

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

- 8/10 Stephan Ceci
- 8/13 Derek Edward Schloss
- 8/14 Breen Frazier
- David Kadue
- Laurel Sanders



PRESBYTOPICS

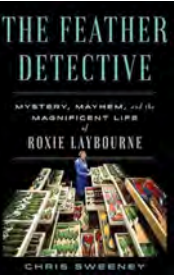
Our love and prayers are with—

- † Jerry Condit who is hospitalized after a fall in which he suffered a broken hip.
- † Addy Olivier who was recently hospitalized after a fall in which she suffered a broken shoulder and facial injuries. Addy is recovering at Berkley East Healthcare Center.
- † 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 recently. 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:

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| 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, 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](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org).

COMING UP

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|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Sun. Aug. 9  | WPC Worship Service—<br>11th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00am |
| Sun. Aug. 16 | WPC Worship Service—<br>12th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00am |
| Wed. Aug. 19 | Women Reading                                       | 7:30pm  |
| Sun. Aug. 23 | WPC Worship Service—<br>13th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00am |
|              | Ice Cream Social in Hoffman Hall                    | 11:15am |
| Sun. Aug. 30 | American Red Cross Blood Drive<br>In Hoffman Hall   | 9:00am  |
|              | WPC Worship Service—<br>14th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00am |
| Sun. Sept. 6 | WPC Worship Service—<br>15th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00am |



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at Brentwood 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.

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  
Brienne Naiman, Preschool Director



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

WELCOME BACK PRESCHOOL FAMILIES!



The first day back at WPC Preschool is always so special. There's something magical about seeing the children's faces light up as they walk through our doors, ready for a new year of discovery.

In the first few weeks, children focus on learning routines, getting into school mode, and building relationships with their classmates and teachers.

As the year progresses, the amazing educators in each of our 4 classes develop curriculum based on the children's individual goals and interests. We can't wait to see what is in store!

If you have questions or want to learn more about the program or know someone who is interested in enrolling, please visit our website at [wpcpreschool.com](http://wpcpreschool.com), and sign up for a tour.



## ESPERANZA BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE —TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY!



WPC's support of Esperanza Elementary School continues! Today and next Sunday 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!

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 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!

## 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](mailto: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](http://westwoodpres.org/updates) or visit the table on the Side Porch.

## REV. DR. MIKE MORGAN'S FIRST SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 4



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.

**CONNECT**  
We are so glad that you are here!  
Please take a moment to fill out this card and return it to the office or table.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY  
☐ Praying for you  
☐ Welcome to the church

## 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](http://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](http://westwoodpres.org/updates). Sign ups on the Side Porch begin at the end of August. Scholarships are available.

## Donate to WPC today

