southern California” will be included in CPCs Advent programming. Participants will engage in exploring Indigenous issues including racism, belonging, and relationships with the church. Announcements about presenters and details regarding program resources will be forthcoming.



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 CPC Village Dinner Church, or put them in contact with any of the Lead Team members. Join us on Wednesday, October 19 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM (and every 3rd Wednesday of the month usually in the Fellowship Hall).

Coffee & Donuts with the Children’s Center

Mmmmmm...delicious – Coffee & Donuts. That’s right, for the last several years (with a small hiatus during the pandemic) the Evangelism and Nurture Commission has sponsored a Thursday morning (8:00 - 9:15 AM) moment of conversation and refreshments during the morning drop off at the Center. Church members have been volunteering to make sure it happens nearly every week. If you would like to help support this ministry in presence and/or finance please contact Barbara MacKenzie or Pastor Brian. You can offer a donation to help cover the cost, or you can give of your time on a Thursday morning to greet families and hand out refreshments.

Alternative Christmas Market

The Alternative Christmas Market Is Coming in November! Look for more info next month about how you can support CPC’s mission partners with a donation as an alternative to buying physical gifts for family and friends.

Big Bear Family Camp & Youth Tapestry Weekend

This November the Tapestry Youth Fall Retreat will be happening in tandem with the Synod's Family Camp - all at the Big Bear Camp and Conference Center. The entire campground is being reserved for the youth and the few selected churches invited to participate in this trial family camp.

Although meals and some of the worship will be all together, other activities will be divided by age groups: Youth, Adults, and Children. The Camp is providing counselors and staff for the children and families, and Tapestry will provide counselors and staff for the youth.

Claremont Presbyterian is being invited to participate in this trial Family Camp on November 11 - 13. Cost is \$125 per participant. Please see Pastor Brian for more information and to register.

CPC Family Outing – Apple Picking in Oak Glen

Join us on October 9 from 2 to 5:30ish us for a pleasant afternoon of apple picking, barnyard animals, tasty treats (maybe some wine for the adults), and a bonfire.

We will be heading up to the Willowbrook Apple Farm near Yucaipa (12099 Oak Glen Rd, Oak Glen, CA 92399).

Let us know if you'd like to participate so we can make sure all are able to participate. Contact Heather Chapman 909-938-7001 or Pastor Brian 562-674-8407 for more information. brian@claremontpres.org

Project Angel Shower and Tea

The 2022 Project Angel event will be a shower and tea on Saturday, October 8, from 2 to 4 PM in Fellowship Hall. Members and friends are invited to attend and enjoy gift viewing, conversations, a couple of fun games (door prize), and light refreshments. This annual project coordinates with the Angel Interfaith Network to provide clothing and supplies for babies born at LA County-USC Medical Center. Area participants include Temple Beth Israel, Claremont UCC Church, and local members of the American Sewing Guild, with CPC serving as this year's host. Gifts may include baby clothes, blankets, towels and wash

cloths, crib supplies, and disposable diapers and wipes, among other baby needs. New, unwrapped items can be brought to CPC on Sunday mornings through October 2 (look for a collection box) or dropped off at the church office. Checks can also be accepted, made out to St. Camillus Center (the coordinating agency), with "Angel Network" written on the memo line.

Youth Initiatives (working title)

Our Jr Highers had another great pool party, this time at the Miller home. They enjoyed swimming, laughing, and lots of pizza. They ended the festivities talking with Pastor Brian about things they would like to do throughout this year. They are interested in fun activities, acts of service, learning about caring for the earth, and finding ways to play a bigger part in the worship service on Sunday mornings.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support our youth and this initiative, please see Pastor Brian.

Upcoming Deacon Events

Parish Sunday - We have changed Parish Sunday to October 9 immediately after church. Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall will be a time to meet the CPC Deacons. Tables will be set up with parish numbers and you will have a chance to chat with your parish Deacon and other members of your parish. Hope you can join us!

Food Drive - Claremont Presbyterian Church will be sponsoring a community-wide food drive on Sunday, November 6 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the church parking lot. All donations will benefit CPC's long-time mission partner, Inland Valley Hope Partners. IVHP continues to have a need for nonperishable foods and the efforts of our congregation and the Claremont community can go a long way towards providing local families much needed relief.

Some of the requested items include peanut butter, jelly, pop-open cans of chili and soups, ramen and cup of noodles.

