

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

3/18 Mary Ries  
3/19 Polly Berger  
Jonathan Reinert  
3/20 Marilyn McDaniel  
3/23 Jon Rinquist  
Joe Quattrone

3/22 Wyatt Murray (4)



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Jack Crossley’s family as they prepare for Memorial Service on Saturday, April 13 at 2:00pm at Westwood Presbyterian Church. Reception to follow in Hoffman Hall. This service will also be Livestreamed on our Youtube channel.
- † Steve Kimura as he continues a rigorous treatment regimen and for his wife Laura Scott & daughter Paloma.

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

Benjamin Alanis	Christopher Davis	Queen Esther Rankins
Rubina Andonian	Earl Ellis	Rita Ries
Polly Berger	Eva Hrachovec	Linda S. Spitser
Joshua Camberlan	Ian Hrachovec	Kuki Sullam
Susan Chapman	Ken Jonaitis	Amy Tan
Aiden Cohen Davis	Steve Kimura	Ron Tranquilla
	Nina Louie	Louise Wilson



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at St. Luke’s/Faith 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.

COMING UP

Sun. March 17	Marathon Sunday— No Worship Service	
	Copland, Rutter, Williams! Concert	7:30pm
Wed. March 20	Women Reading	7:30pm
Thurs. March 21	Ember	7:00pm
Sun. March 24	WPC Worship Service— Palm/Passion Sunday	10:00am
	Monthly Food Drive	11:00am
Thurs. March 28	Maundy Thursday Supper and Worship	6:30pm
Fri. March 29	Good Friday Vespers	7:00pm
Sat. March 30	Easter Cross Decorating	10:00am
	Easter Egg Hunt	11:30am
Sun. March 31	EASTER SUNDAY AT WPC	
	Easter Sunrise Communion Service	7:00am
	Easter Sunday Services	9:00 & 11:00am

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NEWS & CONCERNS  
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

HOLY WEEK AT WPC

Join us for the whole of Holy Week as we prepare for Easter’s joy!  
Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24 – 10:00am  
In the Sanctuary

With palms in hand, in music from our children and Chancel Choir, and through the dramatic reading of the passion narrative, Holy Week begins.

Maundy Thursday, March 28 — 6:30pm  
In Hoffman Hall (In-person only)

As Jesus gathered with his followers for a final supper, we will assemble for communion and experience together the mystery of Jesus’ final moments. We begin with a light soup supper at 6:30pm. Worship begins at 7:00pm.

Good Friday Vespers, March 29 — 7:00pm  
In the Sanctuary

A contemplative worship experience in the style of Taizé , with sacred music, scripture, candlelight, and prayer, as we reflect on the mystery of Jesus’ death and the hope of resurrection.

Sunday, March 31 — Easter Sunday  
7:00am Sunrise Communion Service  
At Pierce Bros. Westwood Memorial Park (In-person only)

We will join together outside to celebrate the resurrection as the sun rises on the new day. Parking will be available at Pierce Bros. Memorial Park (limited), the AVCO lot, (validation cards will be provided) and in the WPC parking lot.

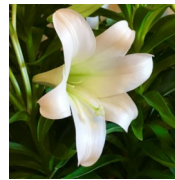
9:00 and 11:00am  
In the Sanctuary

Join the jubilant celebration of Jesus’ triumph over sin and death as we give thanks with music and Scripture, Easter lilies, and the Hallelujah Chorus.

Note: Childcare will be provided at 9am & 11am Easter services. Please email jplace@westwoodpres.org if you need childcare for the Maundy Thursday and/or Good Friday services.



## ADORN THE SANCTUARY WITH EASTER LILIES



It is a long WPC tradition to adorn our sanctuary with lilies on Easter Sunday. You can buy an Easter lily in memory or honor of a loved one, or simply as an act of love. **Each lily costs \$15.** Sign up online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org). **Sign-ups close Monday, March 25!**

After the Easter service, you can take your lilies home or donate them to be delivered to our members who are homebound or in other need. You may also choose to give extra towards the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you are able to assist with deliveries after the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday, March 31, please contact the church office at [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org) (While the stamens will be removed to lessen allergies, please note that lilies can be toxic to cats!).

## WOMEN READING —THIS WEDNESDAY!



Join Women Reading on Zoom **this Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30 pm** to discuss the novel, *Goodnight, Irene* by Luis Alberto Durrea, which tells the story of the female Red Cross volunteers called The Donut Dollies who served on the front lines during World War II. Newcomers are always welcome - contact the church office 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!

