

NEWS & CONCERNS



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SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2010 AND THE WEEK AHEAD

ANNE MATHEWS MOVES

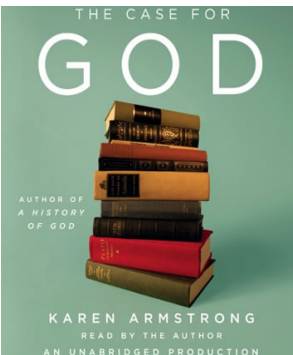


Anne Mathews, one of Westwood's most faithful and devoted members will be moving to New Orleans at the end of this week with her daughter, Meg, granddaughter, Annie, and son, Jeff.

Anne and her husband, Harold, along with their children, joined WPC in September of 1960. Throughout the years she has served the ministry of Jesus Christ tirelessly. Some of the programs of which she has been a part include Women Reading (one of the founders), Stephen Ministry, Women's Prayer Breakfast, Poetry and Spirit and countless justice ministries. A PCUSA Elder she has served at the Presbytery and denominational level in a multitude of areas.

Please pray Godspeed for our beloved Anne and her family as they embark on a new passage. As soon as the office receives a Louisiana address we will make it available.

FAITH, SEARCH, AND SUPPORT TO BEGIN NEW BOOK TODAY



Faith, Search, and Support's new book is *The Case for God* by Karen Armstrong (Knopf, 2009). Armstrong has become one of the most engaging writers ever on major religious issues of our time, and her works are widely read in seminaries, universities, and graduate schools. *The Case for God* is the third book of Armstrong's the FSS group will have studied, the others being *A History of God* and *The Great Transformation*. Written just after the publication of her stunning autobiography, *The Spiral Staircase*, *The Case for God* is her most mature reflection on the relationship between the human and the divine. She demonstrates her conviction that God has many names in different traditions and cultures, but that the human predisposition to give a name to the ineffable that human beings feel deeply is similar across cultures and

across centuries. She is particularly interested in recovering the tradition of *not knowing* as a way of relating to the divine. In developing her argument, she engages the so-called New Atheists, Dawkins, Hitchens, and Harris. She is a thorough, mature scholar, a thoughtful theologian, and an engaging writer. We are certain to be both informed and inspired by her latest book.

The group will begin the Armstrong book today Sunday, July 25. Copies of the book are available for purchase. As always, the book will be available at no cost or partial cost for those who would have difficulty paying.

The class meets each Sunday at 10:00 AM in the downstairs lounge. Leadership is provided by Jack Crossley, Th.D., Professor of Religion Emeritus at USC, John Quiring, Ph.D., Associate Director of the Center for Process Studies at Claremont School of Theology, and Luke Landers, Ph.D. in Religion and Social Ethics from USC.

Men's Retreat



SAVE THE DATE

MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

at Holy Spirit Retreat Center
in Encino

Led by the Rev. Dr. Gary Sattler

More Information to Follow
Check N&C in the Coming Weeks!



SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual WPC
Women's Retreat

Friday evening, September 17
through
Sunday noon, September 19

at Mary & Joseph Retreat Center
in Rancho Palos Verdes.



UPCOMING WPC EVENTS (AND IMPORTANT DATES)

- Jul 27: Membership Cmte Mtg
- Jul 27: Mission & Outreach Cmte Mtg
- Jul 28-Aug 11: Rev Cheyney Vacation
- Jul 28: Women's Prayer Breakfast
- Aug 1: Rev. Krong Preaching
- Aug 3: Properties & Infrastructure Mtg
- Aug 3: Adult Ministries Mtg
- Aug 3: Youth Committee Mtg
- Aug 4: Women's Prayer Breakfast
- Aug 8-16: Halterman Vacation
- Aug 3 - 17: Mikail Vacation
- Aug 16 - 20: Newbon Vacation
- Aug 23 - 27: Torres Vacation
- Aug 28: Italian Movie Night

SEPTEMBER 12

HOMECOMING

- Sept 17 - 19: Women's Retreat
- Sept 19: Pulpit Exchange
- Sept 25: Men's Retreat
- Oct 1: Flu Shots

Oct 10: New Member Class

Oct 17: New Member Class

Oct 24: New Member Class

Oct 31: New Member Class



WPC Today

8:20 AM TO 12:30 PM—NURSERY CARE (INFANTS - 3 YEARS)

Continuous care is provided for infants and toddlers throughout the morning with a special Bible story time for 2's & 3's.

