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## October 2026

76th Annual

# Golden West Fair

FUN & FOOD FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

**Saturday  
October 10th  
9am – 4pm**



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|  Antiques        |  Midway Games           |
|  Furniture      |  Prizes                |
|  Collectibles   |  Petting Zoo           |
|  Silent Auction |  Live Entertainment    |
|  Books & Gifts  |  Burgers               |
|  Jewelry        |  Hot Dogs              |
|  Face Painting  |  Pulled Pork and Chili |

Community ✦ Family ✦ Fun ✦ Together

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### SERMONS:

October 4.: Colossians 3: 12-15 In Unity  
 October 11.: Exodus 32: 1-14 All That Glitters  
 October 18: Matthew 22: 15-22 Taxing Times  
 October 25: Ephesians 2: 4-10 Gracefully

# OCTOBER 2026 HAPPENINGS

- **BE BOLD:** October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm in Hamilton House
- **DEACONS MEETING:** October 4<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in Dreier Hall
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall
- **GOLDEN WEST FAIR:** October 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm Full Campus
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** October 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30pm in Dreier Hall
- **FALL RUMMAGE SALE:** October 16th & 17th at 8:30am-1pm BH & DH
- **CHRISTIAN ED MEETING:** October 18<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in Lower CE
- **CWS MEETING:** October 18<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in Dreier Hall
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall
- **TRUNK OR TREAT:** October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm in Preschool Parking Lot
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10am in Dreier Hall
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at 12pm in Dreier Hall
- **ZUMBA:** WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS at 9:45am in Dreier Hall
- **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. For more information, contact Jane Poole via email at [jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net).
- **PAINTING CLASS:** THURSDAYS at 10am - 12pm in Dreier Hall

## COMMUNITY WORLD SERVICE BOARD

Jane Poole

By the time this article is published, CWS will have hosted it's second all-church potluck gathering. Games will have been played and fun will have been had. Our small but mighty Board truly enjoys hosting these evenings and we hope you all have enjoyed them too. We'll take a break after the September pot-luck dinner and game night, as the GWF is coming up and then holiday events begin. We'll start back up after the new year with another gathering and if you have an idea for a theme night let us know! Also mark your calendars for May of 2027 for our gala – "Murder at the Juice Joint"!



We continue to make meals for the homeless in our community while supporting organizations in the area and outside of it. We will be kicking off our annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program at the GWF and will have an all-church gathering in November to assemble the boxes. We hope to have at least 100 boxes put together. Details for this will be announced in late October. If you are shopping and see items that go into the boxes, feel free to purchase them and drop them off in the office. We thank the congregation for your continued support of our outreach programs!

## TAKING CARE OF OUR CAMPUS

Jane Poole

Our Church campus is a beautiful and meditative place for not only church members and our Preschool, but also the community around us. It's also a very large parcel to take care of! We'll be hosting our annual Golden West Fair in a couple of weeks and need all hands on deck to help clean and spruce it up. If you see something out of place, take a minute to put it back where it belongs. If you aren't sure where the items need to be stored, a quick phone call to the office and our amazing Jennifer can provide guidance. Let's all pitch in to clean it up and also help with the upkeep of our beautiful grounds. As they say, "many hands make light work". If we all pitch in, we'll see a clean and inviting campus for everyone to enjoy!

## WOMENS ASSOCIATION

Diane Delaney



We need your support—if you can volunteer to help with setting up the week before the sale, contact Louisa. We want everyone to come to the Rummage Sale, where you are sure to find amazing bargains, hidden treasures, clothes, shoes, toys, and games, kitchen and household items, small appliances, and furniture, as well as new, like-new, vintage, collectibles, and more!

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Women's Association Holiday Boutique will be held on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. Hope you will join us! We are seeking vendors with festive and creative products to be part of our boutique! Learn more on our COTC website.

The Women's Association (WA) Fall Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am to 1:00pm.

Our church receives donations throughout the year, and this is an opportunity for us to sell them to raise money for LAVC Scholarships and our next project, which is to refurbish the Hamilton House kitchen. It is also a very important event for many people in our community who depend on it and come to every sale.

## FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

### ***Faithfully Yours***

I began the thinking with the 10 at 10 devotional. I had just come off a day at my condo which was exploding with people, well, exploding.

One person was furious that another hadn't answered an email (he later found he had forgotten to click "send.") There was an embarrassed apology but the anger in the conversation lingered still.

There was a very awkward incident in the down sloping driveway into our condominium garage. One car was stopped at the gate and another car was stuck behind. When the gate finally opened and the first car drove in, the second driver, the stuck driver, got out of his car and began an outraged outburst. The yelling continued and the rage escalated. Each accused the other of not living there. Driver one explained that he had stopped while waiting for his mother-in-law to come down and open the gate because he didn't have a remote. Driver two said he wasn't allowed to park there. And on it went. Before the police were called, I got them to leave each other alone with weaponized words still flying.

Had they listened, they would have understood. Had they spoken and listened, the stuck driver could have used his remote to let the first driver in (after proof of residency or relationship I am sure.)

These are not isolated incidents, by any stretch of the imagination. So many people seem to be sitting on a tinder box just waiting for the right flame to let it explode.

