

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

7/27 Wesley Truitt
7/30 Kathleen Glynn
7/31 Jenny Farrell
Mundi Fomukong
Maeve Urban



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Pastor Mark S. Jones Sr. for the effectiveness of the spinal epidural he received on Monday. Pastor Mark sends immense thanks for all of your prayers, calls, cards, gifts of fruit, and your hopes for his return to active duty soon.
- † Kim Labinger following the death of her father, Dr. Kenneth Dodgson.
- † *Correction:* The Helm family on the death of Peter’s father, Harold H. Helm II, on Wednesday, July 1.

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



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **Santa Monica Taiwan 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. 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
Sun. Aug. 23	WPC Worship Service— 13th Sunday after Pentecost Ice Cream Social in Hoffman Hall	10:00am 11:15am

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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Anne Cioffi, Coordinator of Membership Ministries
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Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care
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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

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, JULY 26, 2026

FAREWELL
PASTOR CHRIS & JOHN!

Today is Rev. Dr. Chris Chakoian’s final Sunday with us (she retires July 31). we thank Pastor Chris for her service to the WPC community and send her into retirement with lots of love and prayers.

A farewell reception for Chris & John will be held in Hoffman Hall after worship.



We 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.

WELCOME REV. DR. MIKE MORGAN!



Last Sunday, July 19 Westwood Presbyterian Church members voted in an overwhelming majority to call WPC's next pastor! We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Mike Morgan to serve as WPC's new Pastor/Head of Staff starting September 28. His first Sunday will be October 4.

Summer worship will be led by Pastor Paula Mann, Jake Putich, and a number of guest preachers. Stay tuned for more information on Pastor Mike's first Sunday and welcome celebration.

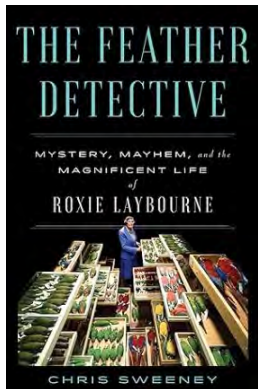
ESPERANZA BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE —SUNDAYS, AUG 2, 9, & 16



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!

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.

THANK YOU FOR 7 WONDERFUL YEARS, PASTOR CHRIS!



FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT (FSS) / ADULT BIBLE FORUM (ABF)



These groups will not meet today. FSS and ABF will resume next Sunday.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL—SUNDAY, AUGUST 23



Join us after worship in Hoffman Hall on Sunday, August 23 for an Ice Cream Social courtesy of Children & Family Ministries! It's a delicious time of fellowship and an important opportunity for our kids to model the teachings of Jesus as they serve others before themselves. If you know children who would like to volunteer, contact Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT —SEPTEMBER 25-27

Save the date! Our women's retreat is taking place on September 25-27 at Serra Retreat Center in Malibu. More information on registration starting next Sunday, August 2.

COVENANT OF DISSOLUTION



As Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian concludes her ministry with Westwood Presbyterian Church on July 31, the Session has entered into a Covenant of Dissolution with Pastor Chris and the Presbytery of the Pacific. This covenant is a common practice in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is intended to provide healthy boundaries that support both the departing pastor and the congregation during a leadership transition. The covenant encourages Chris to step away from pastoral and leadership responsibilities at Westwood while allowing space for the next pastor to build new relationships and lead the congregation. It also affirms the Session's commitment to honor these boundaries and to support the transition with care and clarity.

During this time of transition, we also ask members to honor the spirit of the covenant. While friendships with Chris may continue, we ask everyone to refrain from asking her to provide pastoral care, officiate at weddings or funerals, or become involved in matters concerning the life or direction of the congregation. These healthy boundaries allow both Chris and our congregation to move faithfully into the next chapter of ministry. We give thanks for Chris' faithful ministry among us and pray for God's blessing on both her future ministry and the future of Westwood Presbyterian Church.

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