



# COMMUNICATOR

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## From the Pastor

Prayerful, Courageous, United, Serving... Alive!

Our Fall sermon series focuses on the proposed guiding statement for our denomination developed by the PCUSA Vision 2020 Commission. The Guiding Statement hangs upon five key words—Prayerful, Courageous, United, Serving, Alive—whose initial letters form the acronym for our church: PCUSA.

This month our congregation offers opportunities to embrace each one of these words! Which will you choose to make part of your life this month?

**Prayerful:** Attend the Service of Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness on October 13, get up early for our every Thursday Morning Meditation at 7 AM in the Chapel, or bring a friend to Jazz Vespers on October 27.

**Courageous:** Show up and Stand Proud for the diversity that is the faith community in Claremont at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Peace Walk on Sunday, October 20. Participants walk from the Claremont Islamic Center, to the City of Knowledge School, to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and finally to Temple Beth Israel to share a meal.

**United:** Come to worship on Worldwide Communion Sunday on October 6 where we join with Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church, GPIB Indonesian Fellowship, and Claremont Korean Fellowship to celebrate our unity in Christ.

**Serving:** Help extend hospitality to our neighbors at Mountainview Elementary School each week at Lemonade Wednesdays, or to the parents of our CPCC Preschool children with coffee and donuts on Friday mornings.

**Alive:** Help sustain the life and ministry of this congregation by participating in our 2020 Stewardship drive.

God’s blessings be with you as this month begins.

*Karen Sapio*

## Upcoming Worship

**Sunday, October 6, 10:00 AM**

*World Communion Sunday*

Joint Worship with Emmanuel, GPIB,  
and Claremont Korean

Romans 12: 1-8

Executive Presbyter Wendy Tajima  
preaching

**Sunday, October 13, 10:00 AM**

The Rev. Christopher Hedges, guest  
preacher

**Sunday, October 13, 7:00 PM**

Service for Healing and Wholeness

**Wednesday, October 16, 5:00 PM**

Messy Midweek Church

**Sunday, October 20, 10:00 AM**

*Children's Sabbath*

Pastor Brian Gaeta-Symonds and CPC  
Children and Families

**Sunday, October 27, 10:00 AM**

Pastor Karen Sapio preaching  
Stewardship Lunch following worship

**Sunday, October 27, 6:00 PM**

Jazz Vespers

## Stewardship 2020

GOSPEL SHAPED DREAMS | COMING ALIVE

Watch your mailbox, social media, and our church website this month as our Stewardship Team begins to roll out our Stewardship Campaign for 2020. We will celebrate and tell the story of Gospel-shaped dreams that came to life in 2019, and share the excitement and anticipation of Gospel-shaped dreams for the coming year. SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, November 3 we will launch our pledge drive with a delicious luncheon following worship.

## World Communion Sunday

San Gabriel Presbytery's Executive Presbyter, The Rev. Wendy Tajima will be our guest preacher for World Communion Sunday on October 6. We will join together in worship with our friends from Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church, GPIB Indonesian Fellowship, and Claremont Korean Fellowship.

## Picture Day is Coming - Nov. 13-16!

Put on your finest Sunday attire and bring the entire family down to the church. LifeTouch will again capture this moment in the life of this community of faith by way of a Claremont Presbyterian Church directory. In addition to receiving a free paper directory we will also have an internet based directory that you can access right from your phone, tablet, and laptop and desktop computers.

Make sure to look out for your CPC Directory Representative, Eric Bernal, out on the patio on Sundays. He will be happy to get you signed up for a day and time. You will also find a link to register online in any one of our many email notices.

Smile and say cheese!

## PW Bible Study

Bible Study sponsored by Claremont Presbyterian Women will meet Tuesday, October 8 at 9:30 AM in the CPC Library. "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" is the theme for 2019-20. Pastor Karen Sapio leads the study which will be held each second Tuesday of the month through May. All members and friends are welcome to attend as schedules permit. To order a study guide (\$12), contact Elaine Walker at (909) 621-4261.



## Enneagram: A Journey of Self-Discovery

Mark your calendars for our Fall retreat on November 1 & 2. In this exploration of the Enneagram, we will discover a profound, elegant and compassionate map of the human psyche including both psychological and spiritual components. Put all this together and this will be our guide toward self-understanding and self-development.

