

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

8/2 Jeanne Faoro
8/5 Brett Whelan
8/6 Penny Tranquilla



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Paloma Kimura’s birth grandmother, Barbara Cronn, who had a stroke last week and is now on hospice.
- † Pastor Mark S. Jones Sr. for the effectiveness of the spinal epidural he received last week. 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.

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

Rubina Andonian	Ian Hrachovec	Linda S. Spitsner
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 **Pacific Palisades 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. 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
Sun. Aug. 30	American Red Cross Blood Drive In Hoffman Hall WPC Worship Service— 14th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am 10:00am

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

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

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

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

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
Brianne Naiman, Preschool Director
Heidi Rudd, Preschool Office Manager



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

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



WPC’s support of Esperanza Elementary School continues! Starting today and Sundays August 9 and 16 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!

Their 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 are 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. Thank you!

WPC MONTHLY HUNGER APPEAL —*TODAY*

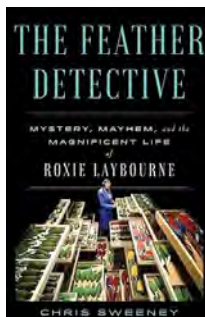


Today as we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we will take our Hunger Offering to help those who are food insecure. Two mission partners benefit from your generosity: Westside Food Bank and Wilshire Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. We encourage you to contribute:

- **Donate in person on the Side Porch today after worship.**
- **Donate online** by scanning the QR code below and **select Hunger** (for Westside Food Bank) or **Food Pantry** (for Wilshire PC Food Pantry).
- **Donate by check** to Westwood Presbyterian Church with "Hunger Offering" or "Food Pantry" on the memo line.

Check out the new Mission & Outreach Calendar on the Side Porch today and sign up for volunteer opportunities in the coming months.

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.

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.

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.

REV. DR. MIKE MORGAN—*STARTS SEPTEMBER 28*



On 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.

FAREWELL NOTE FROM PASTOR CHRIS & JOHN!

Dear WPC family,

It has been such a joy to be part of this beloved community for the last seven years. Thank you for sharing your faithfulness, honesty, justice, joy, and sorrows along the way. Through all it all, we have cherished our time with you. Last Sunday's amazing send-off touched our hearts beyond measure. Thanks to everyone who made it happen.

Our prayers continue with you in all your days ahead!

Love,

Chris Chakoian and John Shustitzky



HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES ANNUAL 5KRUN/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



offering baskets
in the narthex



10822 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90024



online at
westwoodpres.org



Scan our
QR code