


BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS		CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS	
8/18	John Farrell Jr.	8/18	Henry Daly (14)
8/19	Melissa Hunt Trikilis	8/19	Benjamin Flenner (16)
	Anne Linstatter	8/20	Felix Daly (16)
8/20	Nick Accordino		
	Courtney Davis		
	William Kim		
	Kitty Sankey		
8/21	Celie Fischer		
8/22	Krishna Daly		

PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- + Christina Borgioli, our Soprano Section Leader, whose father, Richard Borgioli, died on Monday, August 11, after an extended battle with Alzheimer’s Dementia. A celebration of life for both of Christina’s parents will be held at a later date.
- + Graham Beattie, whose mother, Rosemary, died on Sunday, August 10.
- + The family of Benjamin Alanis who died on Friday, August 15.

Our prayers continue for those of our faith family
in need of God’s healing touch:

Rubina Andonian	Eva Hrachovec	Rita Ries
Polly Berger	Ian Hrachovec	Linda S. Spitser
Susan Chapman	Nancy Immel	Kuki Sullam
Aiden Cohen Davis	Mark S. Jones Sr.	Amy Tan
Christopher Davis	Nina Louie	Ron Tranquilla
Earl Ellis	Queen Esther Rankins	Wes Truitt



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.

COMING UP

Sun. Aug. 17	WPC Worship Service— 10th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
	Family Beach Day	10:00am-2:00pm
Wed. Aug. 20	Women Reading	7:30pm
Sat. Aug. 23	Habitat ReBUILD Gathering	2:00pm
Sun. Aug. 24	WPC Worship Service— WPC Chancel Choir Returns	10:00am
	Ice Cream Social	11:00am
	Church Directory Photo and Update Day	
Sun. Aug. 31	WPC Worship Service— 12th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
	Church Directory Photo and Update Day	11:00am

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NEWS & CONCERNS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

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 will be a great time to enjoy some summertime treats with friends, and it's an important opportunity for our kids to model Jesus's teachings by serving others before themselves. If you know kids who would like to volunteer, contact Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.



FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT
—IMPORTANT REMINDER

Faith, Search, & Support will meet today in Hoffman Hall.

FAMILY BEACH DAY —*TODAY!*



WPC Families are having a Back-to-School Beach Day **today until 2:00pm**. If you would like to meet them after worship, families will be 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!

HABITAT REBUILD GATHERING —*THIS SATURDAY!*



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles will be hosting a wildfire relief information gathering for local congregations **this Saturday, from 2:00pm-4:00pm, in Hoffman Hall**. Attendees will have the chance to learn more about Habitat LA's mission, with a focus on the multiyear Habitat ReBUILD

LA initiative they launched following January's devastating wildfires. Come and learn more about how you can be involved in Habitat's ReBUILD efforts through volunteering, outreach, supporting families in need, and through a special matching fundraising opportunity. No RSVP needed; just come to learn and find out how you can get involved! Spread the word.

WPC CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO AND UPDATE DAY —*SUNDAYS AUGUST 24, 31, AND SEPTEMBER 7*



Can you believe it's been ten years since we last updated our church directory, including photos and contact information? Volunteers and staff will be **in Hoffman Hall on Sundays August 24, 31 and September 7 after worship** to assist you with providing updated contact information (including emergency contacts).

You will have the opportunity to have a new photo taken for the online church directory! If you participate on August 24, your photo will qualify to be "touched up" by an experienced photographer! Please contact Sarah Davis at sdavis@westwoodpres.org with any questions.

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MONDAY NIGHTERS

Pastor Chris and John Shustitzky hosted a lively gathering this week for 58 WPC guests celebrating the Hatch Batch softball team's great season. Congratulations to all the players who came on Monday night: Dale Larson, Stephen Dawson, Gabby Esunge, Matt Hardin, Brett Whelan, David Hartle, Eric Williamson, Brooke Larson, and Kelly Sheridan. What a special evening full of yummy food and drinks and tons of hot dogs for all. Thanks to all who attended and especially to the Membership & Fellowship Committee for planning and to the evening's MVPs who appeared like angels to help clean up: Janet Bishop, Sandy Kramer and Elizabeth Hedman.



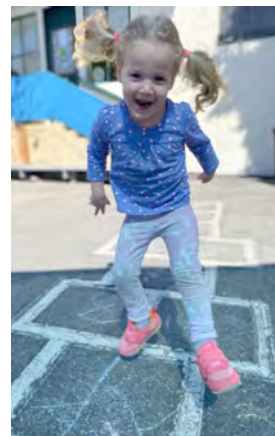
FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT NEW STUDY —*BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21*



Starting **Sunday, September 21**, our Faith, Search & Support class will dive into *Blessed One: Protestant Perspectives on Mary*, an engaging collection of essays edited by Beverly Roberts Gaventa and Cynthia L. Rigby. This study invites us to revisit the figure of Mary not as a distant icon, but as a vibrant theological presence whose witness speaks powerfully into questions of faith, discipleship, and embodiment.

Books are available for purchase on the Side Porch for \$20. All are warmly welcome to join the conversation. Come with curiosity and an open heart!

WELCOME BACK PRESCHOOL FAMILIES



The sounds of laughter and exuberance fill our school as the new year begins! The children are getting acquainted with each other, their new routines, their teachers, classrooms, and play yards.

As the weeks continue, our amazing educators will be developing curriculum based on the children's individual goals and interests.

If you want to learn more about WPC Preschool or know someone who is interested in enrolling, please visit our website wpcpreschool.com, and sign up for a tour. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our Preschool Director, Bri Naiman, or Marin

Miller, our Director of Children & Family Ministries!

HOMEcoming —*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7*



WPC HOMEcoming



Save the date to celebrate our annual **Homecoming on Sunday, September 7**. Join us for games, lunch, and fellowship as we kick off the new program year. More details coming soon. Stay tuned!

ESPERANZA EARTH CARE PROJECT



WPC's Earth Care team, a pod within our Mission & Outreach Committee, supports the Trust for Public Land's goal to have 28 green schoolyards in development by 2028, just in time for the 2028 Olympics (Program 28x28). Trust for Public Land and LA Neighborhood Land Trust are working together to reimagine Esperanza Elementary

School's outdoor spaces, a project that is a high priority for both organizations, and construction started at the end of July!

WPC's contribution to the Esperanza project will go primarily toward the purchase of more mature trees. This means more shade, and less hot asphalt for the kids, families, and the community. When the 28 playgrounds are completed, 260,000 people will have quality green spaces (within a 10-minute walk in their neighborhood) and lower temperatures on the playgrounds by 20 degrees. Earth Care at work is God's Work!

WOMEN'S RETREAT —*OCTOBER 3-5*



Save the date! Our annual **WPC Women's Retreat at the beloved Serra Retreat Center in Malibu is on October 3-5**. Like Jesus models for us, we will go up the mountain to pray. Join us for a soul-nourishing weekend of meditation, small-group sessions, engaging activities, joyful fellowship, and restoration as we

deepen our connections to Spirit, sisters, and self. **Sign-ups begin on the Side Porch next Sunday**, and scholarships will be made available to help ensure that cost is not a preventative factor to any woman wanting to attend. More details to follow. Reach out to Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org with questions.