Birthdays Coming Up

Adult Birthdays		Children / Youth Birthdays	
3/31	Keven Bellows	3/30	Ridley Wood (8)
	Laurel Koss	4/1	Millie Helm (16)
4/2	Virginia Li		
4/3	Peter Helm		
	Camille Morris		
	Sara Walsh		
4/4	Adam Vander Schaaf		
4/5	Christine Centolanza		

Presbytopics

Our love and prayers are with—

† Rose & Peter Helm on the death of Rose's father, David B. Kuhn Jr., who died on March 20.

† Lourdes Torres and the Torres family as Lourdes recovers from knee replacement surgery.

† Nancy Immel who is living alone with physical challenges. Calls and visits are welcome, but please contact the church office to make arrangements beforehand.

† Revs. Lynn Cheyney & Gary Sattler on the loss of Lynn's brother, Ron Cheyney, beloved husband of Carol, parents of 5, grandparents of 9.

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
Earl Ellis	Nina Louie	Ron Tranquilla
Rose Helm	Queen Esther Rankins	Wes Truitt

This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.** 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.

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

Your Pastor Nominating Committee, by design, toils in obscurity. But some important details we can share. Since January we've met weekly to discuss the candidacies of talented pastors interested in leading the next era of our adventures in Westwood.

Our discernment has narrowed down a list of 80 candidates to a much smaller group. We have begun interviews. While we continue to welcome any question or concern, we respect confidentiality and won't mention candidates to anyone other than their named references. Please keep praying for your PNC!

Reminders

Thurs. April 2 — **No Women's Meditation/No Ember Service**
There will be no Women's Meditation in the morning or Ember service in the evening.
See our Holy Week schedule for more info.

Mon. April 6 — **WPC Softball Season Begins**
Cheviot Hills Rec Center /Diamond #3 — 7:15pm

Wed. April 15 — **Women Reading via Zoom** — 7:30pm
Discussing the book: *Sacrament* by Susan Straight

Sun. April 19 — **Faith, Search, & Support Resumes** — 11:20am
Begins new study on Roger Olson's *Against Liberal Theology*

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Ministers
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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, JJ Hickey, Nick Pelayo, and Levi Yin, AV Techs
Laurel Sanders, Organist
Dakota Hodge, 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, March 29, 2026

Join us for the whole of Holy Week as we remember Jesus' sacrifice and prepare for Easter's joy!

Palm/Passion Sunday, Today
In the Sanctuary / Livestreamed

With palms in hand, music from our children and Chancel Choir, and the dramatic reading of Christ's passion, Holy Week begins.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 — 6:00pm
In Hoffman Hall (In-person only)

As Jesus gathered with his friends for the Last Supper, we gather to break bread and honor Jesus' final moments. We begin with a light supper at 6:00pm followed by worship at 6:45pm.

Good Friday Vespers, April 3 — 7:00pm
In the Sanctuary / Livestreamed

A contemplative worship experience in the style of Taizé , with sacred music, scripture, candlelight and prayer, as we reflect on the mystery of Jesus' death and the hope of resurrection.

Easter Sunday —Sunday, April 5

7:00am Sunrise Communion Service
At Pierce Bros. Westwood Memorial Park (In-person only)

As the sun rises on a new day, we gather outside to celebrate the resurrection. Park at Pierce Bros. Memorial Park (limited), the AVCO lot (validation cards provided), or our WPC lot.

9:00 and 11:00am
In the Sanctuary / Livestreamed

Join the jubilant celebration of Jesus' triumph over sin and death as we give thanks with music and Scripture, Easter lilies, and the Hallelujah Chorus.

***Note*: Childcare will be provided at 9am & 11am Easter services.**
Please see Marin Miller today if you need childcare for Maundy Thursday and/or Good Friday.

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Help with the Easter Cross —*This Saturday!*

Please join us **this Saturday at 9:30am** to help decorate the cross with flowers for Easter Sunday. (Bring clippers if you have them.) If you are able to help, please contact the church at (310) 474-4535 or office@westwoodpres.org.

Adorn the Sanctuary with Easter Lilies

It is a long WPC tradition to adorn our sanctuary with lilies for Easter Sunday. Purchase an Easter lily in memory or honor of a loved one, or simply as an act of love. **Each lily costs $15. Sign up online today** at westwoodpres.org/updates or **visit the table on the Side Porch after worship.**
(Sign-ups close tomorrow.)

Please contact the church office at office@westwoodpres.org if you are able to assist with deliveries after the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday. Finally, while the stamens will be removed to reduce allergies, please note that lilies can be toxic to cats.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Easter's One Great Hour of Sharing offering (OGHS) brings hope to people in difficult times. Gifts are divided between two worthy efforts. One half supports our denomination's mission - including the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People. The other half will support the *Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice's (CLUE)* Detained Immigrant Bond Fund. CLUE educates, organizes, and mobilizes religious leaders and community members to walk with our immigrant siblings promoting dignity and respect for everyone regardless of documentation status. CLUE's Bond Fund provides financial support to help secure the legal representation and release of detained community members whose families are facing separation or deportation.