Donations of nonperishable food will be accepted by the Deacons in the church parking lot. If you can't make it that day, donations can be dropped off





**FOR YOU SHALL GO OUT IN JOY,
AND BE LED FORTH IN PEACE.**

ISAIAH 55:12



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

9/4-
10/2
2022

Peacemaking Offering Received on World Communion Sunday

Once again, Claremont Presbyterian Church will participate in the PCUSA's Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. This year, our local percentage of the offering will go the support Inland Valley Hope Partner's efforts to address the growing problem of local food insecurity.

at church and if you need us to pick up your donations please contact your Deacon or leave a message at the church office. Tax deductible monetary donations can be sent by mail (checks to Inland Valley Hope Partners, 1753 N. Park Ave, Pomona, CA 91768) or online (inlandvalleyhopepartners.org) and click on "donate online."

August Session Highlights

- Grieved the passing of long-time member Clint Robertson
- Approved several updates to several sections of the Operating Manual
- Shared appreciation for the community outreach provided by the well-attended concerts on the lawn this summer
- Treasurer Janet Siedschlag reported the receipt of an unrestricted bequest from the estate of Eleanor Swanstrom of \$68,518.
- Received the Financial Reviews for the years 2019 and 2020
- Confirmed the hiring of Heather Chapman to the position of Children Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator



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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.



Flowers for Worship

We express our gratitude and appreciation to the following individuals for their thoughtful donations of worship flowers that enhance our worship space enjoyed by all.

September 4: given by Jean Perry in loving celebration of her son, Ronald's birthday.

September 11: given by Doug Carrington for CPC New Beginnings and in honor of Geri DeMasi.

September 18: given by Frank and Betty Pinkerton in honor and in memory of Betty's mother, Dorothy Gray Zimmer, for her birthday on September 23.

September 25: given by Paula Pitzer in honor and in memory of her parents, Ruth and Harland Goodrich, charter members of CPC.

Please contact Delight via email delight@claremontpres.org if you have a special date that you would like to donate worship flowers. They can be distributed on the patio, or you may take them with you, or the Deacons may distribute at their discretion.

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 08/31/2022	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$275,746.25	\$320,000.00
Other Income	\$129,545.75	\$71,833.32
Expenses	-\$436,281.46	-\$445,230.30
Variance	-\$30,989.46	-\$53,396.98
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 08/31/2022	-\$436,281.46	BUDGET
Revenue	\$739,194.86	\$733,890.68
Expenses	-\$707,653.49	-\$720,620.98
Variance	\$31,541.37	\$13,269.70

Please Lift Up Your Prayers

In celebration for: CPC and the start of a new year with New Beginnings anticipated ahead for all of us; Sue Likens and the celebration of her 80th birthday on September 10.

For those who have died, as we surround their grieving families and friends with prayer and love: Tom Luschei's father, Martin Luschei; Clint Robertson; Will Kohnen's mother, Gertrude Davids.

For those facing upcoming surgery, we pray for healthy preparation and smooth recovery: Lisa Frasier.

For continued healing and recovery for: Sue Likens; Judy Hormell who is recovering from a fall; Peggy Nall, recovering from a fall; family, friends, and neighbors who may be recovering from Covid; Kyungah Jung; Phoebe Frankeberger; Catherine Lin; Mike Layne; Larry Robertson; Frank Pinkerton; Cloyce Morrow; Joyce and Ted Alexander, recovering from a fall.

For the compassionate touch of the kind and tender Holy Spirit for strength and grace in very "real-life" situations for: those of us who may find ourselves in vulnerable and sensitive family situations; Corinne Tolles, navigating through advanced stages of kidney disease and diabetes; Delight's cousin; Ron Perry; Jean Perry; Trish Perry; Gennie Ransom; Greg Stout and for his sister, Margie Stout Ludwig; Herb & Carlynn Christian; Pastor Brian's aunt; Bonnie and Dennis Symonds, parents of Pastor Brian; Pastor Brian and family; the Agwu family; Kevin and Ken Kessler.

For those whom we tenderly remember on an ongoing basis: Sean, Matthew, and Ed Hughes; Carrie Willette, Jan Willette's daughter; Barbara Patch; Phoebe DeVille; Doris Craig and Mae (Becky) Beck and her nieces; Suzanne and Kay Brown; Chris Hartmire; Tom Bleakney; Jean Underwood; Eileen Jaeger; Carolyn Kingshill; 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

Monday - Thursday, Saturday

8:00 AM - Morning Prayer (Facebook)

Sunday - 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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