BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

ADULT BIRTHDAYS
7/3  Lucy Cook
7/4  Ralph Cato
7/5  Shere Morrison
7/7  Sheri Nelson
7/8  Angela Kim

CHILDREN/YOUTH BIRTHDAYS
7/1  Benjamin Gies (14)
7/7  James Whelan (12)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

PRESBYTOPICS
Our love and prayers are with—
† Sheri Nelson & Nico Philippou who were married on Sunday, June 11 at WPC.
† Correction: William Doak’s Address was not correct in the April News & Concerns:
The family of Jan Doak, who died on Monday, April 3.

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

Benjamin Alanis
Rubina Andonian
Polly Berger
Frank Bettger
Joshua Camberlan
Susan Chapman
Jan Clodey
Aiden Cohen Davis
Christopher Davis
Eva Harchavcev
Ilan Harchavcev
Ken Jonaitis
Mary Lammers
Sandy Langflit
Nina Louie
Queen Estir Rankins
Rita Ries
Linda S. Spitser
Kuki Sullivan
Amy Tan
Louise Wilson

COMING UP
Sun., June 25  WPC Worship Service: Stewardship Sunday and Installation of Officers 10:00am
Mon., June 26  WPC Softball Game—BH/Brentwood Pres vs. WPC Hatch Batch 9:00pm
Fri., June 30  WPC Adventacle Quest 8:30am
Sat., July 1  Fiscal Year Begins
Women’s Tea 1:00pm
Sun., July 2  WPC Worship Service 10:00am
Mon., July 3  WPC Softball Game—Pali Pres Prodigals vs. WPC Hatch Batch 9:00pm
Tues., July 4  Independence Day—Church Office Closed
Thurs., July 6  Ember 7:30pm
Sun., July 9  WPC Worship Service: Pride Sunday Red Cross Blood Drive 10:00am

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Emily Kerrigan, alto Matthew Lewis, bass

This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at West Presbyterian Church of Torrance. 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.

WPC NEEDS YOUR GIFTS!
STEWARTSHIP DEDICATION AND ORDINATION/INSTALLATION
“God’s House, Our Home: Faith, Family, and Friends”

Over these last few weeks, we have heard personal messages from WPC members—some who have been here for years, and others who are new. They have shared how much this church means to them, and how our financial pledges are needed for WPC to thrive and grow. It takes more than a village; it takes dedicated, caring people like you to keep God’s House, Our Home a place where we are blessed with faith, family, and friends.

As we cherish being together in God’s House, Our Home: we ask you to pledge joyfully as you consider the value and blessings of WPC. Please fill out a pledge card, or go to westwoodpres.org/givepledge, now to fill out the online form. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Sarah Iger, Director of Operations, at si1ger@westwoodpres.org.

TODAY, we will dedicate our renewed commitment in two ways: by dedicating our Stewardship pledges for the year ahead, and by celebrating the ordination and installation of our incoming Elders and Deacons.

Additional pledge cards are available in the pew racks and in the Stewardship Packet located in the narthex.
ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Today we give thanks for those called as Elders and Deacons. Our denomination’s Book of Order reminds us that pastors alone do not lead the church.

Ruling elders are called “to discern and measure the church’s fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life.” Together with the pastors, they “exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.” The needed gifts include “wisdom and maturity of faith, demonstrated skills in leadership, and compassionate in spirit.”

Deacons’ ministry, according to Scripture, “is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress.”

For this ministry, the needed gifts include “spiritual character, honest reputation, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment.”

WOMEN’S TEA—SATURDAY, JULY 1

Join us for a time of fellowship with our WPC sisters on Saturday, July 1, 1:00-4:00 pm, hosted at Jann Williams’ home. Bring a dish or dessert to share, and bring a friend - it will be a great day to connect with our community of women! RSVP on our website to receive directions and parking info. We hope to see you there!

FAITH CONVERSATION VIDEO RECORDINGS

If you missed any of WPC’s Faith Conversations over the past few months, the recordings are now available to view on our YouTube channel! These conversations are intended to enrich our minds and spark our hearts as we seek to embody together the justice, peace, and love of God in and for this world. Please go to youtube.com/WestwoodPresbyterianChurch and look for the Faith Conversations playlist!

PRIDE SUNDAY—JULY 9

Join us in worship on Sunday, July 9, when we will follow up our June Faith Conversations on LGBTQ inclusion with a service celebrating LGBTQ Pride! We will remember those saints, past and present, who have dedicated their lives to liberation for all of God’s children, including our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer siblings, express our thankfulness to God for the diversity of human expression, and explore how we can better follow Jesus’s path of radical love and inclusion.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD—AUGUST 12

Save the Date for Saturday, August 12, for WPC’s next Habitat for Humanity build. We need 10 workers (no experience required and all newcomers welcome) to help Habitat complete 9 homes at 227 E. El Segundo Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90061. Watch for a signup sheet in July or contact Rev. Mark Jones at mjones@westwoodpres.org if you are interested. Connect with great people and help the housing crisis at the same time.

Dirait-on ("So they say...")

Composer: Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)
Text: Rainer Maria Rilke

Abandon entouré d’abandon,
tendresse touchant aux tendresses...
C’est ton intérieur qui sans cesse
se caresse, dirait-on;
se caresse en soi-même,
par son propre reflet éclairé.
Ainsi tu inventes le thème
du Narcisse exaucé.

Abandon upon abandon,
tenderness upon tenderness...
Your hidden self unceasingly
turns inward, a caress; so they say.
caressing itself, in and of its own
reflection illuminated.
Thus you’ve invented the tale
of Narcissus sated.

WPC Chancel Choir

WPC MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE—TODAY!

Our monthly Food Drive to support the Wilshire Presbyterian Church Food Pantry is next Sunday, June 25, from 11:00 am-12:30 pm in the WPC parking lot! Volunteers will take your donations, pack them up, and deliver them to Wilshire Pres that afternoon.

Specific items requested by Wilshire Pres for this month are: cooking oil, pancake mix, pancake syrup, and peanut butter.

You can place an order on amazon.com and have it delivered to Wilshire Presbyterian Church, 300 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90020. You can also give online to the Wilshire Presbyterian Church Scan our QR code and select the field Food Pantry.

EMERGENCY BLOOD DRIVE—SUNDAY, JULY 9

WPC is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive in Hoffman Hall on Sunday, July 9, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Healthy individuals continue to be needed to donate now 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, please go to redcrossblood.org and enter our sponsor code Westwoodpres.

QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN AT WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL!

Are you or someone you know looking for an exceptional early childhood program for your little one? Look no further than Westwood Presbyterian Church Preschool! Our program is designed for children ages 2 through first grade, providing them with an engaging and dynamic curriculum that focuses on fostering their natural curiosity and love of learning.

If you’re interested in learning more about our program, please visit our website at wpxpreschool.com and sign up for a tour today. We can’t wait to meet your little one and help them discover all the wonders of the world around them!