The goal? Self understanding. As a further benefit, a peek into the motivations and inner workings of others in our lives, to increase understanding and improve relationships.

By gaining insight into our personal world view, we gain deeper understanding of ourselves and others. Values, habits and motivations will be explored – and healthy, presence based alternatives discovered. Lecture, discussion and interactive exercises. All levels of Enneagram knowledge welcome.

Friday evening we'll offer an introduction to the model for those unfamiliar or needing a refresher and will be mostly a teaching and storytelling opportunity. Saturday we will jump into the complexities – values, behaviors, habits, motivations, and offer concrete ways to loosen these constrictions for a more balanced sense of self and others. This day will include some didactic and a variety of exercises, partner and group sharing.

The Enneagram is rich in wisdom and holds promise for a more present life with greater compassion.

### Retreat Schedule

#### Friday, Nov. 1

- 5:30 PM Meet Up Dinner with Kathryn (purchase your own)
- 7:00 PM Introduction to the Enneagram
- 8:30 PM Dismiss

#### Saturday, Nov. 2

- 9:00 AM Introductions & Enneagram Walk Through
- 10:30 AM Break
- 10:45 AM How We Move Through the Enneagram's Values, Avoidances and Defenses
- 12:15 PM Lunch (included)
- 1:15 PM Am I Stuck? The Idealized Self-Image
- 2:45 PM Break
- 3:00 PM Group Practice
- 4:00 PM Dismiss

## Food Request for Nov. 20 at Laundry Love

If you were homeless, how would you wash your clothes? The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, from 6 to 8 PM, Laundry Love provides a means for the homeless to wash their clothes. While people wait for their clothes to wash and dry, a light meal is provided. This occurs at Lucy's Laundry Mart at 365 W Holt Ave. in Pomona. Each month, a different group of volunteers help the homeless operate the washers and dryers and provides the meal. On Wednesday, Nov 24 CPC has volunteered to provide lasagna, salad and fruit. We are asking for volunteers to bring one of these items that serves 20 each. We are especially requesting people who would be willing to bring a lasagna. Please contact Carol Sittig at [sittigcarol@gmail.com](mailto:sittigcarol@gmail.com) if you would be willing to provide an item. Thank you in advance for honoring the dignity of each human being.

# NESSL Establishes Schools for Syrian Refugees

Tens of thousands of children are suffering the horrible effects of civil war in Syria. The conflict, now 9 years forward, has displaced millions of children and families in the worst migration crisis of our lifetime. School age children from Syria living as refugees in Lebanon now number some 400,000. Each year, another 40,000 newborns add to that refugee population. It is difficult to imagine all the needs and desires of daily life that go unmet. Basic needs of food, clothing, hygiene, safety and security. The desire for recreation, coveted friendships, psychological healing and decent healthcare are often beyond reach in refugee villages. This staggering crisis results in extreme hardships for both the migrants and their hosts.

In Lebanon, home to 1.5 million Syrian refugees, government and volunteer resources are stretched thin. It has fallen upon non-profit organizations to provide many of the needs of refugees. The churches have taken on an important role in caring for many of those people with dire needs.

The National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL), is working diligently to supply many basic needs, especially in the wintertime when warm clothing, fuel for heating and warmer shelter are key to survival. In 2016, NESSL addressed the need for education among the children living in refugee villages. Many of those children had never attended school. A network of "Educational Centers" (schools) were established by NESSL in 2016 to provide elementary education for up to 200 students at five sites near refugee villages in Lebanon. These schools were funded by churches and individuals throughout the Middle East and around the world. After nearly three years of supporting these facilities, NESSL is renewing their campaign to support this education initiative into the coming year(s).

There are now four sites in Lebanon where classes have begun this school year. They are in **Kab Elias** (in the Bekka Valley), **Tripoli and Minyara** (in the North), and **Tyre** (in the South). The curriculum includes Math, Arabic, English, Science and Christian Ethics. Students are also provided with one daily light meal, some clothing, transportation, school supplies and accident insurance. It is anticipated that 50 students will be accepted to study at each site for this school year.

