



# COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

July/August 2015

## From the Pastor

Though I am generally glad that my school days are behind me, I do envy the way the school year sets out a clear demarcation between old and new. When the school bell rings on the last day of classes, there is clear sense that the old has passed away and something new is beginning.

In "real life" such demarcations are rarely so clear. It's harder to see what belongs in the past and when a new threshold beckons.

In our congregation's New Beginnings process, we are seeking to honor the traditions that anchor us while, at the same time paying attention to the shape of the future. There are several groups that are working on new ideas and new initiatives. As life at CPC and in Claremont shifts into summer rhythm, consider whether you may want to be part of any of these efforts. Contact one of the pastors if you'd like to get connected with a particular group.

Building our Relationship with our Indonesian sister congregation. (GPIB)

Stone Soup Fridays: A Gathering for Weary Families

Planning Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

Nurturing Newcomers

Starting New Worshipping Communities

A New Look at Funding Ministry

CPC and CPCC – re-imagining our partnership

In other summer news: our Peoples' Choice Sermon series has begun, our youth are looking forward to their work trip to Denver and our Deacons are preparing for Backpack Sunday.

See you in church!

*Karen Sapio*

## Capital Campaign Projects to Begin Soon!

Keep your eye out for plans for the projects funded by your generous pledges to the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign. The Capital Campaign Implementation Committee has been working since April to arrange financing and to set a timeline so the build-out projects can begin soon.

Design plans for the remodel of the education wing and the drought-tolerant re-landscaping will be displayed in the Narthex. Please take time to study them. Plans for the organ console upgrade and solar panel installation are also moving forward. And the Mission Commission and New Beginnings projects are evolving.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the following people:

*The Capital Campaign Implementation Committee:* Eric Bernal, Geri DeMasi, Dee Kelley, John Loper, Sacha Lord, Karen Sapio and Teddie Warner

*Environmental Stewardship:* Sam Atwood, Tom Bleakney, Scott Randles, Karen Sapio and Steve Sittig

*Facilities:* Sacha Lord, Dee Kelley, Robbin Kelley, John Loper, George and Peggy Trindle

*Ministry:* The Mission Commission and New Beginnings groups

*Music:* Geri DeMasi, Roger House and Karen Sapio

# Summer Worship Plans

The Peoples's Choice Sermon Series is underway Thank you for your suggestions on topics you would like to have addressed in a sermon. We regret that we were not able to use every suggestion. Here is the schedule for July and August:

**Sunday, July 5 10:00 a.m.**

The People's Choice Sermon Series  
The Rev. Rocky Supinger preaching  
"How Much of the Apostles' Creed Can You Not Affirm and Still Call Yourself a Christian?"

**Sunday, July 12 10:00 a.m.**

The People's Choice Sermon Series  
The Rev. Rocky Supinger preaching  
"How Can Christians Address the Opportunity Gap?"

**Sunday, July 19 10:00 a.m.**

People's Choice Sermon Series  
The Rev. Rocky Supinger preaching  
"Can Christians Argue with the Bible?"

**Sunday, July 26 10:00 a.m.**

People's Choice Sermon Series  
Guest preacher  
"How Do We Fulfill Christ's Command to Love amid Deep Disagreements and Differences?"

**Sunday, August 2 10:00 a.m.**

The People's Choice Sermon Series  
The Rev. Rocky Supinger preaching  
"How Costly Is Discipleship Supposed to Be?"

**Sunday, August 9 10:00 a.m.**

The People's Choice Sermon Series  
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching  
"Demons, Ghosts, Goblins and God"

**Sunday, August 16 10:00 a.m.**

The People's Choice Sermon Series  
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching  
"Christians, the Big Bang and Other Theories"

**Sunday, August 23 10:00 a.m.**

The People's Choice Sermon Series  
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching  
"How Do Christians Care for the Earth?"

**Sunday, August 30 10:00 a.m.**

The People's Choice Sermon Series  
The Rev. Rocky Supinger preaching  
"Are Some Not Saved? What About Hell?"



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## Backpack Project

Once again it's time to think of "Back-to-School." We will be filling backpacks for needy kids at Oakmont Elementary School. We need the usual school supplies - pencils, crayons, rulers, erasers, notebook paper, etc., plus the actual backpacks.

