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News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

June 2010



Worship Plans

Sunday, June 6 10:00 a.m.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Graduate Recognition Sunday

The Rev. Rocky Supinger preaching

Sunday, June 13 10:00 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children & Youth Musical

Dinner for Five...Thousand

Teacher Recognition

Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center
Art Exhibit

Sunday, June 20 10:00 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, June 27 10:00 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Rev. Dr. Paul Capetz preaching -

Professor of Historical Theology at

United Theological Seminary in the Twin Cities,

Guest Lecturer at

Claremont School of Theology, January -

August 2010

From the Pastor

As I was preparing for our Pentecost worship service, I remembered a song that was new and very popular when I was a kid:

I am the church!

You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

Singing that song in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and summer church camp, I deeply absorbed the view of the church celebrated in these lyrics. "We are the church together!"

It occurs to me, however, that it is also important to remember that we are also the church when we are NOT together. Day by day, as we live out our lives scattered throughout Claremont, the Inland Valley, Southern California, or wherever we find ourselves during any given week, we are still the church. We are bearers of the gospel, messengers of Christ's peace, ministers of God's compassion wherever we are. The things that we do when we are the church gathered – worship, prayer, learning, fellowship – all these are meant to form and strengthen us for our most important work: being the church when we are NOT gathered, but dispersed throughout our community and our world.

Wherever you find yourself this month, take a moment to think: "I am the Church in this place! What would Christ have me do here?"

Karen Sapio

Table for Five...Thousand!

A Musical by Tom S. Long and Alan Pote

Come join us in celebrating one of the many miracles of Jesus! **Sunday, June 13** the cherub and lyric choirs will join together to share the amazing story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes that fed the crowd of five thousand. The children have worked extremely hard to make this musical great! The musical will be part of the regular service and will run about 25 minutes long. Come and support the youth of CPC, let them share their message with you. We are still in need of a few teen readers. If you or anyone you know would like to participate in reading a few lines in our musical please leave a message for CPC Director of Music for Children & Youth, Taylor Duling at the church (909) 624-9693.

Sunday Morning at Nine - Adult Education

In June we continue our series of forums on issues coming before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, USA July 3-9 in Minneapolis.



June 6 and 13 our own Dr. Jane Dempsey Douglass will present an overview of the **Belhar Confession**. This statement of faith which arose from the anti-apartheid movement in the South African churches has been proposed for inclusion in our Book of Confessions. At General Assembly, Dr. Douglass will be making the report from the group making this recommendation. Copies of the Belhar Confession and report are available in the church office or at the first class.

June 20 two members of the special **Committee to Study Issues of Civil Unions and Christian Marriage** will present an overview of the reports going to General Assembly from that committee. Steve Salyards is an elder at La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church and Tony De La Rosa is an elder at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles. Copies of that report will also be available in the church office and at the presentation.

Following June 20, our 9:00 a.m. Adult Ed forums will be on summer recess. See you in September!

Junior High Summer Camp at Big Bear

Junior high students can spend a fun-filled week at Big Bear Camp and Conference Center from **July 18-24**. Hike, swim, play basketball, climb a rock wall, navigate a ropes course, and meet all kinds of new friends. This is some serious fun. The cost is \$325 per camper (\$299 if we have a group of five or more.) You will find registration materials online at www.pccci.org. Please complete and return them to the church office no later than June 15.



Palomar Mountain Youth Camping Trip

June 25-27 is the youth camping trip. Incoming 7th through graduating 12th graders are going to Palomar Mountain State Park. The cost is \$100 per person. Please call the church office at (909) 624-9693 to reserve your spot.

Elementary School Summer Camp

If you have a child in your life that will be entering 4th-6th grade next year, you should have received a letter and a camp flyer in the mail recently. If you would like to enroll your child in one of the camps mentioned, please return your registration form as soon as possible. If you have not received such a letter and would like to know more about this camping opportunity, please contact Krista Wuertz. You do not need to include payment with the registration.

If we have more than five children from Claremont Presbyterian Church going to camp,

High School L.E.A.D. Camp

High school students have a new camping opportunity this summer: L.E.A.D. Camp. L.E.A.D. is a weeklong camp created for high school students who want to explore their faith at a deeper level. Participants will live in community with each other and put their faith into action by serving alongside the summer staff in day to day operations and assisting in program activities. Through small group interaction, team building and in depth Bible studies students will learn what it means to be a fully devoted disciple of Christ. Students can attend one of three possible weeks: **July 11-17** or **July 18-24** at Big Bear, or **July 25-31** at Rancho La Scherpa near Santa Barbara. Find registration materials at www.pccci.org.

