

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

6/16 David Reinert  
6/17 Alexander Deary  
6/18 Madrona Casey  
6/19 Bita Maghsoudi  
6/20 Brianne Naiman  
Anne Rimer  
6/22 Dale Larson

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

6/20 Elodie Larson (11)



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Jann Williams, whose stepmother, Eileen Wolfe, the beloved wife of her father, Eugene Wolfe, for 50 years, passed away on Friday, May 30.
- † Marie Lewis as she continues to recover from hip surgery. She is in good spirits and hopes to be home by this weekend. † Benjamin Alanis who is now at Pacific Post-Acute in Santa Monica, recovering from a fall.

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 **Angeles Mesa 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. Jun. 15	WPC Worship Service— Father’s Day / Juneteenth	10:00am
Mon. Jun. 16	WPC Softball Game	8:30pm
Wed. Jun. 18	Women Reading	7:30pm
Thurs. Jun. 19	Church Office Closed / Juneteenth	
Sun. Jun. 22	WPC Worship Service— Pride Sunday	10:00am
Mon. Jun. 23	WPC Softball Game	7:15pm
Sun. Jun. 29	WPC Worship Service— 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Faith Conversation on Immigration	10:00am 11:20am
Mon. Jun. 30	WPC Softball Game	7:15pm
Fri. Jul. 4	Church Office Closed / Independence Day	

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Emily Kerrigan, alto  
Matthew Lewis, bass



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

Today marks many joys 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.





## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Westwood Presbyterian Church Office will be closed **this Thursday, June 19 for Juneteenth**. Women's Morning Meditation will not meet next week. We will resume regular office hours **on Friday, June 20**.

## WOMEN READING —*THIS WEDNESDAY!*



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom **this Wednesday, June 18 at 7:30pm** to discuss the book, *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout. "With her remarkable insight into the human condition and silences that contain multitudes, Elizabeth Strout returns to the town of Crosby, Maine, and to her beloved cast of characters—Lucy Barton, Olive Kitteridge, Bob Burgess, and more—as they deal with a shocking crime in their midst." Marilyn Robertson will be leading this discussion.

Newcomers are always welcome—contact the church at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org) if you would like to receive the Zoom link to join our thoughtful community of women readers!

## PRIDE SUNDAY —*JUNE 22*



Join us in worship on **Sunday, June 22**, 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.

## FAITH CONVERSATION ON IMMIGRATION WITH REV. HEIDI WORTHEN GAMBLE —*SUNDAY, JUNE 29*



On **Sunday, June 29**, we invite you after worship to join us in Hoffman Hall for a special Faith Conversation with Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble, Mission Catalyst for the Presbytery of the Pacific. Drawing from her recent presentation to the presbytery, Heidi will guide WPC through the complex realities of immigration and deportation – and the faithful role congregations can play in offering refuge, response, and compassion. With wisdom rooted in years of ministry and justice work, she'll help us consider how we can be more prepared to protect and accompany our most vulnerable neighbors. This will be a time of learning, reflection, and shared calling. We hope you'll join us!

## HIRING CHILDCARE PROVIDERS!



We have a thriving nursery and are looking for one or two more experienced childcare providers to join our team! Know someone who would be wonderful? Encourage them to check out the full job description at [westwoodpres.org/updates](https://westwoodpres.org/updates) to apply! Resumes and cover letters may be sent to Director of Children & Family Ministries, Marin Miller, at [mmiller@westwoodpres.org](mailto:mmiller@westwoodpres.org).

## YOUR GIFTS COUNT!

### MAKE YOUR 2025-26 PLEDGE!



As part of WPC, we know how special our church is: where everyone counts, and everyone belongs. Each of you contributes in many different ways – volunteering your time to great causes, sharing your leadership gifts on committees, and more. There's a place for everyone to feel a part of our community. That's what makes WPC special.

Your financial gifts count too. **Our new fiscal year starts July 1**, and it helps us tremendously to know what contributions everyone intends to make. If you have not yet submitted your pledge for the year ahead, it's not too late.

Go to our website at [westwoodpres.org/give](https://westwoodpres.org/give), and **click the link for "Pledging."** You can offer your pledge at the church as well; pledge cards are available in the pew racks and the Narthex.

### COMPLETE YOUR 2024-25 PLEDGE



There's still time to **complete your 2024/2025 pledge!** You should receive your quarterly pledge statement by email in the following weeks. **Our fiscal year wraps up on June 30.** If you have not fulfilled your pledge, you can donate online, or by check; be sure to write 2024/2025 pledge in the memo line.

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## NEW FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT STUDY:

### DOROTHEE SOELLE'S *THEOLOGY FOR SKEPTICS*



Join us this summer for a new Faith, Search, & Support series as we dive into Dorothee Soelle's thought-provoking book, *Theology for Skeptics*. Soelle, a prominent German theologian known for her poetic expression and passionate activism, boldly questions traditional perspectives on God, faith, and spirituality. This study will encourage honest dialogue, reflective exploration, and deeper spiritual insights, helping us rethink how we experience the divine in our everyday lives.

The new study begins **Sunday, July 6** and books will be available for purchase starting this Sunday for \$15. Bring your curiosity, openness, and questions as we journey together!

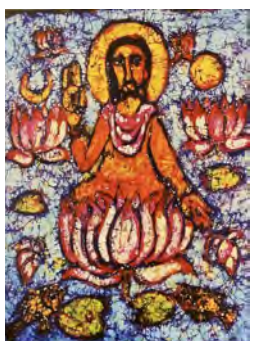
## UNVEILING THE MANY FACES OF CHRIST: AN ICONOGRAPHY EXHIBIT IN THE NARTHEX



WPC celebrates the installation of an art exhibit in the Narthex, "Unveiling the Many Faces of Christ," inviting viewers into a sustained moment of contemplation in which we might ask ourselves "How can we collectively imagine Jesus through many lenses? Through many faces?" We remember the presence and power of the Holy Spirit who worked miracles of understanding among a diverse crowd of worshippers. We welcome the Spirit's presence, divine guidance and revelations as we reflect on a multi-ethnic, culturally-diverse cross-section of artistic renderings of Christ.

Let us pause to consider:

- How Jesus reveals himself to us in our own mind's eye
- What images and visual association we ascribe to Jesus
- What a personal portrait of him might look like if we each were to create one



The exhibit draws from a collection of Christ iconography previously assembled by Monte Vista Grove Homes (MVGH) Diversity Task Force- an initiative led by former Pastor of Westwood Presbyterian Church, Rev. Lynn Cheyney.

## WPC SOFTBALL —*TOMORROW!*

Help cheer our team on **Monday evenings; next game will be tomorrow at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 8:30pm, 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](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org).