


## BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

5/25	Kelly Sheridan	5/28	Zahara Lazor (17)
5/26	Laur Trustee Whitney Unruh		
5/29	Kate Branaman Gay Macdonald		
5/30	Pastor Christine Chakoian		
5/31	Connie Price		

## PRESBYTOPICS

### Our love and prayers are with—

† The family of Charles West, long time member of WPC, who died on Tuesday, May 5, in Houston.

A Memorial Service for Charles West will be on Saturday, August 22 at 2:00pm at Westwood Presbyterian Church.

† Maddie Gamble who is scheduled for two spinal surgeries during the next year. Maddie is the daughter of Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble, Mission Catalyst for the Pacific Presbytery.

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

Rubina Andonian	Ian Hrachovec	Linda S. Spitzer
Polly Berger	Mark S. Jones Sr.	Kuki Sullam
Susan Chapman	Nina Louie	Amy Tan
Aiden Cohen Davis	Queen Esther Rankins	Wes Truitt
Earl Ellis	Rita Ries	Preston Walsh
Eva Hrachovec		



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **Bel-Vue 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.

## COMING UP

Sun. May. 24	WPC Worship Service— Day of Pentecost	10:00am
Mon. May. 25	Memorial Day/Church Office Closed No Softball Game	
Sat. May. 30	Westside Food Bank Sorting Day	9:00am
Sun. May. 31	WPC Worship Service— Trinity Sunday	10:00am
Mon. June. 1	WPC Softball Game	8:30pm
Thurs. June. 4	Ember	7:00pm
Sat. June. 6	Summer Musical Dress Rehearsal	9:00am
Sun. June. 7	WPC Worship Service— Graduation/Move Up Sunday Children's Summer Musical	10:00am

## 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, JJ Hickey, Nick Pelayo, Vincent Purcell, and Levi Yin, AV Techs  
Laurel Sanders, Organist  
Dakota Hodge and Cole Hershon, Sound & Lighting Engineers

#### 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  
Brianna Naiman, Preschool Director  
Heidi Rudd, Preschool Office Manager



## NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

### ESPERANZA PLAYGROUND MORNING FUN!

Last Saturday close to 20 WPC folks gathered at Esperanza Elementary School armed with free books, snacks, Uno, CornHole, Badminton, Connect 4, pizza, and all kinds of crafts. Esperanza 4th and 5th graders and their families came out in full force.

HIGHLIGHT: Everyone participated in the very first run on the new track surrounded by a newly greened playground. A great time!



### EMBER AT THE REN FAIRE!

Ember had a marvelous time at the Renaissance Faire last weekend -- huzzah! Though our valiant knight lost the joust, our spirits remained undefeated.



## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**REMINDER**

The Westwood Presbyterian Church Office will be closed **tomorrow** for Memorial Day. We will resume regular office hours on **Tuesday, May 26**.

## WESTSIDE FOOD BANK SORTING DAY —THIS SATURDAY/ADDRESS UPDATE



Please join our volunteer team at Westside Food Bank **this Saturday, May 30, 9am-12pm**, at their warehouse located at **1914 14th St., Santa Monica**. We will sort and pack nutritious food for distribution to individuals and families in need. Sign up online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) or at the Mission & Outreach volunteer signup sheet on the Side Porch after worship. We need you!

## SUMMER MUSICAL REHEARSALS CONTINUE



This year we're telling a big story on a big boat and there is absolutely room for everyone aboard NOAH'S ARK! *Noah's Ark in Concert* is a Children & Youth Summer Musical performed in worship on **Sunday, June 7**, with DIY sets and props the children are creating entirely of reclaimed/recycled/recyclable materials. (So save those empty paper towel rolls—we need them!)

Rehearsals are every **Sunday during Sunday School and after fellowship, 11:30am-12:30pm**. A mandatory Dress Rehearsal will be on Saturday, June 6, 9:00am-12:00pm. Please see or email Marin at [mmiller@westwoodpres.org](mailto:mmiller@westwoodpres.org) for any questions.

