


BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS		CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS
5/26	Jan Brzeski	5/28 Zahara Lazor (16)
5/29	Ann May Schloss Shaun Singleton	
5/30	Pastor Christine Chakoian Sarah Peter	
5/31	Connie Price	
6/1	Kathleen Hirose	

PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Marie Lewis who suffered a fall this week and is hospitalized.
- † Gay Macdonald’s healing as she recovers from a fall earlier this month.
- † Graham Beattie whose mother Rosemary, is hospitalized facing serious health challenges.
- † Benjamin Alanis who is currently hospitalized at California Hospital in Culver City.

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	Nancy Immel	Amy Tan
Aiden Cohen Davis	Mark S. Jones Sr.	Ron Tranquilla
Christopher Davis	Nina Louie	Wes Truitt
	Queen Esther Rankins	



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. 25	WPC Worship Service— 6th Sunday of Easter	10:00am
Mon. May. 26	Memorial Day / Church Office Closed	
Sat. May. 31	PATH Garden Project	10:00am
Sun. Jun. 1	WPC Worship Service— Graduation / Move-Up Sunday	10:00am
	New Membership Seminar—Pt. 2	11:30am
Thurs. Jun. 5	Ember	7:00pm
Sun. Jun. 8	WPC Worship Service— Pentecost / Stewardship Sunday	10:00am
Mon. Jun. 9	WPC Softball Game	7:15pm
Sun. Jun. 15	WPC Worship Service— Father’s Day / Juneteenth	10:00am

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NEWS & CONCERNS
SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Help feed kids this summer! The Mission & Outreach Committee, Children & Family Ministries, and Student Ministries are partnering with Westside Food Bank's Summer Children's Nutrition Program to provide meals when school is out. **Please bring your donations to the Side Porch today and next Sunday.**

Your generosity makes a difference in a child's summer!

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

Special thanks and huge shout out to Josephine Gallant, who kicked off our food drive with an amazing donation! For her 7th birthday, Josephine asked friends and family to bring food for the drive instead of gifts. What an incredible success and inspiring example!



PATH GARDEN PROJECT —VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



This Saturday, 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. For more information, please reach out to Jake Putich at jputich@westwoodpres.org.

Let's plant something beautiful - together!

WPC MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR —NEXT SUNDAY!



Interested in finding out more about Westwood Presbyterian Church? Beginning to explore a sense of belonging? Considering joining our congregation? Explore with us in the second part of our seminar **next Sunday, 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.

There is still time to sign up on the Side Porch today. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Chris Chakoian at cchakoian@westwoodpres.org or Anne Cioffi, Director of Membership at acioffi@westwoodpres.org.

PICK UP MANNA BAGS — TODAY!



Children & Family Ministries put together Manna Bags today during Sunday School last Sunday with the help of our little ones. For a small donation of \$5 each, you can pick up a few Manna Bags today on the Side Porch. Please remember those who are in need among us in Los Angeles. Pick up a few Manna Bags to hand out to those you might come

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Westwood Presbyterian Church Office will be closed **tomorrow, May 26, for Memorial Day**. We will resume regular office hours **on Tuesday, May 27**.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY—JUNE 8

PLEDGE TO WPC TODAY!



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

There's a place for each of us. Whether we worship in person or online, sing in the choir or serve on committees, volunteer with a mission partner or bringing flowers to someone who's sick – it all matters.

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. Every gift counts!

WPC SOFTBALL WILL BE BACK—MONDAY, JUNE 9



Help cheer our team on **Monday evenings; next game will be Monday, June 9 at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 7:15pm, Diamond #4**. 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.

SPONSOR THE CHANCEL FLOWERS



The chancel flowers depend on your active participation. A donation of \$75 covers the cost of the flowers

and a chance to remember a loved one with a dedication in the bulletin.

The WPC Deacons deliver the flowers to WPC members and friends after worship each week. You may give in worship on Sundays, by mail, or scan our QR code and select the field **Chancel Flowers**.

Please support this wonderful ministry of encouragement and comfort and schedule your desired 2025 sponsorship date on the side porch after worship today!

SPONSOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



The refreshments on the side porch after worship depend on your participation. Members and friends are invited to

host the fellowship hour. You may shop for refreshments, bake something, or ask the church to do the shopping for you!

If you would like the church to shop for you, you may give in worship on Sundays, by mail, or scan our QR code and select the field **Coffee Fellowship** (\$100 per family or team of sponsors).

Please support this wonderful ministry of fellowship and schedule your desired 2025 sponsorship date on the side porch after worship today!

GRADUATION / MOVE-UP SUNDAY —JUNE 1



Please join us in worship **on Sunday, June 1** 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 elementary school, middle school, high school, college, or graduate

school! Please contact one of our staff members with the name and degree of any student deserving recognition **by Wednesday, May 28**, and we'll be sure to honor them alongside all of our 2025 graduates.

For **graduating Middle School or High School** students, contact Michelle Whelan, Interim Director of Student Ministries at mwhelan@westwoodpres.org.

For **Elementary School** children culminating 5th grade, contact Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries, at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

Or for **College Students** graduating and/or moving into Grad School, contact Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care at jputich@westwoodpres.org.

FATHER'S DAY/JUNETEENTH —SUNDAY, JUNE 15



Sunday, June 15, marks many joys. Join us for worship in-person or online, as we celebrate:

Juneteenth: (also known as Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Black Independence Day). This federal holiday, officially established in 2021,

commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the blessings of Black culture.

Father's Day: The celebration of fathers and paternal bonds has been marked by Americans on the 3rd Sunday of June since 1910. It is an opportunity for us to honor not only members of our families, but also those who have influenced us through our family of faith.

JO-THE LITTLE WOMEN ALBUM RELEASE!



The studio cast album of *Jo - The Little Women* was released worldwide on **May 23**, from Center Stage Records. WPC's Director of Music Dan Redfeld composed, orchestrated and conducted his score with book & lyrics by Christina Harding and John Koladziej. The album is produced by Dan and legendary producer Nigel Wright. It was recorded this past January

and February at Abbey Road Studios in London and features an all-star international cast, 16 voice choir and 29 piece orchestra. And the best part, it's almost the complete musical clocking in at 2 hours and 15 minutes! The album will be available on Apple Music, Spotify, Amazon Music with the CD coming in early June and vinyl later this year.

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