

CLARION



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OUR CALENDAR

Communion is normally celebrated during worship service on the first Sunday of the month.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

In Person Worship Service

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

We are grateful to those persons who led us in worship on Sunday, February 13, 2022, with social distancing. Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Virginia Gin; Scripture, Dorothy Kirkland, (I Corinthians 13: 1-13) Rev. Oglesby-Edwards (Jeremiah 1: 4-10); music, Kenny Elliott, Virginia Gin, Allison Itano, Ann Kiriyaama, and Gus Zdanovich; Sound and Visuals, Sam Gin, Larry Jung, and Nick Tomoyasu; and the Rev. Ann Oglesby Edwards for leading us in Communion and for her sermon ”.

WHO'S MAILING

February 21	Volunteers
February 28	Volunteers
March 7	Volunteers
March 14	Volunteers

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Please Welcome our Guest Preachers!

Sunday, February 20 - Harlan Redmond
Sunday, March 6 - Rev. Ally Lee

The San Gabriel Presbytery approved a new ministry in 2021 called Interwoven. This ministry began in September 2021 and is temporarily being housed at the La Canada Presbyterian Church. Similar to other new ministries, the San Gabriel Presbytery is the co-sponsor for this ministry for the next five years to support its getting started. The term 'Interwoven' is a concept that comes from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 'Letters from a Birmingham Jail'. They state: This vision is the foundation for Interwoven, a new worshipping community rooted in Presbyterian polity where people can join in being woven together in Christ. Their hope is that they minister to young adults and others in Altadena specifically in the Lincoln Avenue corridor.

The two pastors who are leading Interwoven's Ministry are Harlan Redmond and Rev. Ally Lee. Harlan Redmond is serving as the Evangelist and Organizing Pastor and Rev. Ally Lee is serving as the Organizing Teaching Pastor.

Background for the Pastors:

Harlan was born and raised in New Orleans. He served in the United States Army for 5 years in Germany and throughout Europe and is a veteran of the Iraq War. He has a Bachelors of Science in Organizational Leadership from Azusa Pacific University and a Masters in Teaching with an emphasis in Urban Education from the University of Southern California. Harlan served for 7 years as Executive Director/ Principal of Harambee Preparatory School, a Christian elementary school for low-income students. He also worked as a football coach at John Muir High School and Maranatha High School while living in Pasadena. Harlan just graduated in 2021 from Princeton Theological Seminary in the Masters of Divinity program. He and his wife of 17 years, Nanyamka have three sons: Harlan, Dietrich and Langston Scott Redmond.



Rev. Ally Lee, is currently one of the Stated Clerks for the San Gabriel Presbytery. Prior to beginning with Interwoven she served for the previous eleven years at the Knox Presbyterian Church serving in a variety of positions. She was ordained in October 2017 as the Temporary Associate Pastor for Knox PC. She has worked for the Presbytery for almost 2 years, and was elected last year to a 3-year term. Her new position with Interwoven began in September 2021. Ally lives in Altadena near Farnsworth Park with her husband, her two-year old daughter, and two dogs. She is originally from the Southeastern United States.

Interwoven's Mission and Vision Statements:

Mission: To establish a safe and authentic worshipping community that uplifts the whole person: spiritually, emotionally, economically, physically, and psychologically.

Vision: To be a church woven together as one, becoming a witness of Christ's love in the surrounding community and beyond. To practice Oneness in an inclusive space where people from all walks of life can come together, engage authentically, and worship Christ in mutuality, peace, and love.

Pastor Ann will be on vacation on Feb. 20 and taking a personal day on March 6. I hope you will make our two guest preachers welcomed as they come to preach the Word of God.

OUR THANKS

Our church expresses our sincere appreciation to the following members and friends for their gifts from February 9, 2022 thru February 15, 2022

Deacons Fund

Tom and Tsuru Miyasaki

Special

Maria Hazel Melgar-Matthews

MISCELLANY



REMEMBER! All church entities.... Your **annual reports** and end of the year financial statements are due! Drop dead date is **February 14**.

AND our next Congregational Meeting is set for February 27, immediately following worship service. Agenda will be shared next week. Annual reports will be available for review at this meeting, so get 'em in!

Don't forget, the February Flavor of the Month is **canned hearty soups, stews and chili, canned pasta, and canned meats!** Drop your donations off in the marked box in the sanctuary foyer. Our Deacons will be taking them to the Friends In Deed Food Pantry for distribution.

Minute for Missions

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People, all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (March 2 – April 17), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees (receives 32% of funds raised).

Presbyterian Hunger Program – takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed (receives 36% of funds raised)

Self-Development of People – invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues (receives 32% of funds raised).

Our congregations will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during February and March. We will be dedicating the Offering on March 13. For your convenience, offering envelopes will be included in this week's Clarion. Please make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church with OGHS on the memo line.

Loving our Neighbors, One Gift Bag at a Time

By Dorothy Kirkland

A few months ago, our church made a congregational donation to the Peace and Global Witness denominational offering. Of the total amount received, 25% is retained by our church to use at our discretion. Session decided to use the 25% or \$615 towards making 60 gift bags for the 60 residents who reside at the Bella Vista Residential Care Facility on the corner of Lincoln and Ventura. The gift bags each contained a variety of useful products, such as toothbrush, toothpaste, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, socks, and healthy snacks. The youth showed up to package the items in a creative way. Thanks to Rebecca and Ella Morris, Jake Matsumoto, Eva Ramirez, and Jacey Hokyo. The gift bags were delivered last week to the Bella Vista residents, and were happily received.

This was a very meaningful and fun project. It exemplifies our new church mission statement: "God's people serving the world with love and faith in action." Even more so, it illustrates one of the many ways that we obey Jesus' commandment: "Love your neighbor."

Our thanks to all who contributed to the Peace and Global Witness Offering, and to those who planned and worked on this project.

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