


BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

| ADULT BIRTHDAYS | | CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS | |
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| 7/7 | Sheri Nelson | 7/7 | James Whelan (14) |
| 7/8 | Angela Kim | 7/9 | Maxwell Jetter San Gemino (16) |
| 7/10 | Lara Federoff | | |
| 7/13 | Adrienne Barr | | |
| | Ellen Caldwell | | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY




PRESBYTOPICS

Please join Pastor Mark in this prayer:

† Merciful God, we thank You that You are the God of deliverance and hope. In the midst of the chaos and division confronting the world You so love, we ask You to help us to release our anguish, bitterness, fears, hatred, and aggression, that we may have an unobstructed view of what it means to treat others the way we wish to be loved and treated. Please empower, lead, and mobilize us, along with all your people toward the peaceful and fulfilling life You created us to live.

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 **Culver City 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

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| 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 |
| Wed. Jul. 16 | Women Reading | 7:30pm |
| Sun. Jul. 20 | WPC Worship Service— 6th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00am |
| Sun. Jul. 27 | WPC Worship Service— 6th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00am |
| | American Red Cross Blood Drive | 9:00am |

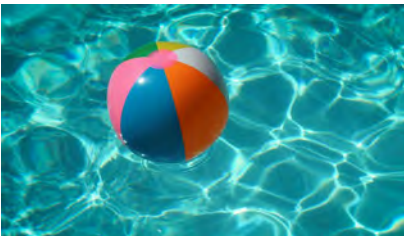
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NEWS & CONCERNS
SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

SUMMER AT WPC!



This summer, we could all use some refreshment and renewal – and by the grace of God, WPC can provide! Not only do our committees, boards, and choir get a break – we also savor opportunities to refuel us.

Worship – “Make a joyful noise to the Lord,” the Psalmist urges us. Join in worship every Sunday at 10:00am – in-person as you’re able, and if not, online. The Spirit keeps us together!

Connect – Visit with friends and newcomers on the side porch after worship, cheer on our softball team Monday nights, and mark your calendar for our August 11 “Monday Nighter”!

Grow – Sunday School for children and youth continues, and after worship, adults can join Faith, Search, & Support or Adult Bible Forum. There’s also Thursday morning Women’s Meditation, and our monthly Women Reading group.

Share – All of us have gifts that count! You can donate by mail, in person, or online at westwoodpres.org/give, and pledge for the 2025-26 fiscal year. On the 1st Sunday of the month, contribute to the Westside Food Bank and Wilshire Presbyterian Church Food Pantry – and watch for opportunities to support Esperanza Elementary School too.

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

NEW FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT STUDY: BEGINS TODAY!



Join us today 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 still available for purchase after worship for \$15. Bring your curiosity, openness, and questions as we journey together!

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. The Choir is now 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 team on **Monday evenings; next game will be tomorrow at Cheviot Hills Rec Center – at 8:30pm, Diamond #4**. It's a lot of fun and a great way to get to know people from WPC and other faith communities!

WPC MONTHLY HUNGER APPEAL —TODAY



Our support for those in need continues! **Every first Sunday of the month**, when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, our Hunger Offering helps those who are food insecure. Two mission partners benefit from your generosity: Westside Food Bank and Wilshire Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. **We encourage you to contribute online or on the Side Porch following worship today.**

Donate online by scanning the QR code below and **select Hunger** (for Westside Food Bank) **or Food Pantry** (for Wilshire PC Food Pantry). You can also write a check to Westwood Presbyterian Church (by mail or in the offering plate) with Hunger Offering or Food Pantry on 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!

Donate to WPC today

offering baskets in the narthex
 10822 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90024
 online at westwoodpres.org
 Scan our 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, 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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP AT WORK —THANK YOU FROM "DOOR OF HOPE"



In response to the horrific losses of the Palisades and Eaton fires, the WPC's Mission & Outreach contributed monies to the Door of Hope (DOH), a Christian non-profit organization located in Pasadena. DOH's aims to stop homelessness before it happens and helps at-risk families with financial

counseling, rental assistance, utility payments, and landlord remediation.

In a specific response to the Eaton fire, DOH provides transitional housing to affected families along with Housing Assistance and Disaster Case Management. DOH is so grateful for WPC's contribution and sends a big THANK YOU for funds that provide stable housing, job support, and childcare assistance for our brothers, sisters, and their kids left homeless by the devastation.