So post this notice on your refrigerator, dashboard or the front of your checkbook to remind you of the need. You may bring the items to church anytime (clearly marked.) Monetary donations are always welcome if you find you don't have time to shop.

We will be stuffing the backpacks on August 23. Please join us!

~ Doug & Judy Carrington

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## Outstanding Results for 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign

It is with great pleasure that we report to you the results of CPC's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign, "Celebrating our Past and Embracing New Beginnings."

The planning for the Campaign – the first such effort for CPC since 1998 – began more than two years ago, and the ambitious goal was to raise \$600,000 to underwrite new beginnings in mission, education and community outreach, environmental stewardship, and music.

Your generous response to this appeal has been truly overwhelming and reflects the energy and excitement which are so evident everywhere these days at CPC. **To date, we have received 108 pledges totaling \$647,706, and additional pledges continue to arrive. Thank you!**

This is a resounding affirmation of CPC's work and witness these past 60 years, our strong current leadership, and our plans for the bright future which lies ahead.



Thanks to one and all for your great generosity - and if you have not yet made your own pledge, please join in! Additional pledge forms are available in the church office. Together, we will truly "celebrate our past and embrace new beginnings."

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital  
Campaign Steering Committee

Roger House     Scott Randles  
Dee Kelley       Karen Sapio  
Sue Likens       Kent Warner, Chair

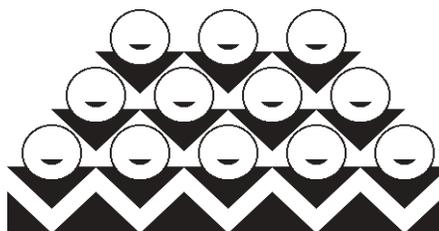
### Summer Surprise

During Summer Surprise this year, the children will learn from people in our congregation and beyond who have lived and worshipped in different cultural contexts. We want to provide our children with the opportunity to experience the diversity and gifts of the community in their home church, while also helping them expand their understanding of God's love expressed throughout the world. Summer Surprise is during worship on Sunday mornings following "Time with the Children."

The dates for Summer Surprise are June 28-August 30. We are hoping to have a different teacher each Sunday for the summer, and each presenter will have a helper who is familiar with working with the children in the room. So if you have a story or experience about worship, missionary work, etc. in a different cultural context, please consider sharing this with the children in our community. You can contact Krista at [krista@claremontpres.org](mailto:krista@claremontpres.org) with any questions or to volunteer.

### Summer Choir in July

Calling all singers – and we do mean "all" singers. Summer choir begins July 5 and we would love to see whole families come and sing. Each Sunday in July, all that is required is coming to church at 9:00 a.m. and meeting in the choir room to learn a simple anthem for the service that morning. We would love to see the choir full of people of all ages and we encourage families to come and sing together. All ages, from young children to great-grandparents are welcome! Looking forward to singing with you on any or all Sundays in the month of July.



### Before You Travel

Don't take your pledge on vacation! Church expenses remain steady through the summer, when many of you go on vacation. If you are able to bring your pledge up to date before you leave, that is very helpful.

# The Latest



The *Communicator* is published monthly (except in summer) by Claremont Presbyterian Church. Submissions are subject to editing for content and length. To submit an article or item for the monthly calendar, please contact the church office by the 15th of the month by telephone at (909) 624-9693, email jcolclough@claremontpres.org or fax to (909) 624-4743.

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**Pastors**

Karen Sapio  
Rocky Supinger

**Church School**

9:00 a.m.  
(Except in Summer)

**Worship**

10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care  
available both hours

## Subscribe to Weekly Email

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](http://www.claremontpres.org) and look in the bottom left corner of the home page. Forms to sign up appear on other pages of the website but usually on the bottom right.

The church Facebook page has an Email Signup App. Go to [www.facebook.com/claremontpres](http://www.facebook.com/claremontpres).

You may contact Jo Colclough in the church office at [jcolclough@claremontpres.org](mailto:jcolclough@claremontpres.org) and tell her you would like to subscribe.

## Did You Know?

Gail Duggan reports that Carolyn Kingshill recently received an award from Church Women United. The Certificate of Appreciation reads "Awarded to Carolyn Kingshill For being an Exceptional Woman of God. Specifically to Church Women United in the Foothills. Leading us in the Program Committee; An enthusiastic Ecumenical Celebration Music director; and An innovative Devotional Leader. We could not have excelled in ministry without you!"

## Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 05/31/15	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$ 198,121	\$ 208,333
Other Income	31,402	42,959
Bequests/Gifts	0	0
Expenses	( 250,266)	( 261,128)
<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>( 20,743)</b>	<b>( 9,836)</b>
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 05/31/15	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$ 309,221	\$ 291,858
Expenses	( 312,062)	( 291,858)
<b>VARIANCE</b>	<b>( 2,841)</b>	<b>0</b>

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

## Attention All Presbyterian Women

The Women's Association of CPC has undergone some changes and we would like to take the opportunity to catch you up to date. We are being guided by a committee consisting of Pat Beswick, who acts as Treasurer, Barbara Patch, in charge of Mission Programs and Elsie Harber, in charge of the Book Review.

We now have only one Circle, which meets for Bible Study from September through May on the first Tuesday of each month in the Southwest Room at 9:00 a.m. Our Bible study this year will be entitled "Come to the Waters," learning about Biblical images of water and will be led by the Rev. Bear Ride.

In addition to the Circle meeting we have three other events in which we participate:

- On August 12 we will have an evening dinner together at Mt. San Antonio Gardens at 5:30 p.m. Details will reach you closer to the date.
- The Angel Interfaith Network Baby Shower will be held in the Fall at Temple Beth Israel. More details about that will be in the September *Communicator*.
- Then there is the Book Review, which we enjoy in February. This will be out 16th year. The event is led by Elsie Harber and Elaine Walker.



## Dinner for a Good Cause

Claremont Presbyterian Church maintains a Children's Center that provides care for children from six weeks of age to Kindergarten.

On the second Monday of each month you have an opportunity to support the Children's Center. El Rancho restaurant at 984 Foothill Boulevard in Claremont has graciously agreed to donate a portion of the receipts one night each month to the Children's Center. **All you have to do is go to El Rancho on Monday, July 13 and/or Monday, August 10 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. What could be easier?

The Presbyterian Performing Arts Committee presents

# The Vienna Woods

Selections from Viennese composers Brahms, Schubert, Zemlinsky, Strauss



Keith Colclough,  
Bass



Victoria Kirsch, Piano



Maya Rothfuss,  
Soprano

**Friday, July 17 at 7:00 pm.**

John Zuckerman, Tenor

Wendy Caldwell, Piano

Anna Niedbala, Soprano

**Claremont Presbyterian Church  
1111 N. Mountain Avenue, Claremont**

The featured work will be the first set of Brahms' Lebeslieder Walzer, Op. 52.

This concert is open to the public. A free will offering will be taken.

## Be an Usher

The word "usher" comes from a medieval French word meaning "doorkeeper." At CPC, our ushers greet those arriving for worship with a smile, a bulletin and assistance for newcomers finding their way. We are looking for some friendly people willing to join our ushering team. CPC ushers commit to serving one Sunday per month. This is a great way to get to know people and serve our community.

If you are interested in becoming a CPC usher, please let one of our pastors know.

## 4th of July Information Booth

Once again Claremont Presbyterian Church will be hosting an information table at the Claremont Fourth of July Celebration in Memorial Park. We have an interactive activity for folks to participate in while sharing the great things we do here at CPC. We are providing people the opportunity to be hosts in the booth for hour long shifts.



**Save the Date!  
November 22, 2015**

**Alternative Christmas Market  
at Claremont Presbyterian Church**

**Following worship**

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**Deadline for next issue of the *Communicator*: August 15**

## **Newcomer's Table - July 26 and August 30**

We will have a table set up on the patio after worship on these days specifically to get to know Newcomers. As a member we would love for you to come by and just chat with folks that are new or visiting our congregation. If you see someone that is new please invite them over for special goodies, conversation, and the opportunity to learn more about our church.

## **Summer Communicator**

Life seems to slow down in the summer and the church is no exception. That is why there will be only this one issue of the *Communicator* for July/August. The next newsletter will be for September and the deadline for submissions will be August 15.

## **"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.

Be sure to share it with your friends!

## **Prayer Chain**

If you (or a loved one) are in need of prayer, the Prayer Chain of the Presbyterian Women is there for you. Please contact 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.