It is disturbing, and unsettling, and all too often ends up being dangerous or destructive. As I worried about this and thought about it all, I couldn't help but remember the Bible verse I need to hold on to more often; a verse that when heeded, allows us to live with our faith and not with our anxieties, annoyances or anger. As James compels us, at the start of his letter (1:19), *Know this my brothers and sisters...Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. May these words become a part of us!*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

September was such a wonderful month for Christian Education! We will begin the new program year with Rally Day on 9/27, bringing together our church family to kick off another wonderful year of fellowship and learning while on our faith journey. A special thank you to Rev. Bingham and Rev. Peek for offering prayers over our Christian Education Board members and youth as we begin this new school year together. A warm welcome to Jan Long and Ricky Parker, our new CE Co-Chairs!

The Youth Group continues to grow, and we are so excited to have welcomed three new members to our Youth Group this past month! It has been wonderful watching our youth strengthen their friendships, grow in their faith, and continue building a community where everyone feels welcomed and supported.

Our new Be Bold College Group has officially started, and we are thrilled to see what comes next! We hope this new ministry will provide a meaningful space for our college-aged young adults to stay connected with one another, with our church and with their faith during this exciting season of life.

Sunday School continues to be filled with learning, laughter, creativity, and meaningful conversations. As we move further into the fall, we look forward to continuing to explore what it means to live out our faith through kindness, compassion, service, and love for one another.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**Friendsgiving – Friday, Nov 20:** Our Youth Group will gather for a special Friendsgiving celebration filled with food, fellowship, gratitude and fun!

**Annual Christmas Pageant – Sunday, Dec 13 at 10:30 am:** We look forward to once again celebrating the Christmas story together through this beloved Church of the Chimes tradition.

**All-Church Christmas Caroling – Fri, Dec 18 6pm:** Join us as we head out into the neighborhood to spread some Christmas cheer! We'll gather on neighborhood sidewalks, bringing along our voices, jingle bells, and guitar for an evening of Christmas caroling and memory making.

**COUNCIL**

Diane Delaney, Moderator

Council had a very productive meeting on September 8th. There is a lot going on at our wonderful church! We are reviewing the notes and new ideas from both our 2020 and 2026 all church retreats. If you would like to see the notes, please contact Diane Delaney. Our next Council meeting will be October 6. All are welcome to attend!

**RACIAL EQUITY**

Diane Delaney

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) In October 2026, we celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), an annual recognition of the positive impact of people with disabilities in the American workforce.

This yearly event began in 1945 as a weeklong national observance of the contributions of people with physical disabilities. In 1988, Congress designated the commemoration as NDEAM, which then evolved to acknowledge the importance of increasing employment opportunities for people with disabilities, including those with mental health conditions and other non-obvious disabilities. In 2001, ODEP was created and entrusted to administer NDEAM, including the selection and promotion of its annual theme.

This year’s NDEAM theme will be "Celebrating Value and Talent," carrying the spirit of last year's celebration forward through 2026 in honor of America's 250th birthday.



We will recognize the skills and contributions Americans with disabilities add to the nation’s workplaces, communities, and economy. This year’s observance will play an important role in the department’s year-long celebration of the American worker in support of the nationwide Freedom 250 initiative.

**THE GOLDEN WEST FAIR IS ALMOST HERE!**



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**Saturday**

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Pancake  
Breakfast  
Burgers  
Hot Dogs  
Pulled pork  
and chili

Join us for the 76th Annual Golden West Fair on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm at Church of the Chimes in Sherman Oaks! This beloved community tradition brings together family, friends, and neighbors for a fun-filled day of shopping, delicious food, games, entertainment, and unique treasures.

Best of all, the Golden West Fair is about giving back. Proceeds help Church of the Chimes support charitable organizations, community outreach, and the continued care of our campus.

A very special thank you to Golden West Fair organizer John Sullivan for his dedication and hard work, and to the many incredible volunteers who generously give their time and talents to make this fantastic event possible year after year! Bring your family and friends and join us for a wonderful day of community and tradition. We can't wait to see you October 10th!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONTINUED**

As we continue into this new program year, we are reminded that everything we do in Christian Education is rooted in helping one another grow in faith and share God's love with those around us.

Galatians 5:22-23 reminds us:  
"The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, faithfulness, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law."  
May we continue to grow these fruits within ourselves and share them throughout our church and community in the months ahead.  
With love and gratitude, [ChristianEd@churchofthechimes.org](mailto:ChristianEd@churchofthechimes.org)

**DEACONS**

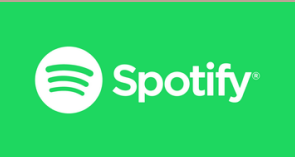
The Deacons want to thank everyone who helped with August Hospitality and a special thank you to our fellow Deacons, Jajie and Lana, for organizing and overseeing the Deacon volunteer effort for the 5-Sunday month. The Deacons would also like to thank Sean Worrell and Deacon Paul Blizzard for stepping into the lectern on August 2 and September 6, while Wade was away tending to family matters.



Congregational Church of the Chimes

**PODCAST**

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Have you tuned into the Church of the Chimes podcast yet? Hosted by Dr. Bingham, she and Cat Alvarado have inspiring conversations about faith, spirituality, scripture, and everyday life with God.

Simply scan the QR code to listen on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, YouTube, and more.

A special thank you to Cat Alvarado for her creativity and dedication in bringing this exciting new ministry to life!



# OCTOBER



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