



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church of Claremont in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, April 21, 2019

ON THE CALENDAR

EASTER WEEK

Friday, April 19 - The Presbytery Office will be closed for Good Friday

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. *Hebrews 9:11-12*

Reflection: Blood and Salvation

We are in Holy Week. This year I have been more aware of the fragility of life because so many people I know are recovering from various surgeries. The most recent is my dog Gaby, who had knee surgery on Friday.

As I attempt to take care of Gaby now that she's home, I am reminded of how many times I've wondered about what motherhood would have been like for me. I am able to do the work I do largely because I have so few responsibilities at home-except for the short time I was caring for my father, my only care has been for myself and my pets. So as I struggle to watch out for this injured creature, I can only marvel at the love and energy expended on the care for a precious child.

Of course, the great mystery of this week is the suffering of Jesus, God's own precious child, whose love for the outcast, obedience to his heavenly father, and challenge to the establishment church and political leaders culminated in his rejection and killing at the hands of the world he came down to love.

Every year the question "why did it have to be this way?" comes to me, and honestly I don't think this is a question any mortal can adequately answer. Even Jesus wondered about this in Gethsemane garden, and yet in faith he continued on his journey to the cross.

When I was in seminary, my spiritual hero was a woman who was undergoing chemotherapy from the breast cancer that eventually killed her. The chemo came in a bright red liquid, and she came to equate the chemo to the blood of Christ presented to all of us in communion. She even went so far as to connect the harsh cleansing of the chemo, which seemed to almost kill her in order to eradicate the cancer, with the cleansing of sin that comes with taking the cup at the Lord's table. Are we willing to give our all, to be willing to die to self in order to gain the life that God wills for us?

As we experience the limitations and even horrors of mortal life, may we learn to appreciate the radical lengths Jesus went in order to bring us back to God. As we consider our love and care for those we love, may we remember the pain that God was willing to go through, watching Jesus die in pain and humiliation for the sake of a world that hated him. As we ask God for everything that comes to our mind, may we every once in a while take a moment of silence and dare to listen for what God might want of us, and may we trust that whatever we do for Christ, we will also find peace in the eternal love of God.

The poet Richard Jones considered the great faith of Mamie Till, the mother of Emmett Till. For mothers like her, Jesus' sacrifice proved that God knew her pain. And through mothers like her, God's healing and justice are furthered in this broken world. Even in the depths of our own personal pain, even as the blood of life is shed for reasons of injury or violence or even birth, may we entrust our lives to our Lord, in gratitude for the life-saving love of Jesus.

"The Face"
by Richard Jones

*Emmet Till's mother
speaking over the radio*

She tells in a comforting voice
what it was like to touch her dead boy's face,

how she'd lingered and traced
the broken jaw, the crushed eyes-

the face *that* badly beaten, disfigured-
before confirming his identity.

And then she compares his face to
the face of Jesus, dying on the cross.

This mother says no, she'd not recognize
her Lord, for he was beaten far, far worse

than the son she loved with all her heart.
For, she said, she could still discern her son's curved earlobe,

but the face of Christ
was beaten to death by the whole world.

In faith and gratitude,
Wendy

Update from SGP Tapestry

'Suh' SGP (millennial speak for *What's Up SGP?*),

You may be wondering what all this Tapestry talk is about. Tapestry is a cooperative of youth ministries among churches in the San Gabriel and Riverside presbyteries. It was formed by several youth pastors and directors about 7 years ago out of a desire and need to build a cohesive presence of youth at different exciting and faith-filled Jr. & Sr. High activities in the Southland. The PC(USA) is a connectional church and the benefit to live into that model is that it offers gifts of student spiritual formation each and every year.

This year, July 2019, happens to be a PC(USA) Youth Triennium year. Although the Tapestry team is not formally shepherding this trip, there is a contingent of youth in San Gabriel Presbytery who will be attending. It is an amazing way for young people to experience the Church as a denomination and learn about the many ways the Presbyterian Church lives out its faith across the country and the world. Ask about ways you may be able to help sponsor a student to attend this transformative experience.

