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FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

Faithfully Yours

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.*

Let this month, this month of pewter gray skies, leaves falling soft to the ground, geese honking south...let this month of bare branches and chillier air... this month which leaves autumn in behind and gets us ready for whatever winter may bring...

Let this month, when politics are partisan, when the world is at war it seems with itself, when too many people are still too hungry or don't have shelter...let this month be still a month of raise a song of thanksgiving to God our creator.

For it is God to whom we turn in awe at the beauty of creation. It is God who reminds us that we are all the children of God. It is God who blesses us with unconditional love and unrelenting grace.

Let this be the month when we heed God's call for us to live with thanks. Let November be a month when thanks is not a noun but a verb, not simply a song but an action, when in thanks for our blessings we work to bring blessings to all: to share our bounty. To seek and work for world peace. To care for one another as God cares for us. And, always, let us triumphantly raise a song of thanksgiving to God the creator.

With gratitude for our fellowship of faith and love, *Beth*

SERMON TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER

November 5:	Someone's Beautiful for God ~ Matthew 5: 1-12 ~~Communion Sunday~~
November 12:	Pastor Danny Lopez Preaching
November 19:	Thanks Giving ~ Psalm 65
November 26:	Even the Least ~ Matthew 25: 31-46

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6**

NOVEMBER 2023 HAPPENINGS

- ⇒ **MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH from 11:30am to 2:30pm on the Hazeltine Lawn.**
- ⇒ **CROPWALK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH at 1:00pm.**
- ⇒ **COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH 6:30pm in Dreier Hall**
- ⇒ **BOUQUET CIRCLE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 11:30 1:00 in Dreier Hall**
All women are welcome to join this group who enlighten one another on a variety of topics of Interest. If you can join us this month, please RSVP to Barbara Downs at barbaradwons1913@gmail.com or call her at 747-355-6077.
- ⇒ **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BOARD: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH at 10:00am in Dreier Hall:** Anyone interested in participating on this Board may contact Natalie Karp, our Board Chair (nataliefkarp@mac.com).
- ⇒ **TRUSTEE MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 6:30pm in Hamilton House.**
- ⇒ **VESPERS: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH at 6:30pm:** All women of the church are invited to gather for dinner and conversation at a local eating establishment typically on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. Please contact Natalie Karp (nataliefkarp@mac.com) if you would like to join in.
- ⇒ **HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE and SANTA'S CLOSET: NOVEMBER 18TH from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Bower Hall and Dreier Hall.**
- ⇒ **HANGING OF THE GREENS-SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26TH 11:30 am**
- ⇒ **NEW CRAFT CREATIONS: MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall.**
- ⇒ **BROWN BAG BIBLE: MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 12noon in Dreier Hall:**
This is 45 minutes of lively discussion of the scripture passage for the coming Sunday. We munch our lunch, get background and context for the lesson, and talk about what it means.
- ⇒ **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: MEETS WEDNESDAYS at 7pm via zoom :** All women of any faith are invited to our gathering of caring, sharing and loving women on Wednesday evenings at 7pm—sometimes in person and sometimes via zoom. We are currently studying the book "Twelve More Women of the Bible" by Sherry Harney. For more information please feel free to contact Jane Poole via email at jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net.
- ⇒ **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** The Men's Group is hosting a Bible Study on November 19th in Dreier Hall at 11:45 am. Please feel free to join in at anytime for lively and interesting discussions.

"One day you will look back and see that all along you were

DEACON NEWS

Greg Abbott, Chair

The Deacons met on October 15. The biggest item was a vote to go with The Childrens Bureau for our Christmas families program. Subsequent to our vote, Jeri Christiansen was contacted by a lady from the bureau. They are no longer sponsoring individual families, but rather soliciting gifts that will be brought to a facility where the families can shop for what they need/want. I will be in contact with her this week when I will get more details about their needs. I will then contact the board chairs, the preschool and the scouts with a wish list. General congregation members will also be invited to attend. We have a drop dead date of the end of November for their December event. On another note, if you have a birthday in October or November you may see a delay in getting your birthday card as Cindi Olson is on the injured/reserve list. 'Till next month
Greg

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Ally Baker, Director

Upcoming events for the Preschoolers in November include Pilgrim’s Vittles in Bower Hall at 5pm for the entire family preceding the long Thanksgiving weekend.