If you'd like more information, call Pastor Rocky at (909) 624-9693 ext. 304 or email rsupinger@claremontpres.org. Scholarship assistance is available for all youth camping activities.

the fees will be less, as we will receive the "group rate." After May 23, Krista will be in touch with those who have returned enrolment forms to let you know if we have enough enrollment for the price cut.

This camp looks like it will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to be with one another and make new friends. If you have any further questions regarding this camping opportunity please contact Krista at any time. Krista@claremontpres.org; (909) 624-9693 ext. 309.

June 13 Is Teacher Recognition Sunday

On June 13, 2010 our church will be celebrating the teachers who work so diligently to bring beauty and knowledge into the lives of the children of our congregation. This year, we would like to make a special effort to honor both the teachers who volunteer their time here at Claremont Presbyterian Church to enhance our children's spiritual lives as well as special teachers from the community that the children would like to invite to church so that we may celebrate them, bless their work, and acknowledge their importance in the lives of each child as a part of our service of worship.

We hope to communicate to our children through this recognition of teachers both in the church and from the community that God is with them at all times, in all places, and is present in everything that they do. We will have a reception for all of the teachers following the service of worship. It is very important that we know the names of all the teachers that we will be honoring ahead of time. Therefore, we ask that you RSVP to this letter by contacting our Director of Ministry to Children and Families, Krista Wuertz, as soon as possible.

You may leave a message for Krista at any time through her voicemail or email, which are listed below. Please include in your message, your name, your child's name and the name of the teacher (and spelling of their name) that each child has decided to invite to be recognized in church. We hope that you will join us for this special occasion and join with us in blessing the work of some of the people that the children feel bring something special into their lives. (909) 624-9693 ext. 309. krista@claremontpres.org.

Graduation Recognition Is Fast Approaching

The class of 2010 will be recognized in worship on Sunday June 6. Please join us as we congratulate and celebrate our graduates from high school, college, and graduate school. Is someone in your family graduating? Someone connected to CPC who doesn't live in Claremont? Please let Pastor Rocky know by calling him at (909) 624-9693 ext. 304 or by email at rsupinger@claremontpres.org.

Summer Youth Events

Just 'cause it's summer doesn't mean CPC youth can't get together. In fact, the summer allows us to get together with our friends from the Claremont UCC and UMC churches for some fun outings. Like these:

June 18: Outdoor Movie Night at CPC. Come at 8:00. Bring some snacks and soda, and we'll watch a movie projected onto the north wall of the church building.

August 8: Beach Trip. After church we'll pile into cars and head to the beach for an afternoon of sun, sand, and food.

See you this summer!

Summer Surprise Begins June 20

Our church school year will end on June 13. However, there will be opportunities for our children and youth to continue to learn and grow together through Summer Surprise. Summer Surprise will begin the following Sunday, June 20 and it will continue through August 8. It will take place during the 10:00 a.m. worship service after the Time with the Children. Come and join us as we continue to be surprised and amazed by what God is doing in the world.



Come Follow Joseph's Journey

Claremont Presbyterian Church will host Vacation Bible School (VBS) **Monday - Friday, July 5 - 9** from 6:00 - 8:30 in the evening. Our VBS this year is called *Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace*.

We have a link on the church website (www.claremontpres.org) to our VBS website. The VBS website is the most efficient way to register your child for VBS. The site is maintained by Group Publishing, the company that supplies the curriculum we have chosen. You may also register your child after church in the courtyard.

There are many volunteer opportunities available and needing to be filled in order to make this a wonderful experience for the children. On the VBS website, you can look at the different volunteer job descriptions and register to volunteer for whatever job you like.

We all look forward to making this a special experience for the children of our church family and of the community.



People in the Church: Nicole Kohnen and Jess Croughan

“Mom, who’s more important, Jesus or God?”

Nicole Kohnen, CPC’s current Youth Deacon, posed that question to her mother six years ago. “It just popped out.”

Has this happened to you? How would you answer?

Judy Kohnen paused for a moment, then replied, “Nicole, I think it’s time we started going to church.”

They had been to church before. Nicole’s father had been raised Catholic. Nicole was baptized at Our Lady of Assumption, but the family attended rarely. On her mother’s side there was an aunt who was, in Nicole’s words, “super hard core religious.” Still seeking and, it would appear with several possibilities already crossed off their list, they decided to try CPC. Nicole knows why they stayed. “It had a very welcoming environment, a sense of fun, being yourself, not too strict. And it had day care.”

Now seventeen and a junior at Claremont High School, Nicole has developed a great love for math and science. She is very grateful for the support she gets from CPC. The church does not force her into a Biblical literalism that opposes Darwinian evolution. “It is not demanding ‘believe or else.’ I can be religious and still be a scientist. I can see how faith and reason can support each other.”

How does Nicole perceive God? “When I think of God, I think of arms – big arms – that give lots of hugs. I think God is always there, and I can always turn to God.”

