

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

7/14 Ryan Wolfe  
7/17 Alice Romano  
7/19 Liza Hall



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Alisa Stewart whose mother, Kathleen O’Leary Facchini, died on July 10, in Henderson, NV.
- † Benjamin Alanis who is recovering at New Vista Post Acute Care Center, recovering from a fall.

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. Spitzer
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 **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. 13	WPC Worship Service— 5th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
Mon. Jul. 14	WPC Softball Game	7:15pm
Wed. Jul. 16	Women Reading	7:30pm
Sun. Jul. 20	WPC Worship Service— 6th Sunday after Pentecost Esperanza Back to School Drive Begins	10:00am
Mon. Jul. 21	WPC Softball Game	8:30pm
Sun. Jul. 27	WPC Worship Service— 7h Sunday after Pentecost American Red Cross Blood Drive	10:00am 9:00am
Sun. Aug. 3	WPC Worship Service— 8th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am

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NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

ESPERANZA BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE  
—SUNDAYS, JULY 20-AUG 3

It’s back-to-school time and Esperanza Elementary School needs our help with some supplies. We are looking for donations of these **new supplies**:

- Pencils with erasers, larger pencils (no erasers) for lower elementary, drawing or writing journals.
- Backpacks for small children—ages 3-6. No adult packs please.
- Socks—all children’s sizes.

If you would like to help, **Mission & Outreach will collect your donations on the Side Porch beginning Sunday, July 20, through Sunday, August 3.** The LAUSD school year begins August 14. Please help us support the Esperanza Elementary school kids and their families.





## WOMEN READING —*THIS WEDNESDAY!*



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom **this Wednesday, 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*, she 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!

## 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 donors are needed 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](https://www.westwoodpres.org). Donors receive a Fandango movie reward.

## PDA HELP FOR TEXAS HILL COUNTRY DISASTER



Early on July 4 the Guadalupe River in the Texas Hill Country rose 26 ft. in 45 min., killing over 100 moms, dads, sisters, brothers, and grandparents. The search for many more missing victims continues amid horrific devastation. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is on the ground providing relief and support through churches and camps within our Mission and three Presbyteries. Your

donation today helps PDA fulfill its mission “Out of Chaos, Hope.” **Donate today in worship, on the Side Porch, or by scanning the QR code.**

## YOU COUNT —AND YOUR PLEDGE MATTERS!



Thanks to everyone who has fulfilled their pledge for WPC's 2024-25 fiscal year. We are truly blessed by your generosity!

Large or small, every gift counts – your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Each person contributes in different ways – volunteering your time to great causes, sharing your leadership gifts on committees, and more. However you contribute, we hope you know that you count! There's a place for you in this community.

As our new fiscal year begins, it helps enormously to know what financial contributions everyone intends to make. If you have not yet submitted **your pledge for 2025-2026**, it's not too late.

To make your pledge, 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.

## 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!

## WPC SOFTBALL —*TOMORROW!*



Help cheer on our Hatch Batch softball team on **Monday evenings; next game will be tomorrow at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 7:15pm, Diamond #4**. It's a lot of fun and a great way to get to know people from WPC and other faith communities!

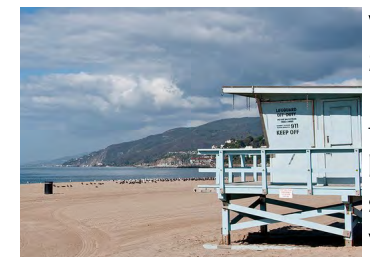
## MONDAY NIGHTERS —*AUGUST 11*



Join us as we celebrate the Hatch Batch softball team. On **Monday, August 11, at 6:00pm** we will celebrate at the Chakoian-Shustitzky home with hot dogs and cheers. Our summer Monday Nighter crowd is very proud of the players (and the cheerleaders too!). Bravo!

Sign ups on the Side Porch begin soon but **sign up online now at [westwoodpres.org](https://westwoodpres.org)** for our Monday Nighters celebration. Contact the church office at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org) or (310) 474-4535 for the address.

## FAMILY BEACH DAY —SUNDAY, AUG 17



WPC Families are invited to a Back-to-School Beach Day on **Sunday, August 17 from 10:00am-2:00pm**. Come fellowship and worship together at the beach! And if sand is not your thing, no sweat! **There will also still be regular worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00am.**

In sun and sea, song and scripture, let's have some relaxing fun, connect and honor the majesty of God's creation! All are welcome! We hope you can join us!

**Meet at Will Rogers Beach at 17700 Pacific Coast Highway (Parking Lots 1, 3 and 5) near lifeguard tower #6.** Bring a towel, swimsuit, picnic lunch, hats and your reusable water bottles!

## 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!

## Donate to WPC today

