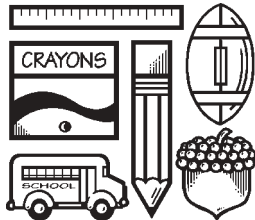




# COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

September 2008



**SEPTEMBER**

## Worship Plans

Sunday, September 7 10:00 a.m.  
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Kick Off Sunday  
Commissioning of  
Christian Education Volunteers  
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, September 14 10:00 a.m.  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, September 21 10:00 a.m.  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

Sunday, September 28 10:00 a.m.  
*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

## From the Pastor

Did you spend some time this summer in an airport? In spite of the high price of air travel, I'm guessing that many of us did our share of standing in security lines, foraging through the food court and waiting at the gate at an airport somewhere at home or abroad during the last few months.

I was intrigued by an on-line article I read recently that compared churches to airports. Airports, even when they are comfortable and well run, do not exist to shelter people for a long time—they exist to provide the means and resources for people to go somewhere else. When all the planes are in the hanger and large numbers of people are spending hours or days inside the airport, we know that something is wrong: some natural disaster or failure of human systems has stopped the flow of people, goods and information that is supposed to flow through the airport but not stop there.

Churches, too, are not meant to be the end point of a journey. They are places where Christians and other seekers find wisdom, inspiration, and guidance to move into the world as agents of God's peace, love and justice. The article I read suggests that if a church becomes a destination in itself, rather than a place where people are equipped for the outward journey, something is wrong.

What do you think? Is our church more a stopping place or a sending place? Where is our church sending you?

Sunday, October 5, 2008

## World Communion Sunday

Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m.

We will worship with our brothers and sisters from  
Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church.

# Sunday Morning at Nine Adult Education

## Faith Perspective on Election Year Issues

## Fellowship Hall

Many of the hot topics in this year's elections are of particular interest to people of faith. Join this group each Sunday for a presentation on an election year issue followed by lively discussion.

<b>September 14</b>	"Faith and American Public Opinion"	David Menefee-Libey
<b>September 21</b>	"The Crisis in Human Rights"	Richard Amesbury
<b>September 28</b>	"Same Sex Marriage"	speaker tba
<b>October 5</b>	"A New Energy Crisis?"	Scott Randles
<b>October 12</b>	"Torture as a Moral Issue"	speaker tba
<b>October 19</b>	"The Missions in California Church History"	Ward McAfee
<b>October 26</b>	"Perspectives on Israel and Palestine"	Rizek Abusharr's tour group



## New Testament Trajectories

## Southwest Room

This fall we offer two excellent and thought provoking series on the message of the Gospels.

*Four Sundays in the Gospels with Dale Lindsey Morgan*

<b>September 28</b>	Mark	"Take up your Cross"
<b>October 5</b>	Matthew	"Upon this Rock I Will Build My Church"
<b>October 12</b>	Luke	"You Shall Be My Witnesses"
<b>October 19</b>	John	"Come and See Jesus"

*The Gospel of Jesus with James Robinson*

### October 26 - November 16

What was the original "good news" the first disciples heard from Jesus? Come hear and discuss Professor Jim Robinson's insights based on a lifetime of research and reflection.

## Family Issues Round Table

## Chapel

A series for families of all shapes, ages and configurations to gain insights and skills for life together. Unless otherwise noted, these sessions will be led by our Parish Associate, The Rev. David Lutz.

**September 14** "Understanding Families as Systems"  
A brief introduction to systems thinking to help you understand better how families work.

**September 21** "Young Families and Stress"  
Our culture can work against couples raising young children; stress is a challenge.

**September 28** "Open Table Discussion"  
Share issues and get support and insight from others: facilitated by Pastor Rocky Supinger.

**October 5** "Parenting Teenagers"  
The parents' job is to manage the family; the teenagers' job is to grow up. These job descriptions aren't always compatible.

**October 12** "Couple Communication"  
A simple way to talk through with differences.

**October 19** "Open Table Discussion"  
Share issues and get support and insight from others: facilitated by Pastor Rocky Supinger.

**October 26** "The 'Sandwich Generation': Dealing with Aging Parents"  
Dealing with our aging parents or dealing with our adult children: both can be a challenge! (Whichever generation shows up for class this day determines the agenda!)



## New Year Begins September 7

Kick off Sunday is September 7. We will have a grand procession into worship and a Ministry Fair on the patio following worship highlighting CPC's many opportunities for learning, spiritual growth and service.

Children's Sunday School will be up and running on the 7th. We look forward to having lots of kids join us as we learn to walk with God together by learning Bible stories, asking questions, and sharing our experiences together.

Sunday School will begin at 9:00 each Sunday morning. We'll see you there!

Adult Education classes will begin the following Sunday, September 14 and will meet at 9:00 a.m. as well.

## Join the CPC Sanctuary Choir

I want to thank all those who contributed to our summer choir this year. We had a wonderful turn-out each Sunday and it was great to see family members of all ages singing together.

Regular choir starts rehearsing Thursday **September 4 at 7:30 p.m.** The choir will be singing in the church service on September 7. We welcome all returning members and invite any others who are interested to come try us out. We have rousing, fun rehearsals and are happy to share our enthusiasm and love of singing with any and all. I look forward to working with you all.

*~Jenelle Westerbeck Anderson*

## New Opportunity for CPC Parents

Starting on Sunday, September 14, parents of young people at CPC will have a new weekly opportunity to connect with one another and to explore the joys and struggles of parenting through the lens of faith in Jesus Christ.

The gathering will take place in the Chapel on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 education hour. Parents of infants and high school seniors alike are invited to participate. The format will be informal, with conversations ranging in focus from "Young Families and Stress" and "Parenting Teenagers" to "Couple Communication." Two weeks will be Open Table Discussion where you can name the issue you wish to discuss.

So come to connect. Come to learn. Come to teach.

## Associate Pastor and Christian Education Director to PYG and PYGlet Parents: Go To Your Room!

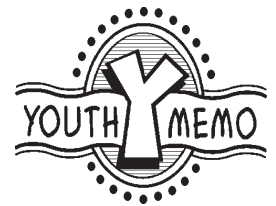
That is, if you want a chance to pepper us with questions. The PYG and PYGlet calendars get off the ground on Sunday, September 14 with the PYG/PYGlet Roast, but before we launch this boat we want to give you a chance to hear from us what we have in mind for your young people during the coming year.

Also, we have some questions for you -  
(Insert suspenseful pause here.)

Sunday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the PYG Room: it will be like our first PYG and PYGlet gatherings of the year, only with the parents.

In all seriousness, the church's work with young people is only as successful as parents' work with their own young people. We want to trace how we see those things interacting. We want to hear about your hopes and dreams for your kids, whether they're in 7<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Bring them along if you like.

Call Rocky if you have any questions. We'll look forward to seeing you on the 7<sup>th</sup>.



## PYG and PYGlets Get Underway September 14

The senior high youth group (PYGs: Presbyterian Youth Group) and the junior high youth group (PYGlets: you get the idea) will start up on the second Sunday of September with the annual PYG/PYGlet Roast. The location is yet to be determined, so watch your email and your snail mail boxes for more information.

On **Sunday, October 12**, youth from CPC and their families will be participating in the Walk for the Hungry and Homeless organized by the Inland Valley Hope Partners (IVHP). This is a great opportunity for us to be a part of God's answer to the problem of hunger in our community and beyond. To find out more about the walk, visit the IVHP website at [www.hope-partners.com/events](http://www.hope-partners.com/events). We'll have information and forms at the PYG/PYGlet Roast.

## Volunteer as a Pollworker

“Positively stated, each of us [Presbyterians] has an affirmative political vocation that comes with citizenship in our system of self-government.”

*Lift Every Voice: Democracy, Voting Rights, and Electoral Reform*

When Christians vote, there is more at stake than the outcome. Our faith guides the way in which we pull the lever, urging us toward stances of conscience and advocacy, forces we recognize to be bigger than ourselves.

People of faith and Christian character will always differ as to the shape that civic affairs should take. But one thing that Christians in the Reformed tradition share is the conviction that participation in governmental processes is morally incumbent upon each of us.

With that in mind, the Church and Society Commission invites you to consider participating in the fall elections in a specific way: by being a pollworker in a “hard-to-recruit” area. The report co-written by the PC (USA)’s Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy and the Advocacy Committee on Racial-Ethnic Concerns quoted above goes on to say: “The Bible, John Calvin, and contemporary Christian ethics yield three

approaches to justice in politics: participation, equality, and fairness in the system of voting.” Volunteering as a pollworker in a hard-to-recruit area is a simple way to contribute toward all three of those approaches, and thus to aid in the pursuit of justice in our national politics.

A copy of the pollworker application can be found online at <https://lavote.net/SECURED/POLLWORKER/>.

One may also be obtained from Stan Springer or Pastor Rocky. The criteria for pollworkers is simple: you must be a registered voter. That and a willingness to attend a one-day training and to be at the poll from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on November 4 gets you in.

We hope you will give this opportunity serious consideration. Please ask Pastor Rocky if you would like more information.



## Friday Film & Fellowship Becomes Saturday Cinema

This fall our dinner, film and discussion group will move from Friday to Saturday. Once each month we invite everyone to gather at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner followed by a movie at 7:00. After the film, stay for a free-wheeling discussion of the movie with your fellow viewers. A children’s movie is shown for those too young for the main feature.

Saturday, September 20 the film will be *Renewal*. Across the nation, people of faith are standing up for the environment. Evangelical Christians are fighting mountaintop removal, a coal mining process that is decimating Appalachia. Muslims are supporting sustainable farming. Jews are helping children experience the bond between nature and spirituality. Interfaith Power and Light is mobilizing people of all faiths in a religious response to global warming.

For the first time, the combined energy of these diverse activists is the driving force behind a feature-length documentary, entitled *Renewal*. Veteran film producers Marty Ostrow and Terry Kay Rockefeller have crisscrossed the country to capture these exciting stories of people whose passion and deep moral commitment are making a difference. Come learn from these inspiring stories

Our September film night is part of a series

of films being shown by local faith communities as part of *11 Days of Global Unity* from September 11 - 21. You may also be interested in the other films being screened.

*Peace Film Festival* (Co-sponsored by the Department of Children & Family Services.)

- Thursday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1359 E. Covina Blvd. Covina *Faith and Doubt After 9/11*.
- Monday, September 15 at 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church, 1751 N. Park Ave. Pomona *Traces of the Trade* - the story of the largest slave trading family in the U.S.
- Wednesday, September 17 at Unity Church of Pomona, 524 E. Pasadena, Pomona *Doing Time, Doing Vipassana*.
- Thursday, September 18 at Trinity Methodist in Pomona, 676 North Gibbs Street, Pomona - To Be Announced.
- Saturday, September 20, 7:00 p.m. at Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave. Claremont, The *Renewal* Project.
- Claremont Center for Spiritual Living, 509 S. College Avenue, Claremont - To Be Announced.
- Others to be announced.



## People in the Church: Jay and Elsie Harber: Reflections on Life, Love, God, and CPC

[When I asked Jay and Elsie Harber several months ago to be this month's "People in the Church," Elsie told me that Jay was too ill to be interviewed. Instead she sent me some notes. Jay and Elsie were among those heroic Southern whites who placed faith above the bigotry of their surrounding culture. All their lives, in the South, in the East and in California, they worked for justice, reconciliation, and peace. But Elsie gave little notice of their past. Instead, the notes reveal where she and Jay were then as Jay entered the last stages of his life. All too brief, they offer fruitful meditations to us all.]

~ Dick Johnson

After a lifetime of deep involvement in the church, in recent years we found ourselves among the 67% of Californians who do not attend church at least once a week. Jay was able to attend worship only sporadically in 2005, and by 2006 he was struggling to bring episodic hemoptysis and bacterial infections under control, resulting in three hospitalizations and a month in the Pilgrim Place Health Services Center. For the past year and a half he had been at home, where he died in hospice care on June 28, quietly and peacefully, with me, Elsie, holding his hand.

In the years of Jay's illness we were blessed to have our family, Jim and Beth, who grew up in this church, and their spouses and our grandchildren. We had our CNA's and nurses, our case manager and our hospice physician. We had our Pilgrim Place community, our Claremont Presbyterian community and our larger Los Angeles community. We had the world brought to us via television, newspapers, mail and e-mail, the creative impulse through books and films and music and the depths and shared experiences of a 56 year relationship.

With limited mobility, our relationship to the church had become tenuous at best. Recently, we had invited our deacon, Octavio Guerrero, to visit and to share a Seder/Eucharist with us, drafted with our intercultural family in mind (our Jewish son-in-law and grandchildren and our German Reformed daughter-in-law) and containing language that all could affirm. Jay liked Tavo's openness, his obvious commitment and his eloquent praying in Spanish. Jay broke the matzo, Elsie poured the wine. Ritual imbued simple elements with holiness.

It was ritual that sustained us. The recitation

of our morning hymn: "*New every morning is the love our waking and uprising prove. Through doubt and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought.*" The reading of our noon table grace drawn from prayers of many faiths: The evening remembering: "*O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the Everlasting Arms. O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.*" And a prayer that owes its composition to ***Though the Fig Tree Does Not Blossom: Toward a Theology of Hope*** by Ellen Ott Marshall: "*We offer praise and thanksgiving to you, O God, who sustains life. Your Spirit courses through creation. Your energy helps us to resist that which is debilitating. Your solace enables us to endure loss and your presence we experience through the compassion and love of others. Amen.*"

Kim Kingshill, Konrad and Carolyn's son, who is a hospice chaplain in NY, had encouraged us to put three resources in place: a physician network, a social worker and a pastor/counselor/spiritual director. For the latter, the pastor, we reached back into our past at CPC for an old friend, Ed Aluzas, once Assistant Pastor at CPC, who met with us for conversation and questioning, guided reading, etc. This was a rich experience, ranging over writers as diverse as Tolle, Merton, Cavafy, Homer (The Odyssey) and Steve Lopez. We discussed the journey: acceptance, gratitude, trust. We shared stories from our pastorates and from our respective vocations as counselor, teacher, urban consultant. We discussed "soul" and the current emphasis in the church on the spiritual life, a direction less common in our days of urban ministry and involvement in social and ecumenical concerns, peacemaking and racial/ethnic issues. We were especially proud that, in one of our last peacemaking efforts at CPC, the gathering of signatures on an ecumenical petition against the war in Iraq, of the 700 signatures gathered, 100 were Presbyterians. At home on Sundays, far less visible, I sometimes went over the bulletin with Jay, reading the parts that were printed, recreating the music, summarizing the children's sermon and the pastor's sermon and mentioning activities of interest to him. We appreciated notes and flowers from the Deacons, visits as Jay was able, and we tried to maintain a semblance of normality. We were encouraged by the words of Rabbi Abraham Heschel, "*Just to be (is a blessing), Just to live (is holy).*"

*Now our house is silent, but, even in silence, there is a meeting of minds and hearts. The journey resumes.*

...What doth the Lord  
require of thee  
But to do justice,  
And to love mercy,  
And to walk  
humbly with thy God?

~Micah 6:8

# An Evening of Entertainment

Saturday, September 6  
is the date  
for our fun-filled

## Kick-Off Saturday Night

### CPC Angell Courtyard

This year Cloyce Morrow and Michael Layne will emcee the talented and not-so-talented, in the production of **KOSN** live from CPC.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Program

8:15 -

Coffee and sweets

Come ready to sing along, to laugh and to just have fun.

## Stewardship 2009

It doesn't seem possible that we're now in the third quarter of 2008. In the life of Christ's church this means we must prepare for next year's church program in terms of having sufficient financial resources.

This year I feel challenged and humble to be the chairperson of Stewardship for our beloved church. Our theme: "FIRST THINGS FIRST" is based on Exodus 34:26 which says, "The best of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of your God."

Most of you who know me will not be surprised to know that I feel strongly committed to expanding Christ's kingdom on earth. However, because of the prevailing economic

climate our request for increased funding will be more moderate but enough to expand our programs, maintain our facilities and be a strong witness in our community and world.

The steering committee is composed of the following members: Kirk Bernal, Jo Colclough - ex officio, Tom Duggan, Barbara Patch, Karen Sapio, Nancy Thum, George Trindle and Dee Kelley - Chairperson.

The Stewardship Campaign will start on Sunday, October 12 and continue until Sunday, November 2. May God grant us the vision we need to succeed in this task.

*Sincerely,  
Dee Kelley*



*1. Lev. 19:9-10 brought you the first fruits*



**F**or in the one spirit  
we were all baptized  
into one body.

1 Corinthians 12:13

## Help Form a Small Group

Have you been wondering how you might be involved in a small group here at CPC? Do you have an idea, project or activity you would like to pursue with a group of fellow travelers? Maybe you want to read a particular book, take up knitting, explore local restaurants, or hike area trails. Maybe you want to undertake a new spiritual discipline and would welcome the support of a group. Our Evangelism and Nurture Committee would like to help form such Faith Friendship Groups. The idea of these groups is to get together throughout the year on a schedule of your choice, meet people, and grow in community around a common interest. If you are interested in coordinating a group, or have other questions, please contact Rev. Karen Sapio at (909) 624-9693.

## Per Capita Expense

Did you know that our congregation pays a certain amount of money every year PER MEMBER through our Presbytery to help cover the cost of the infrastructure that enables our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly to function?

In some ways that doesn't sound very exciting, but consider: Presbyterians have a form of government built upon shared power and mutual accountability as we seek together to find and represent the will of Christ. We depend on the movement of the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us as we work together. By providing the primary means through which Presbyterians can gather to do their work at the regional, national and even international level, per capita dollars help to undergird our governance system and our way of doing ministry and mission. Some of the things our per capita payments fund include: the costs associated with General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery meetings, some costs associated with maintaining office space for these entities, our denomination's membership in international ecumenical groups such as the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, meeting and administrative costs of standing committees of Presbyteries, Synods and General Assembly, and costs associated with administering ordination exams.

In 2008 CPC will pay \$15,816.65 total in per capita, or \$23.09 per member. You can help defray this cost by including your per capita in your giving to our church. Simply note "per capita" on the memo line of your check to assist our bookkeeper in accounting for this additional donation.

## Bag-It Sunday September 21

The CPC Board of Deacons is preparing for our annual "Bag-It Sunday" where we put together hygiene kits for homeless people who come to the Beta and Sova Centers that we support. We are looking for the following items (all in travel sizes) that you can pick up the next time you shop. Our goal is thirty kits. Please drop off your donations in the church office any day before September 21.



For each kit:  
Washcloth,  
New Gym Socks,  
Toothbrush,  
Toothpaste,  
Emery Board,  
Shaving Cream,  
Disposable Razor,  
Kleenex Pack,  
Shampoo, Conditioner,  
Deodorant (men's and women's),  
Comb, Dental Floss,  
Hand Lotion.,  
Optional: Sewing Kit,  
Band Aids

## Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's Organization includes all women in the congregation who want to support it in anyway. PW is organized at every Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) governing body level, congregation, Presbytery, Synod and Churchwide. Each PW has its own organization and leadership.

We offer annual pledges to General Assembly mission and work of the PW Presbytery and Synod. Our Thank Offering is given in the fall for Health Ministries and a Birthday Offering in the spring is for Creative Ministries. The Celebration of the Least Coin of all Christian Communities is given for many projects. A past member of CPC, Grace Salsbury, was PW National President when the Least Coin became part of our offering.

PW Bible Study Groups meet at the church on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and an evening Bible Study meets on the second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at members' homes. We have a "Gathering" on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for coffee, fellowship and interesting programs.





## Community Meal Includes More Community Than Ever

“If I am hungry, that is a physical problem; if my neighbor is hungry, that is a spiritual problem.”

~Nicholas Berdyaev

The Porter Library at Pilgrim Place in Claremont won't be a suitable meeting place much longer for the men and women representing area churches on the steering committee that is guiding the growing community meal initiative at Sumner School twice per month. At its last meeting on Monday, August 4, there were barely enough chairs.

That's because people keep coming. What started as an experimental partnership involving Claremont Presbyterian Church, The Friends Meeting House of Claremont, Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic Church, and the Claremont United Church of Christ (CUCC) has expanded to include Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Claremont United Methodist Church (CUMC), and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Montclair.

At that August meeting, the steering group established a six-month schedule of Sunday afternoon meals. CPC will host the meal on Sunday, September 28 in partnership with CUMC and on Sunday, January 25. Talk to Pastor Rocky or Sue Likens to find out how you can experience the grace and hope of one of these meals.

The steering group also took up the use of so-called “Community Stimulus” funds for the meal, monies that have been pledged by members of CPC to assist both the community meal and the Beta Center food pantry. Immediately, those funds purchased two Rubbermaid five gallon coolers. These coolers will supply plenty of water for Sunday afternoon diners. In addition, CPC's Mission Interpretation Commission (which has oversight of the funds) has approved the purchase of athletic equipment and games for the children who attend the meals, as well as materials for hygiene kits. Those kits will include items like soap, shampoo, and toothpaste and will be given to diners to take home.

On Sunday, July 27, PYGs and their parents from CPC took the lead in planning and serving the meal to 62 people. Thanks to all the families who participated; your generosity and hospitality (not to mention sweat!) were a visible sign of the gospel of Jesus Christ at work as the hungry were filled with good things (Luke 1:53). A special thanks to Teresa Bernal, who took the lead in planning and serving the meal.



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## Volunteers Needed

Inland Valley Hope Partners has recently changed its site schedules from (5) eight-hour days to (4) ten-hour days (Monday - Thursday.) Beta and Sova food pantries are now open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. continuous. This has created a new “midday” volunteer shift from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **So they are issuing a fresh call for volunteers – youth and adults – willing to “adopt” a 2-hour midday shift one day of the week!** Anyone who is interested should contact Inland Valley Hope Partners' Administrator, Natalie Brown, at (909) 622-3806 ext. 222.

## New Member Classes

If you have been visiting Claremont Presbyterian Church and would like to learn more about our congregation, we invite you to our next Newcomer's Orientation after worship on September 28 in the church library. (The library is inside the church office.) This is a chance to find out about our history, our current ministries and our visions for the future. Everyone is welcome!

If you are interested in becoming a member of Claremont Presbyterian Church, plan to be part of our next pair of new member classes on October 12 & 19 at 9:00 a.m. Speak to one of the pastors for more information.

## Session Digest

At its June meeting, the Session:

- Reflected on deep meanings that can be found in ritual, such as acceptance of the outsider and care for the needy, as Elder Watts led us in meditation.
- Welcomed back Rev. Supinger from paternity leave.
- Heard news of the early stages of planning for the fall stewardship campaign, as well as concerns for current giving and a possible need to tap reserves.
- Moved to skip the scheduled August meeting and reconvene Session in September.

At its July meeting, the Session:

- Heard good reports about the Bible study designed by Wendy Menefee-Libey and Jane Douglass for use at the last Presbytery meeting.
- At that meeting, CPC was awarded its 10<sup>th</sup> certificate for support of the Theological Education Fund.
- Received Pastor Karen's report from the General Assembly, and considered the impact of some issues on our policies here at CPC.
- Rejoiced in hearing of the strong turnout and outreach of the Vacation Bible School program in July

~ Steve Sittig,  
Clerk of Session

## An Additional Way to Give Back to CPC

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

~John 6:9

The Loaves and Fishes Society, the bequest program at CPC, provides all of us with an additional way to "give back" to our wonderful church, in response to all that we have received.

While the annual pledge campaign provides the vital funding to support the daily operating budget of the church, the bequest program serves long-range needs, as described in the Loaves and Fishes Society brochure. If you would like another copy of the brochure for yourself or a friend, please pick one up in the church office – we hope it will serve as a ready guide and reference for future use.

Just as the loaves and fishes were multiplied to sustain multitudes (John 6:9), our individual bequest gifts, when combined with those of others, will have a far greater impact than any one of us could achieve on our own. To date, twenty-three people have become charter members of our Loaves and Fishes Society.

When you too have taken this important step, please inform one of the Pastors, any member of the Committee, or Jo Colclough in the Church office – we want to offer our hearty thanks to you, as well!

## Thank You, Volunteers

Each Sunday a group of dedicated volunteers serves as Ushers. They arrive early, greet everyone while distributing bulletins, collect the offering, shepherd it to safe keeping after the service, and take care of any emergencies, small or large, that may occur during worship. We thank the following people for their ongoing service to our congregation:

Margaret Artino	George Bailey
Kirk Bernal	Dorothy Bogosian
Tom Bogosian	Peter Campbell
Ken Clark	Marian Clark
Lee Harlan	Kathy Holtan
Rod Holtan	Buie Kindle
Sandra Kindle	Judy Kohnen
Will Kohnen	Damon Lopez
Quinn Salazar	Stan Springer
Lorraine Watson	Ron Watson
Paul Whitham	Rick Whitham
Mike Wigton	Clint Robertson, substitute

If you would like to help out by serving as an Usher one Sunday a month, please speak with Head Ushers Margaret Artino or Damon Lopez.



MATTHEW 20:28



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### Pastors

Karen Sapio  
Rocky Supinger

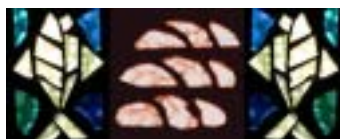
### Church School

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

### Worship

10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care  
available both hours



~The Special Gifts and Endowment Committee:

Harry Brunger	Marilyn Brunger
Lee Harlan	Karen Sapio
Pieter Sigtenhorst	Stan Springer
Craig Stubblebine	Kent Warner, Chair

Free Performina Arts Serices 2008/2009 presents

# CONVIVIA

Saturday

October 4, 2008

7:00 p.m.



Erica  
Lazerow  
Davis

Meredith  
Brammeier

Jenelle  
Westerbeck  
Anderson

The women of Convivia were brought together by a love of vocal music and the desire for a new artistic challenge. The trio specializes in both early music and contemporary compositions. Convivia's repertoire includes madrigals, motets, folksongs, jazz, commissioned pieces and anything else that captures the group's interest.

**Jenelle Westerbeck Anderson** is the Director of Music at CPC. Dr. Anderson received her Bachelor of Music, and her certification in Music Education *cum laude* from Atlantic Union College. She completed her Master of Music in Choral Music at the University of Illinois *summa cum laude* with an emphasis in Conducting and Vocal Performance. Her Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting was received from USC. Her background includes private voice and violin instruction, and performance expertise in voice, violin, viola, and piano.

**Meredith Brammeier** is Associate Professor of Music for the music theory and musicianship programs at Cal Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Princeton University, a Master of Music in Composition from Eastman School of Music, and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition from the Thornton School of Music, USC. As a composer, she has studied with Stephen Hartke, Christopher Rouse, Samuel Adler, Peter Westergaard, and Steven Mackey.

**Erica Lazerow Davis** received her bachelor's degrees from Princeton University and Boston Conservatory (*summa cum laude*), and a master's degree in vocal arts from USC. She teaches voice at College of the Canyons and at her private studio in Santa Clarita. She is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and in 2007 was one of twelve teachers selected to participate in the NATS Intern Program. She has performed opera and classical concerts, and she teaches both classical music and musical theater.

Coming this Season:

BONES WEST	Trombone Band	November 15, 2008	7:00 p.m.
JACK SANDERS	Guitar and Vihuela	February 7, 2009	7:00 p.m.
GOSPEL CHOIR	from Azusa Pacific University	March 14, 2009	7:00 p.m.
JAZZ BAND	from Claremont High School	May 09, 2009	7:00 p.m.

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## We Need You

We're making a list and checking it twice! No, not for Christmas, for the annual pre-Kick-Off-Sunday Work Day. Come join us Saturday, September 6 from 8:00 a.m. to noon for fellowship and getting the church spiffed up. If you have a special passion for some work or if something is especially bugging you, let us know and we'll make sure you have what you need for the job. The early birds get a prize and if you stick it out to the end you'll have a chance for one, too.

## Tablecloths

Please sign out all tablecloths that are being removed from Fellowship Hall for any reason. There is a sign out sheet located next to the tablecloths in the pantry. Thank you.

## Save the Date!

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| October 4  | Convivia Concert                                                            |
| October 5  | World Communion Worship combined with Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church |
| October 12 | New Members Class                                                           |
| October 12 | Walk for the Hungry                                                         |
| October 19 | New Members Class                                                           |
| October 26 | New Members Join                                                            |
| October 26 | Congregational Meeting                                                      |

## PW 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 Carolyn Knight with your prayer request. Please be sure you have the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer.