

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS		CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS
10/11	Anne Boehlke	10/8 Noah Kim (15)
10/12	Madison Cervantes	
	Beatrice Daly	

PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- + Anne Linstatter as she recovers from appendicitis.
- + Caryl Carothers who is recovering from hip surgery.
- + Rita Ries, who was hospitalized this last week and is now recovering at home. Prayers for her treatment and recovery.
- + Pastor Mark Jones whose much anticipated surgery is scheduled for December 11. He will be given a spinal epidural injection for potential pain relief in the interim. Prayers also for Romana Jones, his beloved caregiver.

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. Spitzer
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 **First Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles**. 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.

COMING UP

Sun. Oct. 5	WPC Worship Service— World Communion Sunday	10:00am
	Teen Beach Hangout	3:30pm
Sat. Oct. 11	Preschool Fall Festival	1:00pm
Sun. Oct. 12	WPC Worship Service— 18th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
	Faith Conversation with Cori Close	11:20am
Wed. Oct. 15	Women Reading	7:30pm
Sat. Oct. 18	Trunk or Treat	4:00pm
Sun. Oct. 19	WPC Worship Service— 19th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am

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NEWS & CONCERNS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

ABOUT WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



World Communion Sunday, celebrated each year on the first Sunday in October, invites Christians around the globe to gather at the Lord’s Table in a spirit of unity. The tradition began in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where

Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr—pastor and former moderator of the General Assembly—first envisioned a day to highlight the worldwide nature of Christ’s church. The Presbyterian Church (USA) adopted the practice in 1936, and in 1940 the National Council of Churches commended it to congregations of many traditions. Since then, it has grown across denominations and cultures, making it one of the most widely shared Christian observances of unity.

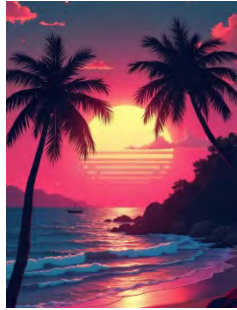
This year, we are expanding our view of World Communion to include all of creation. The bread and cup at Christ’s Table come from the good gifts of creation—grain, vine, soil, water, and sun. To eat and drink together is to remember that the Lord’s Table is inseparable from the earth’s table. Building hope means living in communion with creation: receiving God’s abundance with gratitude, sharing it in solidarity, and caring for the earth that sustains all life.

While we are not celebrating with the Longest Table this year, we know that Christ’s table extends beyond to all Christian communities around the world. We remember that countless siblings in faith around the world are sharing the same meal. In this feast we celebrate not only our unity as the body of Christ, but also our deep bond with creation itself.

FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT

Faith, Search, & Support **will not meet today or next Sunday, October 12**. This group will resume on Sunday, October 19.

TEEN BEACH HANGOUT —*TODAY!*



Get ready for an epic Beach Hangout today, 3:30–6:30pm at Will Rogers State Beach (Lifeguard Station 15)! Hosted by seven Westside churches, this afternoon is all about fun, friends, and the ultimate beach vibes. We'll have games, prizes, pizza, snacks, and music—plus plenty of time to chill in the sand and socialize with your peers. Bring your squad, meet new people, and get ready to laugh, compete, and make memories. And don't leave early—the night wraps up with a killer sunset over the Pacific that you'll want in your camera roll.

This event is free and open to all youth ministry, middle, and high school students. For more information, see Michelle Whelan.

PRESCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL—*SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11*



We are so excited for the Fall Festival here at WPC this Saturday, October 11, 1:00-4:00pm! This event brings our whole young community together for a day of food, drink, games and fun! The Ashton Lot is completely transformed into a family-focused carnival, where you and your children and grandchildren can play and mingle.

In addition to creative game booths and activities, there will be a number of interactive, scheduled classes led by our beloved enrichment teachers. All proceeds will go directly to fund school initiatives that benefit the Westwood Presbyterian Church Preschool's children. For pricing or to learn more, visit wpcpreschool.com.

FAITH CONVERSATION WITH CORI CLOSE —*NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12*



WPC is thrilled to welcome Cori Close, head coach of UCLA Women's Basketball, for a special Faith Conversation **next Sunday, October 12, following worship in the Sanctuary.**

Coach Close is the winningest coach in UCLA Women's Basketball history and was recently named the 2025 Naismith Coach of the Year after leading the Bruins to their first-ever Final Four appearance and Big 10 championship. Beyond the

accolades, her deepest passion is mentoring young women—helping them grow not only as athletes, but as leaders who embrace challenges with courage and resilience.

