

## BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

### ADULT BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Kathleen Hirose  
6/2 Laurie Flenner  
Martha Kadue  
6/4 Frances Norris  
6/5 Andy Kim

### CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

6/7 Carmelina Accordino (3)



## PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Anne Cioffi following the death of her husband, Charles Cioffi, on Friday, May 22.
- † The family of Elder Earl Ellis, long-time WPC member and father of Kate Branaman, Melissa Ellis, and husband of Carol Ellis for 61 years. Earl died on Tuesday, May 26.
- † Alex Germain who is recovering from recent surgery. Alex is the son of long-time WPC member, Ellie Germain.
- † 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.
- † 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.

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
Eva Hrachovec	Rita Ries	Preston Walsh

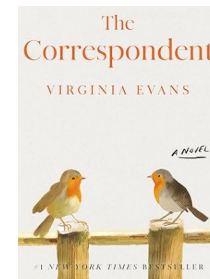


This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **Community United Presbyterian Church**. We pray for these congregations as others pray for us when the flame is here. The **Flame of Unity** is a symbol of our shared mission and service in Christ, appearing each week at one of the congregations of the Presbytery of the Pacific.

## COMING UP

Sun. May. 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 Pizza on the Playground	10:00am 11:00am

## WOMEN READING —WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom on **Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30pm** to discuss the book *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. *The Correspondent* is a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we might never meet in person. It is about the hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that occur during a lifetime.

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](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org).

## 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

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Sarah Davis, Director of Operations  
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Linda Martinez, Administrative Assistant & Contributions Coordinator  
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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  
Brianne Naiman, Preschool Director  
Heidi Rudd, Preschool Office Manager



## NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026



### REGISTER TODAY!

Children are invited to join us for Vacation Bible School this Summer! 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)

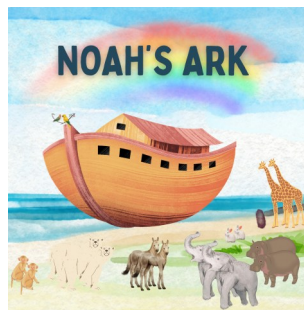
**WHEN:** June 17-19, 10am-2pm each day, or 9am-3pm if opting for van transportation to and from the WPC parking lot.

**WHERE:** Malibu Creek State Park

**COST:** \$100 per child. Scholarships are available! We also have hats available for purchase for \$20.

**SIGN UP:** Online at [westwoodpres.org/updates](http://westwoodpres.org/updates) or by reaching out to Director of Children & Family Ministries, Marin Miller at [mmiller@westwoodpres.org](mailto:mmiller@westwoodpres.org) to reserve your child's spot today.

## SUMMER MUSICAL REHEARSALS CONTINUE



**Noah's Ark in Concert** is a Children & Youth Summer Musical that will be performed in worship on **Sunday, June 7**. All families are invited to join us for **pizza on the playground after worship to celebrate!** The children have created DIY sets and props made entirely of reclaimed/recycled/recyclable materials. Rehearsal is today during Sunday School and after fellowship, 11:30am-12:30pm.

A mandatory Dress Rehearsal will be this Saturday, 9:00am-12:00pm. For any questions please see or email Marin Miller at [mmiller@westwoodpres.org](mailto:mmiller@westwoodpres.org).

## 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!

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 **this Wednesday**, 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 questions.

## 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



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!

## WPC PRESCHOOL MOVING UP CEREMONY

WPC Preschool wrapped up their school year last week with a Moving-On celebration full of treats, games, and—of course—a lively drum circle! Thank you to the incredible kids, parents, teachers, and preschool staff for their dedication to our Preschool families. Congratulations, kiddos!



## RAISE THE ROOF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EVENT

The Habitat for Humanity Raise the Roof event was a meaningful celebration of the homes built in partnership with the interfaith community, honoring the collective effort, generosity, and shared commitment that helped make these homes a reality. The gathering brought together volunteers, faith leaders, community members, and longtime supporters to celebrate not only the completion of homes, but the long-term impact they create.



## Donate to WPC today



## WPC SOFTBALL!



Join us to cheer WPC's Hatch Batch team on Monday evenings at the L.A. Interfaith Softball League. **Next game is tomorrow, June 1 at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 8:30pm, Diamond #2.** The season lasts until late July.

## JUNETEENTH & FATHER'S DAY —SUNDAY JUNE 21

**Sunday, June 21** 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.

## THE CHANCEL FLOWERS AND COFFEE FELLOWSHIP DEPEND ON YOUR PARTICIPATION.

### SPONSOR THE CHANCEL FLOWERS



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 2026 sponsorship date on the Side Porch after worship today!

### SPONSOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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 2026 sponsorship date on the Side Porch after worship today!