

## BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

1/28 Charles Stodel  
1/31 Margaret Inglis  
2/1 Wanda Davis



## WPC'S PRESCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE



With groundbreaking just around the corner, we are excited to share more about our new Preschool facilities and the opportunities they bring. The new space will include four thoughtfully designed classrooms and, for the first time, dedicated Infant and Toddler Rooms. This expansion allows us to offer extended care for the youngest members of our community, furthering our mission to nurture children at every stage of early development.

Each classroom is intentionally designed to reflect our belief that children are capable and competent. Child-level sinks encourage independence, while open, inviting spaces foster exploration and discovery. Outdoor learning areas connect directly to the classrooms and include sand and water features, a magical garden, and gross motor spaces—creating environments that inspire curiosity, movement, and joy.

Our Preschool Director, Brianne Naman, is currently pursuing a RIE® (Resources for Infant Educators®) certification, strengthening our commitment to respectful, relationship-based care for children and families.

We look forward to the learning, laughter, and memories these spaces will hold for years to come. Learn more at [wpcpreschool.com](http://wpcpreschool.com) and follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

## PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Bob Yates on the death of his son, Robbie Yates, who died on Sunday, January 18.
- † Christiane Hogbonouto & Gabby Esunge on the birth of their child, Julius-Coffi Eyole Esunge.
- † Pastor Mark Jones who continues to recover at home.

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

Rubina Andonian	Eva Hrachovec	Rita Ries
Polly Berger	Ian Hrachovec	Linda S. Spitser
Susan Chapman	Nancy Immel	Kuki Sullam
Aiden Cohen Davis	Mark S. Jones Sr.	Amy Tan
Christopher Davis	Nina Louie	Ron Tranquilla
Earl Ellis	Queen Esther Rankins	Wes Truitt



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **Korean Presbyterian Church of Honolulu**. We pray for these congregations as others pray for us when the flame is here. The **Flame of Unity** is a symbol of our shared mission and service in Christ, appearing each week at one of the congregations of the Presbytery of the Pacific.

## WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

### MINISTERS All the People

#### PASTORAL

Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian, Pastor  
Rev. Mark S. Jones Sr., Pastor of Mission, Outreach, and Pastoral Care  
Rev. Paula Mann, Executive Associate Pastor

#### PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Anne Cioffi, Coordinator of Membership Ministries  
Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care  
Dan Redfeld, Director of Music  
Michelle Whelan, Interim Student Ministries Director

#### MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT

Sarah Davis, Director of Operations  
Farrah Mikail, Financial Manager  
Linda Martinez, Administrative Assistant & Contributions Coordinator  
Javier Torres, Maintenance  
Lourdes Torres and Joshua Torres, Custodial

#### WORSHIP

Abi Abanto, Aidan Hall, JJ Hickey, Emily Leaver, Nick Pelayo, AV Tech  
JA'Michael Davis-Hoag, Sunday Receptionist  
Laurel Sanders, Organist  
Paul Workman, Sound & Lighting Engineer

#### SECTION LEADERS

Elias Berezin and Emerson Boatwright, tenors  
Christina Borgioli and Devon Davidson, sopranos  
Emily Kerrigan, alto  
Matthew Lewis, bass

#### PRESCHOOL

Tajmaya "Taj" Anders, Preschool Curriculum Specialist  
Priscilla Glaza, Preschool Office Assistant  
Brianne Naiman, Preschool Director  
Heidi Rudd, Preschool Office Manager



# WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

### LET'S TALK ABOUT IMMIGRATION SERIES



This Wednesday, January 28, WPC will launch a four-session series, "Let's Talk About Immigration." Sponsored by the Mission & Outreach and Adult Education Committees, this timely conversation invites us to engage thoughtfully with an issue that elicits strong, diverse convictions.

We will gather in-person and on Zoom Wednesdays at 7:00pm on January 28, February 4, 11, and 25; we will pause on February 18 to honor Ash Wednesday. Each meeting will include prayer, reflection, and discussion facilitated by Pastor Chris and Jake Putich. We'll use the *Doing Justice* online curriculum from Fuller Seminary's Brehm Preaching, a Lloyd John Ogilvie initiative. The program reviews key concepts and history around immigration and then presents four different Christian responses. As we grow to understand why some hold differing positions, we hope this series will be more honest and go deeper than many of us have experienced. We also hope we develop a renewed, clarified passion that reflects God's heart for justice and mercy around this complex topic.

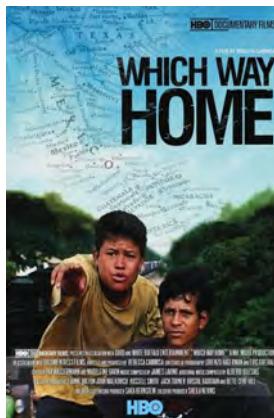
Preparation includes readings, online videos, and reflection questions. The cost is \$10 per person; scholarships are available. Today is the last day to sign up on the Side Porch or online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org).

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING —TODAY!



The Session has called for a congregational meeting today following worship for the purpose of electing Connie Price, Alisa Stewart, and Erin Zemet to the class of 2026-2027 of the Board of Deacons. Though only active members of WPC can vote, all are welcome to attend. Those who are worshiping online are welcome to participate in the meeting as well.

## FAITH CONVERSATION MOVIE SCREENING: WHICH WAY HOME —SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8



All are warmly invited to join Adult Education in Hoffman Hall after worship on Sunday, February 8, at 11:20am for a screening of the acclaimed documentary *Which Way Home*. The film follows unaccompanied children from Central America as they journey through Mexico toward the United States – often alone, exposed to grave danger, and sustained by fierce hope for safety, family, and a future with possibility.

Told in the children's own voices, the film bears witness to suffering, hope, and profound vulnerability, inviting us beyond headlines and abstractions into lived human reality. Widely praised for its compassion, restraint, and moral clarity, *Which Way Home* was nominated for an Academy Award and recognized for bringing rare visibility to the human cost of migration.

This screening is free, includes lunch, and offers a powerful opportunity to consider the story of migration from the perspective of "the least of these." Please sign up online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) or on the Side Porch after worship starting today.

## FAMILY MIXER —SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7



Preschool? Grade school? Middle School? High School? All are welcome on Saturday, February 7, 4:00-7:00pm for an evening of food, fellowship, and (of course) babysitting. We'll be meeting to talk about all things involving our kids. The event will be hosted by Breen Frazier at his home which is just a stone's throw from the church. Drop by and leave whenever it fits your schedule! Please RSVP online by emailing Breen Frazier at [breen.frazier@icloud.com](mailto:breen.frazier@icloud.com). Let us know how big your family is so we can order the right amount of food!

## WPC PRESCHOOL LOVERAISER —ALL FEBRUARY!



Exciting news! Our annual Westwood Presbyterian Church Preschool LOVERaiser begins next Sunday and is taking place all February long! Your generous contributions allow us to create an optimal learning environment for our students and families, support our teachers and their ongoing professional development, equip them with the latest educational tools and techniques, help us update and maintain school equipment and supplies, and provide funds for our student tuition assistance program.

We've been committed to quality education for over 65 years, and with your help, we can continue this legacy. The LOVERaiser runs until February 28th. **Donations can be made online by scanning the QR code below and selecting "Preschool LOVERaiser".** You can also donate by writing a check to Westwood Presbyterian Church with "Preschool LOVERaiser" in the memo line.

Let's make this year's LOVERaiser the most successful one yet!



## WHY IS PER CAPITA IMPORTANT?

One of the blessings of being Presbyterian is being connected with other churches: through worship services, youth gatherings, and mission priorities - including fire relief, immigration issues, and earth care. We also support our denomination's important work that equips congregations across the country. To keep the Presbyterian Church (USA) faithful and healthy, this year each church is contributing \$56 per member on the active roll.

To support our efforts, we ask that each member please give **\$56** towards 2026 Per Capita to help offset the total out of our own tight church budget. Scan our QR code below and select Per Capita to give today.

## 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The annual 2025 Charitable Contribution Statements have been mailed out. If you do not receive it or if your mailing address has changed in the past year please notify Linda Martinez at [lmartinez@westwoodpres.org](mailto:lmartinez@westwoodpres.org). This will help us ensure that you receive your statement. If other contact information has changed (e.g., your email address), please send us any updates as well.



## WPC PANCAKE BREAKFAST —SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15



To prepare our minds and bodies for the season of Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, we could all use an energy boost. At WPC we do not have a Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras) - but we do have a Fat Sunday. The men of our congregation will be cooking a pancake breakfast all morning on Sunday, February 15, in Hoffman Hall. All are welcome starting at 8:30am free of charge; a donation of \$5 is encouraged if you are so inclined. Save the date and come join us!

## YOUTH LOCK-IN —FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27



Get ready for an epic night at the 8 Church Youth Lock-In on Friday, February 27 at 7:00pm at First Presbyterian Santa Monica! Join us for tons of fun, games, music, and good vibes all night long. This is the perfect chance to hang out, make new friends, and just be yourself. Go to [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) for the link to sign up at Eventbrite. Don't miss out on this awesome in-person event where memories are made and laughs never end. Grab your crew and come through!

## SPONSOR THE CHANCEL FLOWERS



The chancel flowers depend on your participation. A donation of \$75 covers the cost of the flowers and a chance to remember a loved one with a dedication in the bulletin.

The WPC Deacons deliver the flowers to WPC members and friends after worship each week. You may give in worship on Sundays, by mail, or scan our QR code and select the field Chancel Flowers.

Please support this wonderful ministry of encouragement and comfort and schedule your desired 2026 sponsorship date in Hoffman Hall after worship today!

## SPONSOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



The refreshments on the side porch after worship depend on your participation. Members and friends are invited to host the fellowship hour. You may shop for refreshments, bake something, or ask the church to do the shopping for you!

If you would like the church to shop for you, you may give in worship on Sundays, by mail, or scan our QR code and select the field Coffee Fellowship (\$100 per family or team of sponsors).

Please support this wonderful ministry of fellowship and schedule your desired 2026 sponsorship date in Hoffman Hall after worship today!