While some are away at the Youth Triennium many others will be gathering that same week for the Tapestry Sacred Activism Week (July 15-19). This is an opportunity for our teens to really dive into what it means to serve our communities in faithful mission partnership. Each day they will learn about a different social justice activity, dive into it and get their hands dirty, and then come together afterward to spend time praying for the work they just became part of for that day. To learn more about this experience please contact Rev. Becca Bateman (bbateman@smccpby.com) or Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds (brian@claremontpres.org).

A couple final thoughts... As you consider what your church is doing for Vacation Bible School this summer, please check in with the Tapestry team, as they may be able to provide some VBS Coaching (may include some resources). And, pray for our youth. They are up against some difficult pressures, challenges and choices. We want to make sure they know their church family is with them 'hundo p' or as the rest of us might say 100%.

With Gratitude,
SGP Tapestry

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BIG BEAR LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

SUMMER CAMP 2019

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	JUNE 30 - JULY 6
HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP	JUNE 30 - JULY 6
MIDDLE SCHOOL	JULY 7 - 13
HIGH SCHOOL	JULY 7 - 13

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National Asian Presbyterian Women

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The triennial gathering of National Asian Presbyterian Women will be held April 26-28 in Laguna Woods, California hosted by APW Southern California. The theme is "Rise, Shine, Your Light has Come." The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Wendy Tajima, Executive Presbyter of San Gabriel Presbytery. The workshop leaders will be Rev. Mary Ellen Azada, Executive Director, Fuller Seminary Careers and Personal Development, Rev. Eun-hyey Lok, Director of Outreach of the Asian American Christian Counseling Service, and Charlene Jin Lee, Ph.D., Interim Pastoral Associate, Brentwood Presbyterian Church.

The conference will be at the Geneva Presbyterian Church in Laguna Woods. Rooms will be available at the Laguna Hills Lodge about a mile away. If you are flying in, please come to Orange County (SNA). Transportation will be provided from there to the conference site. We will begin with registration and dinner on Friday and end with lunch on Sunday.

The registration of \$50 includes four meals (Friday dinner, Sat. lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch). If you stay at the Lodge, a light breakfast is included. Each room has a small refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker. There is a shopping center nearby. Scholarships will be available.

Please invite others to join us and share the registration information. If you have any questions please contact me or Rev. Mei-Hui Lai.

In Christ,

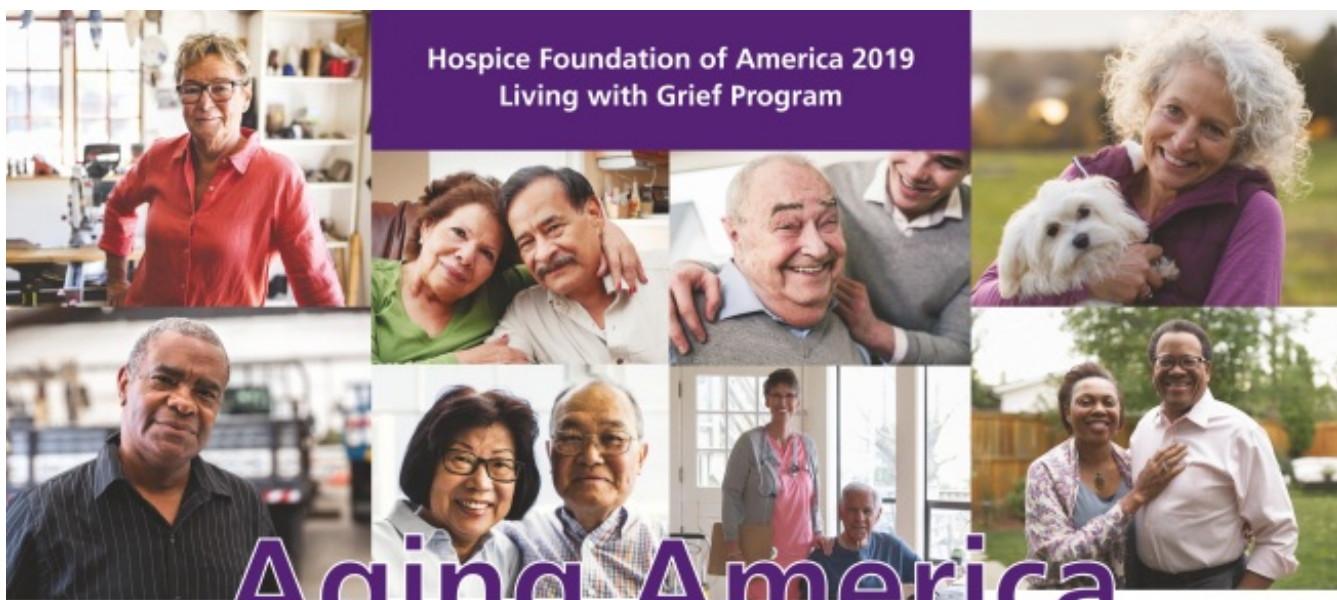
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Hospice Foundation of America 2019
Living with Grief Program



Aging America

Coping with Loss, Dying and Death Later in Life

Aging America: Coping with Loss, Dying and Death Later in Life addresses the rapid rate of aging in America and the anticipation of Medicare to include 80 million enrollees by 2040. The panelists will integrate their expertise to deliver an in-depth discussion on innovative programs and new approaches to support older adults dealing with loss.

After the program, a local panel of grief professionals will provide further information and local resources and be available to answer any questions.

You're invited to attend our local program and panel discussion. There is no cost to attend.

Date: April 17, 2019

New Location:

Westminster Gardens
1420 Santo Domingo Ave.
Duarte, CA 91010

Hours:

Registration/Continental breakfast: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Teleconference: 8:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Local panel discussion: 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

RSVP to:

Hanan Salim at Huntington Hospital Senior Network
by April 12, Hanan.Salim@huntingtonhospital.com or
626.397.5951

Local Panel:

- Lisa Bricker, Family Caregiver, Alzheimer's and Dementia Placement Specialist, Gently Guided LLC
- Katrin Koutassevitch, LCSW, Psychotherapist
- Rev. Brian O'Rourke, MonteCedro Chaplain, By Your Side Volunteer Coordinator
- Patricia Tager, RN, Director, Care Coordination, Methodist Hospital of Southern California

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800.93.VITAS
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Information at hospicefoundation.org/professionals

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2019 Presbytery Meetings

June 8, 9:00 AM - Work Day @ West Covina Ministry Center
September 14, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon @ Puente de Esperanza, La Puente
November 19, 7:00 - 9:00 PM (Tuesday evening) @ Trinity, Pasadena

2019 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum Salary: \$55,840

Travel/Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$2,645

Study Leave: \$985

2019 Mileage Reimbursement Rates:

Business .58 cents per mile

Charitable 14 cents per mile

Quick Links

www.sangabpres.org

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

www.pensions.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Westminster Presbyterian Church of Temple City

is seeking a Teaching Elder or Commissioned Ruling Elder to serve in a half time position to continue their transitional work beginning June 1, 2019. Any interested persons may forward Personal Information Forms to Huw Christopher, a member of the Administrative Commission for the Westminster Church, at wpctc2019@gmail.com or contact him for further information at this same e-mail address.

Claremont Presbyterian Church is seeking to hire a Nursery Supervisor

This is a Part-time Non-Exempt Position

This position provides childcare services to the members, friends, and visitors of Claremont Presbyterian church. Click [HERE](#) for a complete job description.

Trinity Presbyterian Church is seeking to hire a part-time (5-10 hours per week) Music Director.

Responsibilities include playing and conducting the music for Sunday worship services and rehearsing and directing the adult choir at weekly rehearsals.

Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the complete job description.

Contact - Trinity Presbyterian Church of Pasadena - 626 351-8823

Teacher for Children: Music and Arts

Claremont Presbyterian Church is hiring an Intern for Children: Music and Arts. This is a paid internship that amounts to 2-5 hours per week.

Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the complete job description.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (Undergraduate) | POMONA HOPE

Pomona Hope's 10-week summer internship is an opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in urban ministry and gain professional experience while working with K-12 youth in the city of Pomona. Summer Interns live together on-site to develop relationships with each other and their immediate neighborhood. Interns facilitate Summer Enrichment with Pomona Hope, a 5-week program for K-12 students, by teaching daily workshops, planning field trips and mentoring High School volunteers. Interns also partner closely with First Presbyterian Church of Pomona's weekly youth ministry and annual Vacation Bible School. Learn more about Pomona Hope and find a full internship description and application [HERE](#). Applications due January 30, 2019!

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (Undergraduate) | LONG BEACH

Grace First Presbyterian Church (GFPC) in Long Beach invites young adults to the M.E.G.U.M.I. Project. Megumi is a Japanese word for "grace" and it is also the acronym for Mutual Empowerment Grace-First Urban Ministry Internship Project. The MEGUMI project hopes to bring together a cohort of four young adults ages 18-25 for an 8-week summer internship spanning from June 9 to August 4, 2019. The MEGUMI Project summer internship will provide a broad and thoughtful experience in ministry by exposing interns to a wide range of ministries at GFPC such as: worship leadership; leading activities for children, youth, and adults; pastoral visitation; leading retreats for various age groups; and more.

For a full description of the internship and to learn how to apply click [HERE](#). Applications due April 1, 2019.



EVENTS OF INTEREST

Messy Midweek Church
Claremont Presbyterian Church
1111 Mountain, Claremont
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

If you have young ones, or are young at heart yourself, check out this new initiative happening at CPC. A fun and creative experience that brings together games and crafts, worship, and dinner that embraces the messy-ness of our church community.

Our planning team is hard at work putting together meaningful explorations of faith, fun, and food. Invite your friends and your neighbors!

GOOD FRIDAY
PRAYERS AROUND THE CROSS
APRIL 19, 2019
Open Between 10am - 8pm
Arcadia Community Church

121 Alice Street, Arcadia

Step out of the hurry and into the quiet sanctuary to meditate on the price Jesus paid for your salvation. This self-paced, experiential worship service will engage all five senses and guide you through stations that will help open your eyes and heart to God's voice in a fresh way. Your journey will include an invitation into a sacred space to receive Communion and write out heartfelt prayers and praises to God.

Good Friday Children's Experience
Friday April 19TH | 10AM - 8PM | B101

Come with your children on Good Friday to Arcadia Community Church and experience the love of Jesus on a child's level! Every station teaches about Jesus' journey with things they can touch, smell, taste, hear, see and move! See a real crown of thorns, learn about the last supper and explore the empty tomb. It's a great way to get ready for Easter. Adults and older children may join us in the sanctuary for a profound and thought provoking journey to the cross depicting the passion of Christ.

121 Alice St. Arcadia 91006 | www.arcadia.church | (626)445-7470

Saturday, Apr 20 - EASTER COMMUNITY PICNIC @ Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church
10AM - 2 PM

Let's celebrate the risen Lord together with family, friends and neighbors. Games, food, Easter egg-dyeing. 1723 Park Lawn Road, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. 626-695-7056

Board of Pensions - Benefits Connection

Helping Church Employers Align Benefits and Values

May 14 - La Canada

May 15 - Los Angeles

Visit pensions.org/benefitsconnections for details and to register

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

"Here's My Heart"

July 16-20 2019

Perdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Registration will open in late 2018 and conclude in May 2019

Visit www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org
for more information.

STEWARDSHIP KALEIDOSCOPE

The Pulse of Generosity- Vital Signs of a Healthy Stewardship

September 30 - October 2, 2019

Catamaran Resort - San Diego

For more information and to register, visit www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org