



COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

November 2018



WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, November 4 10:00 a.m.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 12:28-34

“Gospel Shaped Faith”

The Rev. Karen Sapio Preaching

CPC Sanctuary

Waffle Church

CPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 11

10:00 a.m.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 12:38-44

“Gospel Shaped Gifts”

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

7:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer

for Healing and Wholeness

CPC Chapel

Sunday, November 18 10:00 a.m.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

“Gospel Shaped Love”

The Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds preaching

Sunday, November 25 10:00 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday

Revelation 1:1-8

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

From the Pastor

Your Commitment Builds Gospel-Shaped Dreams

In the beginning...the Church did not have large buildings or an established clergy or a calendar full of meetings and programs. What it did have was visions and dreams shaped by the gospel of Jesus who proclaimed that the Kingdom of God has come near. It was these gospel-shaped dreams and visions, inspired by the Holy Spirit, that propelled the disciples out of Jerusalem and into the world. Upon the platform of their commitment to Christ, their love for each other, and their compassion for their neighbors they built the church – a community of healing and blessing and of resistance to the powers of evil.

In the beginning...Claremont Presbyterian Church was simply a gospel-shaped dream in the heart of a small group of committed people who had a vision for a new church that would serve the many families flocking to the burgeoning suburb of Claremont from around Southern California and other parts of the United States. They dreamed of a church that would nurture children in faith, embrace families in loving community, and shepherd adults into strong and compassionate Christians who could carry on Jesus' ministry of reconciliation. Out of their commitment grew the congregation we know today.

What is your gospel-shaped dream? How can our church help that dream become reality? In the past few years, we have seen a number of gospel-shaped dreams come to life as we prayed and worked together: a new worship service called Jazz Vespers, a newly renovated chapel and classrooms, a ministry to refugees from the civil war in Syria, and a new Associate Pastor to lead our efforts to reach out to a new generation of Claremonters.

Your commitment helps our church build gospel-shaped dreams. This newsletter should reach you shortly before our Fall Stewardship Campaign materials. Please read them carefully, and watch for Stewardship videos coming to worship, our church Facebook page, and our website. Say “Yes!” to the invitation to make a financial pledge to help us experiment and build when the Holy Spirit inspires and dares.

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Members and friends are cordially invited to the following Adult Education programs at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1.



November 4 - Nancy O. Meyer Ph.D. - "The Myth of Politics and the Politics of Myth" The relationship between Religion and Mythology

November 11 - Sara Armstrong and Rusty Edmondson - PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Peru

November 18 - Sister Terry from Crossroads Women. Since 1974 the mission of Crossroads is to provide housing, education, support, counseling and employment training in a homelike environment for women who have been incarcerated.

November 25 - No Programming (Thanksgiving weekend)

Pass the Salt Is Coming Back for Two Weeks! Pass the Salt meets at 11:15 a.m.

You are invited to join us for a light lunch and a discussion of the themes, questions and practical wisdom of the sermon. We will meet following worship in Room 7.

November 4 - Pass the Salt

November 11 - Pass the Salt

Word of Thanks for the Service of Installation

For all involved in putting together and those who supported me by attending my service of installation on Saturday, October 6, I offer you my warmest thanks and deepest gratitude. I so enjoyed gathering and celebrating with longtime friends, my parents and other family members. You all have affirmed that God called me to the right congregations and that you have been called to be a part of my life at this moment in our journey together.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian



Evening Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

This fall, on the second Sunday of each month, all are welcome to join in Evening Prayers for Healing and Wholeness in the CPC Chapel.

Led by Pastor Karen Sapio and the Rev. Dr. Tina Blair, these services will combine time for quiet contemplation with singing and a time for prayers of healing for yourself, a loved one, or a world situation that is on your heart.

Please join us on Sunday, November 11 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.



Sundays for Children and Young Adults

Ages 0-4: Sunday Nursery: We have a wonderful nursery director, nursery assistant and volunteers from our congregation that care for and teach our youngest children. The children in the nursery learn primarily through music and play. The nursery is open every Sunday from 9:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Elementary Age Children (grades K-5): Godly Play: Godly Play uses storytelling and the invitation each week for the children to respond creatively through art, music and movement to the stories they hear to help children develop a sense of the beauty, mystery and wonder that is part of learning the stories of God's movement in the lives of the people of God. Godly Play meets every Sunday morning from 10:15 -11:15 a.m. The children are invited to come to worship at 10:00 a.m., and then leave with their teachers after "The Time with the Children."

College-age and Graduate School: Fellowship Group: This year, we are continuing with a college/grad. school age fellowship group on Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This is a drop-in group, and it will be facilitated by a small group of adults from our staff and congregation. Any college or graduate school age young people are invited to come to this fellowship group as frequently as they are able to attend. Those who are away at college are welcome to drop in this group whenever they are back in town.



Calling All Junior and Senior High Youth

We re-launched the Sunday morning PYG's group on October 21 and we will be gathering every 3rd Sunday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the PYG room. Come for some food, games and conversation, and a spiritual practice to help us prepare for worship.

We do have two opportunities for your volunteer assistance. November 4 is Waffle Church and we need all the help we can get. December 2 is the Advent Workshop where we will need your help facilitating crafts at the tables. Contact Pastor Brian if you can help with either of these functions.

Waffle Church November 4!

Waffle church is a child-centered family worship service that includes eating waffles and worshipping God together through story, art and music.

Waffle church is designed to respect and celebrate the enthusiasm and energy of children in worship, and it includes a lot of movement and child-centered activities – and of course waffles!

Our next waffle church worship will be on Sunday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. (There will be a traditional worship service in the Sanctuary at the same time.)



All Junior and Senior High School Students
Tapestry Youth Collective
Fall Retreat November 10-12, 2018
Big Bear Conference Center

Tapestry is a collection of Presbyterian Churches. This is a great opportunity to unplug from our busy lives, build new relationships, play some games and most important, worship together and grow in our faith.

The cost is \$150 but 50% scholarships are available. Register with Pastor Brian - brian@claremontpres.org.

Picture It! The Christmas Story in Multi-Media

This year's Christmas Pageant is being told through a tableau of staged photos. And you are the stars!

Costumes will be supplied and the sets are being built. Photos will be taken at different times from November 11 through December 2. Come see Pastor Brian to sign your family or group up to stage a scene from the familiar Christmas story. Anyone can participate (young adults, youth, the choir, and especially children, just to name a few.) We are looking to fill up 20 photos slots.

Then on Sunday, December 9 during 10:00 a.m. worship our children and parents together will be invited to help present this story by singing a few carols.

Advent Mandala Practice

Looking for something more contemplative and with more opportunity for quiet reflection? Join us this season for a special Ignatian mandala practice using the advent liturgy and lighting the advent candles.

We will meet Fridays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the CPC Chapel. Note that this practice begins the Friday before Advent actually starts.



Thursday Morning Prayer and Meditation

START YOUR DAY A LITTLE CLOSER TO GOD.
25 MINUTES - THURSDAYS AT 7:00 A.M.
PRAYER AND MEDITATION
IN THE CPC CHAPEL

Jesus went to the desert to pray, and for centuries believers and non-believers alike have sought calm and quiet to listen to the Holy Spirit.

We invite you to join together in centering prayer and meditation at the beginning of the day. Rev. Duane Bidwell and Elder Charles Kerchner will lead a short service that invites us to the ancient spiritual discipline of making ourselves available to the Holy Spirit.

Keeping silence together allows us to support one another as we push aside the

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Each year the Claremont Interfaith Council holds a Thanksgiving worship service to which members of all faiths are invited. This year the service will be at Claremont United Methodist Church, 211 W. Foothill Boulevard, Claremont.

The service begins at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21.

Advent Study

Awaiting the Already by Magrey R. deVega
This year's Advent Study book will take us on a journey through all four Gospels' accounts announcing Christ's birth or making way for his ministry. This study offers thoughtful theological reflection on what we know already happened, questions to help us deepen our chewing on that discussion, and practical steps to explore how we can better live into the week's spiritual encouragement.

Two groups will meet:

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. - December 2, 9 and 16 in Room 1

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. - December 4, 11 and 18 in Room 7

The cost of the book is \$10 and payment can be turned in to Pastor Brian or the church office.

**Daylight Saving
Time ends
Sunday, November 4
Don't forget to set
your clocks back
one hour
Before going to bed
on Saturday,
November 3.**

annoyances of the day and practice creating a more intimate relationship to God.

All are welcome. You don't have to be a CPC member or regularly practice any religion to participate.

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Adopt a Family

Once again, it's time for our annual Adopt-a-Family program. As in the past, we will be providing gifts for needy families. Our kick-off will be on Sunday, November 18 at the Alternative Christmas Market. Hurry over to our Christmas Tree to select an ornament with a gift to purchase. Then buy and wrap the present and bring it to church by Sunday, December 9 with the ornament attached.

We will also be happy to receive monetary donations and do the shopping for you.

Looking forward to your support!

Book Review and Tea

In *Little Fires Everywhere*, Celeste Ng takes readers to American suburbia of the 1990s. While offering glimpses of a bygone decade, the novel explores family dynamics, underlying racial tensions, complex moral issues, and the power of motherhood. Save the date for the Book Review and Tea sponsored by Claremont Presbyterian Women on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Elaine Walker and Leanne Kerchner will share observations about the book and its author. Watch for forthcoming details about this event.

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 09/30/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	327,789	345,000
Other Income	61,599	78,525
Expenses	387,041	436,204
VARIANCE	2,347	(12,679)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 09/30/18	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Revenue	594,961	592,500
Expenses	603,875	592,500
VARIANCE	(8,914)	0

A more detailed financial report is available in the church office.

The Latest

Claremont Presbyterian Church is now sending out a weekly email update for last minute news and announcements. The email is called "The Latest." You can sign up to receive "The Latest" several different ways.

One way is to go to the church website at www.claremontpres.org and scroll to the bottom of the home page where it says "Subscribe."

The church Facebook page has an Email Signup App. You may also contact Jo Colclough in the church office at jcolclough@claremontpres.org and tell her you would like to subscribe.

Presbyterian Women Monthly Bible Study

Date: Tuesday, November 13

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: CPC Library

Study Book: *God's Promise - I Am with You*

Cost: for book \$12.00, see Pat Beswick

Leader: Kristi Van Nostran

All are welcome, men and women alike!



CPCC Fundraiser

On the second Monday of each month you have an opportunity to support the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center. El Rancho restaurant at 984 Foothill Boulevard in Claremont has graciously agreed to donate a percentage of the receipts one night each month to the Children's Center.



All you have to do is go to El Rancho Monday, November 12 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. and tell them you are with CPCC (Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center.)

You may eat at the restaurant or take your food to go.



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Adult Education
9:00 a.m.

Church School
10:15 a.m.

Worship
10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours

Alternative Christmas Market

On November 18, Claremont Presbyterian Church's Annual Alternative Christmas Market opens in Fellowship Hall following worship. Come and see CPC at work in the local community and the world through our relationship with dedicated Mission Partners. See the needs that exist and the opportunities available to fill those needs. Complete your shopping list through alternate giving by contributing to the work to ease hunger, want and ignorance in the local community and the world.

"If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need, then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed."

(Hymn: *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*, Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal)



PILGRIM PLACE FESTIVAL FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 & 10

Festival offers two days of shopping, fun, children's games and food. You will find vintage clothing, precious and costume jewelry, baked goods, plants, crafting, household items and more. Handcrafted items include quilts, stained glass, knitted, sewn, woven and paper-made goods. Shoppers may meet artists and purchase paintings, sculpture and everyday items directly from the artists.

Attendees may purchase delicious food from a light snack or vegetarian meal to a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Attractions include riding the Festival boat and train. Kids can learn how to reduce, reuse and recycle everyday items at our sustainability and "glue-in" booths.

Festival hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Street signs direct you to free parking. All proceeds from the Festival go to the Pilgrim Place Resident Health & Support Program to support residents with modest resources.

Pilgrim Place is a non-profit retirement community in Claremont and home to more than 350 people who have dedicated their lives to improving the lives of others.

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If you would like to submit your 2019 pledge to Claremont Presbyterian Church online it is easy to do so. Scan the code below to be taken to the pledge page on the CPC website. Or go to <https://www.claremontpres.org/2019-annual-pledge/>



“Like” Us on Facebook

CPC has a Facebook page. Look for the Claremont Presbyterian Church page on Facebook and click on “like” to begin receiving news feeds about what is happening at CPC.

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 the church office at (909) 624-9693 with your prayer request. Please be sure you have the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer.