



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 2016 Newsletter

KOREAN WORSHIP

Sunday
11:30 a.m.

Pastor Chang Jo Lee
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Sundays
10:00 am
room 5
ages 4 to grade 5
cpclmkids@gmail.com



Youth Nights
Fridays at 6:30pm
cpclm.youth@gmail.com

A note from Pastor Jason....

Moving to a New Church

"Summer flew by." If phrases were measured by what was heard down the hall in water cooler conversations or school hallways, this phrase would be in the top ten. I recall entering into summer with another blessed Vacation Bible School. After the cleanup, my family officially entered into the 8-week sabbatical. Sitting in a restaurant with my family realizing we were not going to be at CPCLM for 8 weeks felt strangely numb. I guess this was the beginning of the "decompression" from ministry. It took about three weeks to normalize and my tempo went from hurried pace of sermon preps, planning, visiting, and serving to rest. Two months later, we are back and here are three lessons gleaned from this sabbatical.

First, my name is Jason, and I am a workaholic. This is not just a self-deprecation but a realization that the struggle is real to constantly balance responsibility and fear. The sabbatical helped me to surrender worries of ministry to the Lord. "Just don't even think about it" kept ringing in my head. I believe we have a tremendous Session now, a staff united in vision, and a warm community that receives others. However, God always had and still has a full grip on every situation we could think of at church. The workaholic in me was learning the art of letting go.

Second, I saw that the Church (capital "C") is beautifully diverse. Our family visited seven churches in the summer and it was refreshing. Some were megachurches, some small community churches, and some mid-size energetic churches. We need all of them. We are not meant to look the same. God is much too creative to make us boring homogenous franchised entities. Differing styles, vision, and emphases of ministries between these churches enhanced the Kingdom of God on earth. For CPCLM, I realized we have to start with where we are and who we are in Jesus Christ first rather than strive to be something we are not. This applies to both camps that may say "we need to return to the good old days" as well as to those who say "our church should be like that other church". Breathe. God is doing something here. We need to allow that unique identity in Christ to flow out and call us to our mission. *continue next page...*



Welcome Pastor Jesse Hahn!

Please join us as we welcome our new Youth Pastor!

Jesse is currently attending Grad school at Biola Talbot School of Theology. Jesse has a Black Belt in Kendo/Kumdo and is the first pastor in his family line. He loves hiking and playing sports. He is a big fan the Lakers, Dodgers, and Seattle Seahawks! Let us give him a big, warm welcome!



Let us welcome our new Preschool Director and new Instructional Aides

Preschool Director, Laurie Luas
Ms. Rebekah Diller
Ms. Jennifer Moody
Mrs. Kasey Lang



A note from our Preschool Director.....

I am pleased to announce that I am now the Preschool Director. I have been a teacher and Assistant Director here at CPCLM for nine years. Before coming to CPCLM, I was the Director of the La Mirada Play and Learn School (PALS) for 16 years. I look forward to the challenges and experiences that come with being the Director here at CPCLM. I have been married to my husband, Marc for 40 blessed years. Good and bad years, but we have always put our faith in God to guide us in His will for our family. I have three grown children. I love being a grandparent to three awesome grandkids. I look forward to getting to know more members of CPCLM. Thank you for your confidence in me as I take on this role. Please continue praying for our Preschool.



Laurie Luas
Preschool Director

cont.....A note from Pastor Jason....

Third, I am now the pastor at a new church. No, I did not leave CPCLM. However, I am a pastor of a different church. The sabbatical helped me to have closure from the past seven and a half years. I can see that CPCLM is different from when I first arrived in March 1, 2009. I am at a new church because God has been working with a new wineskin. Returning from the sabbatical, I feel like God placed me in a new church but here's the kicker: God has prepared a healthy leadership, loving deacons, united energetic staff, and a congregation that is humbly seeking God's Kingdom rather than a country-club. I believe God was saying "wait till you see what I do in the next seven years"! He is good.

God is remarkably creative now just as He was at Creation. When I realize His grace to every single one of us despite our selfish broken ways, it is humbling. So, thank you again, CPCLM, for the opportunity to rest and allow God to show me and my family God's brilliance. Let us continue to see what God has in store to make CPCLM a place for His glory to shine in La Mirada.

Serving with you,
Pastor Jason



Love La Mirada needs volunteers for Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to paint the Creek Park bridge and sign. This is in partnership with our city's Helping Hands. It would be a great way to bless our city and our neighbors through this service. PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE <http://www.lovelamirada.org/mini-day>.



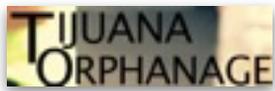
Sunday, Sept. 18 at 11:30 a.m.
Join us as we pray for
Pastor Chang Jo Lee and family,
Pastor Jason, CPCLM, and
our community.



SUNDAY MOVIES at CPCLM
Sun, Sept 25
at
11:30 a.m.



We are continuing to collect items such as new and gently used baby and young children's clothing, toys, and toiletry items for women. Next delivery will be made in early December. For more information, please contact Norma Johnson or Carol McQueen.



Save the Date - Saturday, Dec. 17
If you are interested in going to the Orphanage, please contact David Arredondo or Jose Rodriguez



To all celebrating in September!

Terry Itnyre - 2
Dick Moseley - 3
Pastor Chang Jo - 3
Curtis Rose - 8
Alma Arredondo - 28

Michelle Ko - 2
Cathy Ko - 3
Lorrie Larson - 6
Gabby Flores - 19



Let's CONNECT with each other
Life Groups will begin Sunday, Oct. 2.

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

Let's not do life alone! We need each other. We need to encourage one another and encourage one another spiritually. Let us grow in the Lord together!

A Life Group insert will be in the bulletin, please fill it out and turn it in. If you have any questions, please contact church office.

From the Choir Loft.

There is only one event yet to happen that will impact the world of human history with the same dynamics that Jesus' coming did some 2,000 years ago: his second coming. His first coming, a relatively quiet one - except in the hearts and minds of all who have gladly chosen him in this life, gives us joy that our sins are forgiven, joy that Jesus lives in us, joy that he will give us eternal life, and joy that he will be with us and we with him forever. This, which we have been given to receive, is available to every human who ever lived, lives, or will live. And although Jesus claims that without him, all us humans face eternal death as the wages of our sin, all who are following him need have no fear it, none.

At his second coming, a relatively noisy one - for the eyes and ears of everyone alive then will witness it - lets all the world know that its Savior, its Lord, its Messiah, Emanuel God with us, has arrived. This is the time when Jesus dynamically brings his peace with him, a time his disciples spoke of so often in joyous anticipation of that great day.

We all love to use our voices to proclaim Jesus' coming, especially during Advent for his first coming. It's carols we love to sing, and we experience the blessing of being called his servants. Yet there are many hymns and songs that proclaim Jesus' second coming too: in our hymnbook, #6 "Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending"; #15 "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"; #17 "Sleepers, Awake!"; #148 "At the Name of Jesus, Every Knee Shall Bow"; #379 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"; #449 "My Lord, What a Morning", as well as many others not in our hymnbook such as "I Want to Be Ready" and "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord". It's always refreshing to sing about Jesus' first coming: we know when it was, how it happened, and we know why it happened. Shall we not sing together our joy of his return here to the earth? These hymns and songs remind us of some of the things that Jesus' disciples were on fire about...lest we forget!

In Christ,
Charles Horton
Choir Director