

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

7/21 Bradley Paris
7/25 David Hartle
Scott Hartle

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

7/23 Rebe Hall (13)
Thomas Hall (13)



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Kim Labinger following the death of her father, Dr. Kenneth Dodgson, last Sunday.
- † Amy Tan 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. Spitser
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

COMING UP

Sun. Jul. 19	WPC Worship Service— Congregational Meeting	10:00am
Sun. Jul. 26	WPC Worship Service— Last Sunday with Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian Farewell Reception in Hoffman Hall	10:00am 11:15am
Sun. Aug. 2	WPC Worship Service— 10th Sunday after Pentecost Esperanza Back-to-School Drive Starts	10:00am
Sun. Aug. 9	WPC Worship Service— 11th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
Sun. Aug. 16	WPC Worship Service— 12th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
Wed. Aug. 19	Women Reading	7:30pm

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

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Abi Abanto, JJ Hickey, Nick Pelayo,
Vincent Purcell, and Levi Yin, AV Techs
Laurel Sanders, Organist
Dakota Hodge and Cole Hershon,
Sound & Lighting Engineers

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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 19, 2026

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING —*TODAY!*



Today following worship, a congregational meeting will be held to elect the candidate recommended by the PNC to serve as our next Pastor and Head of Staff. Paper ballots will be passed out to members.

GETTING READY TO SAY GOODBYE TO
PASTOR CHRIS & JOHN!



Next Sunday, 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.

PRESBYTERY DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) —VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE



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

ESPERANZA BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE —SUNDAYS, AUG 2, 9, & 16



WPC's support of Esperanza Elementary School continues! Their T-Ks, those beginning their educational journey, need new kid-sized backpacks (no adult sizes please) and socks of any size. In addition, Esperanza needs board games for recess. Life, Chutes & Ladders, "junior engineering" building items, checkers, and chess. Legos are also popular, even if they are loose Legos and not part of a set. The new Esperanza playground provides expansive lawn-spaces for activities. Donations for volleyball, badminton, or cornhole are also needed.

On Sundays August 2, 9, and 16 please bring your donations to church. Watch for the large box on the Side Porch both before and after church for drop-off. Help jumpstart the year for our Esperanza kids. Thank you!

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.



ADULT BIBLE FORUM

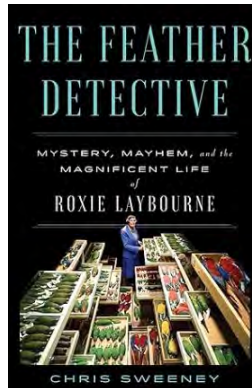
Adult Bible Forum (ABF) will not meet today or next Sunday. ABF will resume on Sunday, August 2.



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!

WOMEN READING —WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom on **Wednesday, August 19 at 7:30pm** to discuss the book *The Feather Detective: Mystery, Mayhem, and the Magnificent life of Roxie Laybourne* by journalist Chris Sweeney. It tells the story of the first forensic ornithologist, who unexpectedly started a new field of investigation when she received feathers from dead birds that flew into an airplane's engine and caused a crash.

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.

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!

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!



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica**. 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.

Donate to WPC today



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in the narthex



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