Alums participating in Trunk or Treat festivities...



Along with Preschooler Kieran and his dad Amal...

Please remember that the preschool still has openings, so if you know anyone looking for an amazing preschool, please have them contact Ally Baker, our Preschool Director, at preschool@churchofthechimes.org for more information about the Preschool, Parent & Me Program or other school events or reach out to her through the church office (818-789-7124). Thanks!

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Rev. Curtis Peek

THROUGH IT ALL!

*“I had fainted, unless I had believed to see
the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait on the Lord:
Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart:
Wait, I say, on the Lord.”*

David's life was not trouble free and neither will yours or mine be. The key is "faith" in God.

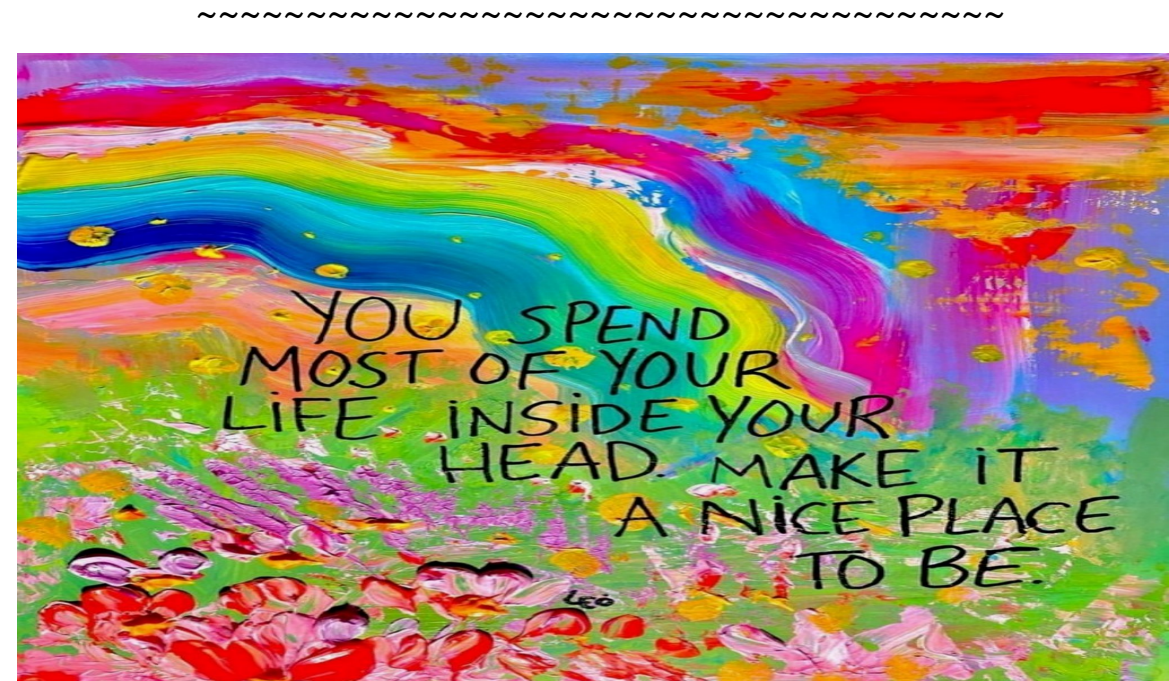
Through it all, David learned to trust in God and to take Him at His Word. We must do to the same!

Every one of us can look back over our lives and see the things that we have gone through and how God not only strengthens us in them, but he brought us through them all.

People of God, my words to you today are this: "THROUGH IT ALL" put your faith and trust in God for He alone is the one who can shelter you in your time of trouble in His secret place.

Believe it! Curtis

Reprint from November 2021 Chiming In





JUMP-START THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

What's red, green, leaves before Thanksgiving, and arrives before Christmas? If you guessed the Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes, you are correct! Yes, it's that time of year again. The 2023 deadline to fill the shoeboxes is Sunday, November 19th, so we can take them to be shipped on the 20th.

"The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, Go and do likewise. For over 50 years, Samaritan's Purse has done (their) utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering."



Our goal again this year is 100 boxes, but we're changing things up a bit on how you can participate:

- You can sponsor a pre-packed box by paying for shipping, \$10 each (easiest).
- In November we will have Shoeboxes on display in the narthex that you can sponsor (along with Christmas cards so you can write to the child receiving the gifts). And we will also have pre-packed shoeboxes available at the November 5th Magnolia Marketplace.
- You can take an empty Samaritan's Purse Shoebox from the narthex (or use a box of your own choosing) and fill it with as many small, NEW items as you can! We will have a suggestion list of the 100 most popular items to put in a shoebox. Just remember to include \$10 for shipping and return them to the church by the 19th!
- Or you can place donations of small, unwrapped gifts in the large box in the narthex marked for items we can include boxes that CWS is planning to assemble to meet our goal.

Whatever you choose, please help us give children a Christmas to remember! Please check out the Samaritan's Purse website (samaritanpurse.org) for more detailed information.

COME TOGETHER TO CARE AND SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AT
NORTH HOLLYWOOD INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY'S

Service of Thanks & Giving

NOVEMBER 15

7:00PM

AT TEMPLE BETH HILLEL
 12326 RIVERSIDE DRIVE NORTH HOLLYWOOD

FOOD AND MONETARY DONATIONS WELCOME
 SUGGESTED DONATIONS: PEANUT BUTTER,
 1 LB BAGS OF DRY RICE AND BEANS,
 NO SUGAR CEREALS, CANNED VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

*Fueled by Food
 Fed by Compassion*

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CROP HUNGER WALK

We have an incredible opportunity to make a real difference in the fight against hunger, and we need YOUR support!

Crop Walk is an annual event that brings communities together to combat hunger locally and globally. It's a chance for us to take action and be a beacon of hope for those in need. By joining our team, you'll help us raise funds to provide food, clean water, and resources to those who need it most.

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME BUILDING *global* RESILIENCE

2023
CROP HUNGER WALK

Play Video

BUILDING *global* RESILIENCE

Church of the Chimes Sherman Oaks
 November 5th 1:00pm



Why Should You Join?

- Show our compassion for those less fortunate
- Make a positive impact in our community
- Enjoy a fun and meaningful day with fellow congregants
- Help us reach our fundraising goal



Let's Walk the Talk! Together, we can make a difference.

Please join our Church of the Chimes Crop Walk team, and invite your friends and family to participate too. Every step we take, and every dollar we raise, brings us closer to a world without hunger. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need more information. We can't wait to walk with you and make a meaningful impact!



What: Crop Walk 2023



When: Nov 5th ~ 1:00pm



Where: COTC

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE

Hayley Cabral, Founder

GETTING TO KNOW...

Submitted by Michele Marot

JAN LONG

A true “Valley Girl,” Jan was born in Burbank, grew up in Tarzana, & graduated from Taft High School. Baptized at the 1st Congregational Church of Los Angeles, her parents became members at Church of the Chimes, in 1957. However they did not attend regularly as her mom didn’t drive back then. Even so, Jan decided in her teens that she would be married in our church although she had no idea who she was going to marry! And in 1975 she was indeed married here by Dr. Staves! Later, after attending sporadically, Rev. Trump encouraged Jan to become more involved in the church. She did and does! In addition to previously serving on Board of Deacons and CWS, Jan regularly attends the Women’s Wednesday Night Bible Study, the Tuesday craft group, and Brown Bag Bible Study. She currently is a member of the CE team, and has always been very involved in our Golden West Fair. Whew! Slow down, Jan! You’re making the rest of us look bad!



Jan has had some varied interests over the years. She was in a Polynesian dance group for about 15 years, then she got into Country-Western Dancing. A dog person, Jan is very active in a Springer Spaniel Rescue group (and she bakes dog treats, called “Teddy’s Treats,” for the church bake sales - always selling out!).

A busy lady, Jan is very dedicated to various ministries, and works as God leads her. We’re glad to have you here, Jan!



Let Love Lead

MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE

at Congregational Church of the Chimes

1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Neighborhood Family Gathering!

YOU'RE INVITED!



**LOCAL ARTISANS
FOOD TRUCKS
JUMPING CASTLE
& MORE!**



SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS IN THE VALLEY!

14115 MAGNOLIA BLVD **NOV 5TH** 11:30AM-2:30PM

Check it out! Sneak Peek of Vendors!



Magnets by Deb



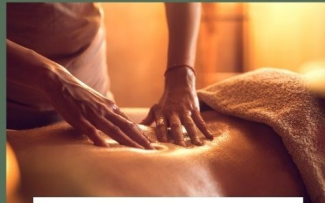
Maggies Boutique



Hot Rocks Jewels



Bloom with Cara
Coaching and Mentoring



Carina Klinikin
Massage Therapy



**FREE
Bounce
House**

JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

Helping Hands... Fueled by Food, Fed by Compassion”

“Each one of us can make a difference. Together we make a change.”

~Barbara Milukski, Social Worker

Each Friday I am part of a team of volunteers who help unload between 4,000 and 10,000 pounds of food for the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry into the basement of Temple Beth Hillel, where the Pantry packs the bags of food we distribute to those in need in our area. As the person who purchases the food, I am hyper aware of what needs to be done weekly. I manage the process of getting food from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank as well as purchasing from a wholesaler. It's a weekly juggling act as we have seen the numbers of people coming to our distribution site increase exponentially. We used to average roughly 340 bags per week, we are now at roughly 450 per week and the numbers keep climbing higher. On top of that, the cost of food for the bags has gone up from about \$9.50 per bag, to about \$13.50+ a bag.

The NHIFP serves people without judgement and as our tagline so aptly states, we are fueled by food, and we feed with compassion. Our clients and neighbors are so grateful for all the Pantry does for them. Seeing the faces of relief and gratitude when our clients are handed a bag is a very humbling experience. After working the distribution line, I'm both exhausted and energized knowing we have helped put food on the table for some, and for others who are unhoused, we have provided much needed nutrition as they navigate the streets to exist.

I write this article requesting a couple of “asks” – for monetary donations to help purchase the food, donations of food and for people power to help at the distribution site and pack bags at the temple. If you are so inclined to help, reach out and we can talk. I guarantee you will personally benefit from what you do more than you can even imagine! As the saying goes, it takes a village, and it's heartwarming to help our neighbors in need! If you can help, please contact me: 818-789-7124 x 203 or jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net Blessings, peace and love, Jane Don't forget to spend quiet time with God!

CE Happenings

The annual Christmas pageant will take place on December 10th. If you would like to be a part of it, let us know!

The 2023-2024 children's mission outreach project is Operation Gratitude. Stay tuned for details on how you can participate in this very worthy cause!

Blessings and hugs, Jane (Please take time to be quiet with God!)

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AT THE MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE

Church of the Chimes has been on a mission to create something truly special for our community. The result? Magnolia Marketplace – a monthly outdoor shopping experience that is more than just a market; it's a celebration of local talent, a hub for non-profit organizations, and a testament to the strength of community connections.

One of the cornerstones of our marketplace is the opportunity it provides for small businesses and local artisans. These hardworking individuals often go unnoticed in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives. But when you visit Magnolia Marketplace, you'll discover a treasure trove of handcrafted goods, unique artwork, and products that reflect the talent and creativity of our local community.

Here are just a few of our standout vendors:

- **Carina Kilinkin Swedish Massage:** Treat yourself to the ultimate relaxation experience with Carina's expert Swedish massage techniques. Her soothing hands will transport you to a world of tranquility, right in the heart of Sherman Oaks.
- **Maggie's Boutique Knitted Creations:** Maggie's exquisite knitted creations are a testament to the artistry of handmade goods. Her warm and stylish knitwear will keep you cozy and chic during the upcoming winter season.
- **Cara Mentoring and Coaching:** Cara is all about nurturing young minds through mindfulness and creativity. Her mindfulness craft for kids is not only fun but also an excellent opportunity for personal growth and development.

We encourage everyone to embrace the spirit of community and connection by bringing a friend or two to the Marketplace. Share the unique offerings of our talented vendors with your loved ones. Together, we can show our support for small businesses and artists in our community, helping them thrive & grow.

See you at the next Magnolia Marketplace, Nov 5th, 11:30am -2:30pm on the Hazeltine lawn where we'll continue to nurture powerful, long-lasting connections for everyone to THRIVE!



November 2023



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