## GRADUATION / MOVE-UP SUNDAY —JUNE 7



Please join us in worship on **Sunday, June 7**, for our recognition of students transitioning to bigger and better things! We recognize every student moving on, so please let us know if your household is celebrating a student completing pre-k, elementary school, middle school, high school, college, or

graduate school! **After worship join us for some well deserved pizza on the playground!**

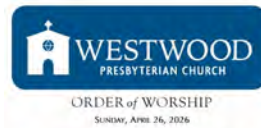
Please contact our the church office at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org) with the name and degree of any student deserving recognition by **Wednesday, June 3**, and we'll be sure to honor them alongside all of our 2026 graduates. You can also see our Director of Children & Family Ministries, Marin Miller (grades pre-k - 5), our Interim Student Ministries Director, Michelle Whelan (grades 6 - 12), or Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care, Jake Putich (college and beyond) for any ques-

## WPC SOFTBALL!



Join us to cheer WPC's Hatch Batch team on Monday evenings at the L.A. Interfaith Softball League. **There will be no game tomorrow. The next game is Monday, June 1 at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 8:30pm, Diamond #2.** The season lasts until late July, if you are interested in joining the team, email us at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org).

## BULLETIN AVAILABLE ONLINE—JUNE 1



We like to say that all are welcome here at WPC – and that means in our online ministry too! Our services have been livestreamed since COVID hit, providing access to worship for people who could not otherwise join. We have heard from many of you how much it matters, especially for those who are homebound, caregiving, traveling, or living far away.

We are glad to announce that as of **June 1**, we will be updating our livestream worship. Each Saturday we will be emailing the worship bulletin so everyone has the same service details. We will also be offering a free hymnal to anyone who regularly worships online. This hands-on, familiar way of worship will replace the words to prayers and hymns printed in “lower thirds” on your screen. In addition to a more “real” sense of worship, this change will also provide better stewardship of our staff and financial resources!

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING UPDATE



This year, WPC directed our One Great Hour of Sharing offering to the CLUE Detained Immigrant Bond Fund, which helps release people from immigration detention so families can stay together while loved ones pursue legal status.

At an interfaith vigil last week, the pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church shared the story of Jose, husband of Lupe, a U.S. citizen whose family has been active at Immanuel for over twenty years. After their marriage, Lupe filed a petition to regularize Jose's status, approved in 2021. While they worked on the next step—a State Department appointment for permanent residency—ICE raided Jose's workplace, a carwash. Because his approved petition did not appear in ICE records, he was detained without a hearing and held for 3½ months at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center in the Mojave Desert.

Thanks to God and the lifesaving CLUE Bond Fund, Jose posted bond and returned home. He is now working toward a work permit and permanent residency. **Kerry Jensen will be sharing more about this amazing organization in worship today.**

## NATURE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL —JUNE 17-19

**REGISTER TODAY!**



It's Forest School meets Christian Contemplation! We'll share sacred space and time, exploring God and self in nature through embodied prayer, crafts, story time, and lots of playing in the creek. What a way to kick off the summer! Join us as we heed Job's advice: *"Speak to the earth, and it will teach you."* (Job 12:8)

**WHEN:** June 17-19, 10am-2pm each day, or 9am-3pm if opting for van transportation to and from the WPC parking lot.

**WHERE:** Malibu Creek State Park

**COST:** \$100 per child. Scholarships are available!

**SIGN UP:** By visiting [westwoodpres.org/updates](http://westwoodpres.org/updates) online or by reaching out to Director of CFM, Marin Miller at [mmiller@westwoodpres.org](mailto:mmiller@westwoodpres.org) to reserve your child's spot today.

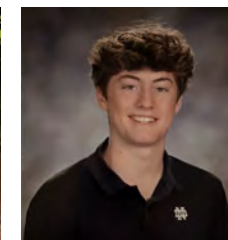
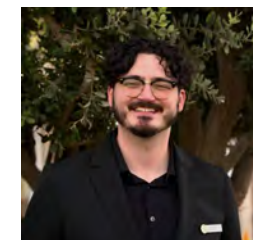
## PRIDE SUNDAY —JUNE 14



Join us in worship on **Sunday, June 14**, for a service celebrating **LGBTQ Pride!** We will remember those saints, past and present, who have dedicated their lives to liberation for all of God's children, including our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer siblings, express our thankfulness

to God for the diversity of human expression, and explore how we can better follow Jesus's path of radical love and inclusion.

## WPC WELCOMES COLE AND VINCENT TO OUR A.V. TEAM



We are happy to welcome two new additions to our WPC A.V. Team! Cole Hershon (pictured left) will serve as a Sound & Lighting Engineer. Vincent Purcell (pictured right) will serve as a camera operator.

Please give Cole and Vincent a warm welcome to WPC!

## Donate to WPC today



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