

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS		CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS	
8/16	Jura Adams Bailey Caryl Carothers Josiah Polhemus	8/18	Henry Daly (15)
8/17	Aidan Fedoroff Rev. Peggy Krong	8/19	Benjamin Flenner (17)
8/18	John Farrell, Jr.	8/20	Felix Daly (17)
8/19	Melissa Hunt Trikilis Anne Linstatter		
8/20	Nick Accordino Courtney Davis William Kim		
8/21	Kitty Sankey Celie Fischer		
8/22	Krishna Daly		

PRESBYTOPICS

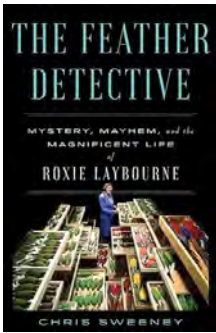
Our love and prayers are with—

- † Leland & Connie Price and their family following the death of Leland’s mother, Wilhelmina Rish Price, on Friday, August 7.
- † Jerry Condit who is recovering after a fall in which he suffered a broken hip.
- † Addy Olivier who was recently hospitalized after a fall in which she suffered a broken shoulder and facial injuries. Addy is recovering at Berkley East Healthcare Center.

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

WOMEN READING —THIS WEDNESDAY!



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom **this Wednesday at 7:30pm** to discuss the book *The Feather Detective: Mystery, Mayhem, and the Magnificent life of Roxie Laybourne* by journalist Chris Sweeney.

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.

COMING UP

Sun. Aug. 16	WPC Worship Service— 12th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
Wed. Aug. 19	Women Reading	7:30pm
Sat. Aug. 22	Charles West’s Memorial Service	2:00pm
Sun. Aug. 23	WPC Worship Service— 13th Sunday after Pentecost Ice Cream Social in Hoffman Hall	10:00am 11:15am
Sun. Aug. 30	American Red Cross Blood Drive In Hoffman Hall WPC Worship Service— 14th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am 10:00am
Sun. Sept. 6	WPC Worship Service— 15th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
Mon. Sept. 7	Labor Day/Church Office Closed	



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **Bel Air 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.

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS All the People	
PASTORAL Rev. Mark S. Jones Sr., Pastor of Mission, Outreach, and Pastoral Care Rev. Paula Mann, Executive Associate Pastor	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
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	SECTION LEADERS Elias Berezin and Emerson Boatwright, tenors Christina Borgioli and Devon Davidson, sopranos Emily Kerrigan, alto Matthew Lewis, bass
MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT Sarah Davis, Director of Operations Farrah Mikail, Financial Manager Linda Martinez, Administrative Assistant & Contributions Coordinator Javier Torres, Maintenance Lourdes Torres and Joshua Torres, Custodial	PRESCHOOL Tajmaya “Taj” Anders, Preschool Curriculum Specialist Brianna Naiman, Preschool Director



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

ICE CREAM SOCIAL—NEXT SUNDAY!

Join us after worship in Hoffman Hall next Sunday 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.



ESPERANZA BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE—*LAST DAY!*



WPC's support of Esperanza Elementary School continues! **Today and next Sunday, donations for the Back-to-School Drive will be accepted on the Side Porch before and after worship.** Please see the lists below of items needed this year!

T-Ks, those beginning their educational journey, need the following:

- new kid-sized backpacks (no adult sizes please)
- socks of any size.

Board games for recess:

- Life
- Chutes & Ladders
- Checkers
- Chess
- “junior engineering” building items
- Legos (loose Legos welcome even if they’re not part of a set.)

The new Esperanza playground provides expansive lawn-spaces for activities. Donations for volleyball, badminton, or cornhole are also needed. Help jumpstart the year for our Esperanza kids. And if you don't have time to shop, you can still contribute. **Please give by cash or check in worship today and add “Esperanza Back to School” to the memo line.**

ESPERANZA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLYARD COMPLETION!



Esperanza Elementary School invites WPC as they mark the completion of their new Green Schoolyard with a ribbon cutting ceremony **on Friday, August 28, from 8:30–10:30 a.m. at 680 Little Street in Los Angeles.** Parking is limited to street parking and refreshments will be provided during the program.

The transformed schoolyard replaces pavement with welcoming green spaces, trees, gardens, and areas for students to play, learn, and gather. Westwood Presbyterian Church is grateful for our ongoing partnership with Esperanza Elementary School and for the many organizations that have helped make this project possible.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE —*SUNDAY, AUGUST 30*



WPC is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive in **Hoffman Hall on Sunday, August 30 from 9:00am–2:00pm.** 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, sign up online at westwoodpres.org/updates or visit the table on the Side Porch.

WELCOME BACK PRESCHOOL FAMILIES!



The first day back at WPC Preschool is always so special. There's something magical about seeing the children's faces light up as they walk through our doors, ready for a new year of discovery.

As the year progresses, the amazing educators in each of our 4 classes develop curriculum based on the children's individual goals and interests. We can't wait to see what is in store!

If you have questions or want to learn more about the program or know someone who is interested in enrolling, please visit our website at wpcpreschool.com, and sign up for a tour.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING —*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13*



Join our brief congregational meeting **on Sunday, September 13 following worship.** We will receive the Annual Report, the 2026-2027 budget, and approve Terms of Call for Rev. Paula Mann. Our annual meeting is open to all (though only members may vote).

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!

HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK —*SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19*



Join us **Saturday, September 19 in downtown L.A. at Homeboy Industries' iconic Chinatown headquarters.** As prior run/walkers can attest, this is a great way for us to get outside, enjoy each other's company, and support a great cause. You can also enjoy the 1K Run & Kid's Zone activities, including music, food, and games.

Homeboy Industries was started by Fr. Greg Boyle in 1988 to answer the need for employment and educational opportunities among L.A.'s most disadvantaged youth. It has grown into the largest gang intervention, rehab, and re-entry program in the world.

Sign up online at westwoodpres.org/updates and be sure to join our **WPC team.** We meet at 8:00am in front of Homeboy Café and then get together afterwards at a local lunch spot.

Every dollar of your registration goes straight to Homeboy to support their global mission. We hope you'll join us!

WPC WOMEN'S RETREAT: *WOMEN AT THE RIVER* —*SEPTEMBER 25-27*



All women are warmly invited to attend our annual women's retreat—a weekend of spiritual seeking, fellowship and renewal. This year's theme, “Women at the River,” will explore the female archetypes and sacred callings found in Exodus 2, the story of Moses'

rescue by the Pharaoh's Daughter and the connections to our present-day lives. Our guest speaker is Marin Miller, Director of Children and Family Ministries at WPC, who is currently merging 25 years of professional storytelling and teaching artistry into her work as a religious educator while pursuing graduate studies at Claremont School of Theology. We hope you will join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please RSVP by **Sunday, September 13.** Register online today at westwoodpres.org/updates. Sign ups on the Side Porch begin at the end of August. **Scholarships are available.**

Donate to WPC today

