

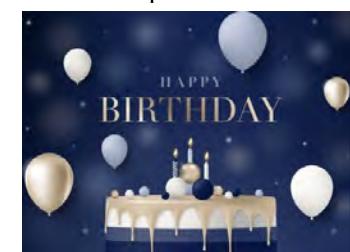
## BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

### ADULT BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Anna Bell-Ventura  
2/3 Danielle Moriarty  
2/4 Nick Castellano  
Nicolas Frazier  
2/7 Jack Paris  
2/8 Anna Clara Galdino Olivera  
Robyn Paris

### CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

2/8 Josephine Gallant (8)



## PRESBYTOPICS

### Our love and prayers are with—

- † Bob Yates on the death of his son, Robbie Yates, who died on Sunday, January 18.
- † Pastor Mark Jones as he continues to recover from surgery and gain strength through physical therapy.

### 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 **Hanmi Presbyterian Church in Hawaii**. 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. Feb. 1	WPC Worship Service— 4th Sunday after Epiphany	10:00am
	WPC Preschool LOVERaiser Begins	
Wed. Feb. 4	Let's Talk Immigration Series	7:00pm
Thurs. Feb. 5	Ember	7:00pm
Sat. Feb. 7	Family Mixer	4:00pm
Sun. Feb. 8	WPC Worship Service— 5th Sunday after Epiphany	10:00am
	Faith Conversation Movie Screening	11:20am
Sun. Feb. 15	WPC Worship Service— Transfiguration of the Lord	10:00am
	Pancake Breakfast	11:00am
Mon. Feb. 16	Presidents' Day/Church Office Closed	
Wed. Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday	7:00pm

## 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, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

### NOMINATING SEASON IS OPEN

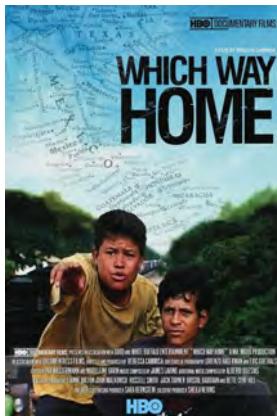


WPC needs your gifts and talents! WPC's events, programs, teaching, mission and fellowship only happen when we serve together. Teams of individuals work side-by-side with church staff, pastors and elders to plan and put into action all the areas of our church's ministry. Now is your time to get involved! Where are you being called to serve? Which committee aligns to your particular interests? Have you taken a year off after serving many years on a committee and are looking forward to serving again? Are you a new member and curious to dive in? Please visit the website at [westwoodpres.org/updates](http://westwoodpres.org/updates) and check out the WPC Annual Report for more information about the work of each committee. All are welcome!

Please prayerfully consider where the Spirit calls you or others to participate, and fill out the form for nominations. There are many ways to submit your nomination form. You can email nominations to [wpcnominating@westwoodpres.org](mailto:wpcnominating@westwoodpres.org). You can also fill out and return the paper form available in today's bulletin and on the Side Porch to the church office in person, by postal mail, or fill out the form online at [westwoodpres.org/updates](http://westwoodpres.org/updates). But act now!

**Nominations are only being accepted through Thursday, February 26.**

## FAITH CONVERSATION MOVIE SCREENING: WHICH WAY HOME —NEXT SUNDAY!



All are warmly invited to join Adult Education in Hoffman Hall after worship next 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 today.

## 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:

- **Donate in person on the Side Porch today after worship.**
- **Donate online** by scanning the QR code below and select Hunger (for Westside Food Bank) or Food Pantry (for Wilshire PC Food Pantry).
- **Donate by check** made to Westwood Presbyterian Church (by mail or in the offering plate) with "Hunger Offering" or "Food Pantry" on the memo line.

## FAMILY MIXER —THIS SATURDAY!



Preschool? Grade school? Middle School? High School? All are welcome **this Saturday, 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 —BEGINS TODAY!



Exciting news! Our annual Westwood Presbyterian Church Preschool LOVERaiser begins today 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 28. **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!

## THANK YOU JEANNIE COBB AND WELCOME BACK DAN REDFELD!



While Music Director Dan Redfeld has been away in London for the premiere of his musical, *Jo - The Little Women Musical*, we have been blessed by Jeannie Cobb taking up the baton! For the last three weeks, she has led our choir with enthusiasm and care. Now we are blessed to have Music Director Dan Redfeld back as our conductor. We give thanks for the profound gift of music in worship, as we give glory to God.

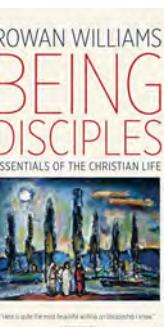
## YOUTH LOCK-IN —FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27



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!



## LENT SMALL GROUPS BEGIN —SUNDAY, MARCH 1



Lent is coming up swiftly, and with it our Lenten theme this year – *Seeking Transformation*. Beginning in March, we'll gather in small groups for four sessions to read Rowan Williams' powerful little book, *Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life*. It's under 100 pages, but it packs a punch – enlightening, rich, and accessible.

As we consider the changes and challenges facing our congregation in the year ahead, this is an opportune moment to return to the basics of our faith: to remember who we're called to be, and to welcome – even to seek! – the transformation that carries us deeper into lives of grace. Williams frames discipleship as a posture of openness to God's renewing work in our lives and our world, and this Lent, that's exactly what we're practicing together.

Groups will meet at various days and times throughout the week (online and in-person). Books are available for \$10. and you can sign up online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) or on the Side Porch today!

## WPC PANCAKE BREAKFAST —SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15



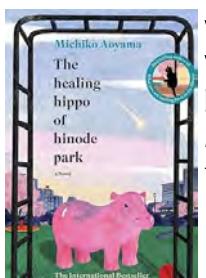
To prepare for the season of Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, we could all use an energy boost! At WPC we do not have a Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras) – but we do have a Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 15, in Hoffman Hall after worship. We need more men to volunteer! To sign up to help please see Scott McDowell.

## LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY —FEBRUARY 18



We invite everyone to engage in the beautiful spiritual practice of Lent this year at WPC, beginning with our Ash Wednesday service on February 18, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. This will be a sacred and solemn moment to reflect on our mortality through the imposition of ashes, and to remind ourselves that God breathes new life everywhere... even into dust. This service will not be livestreamed; please join us in person.

## WOMEN READING —WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom on Wednesday, February 18, at 7:30pm to discuss the book *The Healing Hippo of Hinode Park: A Novel* by Michiko Aoyama. The enchanting new novel is about five strangers who each seek comfort from a healing hippo ride.

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