

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

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

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

6/24 Jacob Barr (15)



PRESBYTOPICS

Please join Pastor Mark in this prayer:

† Almighty and merciful God, we pray for Your mercy. Lord, help our church, our homes, and communities be places of love, forgiveness, faith, and peace; that we may be united even when we don't see eye to eye. Let our lives be examples that reflect the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose precious name we pray. Amen.

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 **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. 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	
Sun. Jul. 6	WPC Worship Service— 4th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
Mon. Jul. 7	WPC Softball Game	8:30pm
Sun. Jul. 13	WPC Worship Service— 5th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am

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Emily Kerrigan, alto  
Matthew Lewis, bass



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

PRIDE SUNDAY!

Today, we celebrate 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 —*NEXT SUNDAY!*



Next 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! Please know that our Session is doing everything possible for safety and care.

## 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 after worship for \$15. Bring your curiosity, openness, and questions as we journey together!

## ESPERANZA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATION!

Members of WPC attended the graduation of Esperanza Elementary School on Tuesday, June 10. It was a moving and peaceful morning to celebrate the students and their accomplishments. Esperanza Principal, Brad Rumble, thanked WPC, noting the impact of our continued community partnership over the years -during the ceremony! Congratulations to the graduates!



## 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.

## WPC SOFTBALL —*TOMORROW!*



Help cheer our undefeated team on **Monday evenings; next game will be tomorrow at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 7:15pm, Diamond #1.** 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).

## WOMEN READING —*WEDNESDAY, JULY 16*



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom on **Wednesday, July 16 at 7:30pm** to discuss the autobiography of the newest member of the U.S. Supreme Court, Ketanji Brown Jackson. In her autobiography, *Lovely One: A Memoir*, Ketanji reveals what it takes to advance in the legal profession when most people in power don't look like you, and to reconcile a demanding career with the joys and sacrifices of marriage and motherhood.

In this time when so much attention is being focused on the courts, this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know more about the first African-American woman Supreme Court justice and gain insight into her formative influences.

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!

### 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!

## Donate to WPC today

