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NEWS AND EVENTS OF THE
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October 2023

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FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Faithfully Yours

When asked what the greatest commandment is, Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

We are in a world where neighborhoods as we once knew them are disappearing. Small houses are torn down with huge edifices in their place. Fences separate houses one from another and fear keeps doors locked and windows closed.

Yet we are called to love our neighbors and in the most literal sense, we as a church are opening our campus to our neighbors: The Golden West Fair and Magnolia Marketplace and the Rummage Sale are invitations to each event but also introduce our neighbors to a place where they are always welcome, for we are "a diverse and loving Christian community accepting of all."

Let us be a place where neighbors can gather, for fun and fellowship, for faith and friendship. Jesus called us to love our neighbors, and a Presbyterian Minister we all have known quite well tells us just why it is so important...

From Mr. Rogers himself: *"All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors—in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver."*

So let us live the song he sang as each of his programs began:

O, let's make the most of this beautiful day.
Since we're together we might as well say:
Would you be mine?
Could you be mine?
Won't you be my neighbor?

Won't you please,
Won't you please?
Please won't you be my neighbor?"

— Fred Rogers

Love and blessings to all, Beth

OCTOBER 2023 HAPPENINGS

- ⇒ **MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 11:30-4:00, Hazeltine Lawn**
- ⇒ **COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 6:30pm in Dreier Hall**
- ⇒ **BOUQUET CIRCLE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 11:30 1:30 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, OCTOBER 14TH 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, OCTOBER 17TH, 6:30pm in Hamilton House.**
- ⇒ **VESPERS: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH 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.
- ⇒ **PRESCHOOL'S TRUNK OR TREAT: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH at 6:00pm**
- ⇒ **CHIMES CAFÉ: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH at 5:30pm:** Potluck dinner followed by a FUNraiser. Bingo cards are one for \$2 and three for \$5. Prizes! Sign up in the church office for what you'll be bringing for dinner. See you there! Sponsored by your CE Board. Questions, email jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net
- ⇒ **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 the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month (October 8th and 22nd) in Dreier Hall from 9:30 to 10:15am. 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 September 17th. We discussed Christmas Families and at this point, it looks like we will be working with the Children's Bureau; the number of families is to be determined. Communion continues to go smoothly. In that Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year, Beth asked us for our thoughts on the Christmas services. The board's consensus was that we would like to see a Sunday morning worship service as well as the traditional 7pm Family Service and the 11pm Candle Light Service on Christmas Eve. Input from everybody is encouraged. May I ask: What are your thoughts?

See you next month, Greg

GOLDEN WEST FAIR NEWS

John Sullivan, Chair

JOIN US ON OCTOBER 7, 2023 FOR THE 73RD ANNUAL GOLDEN WEST FAIR

We begin with the Pancake Breakfast at 8am, served by by COTC Scout Troop 191. At 9:00 let the fun begin as we kick off the 73rd Annual Fair. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors and tell your neighbors' friends. We hope to see everyone at this Church of the Chimes tradition that is as old as the church itself.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Ally Baker, Director

Upcoming events for the Preschoolers in October include a field trip to the Underwood Family Farm on October 11th and another exciting time at Trunk or Treat on October 26th.

And please remember that the preschool still has openings, so if you know anyone looking for an amazing precchool, 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!

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

Jan Long, Chair

RALLY DAY 2023 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS



What a glorious day we had on September 17th! We celebrated the youth and children who culminated from one school level to the next. We gifted Bibles to children and youth.

To top it all off, Dr. Bingham led the congregation in a dedication of the Christian Education Board, children and youth. It was a heartfelt Rally Day that will be remembered.

Rally Day that will be remembered.

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Rev. Curtis Peek

IS MY LIVING IN VAIN?

I, the Lord, search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Jeremiah 17:10

I don't know about you, but I'm glad my fate is not in the hands of man, but in the hands of a Sovereign God.

It is God who has the final say in our lives. He knows who is really on His side and who is faking and making a lot of emotional noise that means nothing.

The Word of God (I Corinthian 13:1-5) says,

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing."

So if you know someone who fits into this category, don't worry about it because God has said all they are doing has no worth if they truly do not possess the love of God in their heart.

