

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

8/29 Bonnie Stewart
8/31 Martha Ho
Heidi Shirley
Kuki Sullam
9/2 Amy Tan
9/3 Rebekah VanderStoep

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

8/28 Liora Putich (11)



PRESBYTOPICS

- Our love and prayers are with—
- † Lisa Myers following the death of her husband, Bryant Myers, on Saturday, August 15.
 - † Jerry Condit who is now recovering from hip surgery at Berkley Post Acute Skilled Nursing Facility.
 - † Leland & Connie Price and their family following the death of Leland’s mother, Wilhelmina Rish Price, on Friday, August 7.

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

PACIFIC PRESBYTERY’S FLAME OF UNITY



Today WPC has Pacific Presbytery’s Flame of Unity, which travels to a different congregation in our Presbytery each week. The Flame, in the shape of the seal of the Presbyterian Church (USA), signifies the connectional nature of our denomination when other churches in the Presbytery pray specifically for the church hosting the Flame. Pacific Presbytery has 53 congregations in Southern California and Hawaii.

COMING UP

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	
Sun. Sept. 13	WPC Worship Service— 16th Sunday after Pentecost Congregational Meeting	10:00am 11:00am
Sat. Sept. 19	Homeboy Annual 5K Run/Walk	8:00am

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	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 Brianne Naiman, Preschool Director



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

OUR BULLETIN HAS A NEW LOOK!



You may notice that our Worship Bulletin looks a bit different! With the retirement of some of our longtime software this fall, we took the opportunity to give the bulletin a fresh look.

Order of Worship

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Our new design is cleaner and simpler while still providing everything you need to follow and participate in worship. We hope you find it welcoming and easy to use.

And we’re not finished yet! Stay tuned for a refreshed look for News & Concerns coming soon.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
—NEXT SUNDAY!



WPC is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive in Hoffman Hall next 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 outside Hoffman Hall today.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL—*TODAY!*



Come cool off after worship and join us in Hoffman Hall for an Ice Cream Social hosted by Children & Family Ministries! Enjoy a delicious time of fellowship while our kids put the teachings of Jesus into practice by serving others before themselves. See you there!

WPC'S CHANCEL CHOIR IS BACK —*TODAY*



WPC Chancel Choir returns to worship today, and regular rehearsals began **Thursday at 7:30pm**. If you've been interested in the possibility of joining the choir, now is a great time to try it on for size! For more information, please contact our Dan Redfeld, Director of Music, at dredfeld@westwoodpres.org. We're looking forward to a wonderful fall and Advent season!

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.

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).

HIRING IN THE WPC NURSERY & SUNDAY SCHOOL



We are looking for one or two more experienced childcare providers to join the team in our thriving Nursery and Sunday School! Know someone who would be wonderful? Encourage them to check out the full job description apply! Resumes and cover letters may be sent to WPC Director of Children & Family Ministries, Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

CONNECT WITH WPC!



New-ish to our church? Curious about ways to be involved? Please take a moment to fill out the "Connect" card in the pew rack – then return it to a pastor, the offering plate, or an usher. Let us know what you'd like to know more about, if you have a prayer request, if you'd like to receive WPC emails, and more. We are so very glad you're here!

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 next Sunday. Scholarships are available.

Donate to WPC today

