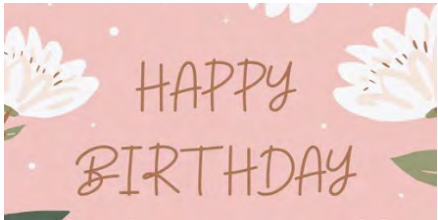


BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

- 7/3 Lucy Cook
- 7/4 Ralph Cato
- Steven Shepherd
- 7/5 Alice Deco
- Sherie Morrison
- Steven Smith



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:

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| 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 **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. 29	WPC Worship Service— 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
	Faith Conversation on Immigration	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
Mon. Jul. 14	WPC Softball Game	7:15pm

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Emily Kerrigan, alto
Matthew Lewis, bass



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS



Today we give thanks for those called as Elders and Deacons. Our denomination's Book of Order reminds us that pastors alone do not lead the church.

Ruling elders are called "to discern and measure the church's fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and

nurture its faith and life." Together with the pastors, they "exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships." The needed gifts include "wisdom and maturity of faith, demonstrated skills in leadership, and compassionate in spirit."

Deacons' ministry, according to Scripture, "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." For this ministry, the needed gifts include "spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment."

We give thanks for the ministry of those completing their term at the end of June:

Deacons Madrona Casey, Courtney Davis, M.C. Haslett, Patty Kurtz, Matheus Oliveira, Leland Price

Elders Graham Beattie, David Hartle, Steve Hauser, David Kadue, Brooke Larson, Lou Moore, Connie Price, and Jann Williams

FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT

Faith, Search, & Support **are not meet today**—but they will resume **next Sunday, July 6**. Adult Bible Forum meets today as scheduled.

FAITH CONVERSATION ON IMMIGRATION WITH REV. HEIDI WORTHEN GAMBLE —*TODAY!*



Today 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. **This Faith Conversation will not be recorded.**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

REMINDER

The Westwood Presbyterian Church Office will be closed **this Friday, July 4, for Independence Day**. We will resume regular office hours **on Monday, July 7**.

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!

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!

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 this Tuesday**, 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, 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! Our fiscal year wraps up tomorrow, pledge statements will be mailed out next week. 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.

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!

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 if you would like to receive the Zoom link to join our thoughtful community of women readers!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE —*SUNDAY, JULY 27*



WPC is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive in Hoffman Hall on **Sunday, July 27 from 9:00am-3:00pm**. Healthy individuals continue to be needed to donate now to help patients counting on

lifesaving blood. The Red Cross is requesting that people who would like to donate make an appointment for a time slot. To make an appointment, please sign up online at westwoodpres.org.

NEW FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT STUDY: DOROTHEE SOELLE'S *THEOLOGY FOR SKEPTICS*



Join us **next Sunday**, as we begin a new Faith, Search, & Support series. We will 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.

Books are available for purchase after worship for \$15. Bring your curiosity, openness, and questions as we journey together!

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