If you are rolling around speaking Jesus but do not have the love of God in your heart then your living is in vain, and your effort and energy is nothing but noise to our Father.

So make sure your heart is with the Father. If it is, then don't worry about what man says, just keep living your life for Christ. In the end you will be able to hear Him say, *"Well done my good and faithful servant."* Matthew 25:23

These words coming from my Father will be all I need to hear because then I will know that my living was not in vain and He accepted what I did for His Glory.

Don't waste your energy thinking about what people think, just keep your focus on the Savior and what He thinks of you. **Believe it! Curtis**

Reprint from October 2021 Chiming In

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**SERMON TOPICS FOR OCTOBER**

- October 1 All Together (Ephesians 4:1-6)  
~Communion Served
- October 8 Count to 10 (Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20)
- October 15 Tho I Walk (23 Psalm)
- October 22 A Bit of Coin (Matthew 22: 15-20)
- October 29: Re-formed (Romans 5: 1-8)



# MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE

Hayley Cabral, Founder

**MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE**  
at Congregational Church of the Chimes

**YOU'RE INVITED!** 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
**Neighborhood Family Gathering!**

LOCAL ARTISANS  
FOOD TRUCKS  
JUMPING CASTLE  
& MORE!

UPCOMING DATES:  
OCT 1ST  
NOV 5TH  
DEC 3RD

14115 MAGNOLIA BLVD **OCT 1ST** 11:30AM-4PM

**KIDS JUMP FOR FREE!**  
**Halloween Theme!**

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS IN THE VALLEY!

Magnolia Marketplace is an outdoor shopping event seeking to promote local small business owners, vendors & entrepreneurs in our community!

Our mission is to create space for local artisans, farmers & small business owners to THRIVE in today's challenging economy!

Join us on the 1st Sunday of every month to celebrate the continuation of our outdoor neighborhood market! See you there!

**When we come together as a community, we are stronger!**

Hi!

I CAN'T WAIT TO CONNECT WITH YOU ONLINE!

**radioreneetaylor**  
Renee Taylor

**the High Meows**  
Meowsical series

I'll Be there!

**MARBLE BOUNCE CASTLE**  
Kids Bounce for FREE!

**doppioespresso.co**  
Doppio Espresso

**kimtheaccidentalbaker**  
Kim Licht

**Coming Soon** Explore Our World of Family Fun At the 73rd Annual

# GOLDEN WEST FAIR

**OCTOBER 7TH 9AM-4PM**

**Play Games Win Prizes Food & FUN**

Step right up to the enchanting Golden West Fair hosted at the charming Church of the Chimes! A delightful haven of family-friendly festivities, this event promises a day filled with joy, laughter, and an array of exciting activities!

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Our Location **14115 Magnolia Blvd, Sherman Oaks**

**Family Fun**  
Bounce House  
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Furniture  
Jewelry  
Linens

**AMAZING BARGAINS AT GOLDEN WEST FAIR!**

**Books**  
Tools  
Artisan Marketplace  
Electronics

**CHURCH OF THE CHIMES**  
Sherman Oaks

**Food**  
Fun  
Games  
Live Entertainment

**Showtime** OCT 7TH  
GOLDEN WEST FAIR

**Flexibility Fitness**  
Contortionist Academy



## JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

### Grace Everyday

“The grace of God is sufficient.  
Anywhere, any day, it remains available all the time.”

*Quoted From Gift Gugu Mona*

God's grace – a most powerful component in our spiritual journey. The question I pose here is how often do we sincerely see and feel grace in our everyday lives? We may feel it most deeply when sitting in our lovely Sanctuary. However, grace is around every corner we turn 24/7.

Elie Wiesel, a holocaust survivor, shared their definition of grace most poignantly saying, “For me, every hour is grace”. When I read this five-word quote, I was deeply affected thinking about the unimaginable life they encountered during WW2, yet grace was top of mind for them. This person's definition of grace is the essence of how I believe God wants us to live. Being open hearted and eyes opened in finding grace where-ever we may be.

God's grace is gifted to us, freely given just because we simply exist. Our charge is to constantly recognize this astonishing gift. From birds “singing” in the night, a tight hug from someone, a heartfelt conversation, laughter between friends, and the sight of a new rose blooming are all illustrations of God's grace in our world. These small touches of grace can enlighten our lives, open our hearts to appreciate the small things and encourage us to wonder more.

“Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is Holy”

*~a thought shared by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel.*

God's grace is motivation to live a life filled with wonder, joy and love each and every hour, each and every day we walk this earth.

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

## **BOY SCOUT TROOP 191 NEWS**

**Steve Smedberg, Cubmaster**

Friends and family celebrated Owen Mitchel's accomplishment of receiving his Eagle Scout as he was preparing to leave for college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo this past month. Marcus Jean will be sitting for his Eagle Scout Board of Review this month.

“*Life-changing*” is an understatement when talking about the positive impact Scouting has on young people. Aside from the fun times that are had while learning outdoor skills, being a Scout teaches countless core values on the path to becoming a mature adult. A campaign for recruiting Scouts at all levels (Pack, Troop and Crew 191) is under way at Church of the Chimes. Our program covers boys age 7 to 18. Please contact the church to learn how you can participate in this wonderful adventure.

## GETTING TO KNOW...

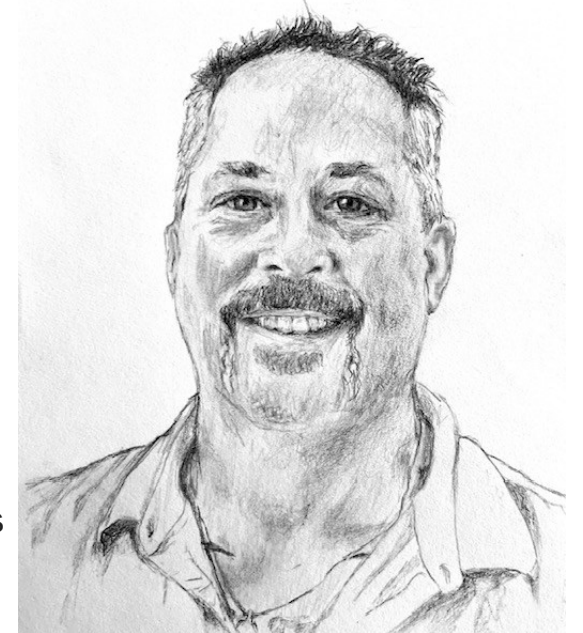
Paul Blizzard

Born and raised in Millville, New Jersey, Paul has had several interesting jobs: a U.S. Marine, a business owner, and a contractor. He currently works restoring Victorian era homes, mostly in Texas. Paul enjoys hiking, shooting at a range, bike riding, camping, visiting with friends, cooking/BBQ-ing, and watching movies.

You'll see Paul most Sundays at COTC, unless he's out of town for work, and he helps us every year with the Golden West Fair: behind the scenes he's repairing the games in preparation for the Fair, and he's there, the day of, working various jobs wherever needed.

Paul lives nearby and first came to our church because he felt he was being drawn in by God; he thinks our church is great just the way it is! He has always had a special relationship with God, but “belonging to this church has helped me grow and strengthen that relationship even more.”

We're happy to have you here at COTC, and we think you're pretty great just the way you are too!



Submitted by Michele Marot

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“The capacity to  
care is the thing  
which gives life its  
deepest  
significance.”

—Pablo Casals (1876-1973)  
cellist, conductor

**“Whatever  
things  
You  
ask  
in  
prayer,  
believing,  
you  
will  
receive.”**

—Matthew 21:22

**3 things to remember to  
help you move forward :**

The life in front of you is more  
important than the life behind you.

Ask yourself if what you are doing  
today is getting you closer to where  
you want to be tomorrow.

Don't be a prisoner of your past.  
It was just a lesson, not a life  
sentence.





# October 2023



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Tues                                                                                                                                                                                         | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                            | Thurs                                                                                                                                                        | Fri                                                                                                                                                                        | Sat                                                                                            |
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| <b>1- MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE</b><br><b>11:30am on Hazeltine Lawn</b><br><br>10:30am COTC Worship Svc<br>10:45am Sunday Gathering Grp<br>1:30pm tRPC Worship Svc<br>7:30pm Al Anon ~ Dreier | <b>2</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH<br>7:00pm Sea Scouts<br>7:00pm AA Meeting ~ Bower<br>7:30pm Al-Anon ~ Chapel                                                 | <b>3 COUNCIL MEETING</b><br><b>6:30pm ~ Dreier Hall</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:0am Craft Creation ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>12Noon Brown Bag Bible<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH | <b>4</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts~ Bower                                                        | <b>5</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE Bower                                                                         | <b>6</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH<br>7:00pm tRPC Recovery Group                                   | <b>7 73<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL</b><br><b>GOLDEN WEST FAIR</b><br><br>9:00am LM&S<br>9:55am LM&S   |
| <b>8</b><br><br>9:30 Bible Study ~ Dreier<br>10:30am COTC Worship Svc<br>10:45am Sunday Gathering Grp<br>1:30pm tRPC Worship Svc<br>7:30pm Al Anon ~ Dreier                              | <b>9 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH<br>7:00pm Sea Scouts<br>7:00pm AA Meeting ~ Bower<br>7:30pm Al-Anon ~ Chapel | <b>10</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:0am Craft Creation ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>12Noon Brown Bag Bible<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH                                               | <b>11</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts~ Bower                                                       | <b>12</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE Bower                                                                        | <b>13</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH<br>7:00pm tRPC Recovery Group                                  | <b>14 WA BOARD MEETING</b><br><b>10:00 am in Dreier Hall</b><br><br>9:00am LM&S<br>9:55am LM&S |
| <b>15</b><br><br>10:30am COTC Worship Svc<br>10:45am Sunday Gathering Grp<br>1:30pm tRPC Worship Svc<br>7:30pm Al Anon ~ Dreier                                                          | <b>16</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH<br>7:00pm Sea Scouts<br>7:00pm AA Meeting ~ Bower<br>7:30pm Al-Anon ~ Chapel                                                | <b>17 TRUSTEE MEETING</b><br><b>Hamilton House ~ 6:30pm</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:0am Craft Creation ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>12Noon Brown Bag Bible                          | <b>18 BOUQUET CIRCLE</b><br><b>11:30am -1:30pm ~Dreier Hall</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts~ Bower | <b>19 VESPERS ~ 6:30pm*</b><br><i>*Subject to change...</i><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE Bower<br>7:00pm Cub Scouts | <b>29</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH<br>7:00pm tRPC Recovery Group                                  | <b>21</b><br><br>9:00am LM&S<br>9:55am LM&S                                                    |
| <b>22</b><br><br>9:30 Bible Study ~ Dreier<br>10:30am COTC Worship Svc<br>10:45am Sunday Gathering Grp<br>1:30pm tRPC Worship Svc<br>7:30pm Al Anon ~ Dreier                             | <b>23</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH<br>7:00pm Sea Scouts<br>7:00pm AA Meeting ~ Bower<br>7:30pm Al-Anon ~ Chapel                                                | <b>24</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:0am Craft Creation ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>12Noon Brown Bag Bible<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH                                               | <b>25</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts ~ Bower                                                      | <b>26 —TRUNK OR TREAT</b><br><b>6pm at North end of Parking Lot</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE Bower              | <b>27</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH<br>6:30pm Be Bold Gathering ~ HH<br>7:00pm tRPC Recovery Group | <b>28 CHIMES CAFÉ 5:30pm</b><br><b>in Hamilton House</b><br><br>9:00am LM&S<br>9:55am LM&S     |
| <b>29 CHRISTIAN ED MEETING</b><br><br>10:45am Sunday Gathering Grp<br>10:30am COTC Worship Svc<br>11:45 CE Mtg<br>1:30pm tRPC Worship Svc<br>7:30pm Al Anon ~ Dreier                     | <b>30</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH<br>7:00pm Sea Scouts<br>7:00pm AA Meeting ~ Bower<br>7:30pm Al-Anon ~Chapel                                                 | <b>31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!</b><br><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:0am Craft Creation ~ Dreier<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>12Noon Brown Bag Bible<br>3:00pm Gymnastics ~ CE BH                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                |