Give generously as we wrap our arms around our neighbors in need. Donate by scanning the QR code below and **select One Great Hour of Sharing**; or by check, adding OGHS in the memo line.

Summer Musical Rehearsals —*Sunday, April 12*

This year we're telling a big story on a big boat and there is absolutely room for everyone aboard NOAH'S ARK! Children and youth are encouraged to join us for the **first rehearsal on April 12 at 11:30 after fellowship in the Sanctuary**. Future rehearsals will take place during Sunday School and after fellowship in the Sanctuary from 11:30am-12:30pm. A mandatory Dress Rehearsal will be on Saturday, June 6, 9:00am-12:00pm. Inspired by our recent field trip to the exhibit at the Skirball Museum, we too will build our ark and props out of recycled materials. (So save those empty paper towel rolls-we need them!) Got questions and empty paper towel rolls? See Marin or email mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

Creation Series at WPC!

This Spring at WPC, as we consider our calling to cultivate new life in this world, we're excited to announce our Creation Season programs! In addition to our regular worship gatherings that will focus on our Christian calling to tend and to keep God's world, there are several other opportunities to deepen our understanding of what it means to be caretakers in the garden of creation:

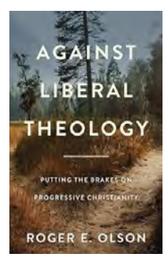
Faith Conversation with Katharine Hayhoe
Sunday, April 12 at 11:30am in the Sanctuary
Join us for a special conversation with renowned climate scientist and best-selling author, Katharine Hayhoe, one of today's most compelling Christian voices on climate change, faith, and hope-filled action.

Ecotheology Reading Group
Wednesdays April 15, 22, and 29 at 7:00pm in Hoffman Hall
Read and discuss seminal Christian works on faith and the environment from authors such as Lynne White and Pope Francis. Open to all and facilitated by Jake Putich.

Westwood Greenway Field Trip
Sunday, May 3 at 12:00pm
Explore a local natural preserve on a guided tour that highlights the beauty and life-giving power of native plants. A perfect outing for families and nature lovers!

Whether you join us for one event or all three, we hope this Creation Season will awaken in us a deeper sense of wonder and responsibility. As we learn and explore together, may we be renewed in our calling to cherish and protect the living world God has made! **Sign up** for the reading group or field trip on the **Side Porch today or online** at westwoodpres.org.

Faith, Search, & Support New Study —*April 19*



This spring, Faith, Search, & Support (FSS) invites you into a 10-week study of Roger Olson's *Against Liberal Theology*. In this thought-provoking and accessible book, Olson argues that some forms of modern liberal Christianity have drifted so far from the historic faith that they've become something else altogether. Along the way, he raises important questions about scripture, doctrine, change, and what it means for the church to remain recognizably Christian.

FSS is a place where we often read with open minds and open hearts to voices beyond our usual earshot in order to deepen and sharpen our faith, and this is an excellent opportunity to engage a modern evangelical thinker you might not otherwise expect to encounter in a mainline church! We hope you'll join us when **we return on Sunday, April 19 after worship! Books will be available for purchase today on the Side Porch, for $15.**

WPC Softball Season Begins!

WPC kicks off this season for the Los Angeles Interfaith Softball League **on Monday, April 6 at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 7:15pm, Diamond #3.** Help cheer our team on Monday evenings; Our team has a wide range of skill levels, and the season lasts until late July. It's a lot of fun and a great way to get to know people from WPC and other similar faith communities! If you are interested in joining the team this year, email us at office@westwoodpres.org.

WPC Membership Seminars —*Sundays, April 19 & 26*

Do you feel you have found community here at Westwood Presbyterian Church? We hope you would consider joining our congregation! We welcome you to explore that idea with us on **Sundays, April 19 & 26** right after worship. Join us in Hoffman Hall for a light lunch and meet our Pastors along with the membership team. We will discuss opportunities for nurture and service here at WPC along with more about our denomination. Feel free to bring your questions.

Please sign up on the Side Porch starting today following worship or online at westwoodpres.org/updates. Contact Anne Cioffi at acioffi@westwoodpres.org for questions.

Music at Westwood Presents: Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Requiem* —*Friday, April 24*

On Friday, April 24, at 8:00pm Music at Westwood presents Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Requiem*. Composed in 1984 in memory of Lloyd Webber's father, composer William Lloyd Webber, the *Requiem* premiered in February 1985 at St. Thomas Church in New York.

This concert will also feature choral works by composers Miklós Rózsa and William Ross. Featured soloists are Devon Davidson (soprano), Raewyn Davidson (child soprano), Elias Berezin (tenor), the WPC Chancel Choir & Chamber Orchestra under the baton of music director Dan Redfeld.

This concert is a FREE event thanks to a special grant from the Musicians Trust Fund. There is no assigned seating but space is limited, **please make sure to RSVP to reserve your spot today online at westwoodpres.org.**