

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

7/3 Lucy Cook
7/4 Ralph Cato
Steven Shepherd
7/5 Alice Deco
Sherie Morrison
Steven Smith
7/7 Sheri Nelson
7/8 Angela Kim
7/10 Lara Fedoroff

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

7/7 James Whelan (15)
7/9 Maxwell Jetter
San Gemino (17)



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.
- † The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) which convenes through July 2. 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 **Covenant PC of Los Angeles**. 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. 28 **WPC Worship Service—
Ordination/Installation of Officers** 10:00am
Mon. Jun. 29 **WPC Softball Game** 7:15pm
Fri. Jul. 3 **Church Office Closed**
Sun. Jul. 5 **WPC Worship Service—
6th Sunday after Pentecost** 10:00am

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE



The Building Commission continues to make steady progress on the church building project. Encouragingly, the Phase 1 construction price estimate came in very close to projections made more than a year ago, despite rising construction costs and inflation.

Work continues on the agreements and approvals needed before construction can begin. The Commission also reviewed updated cash flow projections and discussed plans for future sanctuary renovations. Preliminary cost estimates for sanctuary improvements are expected later this summer.

At present, the anticipated start of construction remains near the end of the year. The Commission remains grateful for the congregation's continuing interest, prayers, and support as this exciting project moves forward.

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
Brianna Naiman, Preschool Director
Heidi Rudd, Preschool Office Manager



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS



Today we celebrate the ordination and installation of officers in accordance with our denomination's constitution. Join us as we welcome to serve as Elders :

- ◆ Ellen Caldwell
- ◆ Margaret Inglis
- ◆ Heather Leatherwood
- ◆ Emilie Nordheus
- ◆ Matheus Oliveira

And to serve as Deacons:

- ◆ Mundi Fumokong
- ◆ Matheus Oliveira
- ◆ Robyn Paris
- ◆ Anne Louise Rice
- ◆ Cindy Trangsrud

(Elders-elect Brooke Larson and Michael Sohigian are unable to be present and will be installed at another time.)

THANK YOU WPC CHANCEL CHOIR!



Thank you to the WPC Chancel Choir, Section Leaders, and our organist, Laurel Sanders, for another amazing year of music. Today is the Choir's final Sunday before taking their summer break. The Choir returns in mid-August after a much deserved rest. We have another big year ahead and are looking forward to singing in the fall!



Church Office Closed—This Friday!

The Westwood Presbyterian Church Office will be closed **this Friday for Independence Day**. We will resume regular office hours on **Monday, July 6**.

Complete your 2025-26 Pledge

There's still time to complete your 2025/2026 pledge! **Our fiscal year wraps up this Tuesday, June 30**, pledge statements will be mailed out in early July. If you have not fulfilled your pledge, you can donate online by scanning the QR code below, 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.

PNC IMPORTANT UPDATE!

Please plan to attend two important post-worship important events, on Sunday, July 19, and Sunday, July 26.

On July 19 congregational members will vote to call WPC's next pastor! Over the past nine months, our Pastor Nominating Committee has worked diligently to secure a new Pastor and Head of Staff, following Pastor Chris Chakoian's notice of her retirement. The PNC will present its candidate to the congregation that morning. The candidate will lead us in worship and the congregation will then be asked to vote to confirm the PNC's recommendation to call its candidate to serve as our next Pastor and Head of Staff.

WPC will host a reception for the candidate and family in **Hoffman Hall on the afternoon of Saturday, July 18**, to give everyone a chance, in advance of the Sunday congregational meeting, to introduce themselves and to ask questions of the candidate and PNC members.



The following **Sunday, July 26**, will be **Rev. Dr. Chakoian's final Sunday with us** (she retires as of July 31). Following worship, the congregation will be asked to dissolve the pastoral relationship, releasing Chris from the pastoral duties she was called to assume seven years ago. Summer worship will be led by Pastors Paula Mann and Mark Jones and a number of guest preachers.

God certainly has been faithful! Thank you for your prayers for the PNC and please keep praying for our beloved church during this time of transition. Meanwhile, please mark your calendars for these important milestones in the life of our family of faith.

After this brief congregational meeting, a farewell reception for Chris and John will be held in Hoffman Hall. Be sure to join us as we thank Pastor Chris for her service to the WPC community and send her into retirement with lots of love and prayers. And please feel free to reach out to others who may want to join in the celebration of Chris – all are welcome!

Donate to WPC today

 offering baskets in the narthex
  10822 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90024
  online at westwoodpres.org
 Scan our QR code

NATURE VBS WAS EPIC!—THANK YOU!

Twelve children and a good many grown-ups spent three-and-a-half Spirit-filled days (and one overnight) in Malibu Creek State Park. We hiked, swam, waded, gathered, made stuff, journaled, drummed, prayed (even using our homemade strands of prayer-beads). Together, we grew in courage, kinship, and Christ.

A massive thank you to the CFM committee, who championed this effort; All our amazing teachers, volunteers (both teen and adult) and parents who made it possible. We are definitely doing that again!



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!

**PLEDGE TO WPC TODAY!
THE NEW FISCAL YEAR STARTS NEXT WEEK!**



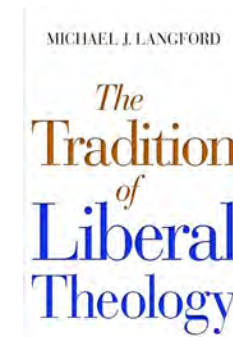
We can all make a difference at WPC – because God calls each of us to help make this world a better place.

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.

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.

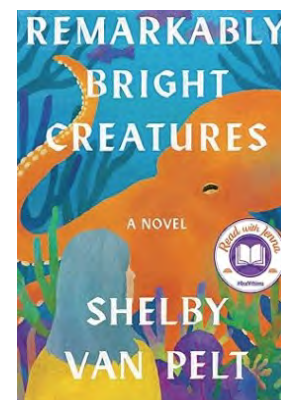
All are welcome to join this lively and thoughtful conversation! **Books will be available today on the Side Porch after worship for \$15.**

WPC SOFTBALL!



With just 1 more game until the playoffs, the Hatch Batch team is going strong! Next game is **tomorrow, June 29 at Cheviot Hills Rec Center** – at 7:15pm, **Diamond #3**. The season lasts until late July. Cheer them on before the season is over! See you

WOMEN READING —WEDNESDAY, JULY 15



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom on **Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30pm** to discuss the book *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. A charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.

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.