

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS		CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS
9/6	Marc Labinger Madeleine McDowell	9/10 Micah Farrell (10)
9/7	DeAnne Crossley Adam Sohigian	
9/8	Griffin Deary William Bryant Pierrepont	
9/10	Katherine Sohigian	
9/11	Golshid Eslami	
9/12	Farrah Mikail	

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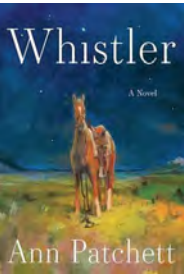
Our love and prayers are with—

- † 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.

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

Rubina Andonian	Ian Hrachovec	Linda S. Spitser
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

WOMEN READING —WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16



Women Reading invites you to join us via Zoom on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30pm to discuss Ann Patchett’s latest novel *Whistler*. This novel is a story about two adults looking back over the choices they made, and the choices that were made for them. It’s a story about bravery, memory, the often small yet consequential moments that define our lives, and the endless stream of loss that in time comes for us all.

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.

COMING UP

Sun. Aug. 30	American Red Cross Blood Drive In Hoffman Hall	9:00am
	WPC Worship Service— 14th Sunday after Pentecost	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	10:00am
	Congregational Meeting	11:00am
Sat. Sept. 19	Homeboy Annual 5K Run/Walk	8:00am



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **University 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.

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NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026



REGISTER FOR THE WPC WOMEN’S RETREAT
—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 & 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.

Sign ups on the Side Porch begin today! Please RSVP by Sunday, September 13. You may also register online at westwoodpres.org/updates. Scholarships are available.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE —TODAY IN HOFFMAN HALL UNTIL 2:00PM!



WPC is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive in Hoffman Hall today until 2:00pm. Healthy donors are needed to help patients counting on lifesaving blood. You can still stop by to donate blood without an appointment. All donors will receive a \$20 Amazon e-gift card via email!

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.

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!

OUTREACH TO OUR UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS —THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24



Join us on Thursday, September 24, 5:00pm-8:00pm as the Little Tokyo Business Association and the Little Tokyo Legacy Foundation hosts a downtown party for unhoused children and their parents. In conjunction with Worthy of Love-LA children from two Union Rescue

Mission facilities, Salvation Army's Westwood Transitional Village, Hope Gardens in Sun Valley and Inglewood are invited to enjoy an evening of music and fun. If interested in attending and helping please see Kitty Sankey or visit the table on the Side Porch for information.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Last Sunday's Ice Cream Social was yummy, sweet, and good for the soul! Thank you, children, for serving us so well!



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 and apply online at westwoodpres.org/updates! Resumes and cover letters may be sent to WPC Director of Children & Family Ministries, Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org.

ESPERANZA BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE!

Students received much needed supplies for the new school year thanks to the support and donations for the Esperanza Back-to-School Drive! Thank you WPC for your continued outstanding support and contributions!



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!

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).

NEW LOOK FOR OUR NEWS & CONCERNS —STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Starting Sunday, September 13, we're introducing a new way to keep everyone informed. Our weekly News & Concerns will become a monthly newsletter, along with a shortened weekly News & Concerns to keep you updated throughout the month.

This change is needed because the software we currently use is being retired. As we transition to a new format, we want to keep communication consistent, organized, and easy to follow. The monthly newsletter will feature important news, updates, and photos, while the weekly News & Concerns will share timely announcements, reminders, prayers, and celebrations within our WPC community. Our email News & Concerns will continue unchanged.

We're excited to unveil our new designs in just two weeks!

OUR BULLETIN HAS A NEW LOOK!



Order of Worship

You may notice that our Worship Bulletin looks a bit different! Last Sunday, we launched our new design for the bulletin and received positive feedback. 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.

JOIN WPC'S CHANCEL CHOIR!



WPC Chancel Choir returned to worship last Sunday and regular rehearsals are **Thursdays 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.

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