Reverend Joseph Kassab, General Secretary of NESSL writes:

*"This ministry is very crucial to the future of those refugee children and to the Lebanese Society as well. The mere watching of those children outside schools without education is a crime preparing for crimes. Tens of*

*thousands of children in the streets doing nothing will certainly expose them to many dangers, namely crimes, fanaticism and abuse. We are urged by the call of Jesus not to prevent those little ones from tasting the Kingdom of God, and what it means to their situation."*

*"I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly." John 10:10*

The NESSL is appealing to their partners around the world to join in this important initiative. Continuing our congregation's long history and tradition of supporting Christian churches and other initiatives in the Middle East region, your Mission Commission and Refugee Concerns Team have both designated funding support for these Education Centers. You will hear more about this story as the Refugee Concerns Team (RCT) seeks to update us on the progress of this educational program. The RCT appeals to our congregation to contribute generously to this project through a special offering approved by Session, to be taken in mid-October. With winter approaching and school now in full swing, the need for funding is great. We thank you for your caring of our sisters and brothers in Christ in the Middle East region, and for the displaced children who need our love and attention as they grow in God's image.


## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Walk and Rally for Peace

Sunday, October 20 - "One World Community/ One World Family" An Event to Promote Friendship and Understanding Among Faiths in the Pomona Valley.

The walk begins at 3:00 PM at City of Knowledge Islamic School, from there we continue to the Islamic Center of Claremont, then on to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and finally Temple Beth Israel where a light meal will be served, followed by TBI's Simchat Torah celebration to which all are invited.

# Save the date!

Claremont Presbyterian Church  
Alternative Christmas Market  
Sunday, November 24, 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM  
Doors open for Mission Partner setup at 9:00 AM



**“Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people’s dignity.”**  
*Light Dawns on a Weary World, from  
Glory To God, The Presbyterian Hymnal*

## Guest Speaker - Rev. Chris Hedges

A prophetic call to awareness and action will be delivered by Chris Hedges, Presbyterian minister, best-selling author, and Pulitzer Prize winning former war correspondent for the New York Times. *America, the Farewell Tour* is the title of Hedges’ upcoming address (and the title of his latest book).

This event, set for Sunday, October 13, at Claremont United Church of Christ, is sponsored by Agenda for a Prophetic Faith, a project of Progressive Christians Uniting. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the door or on the patio after worship.

But wait, there's more! Rev. Hedges will be preaching at our church on that same day, in the 10:00 service. We are also hoping to have him for a question and answer time at the 9:00 hour. So clear your schedules for these special times with a provocative and prophetic thinker.

## What’s at Stake...

Join us on Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM, October 20 - November 3 for Adult Education as we personalize racism with Dr. Nicholas Greer of CST. This promises to be a unique and enlightening opportunity.

## Angel Interfaith Network

This year’s “Project Angel” will be held on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 PM at Claremont Presbyterian Church. This annual “baby shower” is your opportunity to bring items for babies born at Los Angeles County USC Medical Center who are in need of basic supplies.

Bring new, unwrapped baby items such as blankets, clothes, diapers, car seats, toys, etc.

If you are unable to attend the shower but would like to donate items, please bring them to church by Sunday, October 20. You may also choose a financial donation. Checks should be made out to “Angel Interfaith Network.” If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Patch at 909-624-5767.



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Adult Education

9:00 AM

Worship

10:00 AM

Nursery Care

available both hours

## CPC by the Numbers

| CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 08/31/19 | ACTUAL               | BUDGET               |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Pledges                                      | \$279,197.46         | \$313,333.36         |
| Other Income                                 | \$58,642.76          | \$73,799.92          |
| Expenses                                     | <u>-\$402,467.55</u> | <u>-\$400,694.46</u> |
| VARIANCE                                     | -\$64,627.33         | -\$13,561.18         |
| CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 08/31/19             | ACTUAL               | BUDGET               |
| Revenue                                      | \$578,616.98         | \$537,266.64         |
| Expenses                                     | <u>-\$556,017.21</u> | <u>-\$537,391.70</u> |
| VARIANCE                                     | \$22,599.77          | -\$125.06            |
| Waffles eaten at Waffle Church               |                      | 92                   |
| Backpack Tags given to CLASP students        |                      | 120                  |

**Tue Oct 1, 2019**

- 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
- 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7
- 3:00 PM CLASP, FH
- 4:30 PM Yoga Class, Rm. 7
- 6:00 PM NAMI, FH/Rm7&1/Chapel
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, MB
- 7:00 PM Girl Scouts, Rm.1

**Wed Oct 2, 2019**

- 9:00 AM Emmanuel Prayer Meeting, Rm. 1
- 10:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous, SW
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib
- 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7
- 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays
- 6:30 PM AA, SW

**Thu Oct 3, 2019**

- 7:00 AM Morning Meditation, Chapel
- 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
- 9:00 AM CPCC Chapel
- 3:00 PM CLASP, FH
- 6:00 PM CPCC Back to School
- 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH
- 7:30 PM Men's Alanon, SW
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, MB

**Fri Oct 4, 2019**

- 8:00 AM Coffee and Donuts, CPCC
- 9:00 AM CPCC Yoga, FH
- 7:00 PM Emmanuel Bible Study, SW

**Sat Oct 5, 2019**

- 10:00 AM Emmanuel Women's Fellowship

**Sun Oct 6, 2019**

- World Communion Sunday*
- 9:00 AM Adult Education, Rm. 1
- 10:00 AM Emmanuel Bible Study, SW
- 10:00 AM Godly Play
- 10:00 AM Worship
- 11:30 AM Emmanuel Sunday School, Rm. 1
- 11:30 AM Emmanuel Worship, Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM Claremont Korean Worship, MB
- 3:00 PM GPIB Worship, Sanc/FH/SW
- 6:00 PM College-age Gathering, Rm. 4

**Mon Oct 7, 2019**

- 3:00 PM CLASP FH
- 6:00 PM CoDA, MB
- 6:30 PM Xanath Dance Co, Rm. 7
- 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH

**Tue Oct 8, 2019**

- 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
- 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7
- 9:30am PW Bible Study, Lib
- 3:00 PM CLASP FH
- 4:30 PM Yoga Class, Rm. 7
- 5:00 PM CPCC Comm, Lib
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, FH
- 7:00 PM Girl Scouts, Rm.1

**Wed Oct 9, 2019**

- 9:00 AM Emmanuel Pray. Meeting, Rm. 1
- 10:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous, SW
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib
- 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7
- 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays
- 6:30 PM AA, SW
- 7:00 PM P & F, Library

**Thu Oct 10, 2019**

7:00 AM Morning Meditation, Chapel  
 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 AM CPCC Chapel  
 1:30pm PCU Mtg, Rm. 7  
 3:00 PM CLASP, FH  
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH  
 7:30 PM Men's Alanon, SW  
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, MB

**Fri Oct 11, 2019**

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts CPCC  
 9:00 AM CPCC Yoga, FH  
 7:00 PM Emmanuel Bible Study, SW

**Sun Oct 13, 2019**

9:00 AM Adult Education Rm.1  
 10:00 AM Emmanuel Bible Study, SW  
 10:00 AM Godly Play  
 10:00 AM Worship  
 11:15 AM Education & Leadership, Rm. 7  
 11:30 AM Emman. Sunday School, Rm. 1  
 11:30 AM Emmanuel Worship, Sanctuary  
 1:00 PM Claremont Korean Worship, MB  
 3:00 PM GPIB Worship, Sanc/FH/SW  
 6:00 PM College-age Gathering, Rm. 4  
 7:00 PM Healing & Wholeness, Chapel

**Mon Oct 14, 2019**

3:00 PM CLASP, FH  
 6:00 PM CoDA, MB  
 6:30 PM Xanath Dance Co, Rm. 7  
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH

**Tue Oct 15, 2019**

8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7  
 3:00 PM CLASP, FH  
 4:30 PM Yoga Class, Rm. 7  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, FH  
 7:00 PM Evangelism & Nurture  
 7:00 PM Girl Scouts, Rm.1

**Wed Oct 16, 2019**

9:00 AM Emman. Prayer Meeting, Rm. 1  
 10:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous, SW  
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib  
 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7  
 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays  
 5:00 PM Messy Church  
 6:30 PM AA, SW

**Thu Oct 17, 2019**

7:00 AM Morning Meditation, Chapel  
 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 AM CPCC Chapel  
 3:00 PM CLASP, FH  
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH  
 7:00 PM Mission Comm, Lib  
 7:30 PM Men's Alanon, SW  
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, MB

