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From the Pastor

Stewardship 2020--Gospel Shaped Dreams Coming Alive!

Throughout November, our congregation will be celebrating the Gospel-shaped dreams that have come to life among us and through us in 2019. We will also look ahead to ensuring that our church has the resources to continue to be a vital platform for gospel shaped dreams.

What is Stewardship and why is it important?

Stewardship is using the gifts God has given us to do the work that God is calling us to do. God blesses each of us with gifts of time, talent and financial resources. When we offer these gifts generously, we become **partners with God’s work in the world. Generosity opens possibilities for God’s blessings to grow within us, around us, and among us. Stewardship is an important part of our relationships in the church community. When we “give to the church” we are really giving to each other; helping one another to grow in ministry as God’s people.**

Where do the funds to meet CPC’s operating expenses come from?

They come from US! 92% of the income for CPC’s annual operating budget comes from pledges and offerings from members and friends of the congregation 7% comes from building use fees, and a final 1% from interest on investments.

Why pledge? Can’t I just give as I am able?

On the personal level, making a pledge is important because it means making a commitment. It means undertaking the spiritual discipline of generosity in a serious, rather than a casual way.

On the practical level, pledges enable the church to plan. Pledges committed for the coming year form the basis for the annual operating budget adopted by Session. Pledges enable our lay leaders and staff to move forward confidently with their work, knowing that funds for these ministries have been committed.

How does CPC manage its finances?

The Session (church board) adopts an annual budget in January and presents this to the congregation at its annual meeting in February. The **Property and Finance Committee oversees the church’s income and expenditures** with the assistance of our church treasurer and our bookkeeper. The Treasurer presents an updated financial report to the Session each month. Copies of this report are available in the church office.

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Upcoming Worship

Worship in November focuses on our 2020 Stewardship Theme: Gospel Shaped Dreams Coming Alive! We will explore what intentions and actions we can cultivate as individuals and as a church to make us a people among whom Gospel Shaped Dreams can come alive and grow.

November 3, 10:00 AM

Open Up! Letting God Stretch Your Imagination

Isaiah 2:1-4

Pastor Brian Gaeta Symonds preaching
Stewardship Luncheon following worship

Sunday, November 10, 10:00 AM

Gather Up! The Power of Cultivating Community

Acts 2:37-47

Pastor Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, November 10, 7:00 PM

Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness in the Chapel

Sunday, November 17, 10:00 AM

Change it Up! Risking Transformation

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Kristi Van Nostran preaching

Waffle Church in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 24, 10:00 AM

Offer it Up! Responding to Life With Gratitude

Psalms 100

Pastor Karen Sapio preaching

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Finally, our books are audited annually by an independent auditing firm.

What about reserves and endowment funds?

Because of generous gifts in the past, CPC does have reserves and endowment funds. We use these monies to fund expenditures that fall beyond the scope of the annual operating budget such as significant new mission initiatives or extensive maintenance needs. As a last resort, they may be used to make up significant shortfalls in the budget, but only with the approval of the Session--and in certain cases a congregational vote. A bequest or special gift to one of these funds is another way to support the ministries of CPC.



Moment For Mission

The CPC Mission Commission supports Mission Co-Workers. David Cortes and Josey Saez is one pair of Mission Co-Workers we support, and we have reported about their work in prior Communicators. Some may **remember many years ago when Josey was our Director of Children's Ministries** and David Cortes was the Pastor for Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church here on our campus. David also provided Adult Education classes for CPC. They have been Mission Co-Workers in Cuba since January 2016. As of October 1 they will begin partnering with the Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana (IED) in the Dominican Republic and other sister denominations in the Caribbean.

David will have a role as regional theological educator and curriculum consultant for the Caribbean. He will accompany PC(USA) partners in the region as they seek to strengthen theological education. He will consult with several partner theological institutions as they assess their curricula and other factors that strengthen or challenge the preparation of pastors and lay leaders for the church. He will also facilitate connections with Caribbean and PC (USA) seminaries and other potential partners. As time permits David will offer short courses.

Josey will partner directly with the Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana, serving as a resource for Christian education for the denomination. She will work as part of a team in developing and adapting curricula – particularly curricula for children and adolescents – based on the priorities of her partners. In addition, she will be connecting the Christian Education Unit of the Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana to PC(USA) Christian educators and to other potential partner.

Advent Workshop

Pizza, crafts, advent wreathes, Christmas carols- Come join us for the **Advent Workshop after church on Sunday, December 1st. We'll sing some carols, eat, and then do some Christmas activities. Mark your calendar!**



Enneagram: A Journey of Self-Discovery

It may not be too late to join us 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 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

Christmas Gathering

This year the Education and Leadership Commission is trying something new. On Friday, December 6, we will be having a gathering on the patio and lawn. Help us out by donating a large lawn decoration for the evening and then come take a walk, have some cookies and hot chocolate and enjoy the company of others.

Waffle Church

November 17, 2019 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

The harvest season is a time of transformation all around us; the leaves on trees, the grass, even the animals. We will explore what risking transformation looked like for Ezekiel in the Bible and what it can look like for us.

Come get full on a packed yet brief worship experience and then get your fill of waffles.

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 can also sign up at claremontpres.org/saycheese.

Smile and say cheese!

Tapestry Youth Fall Retreat

From November 9-11 four of our youth will be joining many other Presbyterian congregations at Big Bear Lake for a weekend of fun and fellowship. For several this is their first experience at camp and away from home; and for others this will be old hat. Impacting the faith of youth is a special and important sacred act. Please keep in prayer our youth and all nearly 80 youth registered to attend what looks to be an amazing weekend.

There is still time to register! Please speak with Pastor Brian for more information.

Laundry Love Project Volunteers Needed

The CPC Mission Commission would like to invite the CPC congregation to join us in this ministry on November 20 to provide a meal and minister to the low-income and no-income people in our community.

Laundry Love, as a larger organization, began in 2003 after a conversation in Ventura with a homeless man called T-Bone. In **one conversation he was asked, “How can we come alongside your life in a way that would matter?” He replied “If I had clean clothes I think people would treat me more like a human being.”** Laundry Love in Pomona was started in 2014 by St. Ambrose, Claremont and St John’s, La Verne and is coordinated by Julie McCurdy from St. Ambrose and Kathy Winsor from St. John’s.

The third Wednesday of each month Laundry Love Project of Pomona invites homeless and low income people to wash and dry up to eight loads of clothing and bedding at a laundry mat in Pomona between the hours of 6 – 8 PM. **Currently that is at Lucy’s Laundry Mart at 365 W. Holt Ave, Pomona, on the corner of Holt and Park.** On average about 50 families bring an average of 450 **loads of laundry per month. St Ambrose, St John’s, St Mark’s of Upland and St Paul’s of Pomona provide the foundational funding.** Other organizations are pitching in with funding and volunteers and we would like to invite CPC to be one of those partners. 100% of all donated money goes towards the purchase of coins for the machines, laundry detergent and drying sheets. No donated funds go towards administrative costs. Volunteers offer their time to set up washers and dryers, and provide a small dinner for the people while they wait for their laundry to finish. The food is donated from partner organizations and that is what the Mission Commission (MIC) is asking CPC to provide on November 20.

We need 6 volunteers who are each willing to cook and deliver a lasagna that will serve 20, with one serving being 1 cup. We need volunteers willing to provide either a lettuce salad or fruit (apples, bananas, pears, etc) as a side dish to serve 150 people. Please contact MIC Chair, Carol Sittig at sittigcarol@gmail.com, if you would be willing to provide some of this needed food. We need the **food delivered to us at Lucy’s Laundry Mart by 6 PM, November 20**, so we can set up the table inside the laundromat while the people start washing their clothes at 6. If you are not able to deliver your food, please let Carol Sittig know that as well so that we might be able to coordinate other arrangements.

Thank you in advance for celebrating the dignity of each human being.

Young Adults Launching into Adulthood

The Young Adults group met at Pastor Brian’s home during October for food and intentional conversation. They focused on the challenges and celebrations of what is involved in launching into adulthood. They explored how things have and are still changing all around them (culture, relationships, identity), the needs that help them form identity and purpose (love, encouraging words, shared stories, concept of work, and the tribal mentality of what it means to belong), learning to celebrate milestones, and look towards the path they will carve to their future. They took a risk and committed to a conversation that asked of them to be vulnerable and authentic, and they engaged with truth, trust, and authenticity.

Keep an eye out for their list of Do’s & Don’ts When Speaking to a Young Adult.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 27 at 7 PM

Claremont Presbyterian Church will host the annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service in the Sanctuary—featuring spiritual leaders and musicians from a wide variety of our communities religious and spiritual traditions, an interfaith community choir, and special guests. The Rev. Karen Clark-Ristine, Pastor at Claremont United Methodist Church, will offer **this year’s message.**

Detention Center Visitation

Friday, November 15

Visitation is about providing a welcoming spirit and a non-anxious presence, listening and offering hope through accompaniment. It simply **requires showing up and listening with the “ear of the heart.”** Are you being called to this compassionate act of hospitality? Join us! Contact Kristi Van Nostran, Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer at PresbyWelcome@gmail.com or (360) 521-4096 for more information.

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*

“Why We Need Public Banking” a Presentation with Ellen Brown

Claremont Presbyterian will be hosting this presentation in the Agenda for a Prophetic Faith speaker series, on November 24 at 7:00 PM.

Recent legislation passed in Sacramento has cleared the way for public banking in California, despite opposition from major financial institutions. Come to hear about this exciting possibility for the Tri-Cities area (Claremont, La Verne, Pomona).

Dr. Ellen Brown is an author, attorney, public speaker, and advocate for financial reform, most prominently public banking. She is founder and president of the Public Banking Institute, a nonpartisan think tank devoted to the creation of publically-

operated banks. Her latest book is entitled **“Banking on the People: Democratizing Money in the Digital Age.”**

Tickets for this event are \$15 and can be purchased through **Eventbrite. Just search “Public Banking.”**



Adult Education

The Adult Ed Forum will conclude its anti-racism series titled, **What’s at Stake... on Sunday**, November 3. Your voice is important and needed as we discern what God is calling us to do as we move forward together in creating a more inclusive and just world.

November 10, 17, and 24, we are inviting special guest speakers from our Community Partners, including Sanctuary Coffee, Alternative Christmas Market friends, and others.

And, as we look forward to the start of December, we will bring to you a special Advent study with a couple of different groups provided at different times and days. Advent is an important time of year when we make space for waiting and we fill our hearts with anticipation. We are invited to wait and anticipate together as we learn from one another.



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Adult Education
9:00 AM

Worship
10:00 AM

Nursery Care
available both hours

Greetings from Alejandro

On Sunday, Sept 8, CPC sent one of our young adults, Alejandro Salas off to Paraguay to work for the Peace Corp. Pastor Karen shared with the Mission Commission the first report back from Alejandro and we wanted to share his story with the rest of the congregation.

Hi Karen:

So it's all been great. Had tons of fun. Gone places. Gotten worried over the smallest of details when it comes to programs that I am getting in motion in the communities that I am in. I deal with matters of my inner self and new aspects of my personality that I thought I would never explore.

How to actually value the bite of a mosquito over "Pike" (a very small bug that digs in your toes and lays eggs. Has to be pulled out with a needle).

The program is great. The people are great. I am learning to be. I am learning see. And I really like it here. Haven't been here long but I see some of the road ahead and it is not bad but full of, as Geri would call them, "improvement opportunities".

Give the church my regards.

Bless them all.
Alejandro.



CPC by the Numbers

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 09/30/19	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$320,463.81	\$352,500.02
Other Income	\$65,496.91	\$83,024.94
Expenses	<u>-\$450,957.21</u>	<u>-\$450,781.30</u>
VARIANCE	-\$64,996.49	-\$15,256.34
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 09/30/19	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	\$648,837.98	\$604,424.98
Expenses	<u>-\$617,525.67</u>	<u>-\$604,585.65</u>
VARIANCE	\$31,312.31	-\$160.67
Students enrolled at CPCC		100
Lemonade cups per week at Lemonade Wed		60

Friday, November 1

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts, CPCC
 9:00 AM Children's Center Yoga, FH
 7:00 PM Enneagram Retreat

Saturday, November 2

9:00 AM Enneagram Retreat

Sunday, November 3

9:00 AM Adult Education, Rm. 1
 10:00 AM Worship
 11:15 AM Stewardship Luncheon, FH
 6:00 PM College-age Gathering, Rm. 4

Monday, November 4

7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH

Tuesday, November 5

8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7
 4:30 PM Community Yoga
 5:00 PM CPCC Comm, Lib

Wednesday, November 6

10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib
 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7
 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays
 7:00 PM SGECE, Lib

Thursday, November 7

7:00 AM Morning Meditation, Chapel
 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM CPCC Chapel
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, MB

Friday, November 8

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts, CPCC
 9:00 AM Children's Center Yoga, FH

Sunday, November 10

9:00 AM Adult Education, Rm. 1
 10:00 AM Worship
 11:15 AM Education & Leadership, Rm. 7
 6:00 PM College-age Gathering, Rm. 4
 7:00 PM Healing & Wholeness, Chapel

Monday, November 11

7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH

Tuesday, November 12

8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7
 9:30 AM PW Bible Study, Lib
 4:30 PM Community Yoga

Wednesday, November 13

10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib
 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7
 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays
 2:00 PM Photo Sessions, Sanc.
 7:00 PM Property & Finance, Library

Thursday, November 14

7:00 AM Morning Meditation, Chapel
 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM CPCC Chapel
 12:00 PM Photo Sessions, Sanc.
 1:30 PM PCU Mtg, Rm. 7
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, MB

Friday, November 15

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts, CPCC
 9:00 AM Children's Center Yoga, FH
 12:00 PM Photo Sessions, Sanc.
 5:00 PM CPCC Pizza/Movie Night

Saturday, November 16

10:00 AM Photo Sessions, Sanc.

Sunday, November 17

Adopt-a-Family
 9:00 AM Adult Education, Rm. 1
 10:00 AM Worship
 10:00 AM Waffle Church, FH
 6:00 PM College-age Gathering, Rm. 4

Monday, November 18

7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH

Tuesday, November 19

8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7
 4:30 PM Community Yoga
 7:00 PM Deacon Board, Library
 7:00 PM Evangelism & Nurture

Wednesday, November 20

10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib
 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7
 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays

Thursday, November 21

7:00 AM Morning Meditation, Chapel
 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM CPCC Chapel
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH
 7:00 PM Mission Comm, Lib
 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, MB

Friday, November 22

8:00 AM Coffee & Donuts, CPCC
 9:00 AM Children's Center Yoga, FH

Sunday, November 24

9:00 AM Adult Education, Rm. 1
 10:00 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Alternative Christmas Market
 7:00 PM Agenda for Prophetic Faith
 6:00 PM College-age Gathering, Rm. 4

Monday, November 25

7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH

Tuesday, November 26

8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 9:00 AM Music & Movement, Rm. 7
 4:30 PM Community Yoga

Wednesday, November 27

8:00 AM CPCC Thanksgiving Feast
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, Lib
 11:00 AM Petite Feet, Rm. 7
 1:00 PM Lemonade Wednesdays
 7:00 PM CPC Session, Rm. 1
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving - OFFICE CLOSED
 8:00 AM Firm Believers, FH
 7:00 PM Firm Believers, FH

Friday, November 29

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Adopt-a-Family

Our annual Adopt-a-Family program will begin at the Alternative Christmas Market - Sunday November 24, right after church. You can choose to buy a gift for one of the five needy families we are adopting or donate money and we will gladly do the shopping for you. Let's get in the Christmas Spirit

Stewardship Luncheon

Our Stewardship Luncheon is Sunday, November 3 after worship. Plan on attending and enjoying a wonderful meal from Claro's Italian Markets and learning more about how CPC's Gospel Shaped Dreams are coming alive.

GOSPEL SHAPED DREAMS | COMING ALIVE

Evening Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

On the second Sunday of each month (November 10, 7:00 PM), we gather in the chapel for prayers at close of day that include prayers for healing--of loved ones, of those on **our congregation's prayer list, of situations in the world** that are heavy on our hearts. These gatherings often include music and readings from scripture, poetry, or spiritual texts.

Prayer Chain

If you (or a loved one) are in need of prayer, the Prayer Chain of the Presbyterian Women is there for you. You may call Joyce Alexander at (909) 621-0493 with your prayer request. Please be sure you have the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer.