

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS		CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS	
5/13	Caroline Rakness	5/14	Daniel Shirley (9)
5/14	Marsha Hunt	5/18	Fiona Grace Wood (9)
	Jane Kinsey		
	John Nordquist		
	Ron Tranquilla		
5/15	Bill Doak		
5/17	Pam Karten		
	Callie Kramer		
5/18	Steve Hauser		



PRESBYTOPICS

Thank you to the WPC kids and youth for their presentation of the Spring Variety Show this morning in worship!

Our love and prayers are with—

† The Bell-Ventura family who welcomed a new baby, Benjamin Austin Bell-Ventura, on March 6, 2025. Benjamin is the son of Anna and Gabriel Bell-Ventura.

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

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



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **Korean Presbyterian Church of South Bay**. 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. May. 11	WPC Worship Service— Spring Variety Show	10:00am
Mon. May. 12	WPC Softball Game	7:15pm
Fri. May. 16	WPC’s New Website and Logo Launch	
Sun. May. 18	WPC Worship Service— 5th Sunday of Easter Congregational Meeting New Membership Seminar	10:00am 11:00am 11:30am
Mon. May. 19	WPC Softball Game	7:15pm
Wed. May. 21	Women Reading	7:30pm
Sun. May. 25	WPC Worship Service— 6th Sunday of Easter	10:00am

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NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

STEWARSHIP SUNDAY—JUNE 8



As part of WPC, we know how special our church is: where everyone matters, where everyone belongs, **where everyone counts**.

Whether we find our place in the choir or committees, Sunday school or softball, volunteering with a mission partner or bringing flowers to someone who’s sick – there’s a place for each of us.

And our financial support matters too. In the next few weeks, we’ll hear testimony from some members. On **Sunday, June 8**, we will dedicate our pledges for the fiscal year ahead. Return your pledge card in worship, by mail, or make your pledge online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org). Every gift counts!

WPC Stewardship Committee

Lou Moore, Chair

Don Morrison



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING —*NEXT SUNDAY!*



Following the worship service **next Sunday**, we will convene a congregational meeting to elect new members to the Session, the Board of Deacons, and the Nominating Committee. Nominations can be taken from the floor, provided the member who is nominated is present and agrees to serve, if elected.

There will also be an update on our Building Project and we will be reviewing WPC's new website! All members are encouraged to attend the meeting (in person and on livestream). And though they cannot vote, non-members are very welcome to attend!

### Session

#### Class of 2027-2028:

Tracy Cluss-Harmeyer, Scott Hartle, Ken Williams, Brett Whelan, Anne Louise Rice, Lucy Cook, and Dale Larson

Class of 2026-2027: Kelly Sheridan

Class of 2025-2026: Ellen Caldwell

### Deacons

#### Class of 2027-2028:

Peumi Jayassurya, Gabby Esunge, Jann Williams, Kate Branaman, Sara Walsh, and Tom Clark

Class of 2025-2026: Camille Morris

### Nominating Committee

#### Class of 2027-2028:

Brooke Larson, Connie Price, Jim Lawson, and Leslie Owens

## WPC HAS A NEW LOOK—OUR NEW WEBSITE AND LOGO LAUNCH ON *MAY 16*



WPC will unveil a new website and refreshed logo **this Friday!** Since 2020, many in our community have discovered us - and continue to connect with us - online, highlighting the need for an improved digital presence.

Our Strategic Communication group, a sub-committee of our Vision & Planning Committee, has collaborated with web and graphic designer Daniel Saunders since Fall 2024 to revamp our site and logo. The new website will introduce our church to visitors, provide resources for members to stay connected, and better represent our church community.

We thank our dedicated team: James Babbin, Caryl Carothers, Chris Chakoian, Sarah Davis, Paula Mann, Jake Putich, and Brett Whelan, who worked closely with our designer on this project. For questions, contact Sarah Davis at [sdavis@westwoodpres.org](mailto:sdavis@westwoodpres.org). Visit our **new website at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) this Friday...** and hear more in our congregational meeting next Sunday.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPRING VARIETY SHOW AND PIZZA ON THE PLAYGROUND —*TODAY!*



Children *and* youth will present their Spring Variety Show in worship today! **Families are welcome to join us after worship for pizza on the playground** with cake to celebrate both our amazing young people who put in their heart and hard work for this awesome

## SPECTACULAR MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!

Adult Education wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to Breen Frazier for his brilliant presentation on the spirituality of Star Wars - and to everyone who joined us for a spectacular May the 4th celebration! A wonderful day filled with the Force, fellowship, and fun! The video of this Faith Conversation will be available on our Youtube page soon.



## WPC SOFTBALL —*TOMORROW!*



Help cheer our team on **Monday evenings; next game will be tomorrow**, at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 7:15pm, Diamond #1. 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](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org).

## Donate to WPC today



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## SUMMER FOOD DRIVE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED



Join the Mission & Outreach Committee as it collaborates with Children & Family Ministries and Student Ministries for our Summer Food Drive supporting the Summer Children's Nutrition Program through Westside Food Bank! This important initiative helps provide for

children who rely on breakfast and lunch during the school year. Our children and youth are proudly leading this project to collect nonperishable food that the Westside Food Bank will distribute during the summer months. **Please bring your donations to the Side Porch on Sundays, May 18, 25, and June 1.**

**Needed items:** *peanut butter, pasta, cereal, canned soup, canned vegetables or fruit, canned meat or fish, and protein bars*

Your generosity can make a significant difference in a child's summer! Thank you for supporting this vital community effort.

## PATH GARDEN PROJECT —*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!*



On **Saturday, May 31** from 10:00am-1:00pm, join WPC's Earth Care Team as we partner with PATH to help refresh and renew the outdoor space at their Interim Family Housing Facility near Griffith Park. This hands-on project will

include building outdoor furniture, establishing a raised-bed garden, and creating a more beautiful, welcoming space for families and children as they journey from homelessness toward stability and hope.

We need volunteers who are willing to get their hands dirty for a good cause. This is an intergenerational event, so all ages are welcome! Sign up on the Side Porch following worship today or online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org). For more information, please reach out to Jake Putich at [jputich@westwoodpres.org](mailto:jputich@westwoodpres.org).

Let's plant something beautiful - together!

## WPC MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR —*MAY 18 & JUNE 1*



Interested in finding out more about Westwood Presbyterian Church? Beginning to explore a sense of belonging? Considering joining our congregation? Explore with us in a two-part seminar **next Sunday, May 18 and June 1** after worship. **Join us in Hoffman Hall** for a light lunch with our Pastors, staff, and the

membership team. We will discuss opportunities for nurture and service here at WPC along with information about our faith, governance, and more.

**Sign up on the Side Porch today**, or online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org). If you have any questions please contact Pastor Chris Chakoian at [cchakoian@westwoodpres.org](mailto:cchakoian@westwoodpres.org) or Anne Cioffi, Director of Membership at [acioffi@westwoodpres.org](mailto:acioffi@westwoodpres.org).