It was easy for Nicole to say yes when Steven Watts asked her to accept the nomination as Youth Deacon. She had been a strong member of the PYGs, had been on several work projects, and relished the idea of being part of a helping ministry.

As Youth Deacon Nicole participates fully in the work of the Deacons, except she does not have her own parish. “I’m like an apprentice.” She attends monthly meetings, joins the Witness Cluster, writes cards to members, and considers other ways to be of service to the congregation and the community. With typical youthful energy, Nicole brings an infectious enthusiasm to her roles. If in the future she goes to college in the area, Nicole would strongly consider being a Deacon.

Jess Croughan, CPC’s current Youth Elder, has always been active in a Presbyterian church, first in San Bruno, where he grew up, and now in Claremont, where he has lived the past four years. Being Youth Elder is a challenge that Jess takes very seriously, and in many ways he has been well

prepared. The Confirmation Class at CPC when he was fourteen helped Jess investigate and resolve for himself certain religious issues such as the accuracy of the Bible. His father was a Deacon in San Bruno, while his mother, an Elder in their former church, is now a Deacon at CPC.

Like Nicole, Jess has been active in PYGs and gone on work projects. And like Nicole, Jess was recruited by Steven Watts to accept a nomination as Youth Elder. Jess responded enthusiastically, calling it a “great opportunity” to see up close how the church works and to take part in key decisions. He is pleased to note that the decision-making process is “very democratic.”

The Session meetings are long, Jess acknowledges, and often “not entirely relevant to me,” but he likes Pastor Karen Sapio’s leadership, especially her ability to keep the discussions focused. He is pleased to respond when “they ask my opinion of the views of youth.”

Serving on Session has prompted Jess to think about the place of youth in the church. He would like to see more high school and college students find a home here. Music is very important for the identity and messages it provides, and so Jess would like to see CPC experiment with a second worship service featuring more modern music and instruments. What’s a time attractive to young people? The obvious hour, Sunday after the traditional worship, belongs to the Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church. Perhaps Sunday evening would work, 7:00 -8:00 p.m. Jess thinks it would attract 50-100 people at the start, and grow from there.

Another role that Jess sees is preparing the next Youth Elder. “I would advise that person to try to come to this position with ideas about how to improve the church, how to get youth more active, and how to get a better, more complete idea of how the youth feel about issues involving the church.”

Is the Presbyterian Church wise to place young people in positions of leadership? Anyone who meets these two would enthusiastically answer yes. Indeed, if anything, the church should open and encourage more avenues for leadership from such talented youth. Perhaps a second worship service would be a worthy opportunity.

~Dick Johnson



CPCC Art Exhibit June 13

You won’t want to miss the art exhibit from the Claremont Presbyterian Children’s Center following worship on Sunday, June 13.





Session Digest

At its March meeting, the Session:

- Heard an update from Deacon Octavio Guerrero regarding his upcoming trip on behalf of the Living Waters Program.
- Approved the appointment of Sacha Lord as Director of the Children's Center.
- Approved the formation of a committee to research the ministry possibilities of online social networks.
- Learned of the addition of a new calendar application added to the church website.
- Regretfully accepted the resignation of Melissa Landis as Interim Children's Music Director, and approved Taylor Duling to replace her.

At its April meeting, the Session:

- Referred to Property and Finance Commission for its immediate attention repair of certain conditions on our grounds.
- Heard reports of the Deacons' many activities involving both community outreach and care for our congregation.
- Discussed and approved the use of the local portion of the Pentecost Offering, to go to both CLASP and this summer's VBS program.
- Approved the hiring of Cathy Gardner as Sunday Nursery Coordinator

~ Steve Sittig,
Clerk of Session

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.

Holy Land - Common Ground

Wednesday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Claremont Forum, 586 W. First Street in Claremont the Conscientious Projector Project will screen the film *Holy Land - Common Ground*. This documentary film introduces faces behind the headlines, Palestinians and Israelis who have lost family members yet choose to resist violent reactions to their grief. Rather, they join together in efforts at healing.



Join Us for the 4th of July

Claremont Presbyterian Church and the Children's Center will continue to be an active presence in our community this year at the Fourth of July celebration in Memorial Park with an information booth and a float in the parade.

Sign ups will be taken to "man" an information booth from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The float, featuring the Children's Center, will be decorated after worship on Sunday, July 4 and all are welcome to participate in either the decorating or riding on the float in the parade.

Summer Choir Will Begin On July 4

Calling all singers...and we do mean *all* singers. Summer choir time is almost here and we would love to see whole families come and sing. Starting July 4, 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.

~The Sanctuary Choir

Sermons on Website

Audio files of past sermons at Claremont Presbyterian Church can be found on the church website. Go to CPC's website which is www.claremontpres.org and click on the "Sermons" tab.

Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 04/30/10	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$158,746	\$175,000
Reserves	0	0
Other Income	22,921	24,733
Expenses	(205,830)	(210,194)
VARIANCE	(24,163)	(10,461)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 04/30/10	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$147,906	146,084
Expenses	(154,064)	(164,117)
VARIANCE	(6,158)	(18,033)

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



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Rocky Supinger

Church School

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

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
available both hours



CPC Sanctuary Choir

CPC Performing Arts Series Choir Fundraiser Saturday, June 12 - 7:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir is presenting a fund-raiser concert Saturday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. A special donation from a CPC member inspired the theme of this concert and challenged the choir to learn a very demanding piece. The concert features works by North American composers and settings of American folk hymns, spirituals and barbershop style quartets. Selections include the “Wedding Cantata” by acclaimed composer Daniel Pinkham, the haunting “Agnus Dei” setting of the “Adagio for Strings” by Samuel Barber, and the beautiful “Alleluia” by Randall Thompson. Works by Aaron Copland, Rene Clausen, Robert Shaw, and Meredith Brammeier are also included.

The choir is also very pleased to feature Claremont native and familiar face Keith Colclough as the guest bass soloist. He will be presenting some wonderful American repertoire for solo bass in addition to joining the choir on one or two numbers. Our favorite organist, Geri DeMasi, will also perform an organ solo.



Keith Colclough

In addition to functioning as a fund-raiser, this concert is also part of CPC’s Performing Arts Series so please invite your friends, family and neighbors. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken and the proceeds will be put toward special future choir events such as major works with instrumental ensembles. The choir thanks you all for your support.

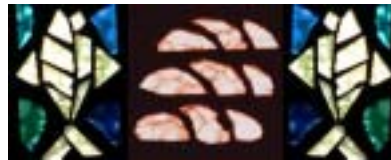
Third Annual Bequest Emphasis Sunday

The Special Gifts and Endowment Committee is pleased to announce CPC’s Third Annual Bequest Emphasis Sunday, to take place on June 20.

During the service on that day, a presentation will be given to illustrate the importance of making special gifts to CPC, over and above our annual pledges for the operating budget. These special gifts can be made during lifetime or through our estates and can direct support to a particular part of CPC’s program and outreach or can be left unrestricted. In either case, such gifts further enrich our spiritual life here at CPC and our ministry to a needy world.

At the service on June 20, we will recognize the twenty-nine people who, to date, constitute the members of our Loaves and Fishes Society. This is the bequest society of CPC and is sponsored by the Special Gifts and Endowment Committee.

The Loaves and Fishes Society draws its inspiration from John 6:9, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to sustain the multitudes. Everyone who includes CPC in his or her estate plan is entitled to membership in the Society.



There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many?

~John 6:9

If you have taken this important step and have not yet notified us, please inform one of the Pastors, any member of the Committee, or Jo Colclough in the Church office – we want to add you to our membership rolls! For more information, please pick up a copy of our Loaves and Fishes Society brochure on the patio on Sunday morning or in the Church office. The brochure provides the names of the Committee members.

The current members of the Loaves and Fishes Society are:

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| Eric Bernal | Eileen Jaeger | Carol Stubblebine |
| Teresa Bernal | Delores Kelley | Craig Stubblebine |
| Harry Brunger | Jeanne Kennedy | Libbie Swartz |
| Doris Chambers | Taylor Klingerman | Roger Swartz |
| Gordon Douglass | Ruth Mickel | Kent Warner |
| Jane Douglass | Kathleen Sigtenhorst | Teddie Warner |
| Joan Harlan | Pieter Sigtenhorst | Mary Wheeler |
| Lee Harlan | Betty Springer | Dorothy Whitham |
| Frank Hungerford | Stan Springer | Rick Whitham |
| Chet Jaeger | Marj Stoddard | |

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

Summer Communicator

Life seems to slow down in the summer and the church is no exception. That is why there will be only one issue of the *Communicator* for July/August. **The deadline for submission to the summer newsletter is June 15.** Anything you would like the congregation to know about in July or August should be included in that issue. You may email your submission to Jo Colclough at jcolclough@claremontpres.org. If email is not convenient for you, you may also deliver your article or notice to the Church office by June 15.

Thank you!

Save the Date!

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| July 5 - 9 | Vacation Bible School |
| July 11 | Church Picnic |
| July 25 | Produce Sunday |
| August 9 | CPCC El Ranchero Fundraiser |

Unemployment Support Group

If you would be interested in taking part in a CPC support group for people out of work please contact Parish Associate, Dave Lutz. Messages can be left at the church office (909) 624-9693.

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 Phyllis DeLeo with your prayer request. Please be sure you have the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer.