

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

7/13 Ellen Caldwell
7/17 Alice Romano

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

7/19 Liza Hall (15)



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- + Amy Tan’s recovery following a fall early this month that fractured her arm.
- + Ralph Cato as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- + Pastor Mark S. Jones, Sr. and Romana, as Pastor Mark awaits surgery.
- + The Helm family on the death of Peter’s father, Harold H. Helm II, on Wednesday, July 8.

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 **St. John's 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. Jul. 12	WPC Worship Service— 7th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
Wed. Jul. 15	Women Reading	7:30pm
Sat. Jul. 18	New Pastor Meet & Greet in Hoffman Hall	2:00pm
Sun. Jul. 19	WPC Worship Service— Congregational Meeting	10:00am
Sun. Jul. 26	WPC Worship Service— Last Sunday with Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian	10:00am
	Farewell Reception in Hoffman Hall	11:15am

CONNECT WITH WPC!



New-ish to our church? Curious about ways to be involved? Please take a moment to fill out the “Connect” card in the pew rack – then return it to a pastor, the offering plate, or an usher. Let us know what you’d like to know more about, if you have a prayer request, if you’d like to receive WPC emails, and more. We are so very glad you’re here!

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
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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, JULY 12, 2026

WPC SOFTBALL TEAM —A GREAT SEASON ENDS!

Our WPC softball team concluded their regular season this week and had an amazing run! Though we didn’t make it to the championship game, we played well and, best of all, had a blast.
Way to go, Hatch Batch!



NEW PASTOR MEET & GREET



Next Sunday, July 19, congregation 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. Following worship, the congregation will meet to elect the candidate recommended by PNC to serve as our next Pastor and Head of Staff.

WPC will host a reception for the candidate and family in Hoffman Hall this Saturday, July 18, from 2:00-4:00pm to give everyone a chance to introduce themselves and to ask questions of the candidate and PNC members. All are welcome!

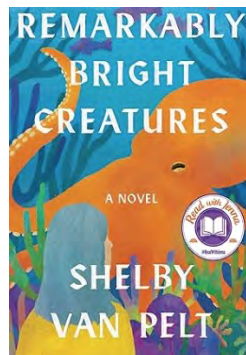
GETTING READY TO SAY GOODBYE TO PASTOR CHRIS & JOHN!



On Sunday, July 26, Rev. Dr. Chris Chakoian will have her final Sunday with us (she retires July 31). A farewell reception for Chris & John will be held in Hoffman Hall after worship that day. 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!

We also invite you to make a monetary gift to WPC in Chris' honor. She has requested that all donations go to the church, and gifts are tax deductible. We will seek Chris & John's input on how that gift will be used. Please give by cash or by check with "Pastor Chris & John Love Offering" on the memo line in worship, by mail. Use the QR code or go to westwoodpres.org/give to give online.

WOMEN READING —THIS WEDNESDAY!



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom this 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.

PRESBYTERY DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) —VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE



on the Side Porch or online by scanning the QR code below and select PDA.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to urgent humanitarian needs after Venezuela experienced back-to-back earthquakes on June 24. PDA coordinates an emergency response (shelter, hygiene items, water, and food) with local partners and the Latin America and Caribbean forum of ACT Alliance. Please support their on-the-ground work by donating today

MISSION & OUTREACH ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITY



During World Refugee Week this July, a WPC advocacy group (formed after our Doing Justice: Immigration course) joined fellow faith leaders in virtual meetings with Senators Adam Schiff and Alex Padilla. In partnership with World Relief, we spoke about ICE enforcement, refugee concerns, and the importance of foreign assistance, grounded in our shared biblical call to welcome the stranger and seek justice. We were grateful to voice our perspectives, and to better understand our senators' priorities, which included a letter from Senator Padilla to President Trump about the deep cuts to our refugee program.

In mid-August, we will continue this work through virtual advocacy days with *We Are All America*, an organization which partners with *Church World Service*, the *International Rescue Committee*, *CHIRLA*, and others on refugee and immigrant concerns. Learn more and register today on the Side Porch after worship or online using the link in the email version of News & Concerns—deadline July 15th.

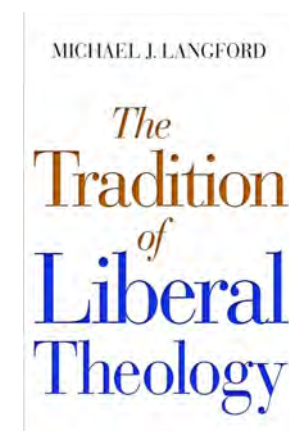
THERE IS STILL TIME TO PLEDGE TO WPC TODAY!



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!

NEW FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT STUDY!



Faith, Search, & Support begins a new study today, 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 on the Side Porch after worship for \$15.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS AND COFFEE FELLOWSHIP DEPEND ON YOUR PARTICIPATION.

SPONSOR THE CHANCEL FLOWERS



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 2026 sponsorship date on the Side Porch after worship today!

SPONSOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



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 2026 sponsorship date on the Side Porch after worship today!

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