

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

6/22 Dale Larson
 6/23 Jim Louie
 6/24 Blake Cervantes
 6/25 Theresa Stewart
 6/27 Kristyn Humphreys Needham
 6/28 Ian Hrachovec
 Arlene Russell



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Nancy & Dick Munn Smith on the birth of their great-grandchild, Nathan, born to Sarah & James Hauck on June 12, 2026.
- † Todd Cioffi as he recovers from open heart surgery.
- † Betty Glick following a hip surgery on Tuesday, June 16.
- † Maddie Gamble who is recovering from surgery.
- † Tom Moormann on his continuing recovery from recent heart surgery.
- † The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) which convenes on June 22. The biennial assembly of our denomination will consider a number of issues, including electing co-moderators, the restructuring of global missions, responses to White Christian Nationalism, and more.

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 **Knox 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. 21	WPC Worship Service— Father's Day/Juneteenth	10:00am
Mon. Jun. 22	WPC Softball Game	8:30pm
Sun. Jun. 28	WPC Worship Service— Ordination/Installation of Officers	10:00am
Mon. Jun. 29	WPC Softball Game	7:15pm
Sun. Jul. 5	WPC Worship Service— 6th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
Mon. Jul. 6	WPC Softball Playoffs	
Sun. Jul. 12	WPC Worship Service— 7th Sunday after Pentecost	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
 Brianne Naiman, Preschool Director
 Heidi Rudd, Preschool Office Manager



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

JUNETEENTH & FATHER'S DAY

Today marks many joys, including our own Rev. Mark Jones, Sr. returning to the pulpit to preach! Today 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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS



Next Sunday, June 28, we celebrate the ordination and installation of officers in accordance with our denomination's constitution. Join us as we welcome Ellen Caldwell, Margaret Inglis, Heather Leatherwood, Emilie Nordheus, and Matheus Oliveira to serve as Elders; and Mundi Fumokong, Matheus Oliveira, Robyn Paris, Anne Louise Rice, and Cindy Trangsrud to serve as Deacons. (Elders-elect Brooke Larson and Michael Sohigian are unable to be present and will be installed at another time.)

Elders, who together form the Session, are called "to discern and measure the church's fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life." Deacons' ministry "is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress." Join us in worship as we honor these ministries!

PLEDGE TO WPC TODAY!



We can all make a difference at WPC – because God calls each of us to help make this world a better place.

However you are called to roll up your sleeves, it matters. Your financial commitment makes a difference too. It's not too late to pledge!

Fill out a pledge card for the fiscal year (July 1, 2026—June 30, 2027) – either from the pew rack or the one that was mailed to you. Pledge online by scanning the QR code on the pledge card or at westwoodpres.org/give.

Whatever your level of commitment, please know that it matters. Because all of us are called to help fulfill Christ's care for our world!

COMPLETE YOUR 2025-26 PLEDGE



There's still time to complete your 2025/2026 pledge! Our fiscal year wraps up Tuesday, June 30 and pledge statements will be mailed out the following week. If you have not fulfilled your pledge, you can donate online by scanning the QR code, or by check in worship or by mail; be sure to write 2025/2026 pledge in the memo line. For any questions contact Linda Martinez at lmartinez@westwoodpres.org.

PRIDE SUNDAY AT WPC!

As WPC celebrated LGBTQIA+ Pride last Sunday, we expressed 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 PRESCHOOL CAMP FUN!

The Preschool summer camp program is now in full swing, offering full-day care to our wonderful community all summer long. Each week brings exciting treats in conjunction with the camp-themed fun. Our foam party was definitely a highlight, creating lasting memories!

If you have questions or want to learn more about the program or know someone who is interested in enrolling, please visit the preschool's website at wpcpreschool.com and sign up for a tour.



CELEBRATING ANOTHER SEASON OF FAITH CONVERSATIONS



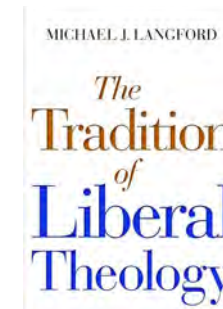
This year's Faith Conversations invited us to listen deeply at the intersection of faith and public life. Organized and sponsored through the faithful efforts of WPC's Adult Education Committee, these gatherings created meaningful space for learning, reflection, and dialogue across some of the most pressing questions facing the church and world today.

This season's conversations include:

- ◆ **Coach Cori Close** — on faith, leadership, vocation, and the pursuit of an "uncommon" life.
- ◆ **Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather** — on South Sudan, peacemaking, and the human cost of war.
- ◆ **Dan Redfeld** — on the beauty, history, and meaning of beloved Christmas music.
- ◆ **Dr. Daniel Wehrenfennig** — on navigating congregational change with wisdom, courage, and care.
- ◆ **Dr. Katharine Hayhoe** — on Christians, climate, and faithful action in a changing world.
- ◆ **Dr. Reinhard Krauss** — on the rise and danger of Christian nationalism.

Whether you missed a conversation or would like to revisit one that stayed with you, we invite you to watch them in our Faith Conversations playlist on our YouTube Channel!

NEW FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT STUDY!



Faith, Search, & Support begins a new study on Sunday, July 12, with Michael Langford's *The Tradition of Liberal Theology*. This thoughtful book offers a clear and accessible introduction to the major themes, questions, and commitments that have shaped liberal Christian theology over time. Together, the class will explore how faith can remain intellectually honest, spiritually alive, and responsive to the needs of the world.

All are welcome to join this lively and thoughtful conversation! Books will be available this Sunday on the Side Porch after worship for \$15.

WPC SOFTBALL!



With just 2 more games until the finals, the Hatch Batch team is doing amazing! Next game is tomorrow, June 22 at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 8:30pm, Diamond #2. The season lasts until late July. Cheer them on before the season is over! See you there!

Donate to WPC today

 offering baskets in the narthex
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