**Fri Oct 18, 2019**

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts CPCC  
 9:00 AM CPCC Yoga, FH  
 10:00 AM Clasp Tutor Training, Rm.1  
 3:00 PM Clasp Tutor Training, Rm.1  
 7:00 PM Emmanuel Bible Study, SW

**Sat Oct 19, 2019**

3:00 PM Emmanuel Fiesta, FH

**Sun Oct 20, 2019**

9:00 AM Adult Education, Rm.1  
 10:00 AM Emmanuel Bible Study, SW  
 10:00 AM Godly Play  
 10:00 AM Worship  
 11:30 AM Emmanuel Sun. School, Rm. 1  
 11:30 AM Emmanuel Worship, Sanctuary  
 1:00 PM Claremont Korean Worship, MB  
 3:00 PM GPIB Worship, Sanc/FH/SW  
 6:00 PM College-age Gathering, Rm. 4

**Mon Oct 21, 2019**

3:00 PM CLASP, FH  
 6:00 PM CoDA, MB  
 6:30 PM Xanath Dance Co, Rm. 7  
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH

**Tue Oct 22, 2019**

8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7  
 3:00 PM CLASP, FH  
 4:30 PM Yoga Class, Rm. 7  
 7:00 PM Angel Interfaith Network, FH  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, FH  
 7:00 PM Deacon Board, Library  
 7:00 PM Girl Scouts, Rm.1

**Wed Oct 23, 2019**

9:00 AM Emmanuel Pray. Meeting, Rm. 1  
 10:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous, SW  
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib  
 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7  
 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays  
 5:00 PM CLASP Board Mtg, Rm 1  
 6:30 PM AA, SW  
 7:00 PM CPC SESSION Rm.1  
 7:00 PM Emmanuel Session

**Thu Oct 24, 2019**

7:00 AM Morning Meditation, Chapel  
 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 AM CPCC Chapel  
 3:00 PM CLASP, FH  
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH  
 7:30 PM Men's Alanon, SW  
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, MB

**Fri Oct 25, 2019**

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts, CPCC  
 9:00 AM CPCC Yoga, FH  
 7:00 PM Emmanuel Bible Study, SW

**Sat Oct 26, 2019**

8:00 AM Stewardship Luncheon Prep, FH

**Sun Oct 27, 2019**

9:00 AM Adult Education, Rm.1  
 10:00 AM Emmanuel Bible Study, SW  
 10:00 AM Godly Play  
 10:00 AM Worship/Congregational mtg11:30  
 AM Emmanuel Sun. School, Rm. 1  
 11:30 AM Emmanuel Worship, Sanctuary  
 1:00 PM Claremont Korean Worship, MB  
 3:00 PM GPIB Worship, Sanc/FH/SW  
 6:00 PM College-age Gathering, Rm. 4  
 6:00 PM Jazz Vespers

**Mon Oct 28, 2019**

3:00 PM CLASP, FH  
 6:00 PM CoDA, MB  
 6:30 PM Xanath Dance Co, Rm. 7  
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH

**Tue Oct 29, 2019**

8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7  
 3:00 PM CLASP, FH  
 4:30 PM Yoga Class, Rm. 7  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, FH  
 7:00 PM Girl Scouts, Rm.1

**Wed Oct 30, 2019**

9:00 AM Emmanuel Pray. Meeting, Rm. 1  
 10:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous, SW  
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib  
 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7  
 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays  
 6:30 PM AA, SW

**Thu Oct 31, 2019**

7:00 AM Morning Meditation, Chapel  
 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH  
 9:00 AM CPCC Chapel  
 3:00 PM CLASP, FH  
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH  
 7:30 PM Men's Alanon, SW  
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, MB

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**Deadline for the November *Communicator*: October 15**

A photograph of a skeleton sitting at a piano in a dimly lit room. The room is illuminated by several lit candles on candelabras. The skeleton is positioned on the left, facing the piano. The piano has sheet music on it. The overall mood is somber and artistic.

*Music for the Spirit  
Messages for the Soul*

# All Souls Jazz Vespers

*with the Ron Kobayashi Trio featuring vocalist Debbi Ebert*

**Sunday, October 27, 6:00 PM  
Claremont Presbyterian Church**