## EASTER EGG HUNT —SATURDAY MARCH 30



WPC's annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on **Saturday, March 30 from 11:30am-1:00pm!** Bring your own picnic and a basket to collect eggs, and get ready for a day full of games, yummy treats, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! You can RSVP online at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org). If you are able to donate a bag of individually wrapped candy to contribute to our Easter treats, please email [jplace@westwoodpres.org](mailto:jplace@westwoodpres.org). Thanks for helping to make this a memorable event for our community's kids!

## HELP WITH THE EASTER CROSS —SAT. MARCH 30

Please join us on **Saturday, March 30 at 10:00am** to help decorate the cross with flowers for Easter Sunday. Bring clippers if you have them and gloves if you need them. If you are able to help, please contact the church at (310) 474-4535 or [office@westwoodpres.org](mailto:office@westwoodpres.org).

## STEVE HAUSER RAN 26.2 MILES FOR FOSTERALL!



Our very own Steve Hauser ran the L.A. Marathon today to raise money for FosterAll founded in 1985. Help him achieve his goal of raising money for foster kids by making a big donation online at [fosterall.org](http://fosterall.org). You may also scan the QR code below and select FosterAll. Homes for foster kids is what FosterAll is all about!

## WPC MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE —NEXT SUNDAY!



Our monthly Food Drive to support Wilshire Presbyterian Church's Food Pantry is **next Sunday, March 24 from 11:00-12:00pm** in our church parking lot!

**Specific items requested by Wilshire Pres for this month are:**  
*oats, cooking oil and sugar*

**There are three ways to give:** Drop off your donations on the table in our parking lot OR place an order on amazon.com and have it delivered to Wilshire Presbyterian Church, 300 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90020; OR Donate online by scanning the QR code below and **select Food Pantry.**

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Easter's One Great Hour of Sharing offering (OGHS) brings hope to people in difficult times. Gifts are divided between two worthy efforts. One half supports our denomination's mission - including the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People.

The other half will support Meals on Wheels West, a remarkable non-profit supportive-services agency providing meals to Seniors, homebound and the food insecure and provides referrals to 58 partner service agencies in West Los Angeles. Visit their website at [mealsonwheelswest.org](http://mealsonwheelswest.org). Give generously as we wrap our arms around our neighbors in need. Donate by scanning the QR code below and **select One Great Hour of Sharing;** or by check, adding OGHS in the memo line.

## WPC ANNUAL BOOK DRIVE IS BACK!

March is National Reading Month, and WPC is celebrating once again with our annual Book Drive.

**Start gathering those books for all ages now! Books will be donated to the families of Esperanza Elementary, PATH and others in need in our Los Angeles community.**

WPC's Mission & Outreach Committee will be accepting books on the side porch Sundays in March and the first two Sundays in April.

**Baby Books to Adults are needed.** (reasonably good condition, sound binding, not written in, etc.)

Share the joy of reading

Hands-on volunteer opportunity after the service on **Sunday, April 14,** to help sort the books. **PIZZA WILL BE SERVED!**



## YOUTH ECO ART FAIR —SUNDAY, APRIL 21



The Youth Eco Art Fair at Culver City Presbyterian Church is on **Sunday, April 21 from 2:00-4:00pm!** All youth (6th-12th) are invited to participate by submitting works of art (painting, sculpture, poetry, music, or short prose) on the theme: *For the Healing of the Earth*. Youth must submit their art/proposals to Rev. Dr. Frances Rosenau at [fwrosenau@culvercitypres.org](mailto:fwrosenau@culvercitypres.org) and Jake Putich at [jputich@westwoodpres.org](mailto:jputich@westwoodpres.org) by **Monday, April 1**. All ages are welcome to attend.

## WHY IS PER CAPITA IMPORTANT?



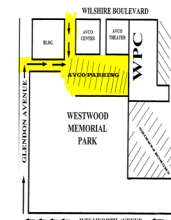
Presbyterians are connected in many ways: through worship services, small groups, mission & outreach events, and on a larger scale through both our regional and national church. Your **\$48** contribution for 2024 is an opportunity to participate with Presbyterians nationwide by sharing the costs associated with keeping the three governing bodies of our church (Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly) functioning and growing, working hard on our behalf. We ask that *each member* please give \$48 with **Per Capita** to help offset the total out of our own tight church budget. Scan our QR code and select **Per Capita** to give today.

## 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!

## FREE PARKING AVAILABLE NEXT DOOR



Each Sunday morning we encourage all who are able to park next door at the AVCO / iPic lot to ensure that those who need to use a closer spot are able to park here at WPC. If you parked next door this morning, be sure to pick up a **FREE** validation ticket (valid until 5pm) from an usher before leaving worship. Upon leaving the lot, insert original ticket in the machine, followed by the validation.



SCAN OUR QR CODE TO DONATE  
TO WPC TODAY!

