

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

4/14 Keith Samuels
 4/15 Alisa Stewart
 4/16 Michael Sohigian
 4/17 Patty Kurtz
 Emilie Nordhues

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

4/14 Corinne Dzuban (9)



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Behleu Fomukong who just won the USTA Boys 16 National Singles Tennis Championship in Vegas on Tuesday, March 31, and his twin brother Tifuh who was the consolation finalist.
- † Alisa Camberlan as she prepares for her son, Joshua Camberlan's Memorial Service on Saturday, April 25 at 1:00pm at Westwood Presbyterian Church.
- † Elizabeth Hedman as she recovers from minor surgery.

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



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **West Presbyterian Church of Torrance**. 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. Apr. 12	WPC Worship Service— 2nd Sunday of Easter Faith Conversation First Summer Musical Rehearsal	10:00am 11:20am 11:30am
Mon. April 13	WPC Softball Game	7:15pm
Wed. April 15	Ecotheology Reading Group Begins Women Reading via Zoom	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. Apr. 19	WPC Worship Service— 3rd Sunday of Easter Faith, Search, Support Resumes WPC Membership Seminar Part One	10:00am 11:20am 11:30am
Mon. April 20	WPC Softball Game	8:30pm

WOMEN READING —THIS WEDNESDAY!



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom **this Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30pm** to discuss the book *Sacrament* by Riverside professor and writer Susan Straight. This novel honors the heroism of the women who were hospital nurses in Riverside during the COVID pandemic and made personal sacrifices to serve patients.

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

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 Rev. Paula Mann, Executive Associate Pastor

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 Matthew Lewis, bass

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NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

CREATION SEASON 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

Today at 11:20am 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

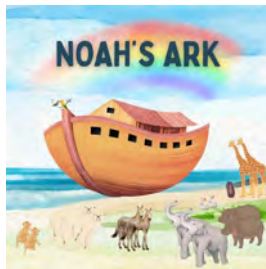
Wednesdays April 15, 22, and 29 at 7:00pm in Hoffman Hall & via Zoom
 Read and discuss seminal Christian works on faith and the environment from authors such as Lynne White and Pope Francis. Open to all and facilitated by Jake Putich.

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.

SUMMER MUSICAL REHEARSALS —BEGIN TODAY!



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 today at 11:30am after fellowship in the Sunday School Classroom.** 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!) For any questions please see Marin or email mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

WPC MONTHLY HUNGER APPEAL —TODAY



Today as we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we will take our Hunger Offering to help 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.

WPC MEMBERSHIP SEMINARS —NEXT SUNDAY AND SUNDAY, APRIL 26



Do you feel a sense of community here at Westwood Presbyterian Church? We hope you would consider joining our congregation! We welcome you to explore that idea with us **next Sunday and Sunday, April 26** right after worship.

Join us in the Downstairs Lounge for a light lunch and to meet our Pastors and 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 today following worship or online at westwoodpres.org/updates. Contact Anne Cioffi, Membership Coordinator at acioffi@westwoodpres.org for questions.

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in the narthex



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HOLY WEEK AT WPC



Holy Week at WPC was filled with amazing moments. Thank you to all who joined us and helped make this such a special time to give thanks to God!



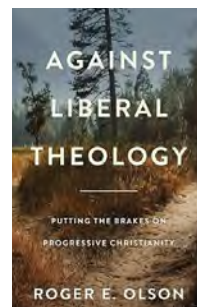
WPC SOFTBALL!



Help cheer our team on Monday evenings at the Los Angeles Interfaith Softball League. Next game is **tomorrow, April 13 at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 7:15pm, Diamond #3.** (Please see our bulletin board on your way out for a map of Cheviot Hills.)

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 faith communities! If you are interested in joining the team this year, email us at office@westwoodpres.org.

FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT—NEXT SUNDAY



This spring, Faith, Search, & Support (FSS) invites you to a 10-week study of Roger Olson's *Against Liberal Theology*. In this thought-provoking, accessible book, Olson raises important questions about scripture, doctrine, change, and what it means for the church to remain recognizably Christian. 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 **next Sunday after worship!** Books are available to buy

on the Side Porch for \$15.

THE WILD ROBOT MOVIE NIGHT
Westwood Presbyterian Church in Hoffman Hall

SATURDAY MAY 9 5PM-7:30PM

Pizza, popcorn and Mother's Day card making supplies will be provided!
BYO blankets and floor pillows!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES: JOIN US FOR A MOVIE NIGHT! —SATURDAY, MAY 9

Kids, meet your Presbyterian cousins!" We're inviting fellow westside PCUSA K-5ers over for a movie night. (WPC youth are welcome, too!) Marin and her fellow CFM Directors will provide adult supervision. Parents can stay for the show or drop children off and go treat Mom this Mother's Day Eve.

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. Check the email version of News & Concerns and WPC's social media for a video that will include more information about this concert.

JAZZ SUNDAY —APRIL 26



With Easter's good news of resurrection and hope springing from darkness and death, our toes should be tapping and our hearts singing with joy! Join us **Sunday, April 26** when the beloved Bevan Manson Trio and vocalist, LC Powell, will lead us in worship with a different beat, celebrating Eastertide and its divine promises of grace and resurrection. Please see the article below about important information on road closures happening on this day.



ROAD CLOSURES COMING!

On Jazz Sunday, April 26, the annual "CicLAvia" event closes LA streets to traffic to encourage walks and bicycling. This year the road closures are in West LA. See the map for detailed information!

MONDAY NIGHTERS —MAY 4



Our Spring Monday Nighters will be held in Hoffman Hall on May 4 at 6:30pm...now that's a big change! Here is another, let's have a picnic!! Please bring your favorite picnic food to share. For extra fun, dress in your overalls and gingham dresses. Come and celebrate WPC's upcoming changes together.

Please sign up on the Side Porch today or online at westwoodpres.org to let us know what food or drink you will be bringing.