

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

- 8/5 Bret Whelan
- 8/6 Benjamin Alanis
- Penny Tranquilla
- 8/10 Stephan Ceci



PRESBYTOPICS

- Our love and prayers are with—
- + Pastor Paula Mann and her family as they celebrate the life of her father, Bill Mann, who passed away earlier this year.
  - + Gabby Esunge & Christiane Hogbonouto on the occasion of their marriage on Monday, July 21.

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

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



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be with the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church. We continue to pray for their congregation as they worship now in the Brentwood Presbyterian Church building. 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

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| Sun. Aug. 3  | WPC Worship Service—<br>8th Sunday after Pentecost  | 10:00am        |
| Sun. Aug. 10 | WPC Worship Service—<br>9th Sunday after Pentecost  | 10:00am        |
| Mon. Aug. 11 | Monday Nighters                                     | 6:00pm         |
| Sun. Aug. 17 | WPC Worship Service—<br>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—<br>11th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00am        |
|              | Ice Cream Social                                    | 11:00am        |

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NEWS & CONCERNS  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

WPC VISITOR WELCOME TABLE —*TODAY!*

New to WPC? Interested in learning more? Check out the new “welcome table” on the Side Porch in our fellowship time following worship. Materials about our church and our faith will be available. Membership & Fellowship Committee members and staff are available for questions - and all our members are encouraged to welcome visitors and invite them to the table!



FAITH, SEARCH, & SUPPORT  
—*IMPORTANT REMINDER*

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



## ESPERANZA BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE —*TODAY*



It's back-to-school time and Esperanza Elementary School needs our help with some supplies. We are looking for donations of these **new items**:

- ◆ Pencils with erasers, larger pencils (no erasers) for lower elementary.
- ◆ Drawing or writing journals.
- ◆ Backpacks for small children—ages 3-6. No adult packs please.
- ◆ Socks—all children's sizes.

If you would like to help, today is the last day **Mission & Outreach** are collecting **new items as well as cash, check, and credit card donations on the Side Porch**. The LAUSD school year begins August 14, so please help us support the Esperanza Elementary school kids and their families.

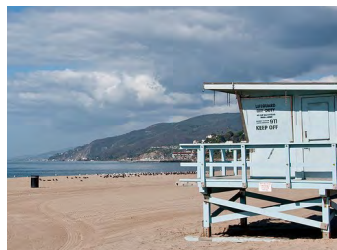
## MONDAY NIGHTERS —*AUGUST 11*



Join us as we celebrate the Hatch Batch softball team. On Monday, **August 11, at 6:00pm** we will gather at the Chakoian-Shustitzky home for hot dogs and cheers. Our team made it to the play-offs and our summer Monday Nighter crowd is very proud of the players (and the cheerleaders too!).

**Sign up online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org) or on the Side Porch today** and let us know what you would like to bring to share. Hotdogs (including vegan), buns, and condiments will be provided. Contact the church office at (310) 474-4535 or [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org) to get the address and more info.

## FAMILY BEACH DAY —*SUNDAY, AUG 17*



WPC Families are invited to a Back- to-School Beach Day **on Sunday, August 17 from 10:00am-2:00pm**. Come fellowship and worship together at the beach! And if sand is not your thing, no sweat! **There will also still be regular worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00am.**

In sun and sea, song and scripture, let's have some relaxing fun, connect and honor the majesty of God's creation! All are welcome! We hope you can join us!

**Meet 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!

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## WPC MONTHLY HUNGER APPEAL —*TODAY*



Our support for those in need continues! **Every first Sunday of the month**, when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, our Hunger Offering helps 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 online or on the Side Porch following worship today.**

**Donate online** by scanning the QR code below and **select Hunger** (for Westside Food Bank) **or Food Pantry** (for Wilshire PC Food Pantry). You can also write a check to Westwood Presbyterian Church (by mail or in the offering plate) with Hunger Offering or Food Pantry on the memo line.

## HABITAT REBUILD GATHERING —*SATURDAY, AUGUST 23*



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles will be hosting a wildfire relief information gathering for local congregations **on Saturday, August 23 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!

## REMEMBER THE BEES?

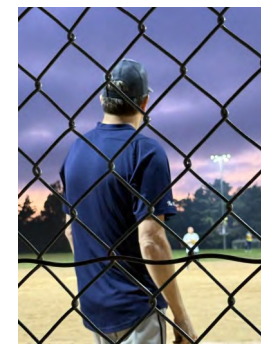


During this past Lenten season the Children & Family Ministries and Mission & Outreach's Earth Care team linked up to send a portion of our One Great Hour of Sharing contributions to the Presbyterian Hunger Self-Development Fund. This program includes beekeeping as one of its sustainable ministries. These bee-designated funds found their way around the globe to countries in Central America and Africa. The picture to the left is a **Somalian farmer** who learned climate-smart farming techniques and beekeeping with Kaalmo Relief and Development (a partner with PCU-SA). Hive management and honey production have generated new sources of income to meet basic needs. So let's remember those bees and thank God for all of creation!

## WPC UPDATED THE GATE AND DOOR KEY CODES

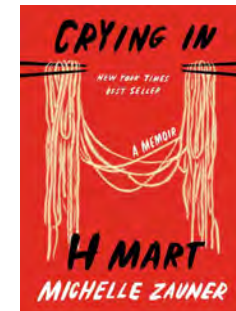
WPC continues to work diligently to keep our campus secure. Per the advice of our helpful security consultant, we have updated our gate and door codes for the new program year. The codes to parking lot gates, the door to Hoffman Hall, the pedestrian gate to the classroom breezeway, and the back door to the Church Office have all been changed. **If you are an elder or deacon, or if you volunteer and arrive before staff, please contact our Director of Operations, Sarah Davis at [sdavis@westwoodpres.org](mailto:sdavis@westwoodpres.org) to obtain the new codes.**

## WPC SOFTBALL TEAM —*JOB WELL DONE!*



Our WPC softball team made it to the playoffs in the interfaith league! Though we didn't make it to the championship game, we played well and, best of all, had a blast. **Way to go, Hatch Batch! Join us at the August 11 Monday Nighter to celebrate!**

## WOMEN READING —*WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20*



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom **on Wednesday, August 20 at 7:30pm** to discuss a memoir titled *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. In this exquisite story of family, food, grief, and endurance, Michelle Zauner proves herself far more than a dazzling singer, songwriter, and guitarist. Vivacious and plainspoken, lyrical and honest, Zauner's voice is radiant. This memoir is rich with intimate anecdotes that will resonate widely.

Newcomers are always welcome—contact the church at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org) if you would like to receive the Zoom link to join our thoughtful community of women readers!

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL —*SUNDAY, AUGUST 24*



Join us after worship **in Hoffman Hall on Sunday, August 24**, 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](mailto:mmiller@westwoodpres.org).

## 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](mailto:sdavis@westwoodpres.org) with any questions.