As part of our fall theme of **Building Hope**, Coach Close will share from her journey in basketball and life, offering insights on perseverance, teamwork, and faith that inspire hope both on and off the court. This promises to be a remarkable event—join us!

WPC MONTHLY HUNGER APPEAL —*TODAY*



Every first Sunday of the month, when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, our Hunger Offering helps those who are food insecure. Two mission partners benefit from your generosity: Westside Food Bank and Wilshire Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. **We encourage you to contribute online or on the Side Porch following worship today.**

Donate online by scanning the QR code below and **select Hunger** (for Westside Food Bank) or **Food Pantry** (for Wilshire PC Food Pantry). You can also write a check to Westwood Presbyterian Church (by mail or in the offering plate) with Hunger Offering or Food Pantry on the memo line.

SUPPORT ANGEL CITY PIT BULLS AND KITTEN RESCUE



Join WPC's Mission & Outreach Committee in supporting Angel City Pit Bulls and Kitten Rescue. Donations will be collected **on Sundays, October 19 & 26**. Both in-kind and monetary donations are welcomed with gratitude.

Amazon wish lists for both organizations are available on at westwoodpres.org/updates. **Donate funds online by scanning the QR code below and select Help for LA's Homeless Dogs and Cats.** You can also write a check to Westwood Presbyterian Church with Help for "LA's Homeless Dogs and Cats" on the memo line.

The city of LA is in a crisis regarding homeless animals. We look forward to providing much-needed comfort to the homeless pets of our city.

WOMEN READING — *WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15*



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom on **Wednesday, October 15 at 7:30pm** to discuss the book *Time of the Child* by Niall Williams. Set over the course of one December in a small Irish village, *Time of the Child* is a tender return to Faha for readers who know its charms from Williams' beloved *This is Happiness*, and a heartwarming welcome to new readers entering for the very first time.

Newcomers are always welcome—contact the church at office@westwoodpres.org if you would like to receive the Zoom link to join our thoughtful community of women readers!

TRUNK OR TREAT 2025—*SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18*

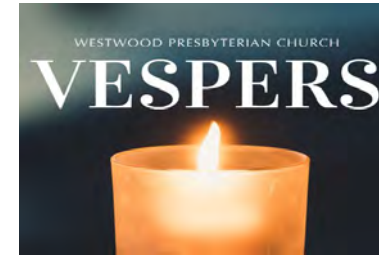


Families of all ages are invited to WPC's annual Trunk or Treat **on Saturday, October 18, 4:00-7:30pm!** Dress up in your favorite costume and join us for a fun time of games, crafts, sweet treats and this year *drumroll please* a super

special screening of *K Pop Demon Hunters* in Hoffman Hall! Treats will be handed out from trunks starting at 5:00pm. Then it's pizza, popcorn, and the movie everyone's talking about at 5:45pm.

Go to westwoodpres.org or stop by the table on the Side Porch to RSVP or volunteer to pass out candy from your trunk, donate candy, or volunteer to help. If you have any questions, please contact Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

A FALL VESPERS SERVICE —*SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26*



As autumn settles in, the Spiritual Formation committee invites you to gather in the soft glow of candlelight for our **Autumn Vespers Service on Sunday, October 26 at 6:30pm.**

In this intimate evening, the beauty of fall will surround us as we weave together music, scripture, prayer, and silence—all shaped by our season's theme of Building Hope. It will be a space to rest, reflect, and be renewed by the Spirit who meets us in stillness and song. After the service, linger with us around the table for refreshments and good company, as we share fellowship and gratitude for the hope that carries us forward.

Come, breathe deeply, and let us kindle the light of hope together!

NEW MEMBER INFO SEMINAR —*SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 2 & 16*



It will soon be November—our traditional time for Membership & Fellowship committee to host two seminars about our church.

If you are a visitor, we encourage you to attend. These two sessions provide information to help you know WPC

and find ways to get involved. And if you are considering official membership in WPC, this is the time and place to ask your questions!

Join us on Sundays, November 2 & 16 in Hoffman Hall after worship. Those wishing to join will be received into membership during the service on Sunday, November 23.

Stop by the table on Side Porch starting next Sunday, or sign up on online at westwoodpres.org/updates. Since lunch will be served, we need you to RSVP. For more information, contact Anne Cioffi at acioffi@westwoodpres.org, or reach out to any of our pastors. All are welcome!

Donate to WPC today