9:00 AM—WORSHIP SERVICE 1

In the Sanctuary.

9:00 AM—SUNDAY SCHOOL 1 (PRE-K—5 GRADE)

All children are invited to attend the first portion of worship with their parents. During the second hymn, the children will be dismissed to go to Sunday School. From the sanctuary we will have a gathering time downstairs prior to our graded classes.

9:00 AM—MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Middle school students are invited to attend the first portion of worship with their parents. During the second hymn they are dismissed for a time of bible study and discussion downstairs.

10:00 AM—FAITH, SEARCH, AND SUPPORT GROUP

The group begins studying *The Case for God* by Karen Armstrong. The Rev. Dr. John Crossley (professor of religion at USC), John Quiring (PhD in religion), and Luke Landers (PhD in religion) share group leadership in the downstairs classroom.

10:00 AM—ADULT BIBLE FORUM NO CLASS ON AUGUST 1 AND 15.

The group continues studying the Acts of the Apostles. Newcomers are always welcome. Led by Elizabeth Evans, M.Div. in Conference Room 2.

10:00 AM—COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 1

On the side porch following the first worship service.

11:00 AM—WORSHIP SERVICE 2

In the Sanctuary.

11:00 AM—SUNDAY SCHOOL 2 (PRE-K—5 GRADE)

All children are invited to attend the first portion of worship with their parents. During the second hymn, the children will be dismissed to go to Sunday School. From the sanctuary we will have a gathering time downstairs prior to our graded classes.

11:00 AM—WAKE-UP J.U.I.C.E.

Middle school students come together in the youth room for a devotional discussion; where scripture is entwined with different subjects ranging from emotions, habits, pop culture and current events.

11:00 AM—JESUS ETC.

High school students come together in the Jones Room to decompress from stress and talk about our faith.

12:00 NOON—COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 2

On the side porch following the second worship service.

12:30 PM—YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Young adults come together in the Jones Room to study the book of Romans.



TUESDAY, JULY 27

6:00 PM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MTG (CONFERENCE ROOM 2)

6:00 PM MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE MTG (HOFFMAN HALL)

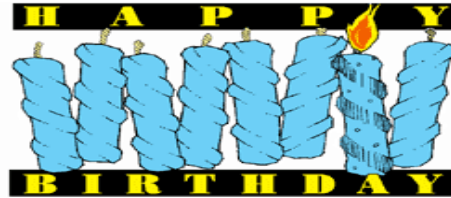
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

8:15 AM WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST (HOFFMAN HALL)



Our prayers continue for those of our faith family in need of God's healing touch:

<i>Cherry Belanger</i>	<i>John Bolwell</i>
<i>Jamile Boretz</i>	<i>Luca Brancato</i>
<i>Georgianna Cord</i>	<i>Dr. Charles Doak</i>
<i>Conway Halterman</i>	<i>Michele Hauser</i>
<i>Ron Keyson</i>	<i>Marguerite Kim</i>
<i>Alice MacQuilkin</i>	<i>Jeannette MacQuilkin</i>
<i>Anne Mathews</i>	<i>Marjorie Millar</i>
<i>Patrick O'Neal</i>	<i>Cathleen O'Neal</i>
<i>Zarin Pakizegi</i>	<i>Ester Rankins</i>
<i>Sandy Rayner</i>	<i>Melissa Smith</i>
<i>Jackie Staski</i>	<i>Amy Tan</i>
<i>Lydia Topalian</i>	<i>Robin Trangsrud</i>
<i>Bud Welch</i>	



Twelve WPC members and friends celebrate their birthdays over the next week:

Rebecca Schwartz, Nancy Tucker,
David Hartle, Conrad Immel,
Mark Tronstein, Scott Hartle
(July 25).

Wes Truitt (July 27).

Ann Pellant, Alex Soltes (July 28).

Betty Anderson, Mundi Fomukong,
Jenny Farrell (July 31).



Four WPC youth celebrates his birthday this week:

Jul 28: Reese Alexiades (Age 13).

Jul 29: Adam Harder (Age 5).

Jul 29: Brandon Harder (Age 5).

Jul 30: Kathleen Glynn (Age 11).

WPC STAFF

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Rev. Dr. Lynn Cheyney, Pastor

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Parish Associate

Dr. Sharon Vairo, Parish Nurse

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Mayra Newbon, Director of Operations

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Contributions Coordinator

Erin Walker, Sunday Receptionist



BEHIND THE AVCO THEATER—ENTER FROM
WILSHIRE BLVD.

[first driveway east of Glendon]

OR

GLENDON AVE.

[first driveway south of Wilshire]

PICK UP YOUR VALIDATION CARD
FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Validation tickets are to be used on Sundays only. The church has to pay \$22 per ticket if used on any other day than Sunday.

07/25/10

THE FAMILY TABLE

AN UNLIKELY HERO

Greg Halterman,
Christian Education
Director



Today's lesson is familiar and one that most people have heard several times in their lives. The Good Samaritan story is a parable that reminds us to help our neighbors as best we can and give to others who are in need. Jesus uses this story as a teaching tool to explain exactly what it means to "love your neighbor as you love yourself," and receive eternal life in God's Kingdom.

The unlikely hero in the story is from Samaria, in the northern Palestinian region. Samaritans worshipped the same God as their fellow Jews, but because their religious practices and traditions differed from their more righteous Jewish neighbors, they were shunned and considered unrighteous. So when Jesus tells this story to the young teacher He is illustrating that it is better to help someone rather than fulfill the law down to the letter. This must have come as a shock to the teacher, and hopefully had an impact. It is a way that Jesus teaches Old Testament doctrine to a new generation, reminding the Jewish elite of how important it is to reinterpret the laws for a new age.

In today's world, this parable tells that that we need to reach out to others who are less fortunate and reassure them that they are loved and valued. Much like the Levite and priest in this story, we are too afraid to "touch" those who need help. Gratefully at WPC we lead by example. We show others in our community the impact a small church like ours can have. With \$1.5 million donated over the last 25 years to PATH, Child SHARE and the Westside food bank, we continue to show where our hearts are and how we continue to be Good Samaritans.

Additional Reading: Luke 10:25-37
Matthew 19:19
Deuteronomy 6:5

Yours in Praise,
Greg

IT'S IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT

Large 1 bedroom plus en/2nd bedroom apartment on Beverly Glen near Century City/Rancho Park. 1 1/2 baths. Hardwood floors throughout. Includes Gas fireplace, basic cable, washer, dryer, stove, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator. Building has pool/Jacuzzi. \$2,300 per month. **Contact Deborah Peters - deborah9631@gmail.com or 310-441-1570.**

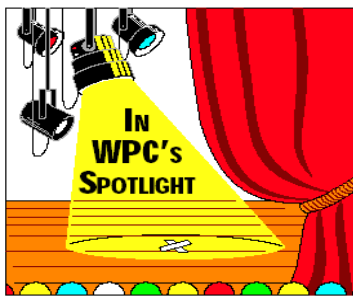
WHEEL CHAIR FOR SALE

Jazzy Select Power Wheelchair, good condition, \$850 or best offer (actual price \$3000 new). **Call Carol or Bob 310-475-9593.**

KITTENS NEED A GOOD HOME

Three kittens (10 weeks old) need a good home. Rescue group effort \$125 each. **Call Andrea Omsberg 310-474-2983.**

Note: News and Concerns runs classifieds mainly for church members and friends who seek or offer services, accommodations, or items for sale. We occasionally run ads for people in the community who may have or seek services or accommodations of interest to WPC members and friends. Neither the church nor News and Concerns checks on the bonafides of any ad or advertiser.



CHRISTINE EWELL APPOINTED TO LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

On June 30, 2010, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the appointments of Michael J. Convey, **Christine C. Ewell**, Dianna J. Gould-Saltman, Brian M. Hoffstadt, James E. Horan, Upinder S. Kalra, Marc R. Marmaro, Timothy R. Saito, Chestopher L. Taylor, Carlos E. Vazquez and Yvette Verastegui to judgeships in the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Christine Ewell, WPC member, has served as chief of the criminal division for the U. S. Attorney's Office, Central District of California since 2007, previously held the positions of chief of the major frauds section from 2004 to 2007, special assistant to the U. S. attorney from 2002 to 2004 and an assistant U.S. attorney for the major frauds section from 1991 to 1996. She was counsel for O'Melveny & Myers from 1997 to 2000 and an assistant U.S. attorney in the U. S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Texas from 1990 to 1991. Ewell was an associate attorney for Vinson & Elkins from 1986 to 1990. She earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas A&M University.



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