


BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS		CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS	
8/29	Bonnie Stewart	8/28	Liora Putich (10)
8/30	Eric Barr		Flynn Stebner (17)
8/31	Martha Ho		
	Heidi Shirley		
	Kuki Sullam		

PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- + Steve Hauser who suffered a stroke on Saturday and is now recovering at home. Steve is doing well and is being cared for by his wife Michele.
- + Marilyn Robertson’s daughter, Jocelyn, as she recovers from surgery for cancer.
- + The family of Benjamin Alanis who died on Friday, August 15.

The Memorial Service will on Friday, September 5, at 11:00am at Westwood Presbyterian Church.

- + Christina Borgioli, our Soprano Section Leader, whose father, Richard Borgioli, died on Monday, August 11.
- + Graham Beattie, whose mother, Rosemary, died on Sunday, August 10.

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

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. 24	WPC Worship Service— WPC Chancel Choir Returns Ice Cream Social Church Directory Photo and Update Day	10:00am 11:00am
Sun. Aug. 31	WPC Worship Service— 12th Sunday after Pentecost Church Directory Photo and Update Day	10:00am 11:00am
Mon. Sept. 1	Labor Day / Church Office Closed	
Sun. Sept. 7	WPC Worship Service— Congregational Meeting Homecoming Church Directory Photo and Update Last Day	10:00am 11:00am
Sun. Sept. 14	WPC Worship Service— 14th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am

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NEWS & CONCERNS  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

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



Help us update our church directory, including photos and contact information! Volunteers and staff will be in Hoffman Hall today and the next couple of Sundays 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 today, your photo will qualify to be "touched up" by an experienced photographer! Please contact Sarah Davis at [sdavis@westwoodpres.org](mailto:sdavis@westwoodpres.org) with any questions.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL —TODAY!



Join us after worship in Hoffman Hall today 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.

FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT—IMPORTANT REMINDER

Faith, Search, & Support will begin meeting today in the Bride’s Room located in the Narthex.



## WPC'S CHOIR IS BACK —*TODAY*



The choir returns to worship today, and regular rehearsals begin **this Thursday, August 28, 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! Please contact our Director of Music, Dan Redfeld at [dredfeld@westwoodpres.org](mailto:dredfeld@westwoodpres.org) if you're interested. We're looking forward to a wonderful fall and Advent season!

## MUSIC @ST. MARY'S PRESENTS: LAUREL SANDERS—*TODAY*



Join our very own organist, Laurel Sanders, as she performs **today at St. Mary of the Angels Church, Hollywood at 4:00pm**. Laurel will perform works by Bach, Benoit, Boellmann, Pinkham, Sanders, and Woldford. Suggested ticket donation is \$20 (\$10 with student ID). The address is 4510 Finley Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90027 and free parking is available behind the church at 1965 Hillhurst Ave.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING —*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7*



Join us for our brief annual meeting of the congregation **on Sunday, September 7 following the 10:00am worship service**. All WPC members are asked to be present – and if you can only attend online, you can participate through live chat on our YouTube page. And even though non-members cannot vote, they are encouraged to attend! The meeting will focus on: the 2024-2025 Annual Report; update on the building project; reception of the 2024-2025 budget adopted by the Session; approval of terms of call for Rev. Paula Mann and Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian.

## HOMEcoming —*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7*



WPC HOMEcoming



be lots of fun for children, too, including a water slide!

**Celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, September 7!** Our gathering begins with worship at 10:00am, followed by our brief congregational meeting. Then stay for lunch, games, and fellowship as we kick off the new program year. There will

## FAMILY BEACH DAY!

What a beautiful day our families shared this past Sunday. Sweet people, salty breeze, and Spirit—what can be better?



## WOMEN'S RETREAT —*OCTOBER 3-5*



All women are invited to our annual **Women's Retreat at Serra Retreat Center in Malibu October 3-5**. Join us for a weekend of friendship and centering in Spirit as we explore deeper connection through both community and solitude.

This year's retreat theme is "Breathe. Belong. Build hope." Our featured speaker- the Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble, Mission Catalyst for the Pacific Presbytery- will draw from her experience leading justice and relief efforts as well as retreats, guiding us in the ways of creating and sustaining hope and giving us tools for tending our own flames as women called to a life of compassionate service. We hope to share this wonderful weekend of renewal with you.

To register online go to [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) or sign up in Hoffman Hall after worship. Scholarships are available to ensure that no one is left out. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the retreat, contact Marin Miller at [mmiller@westwoodpres.org](mailto:mmiller@westwoodpres.org).

## Donate to WPC today



## CELEBRATING ESPERANZA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND WPC



As we celebrate WPC's deepening connection with Esperanza, it's fitting that we shine a light on how it all began. Benjamin Alanis, a longtime, beloved member of WPC, had the foresight to see that WPC and Esperanza Elementary School had similar goals for community involvement, and both could become even stronger through this engagement. (As noted in Presbyterics, we will be honoring Ben's life in a **Memorial Service on September 5**.)

Brad Rumble, the esteemed principal of Esperanza Elementary School, and close friend of Ben for many years, shared that "Ben devoted his career in service to the students and families as a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District... He recognized the importance of community involvement the lives of children: children need to feel a sense of belonging at school and in the wider community as well."

## HOMEBOY 5K —*SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20*



Join us on **Saturday, September 20**, along with 5,000+ runners, walkers, volunteers, and families for our 16th Annual Homeboy 5K Run/Walk through historic Downtown Los Angeles! We'll begin the morning filled with energetic vibes, joy and laughter outside our Chinatown headquarters at 130 W Bruno Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. We will end with a street celebration featuring

artists, partners and vendors from across the city.

We are humbled and excited to celebrate community and wellness. Your partnership with the Homeboy 5K Run/Walk supports the work of Homeboy to continue our mission to provide training and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated people, allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of our community. You can register online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org).

## 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 in Hoffman Hall for \$20.** All are warmly welcome to join the conversation. Come with curiosity and an open heart!