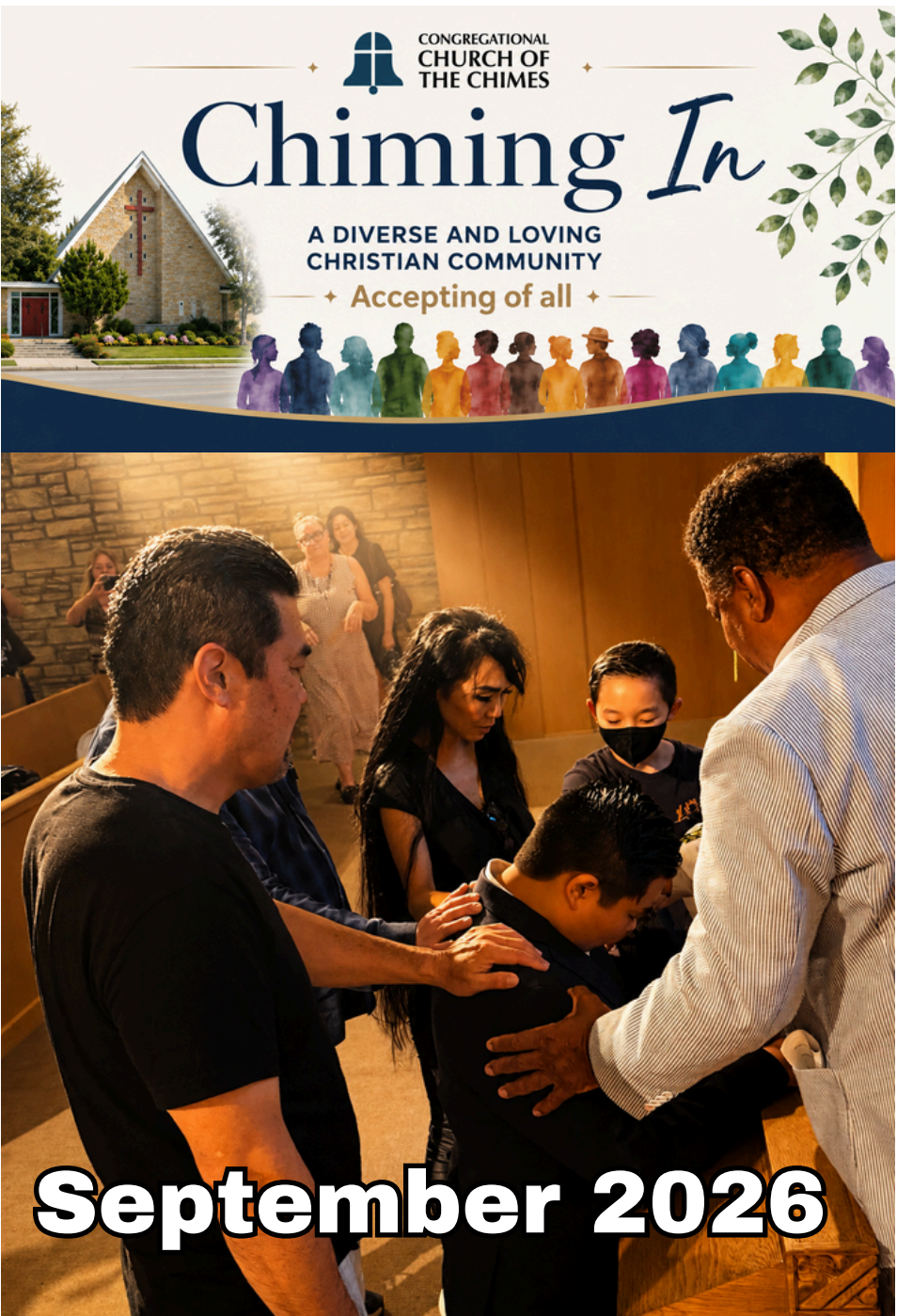




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SERMONS:

Sept 6. Psalm 119 33-40. Teach Me!
Sept 13 exodus 14:19-31 - Water Park
Sept 20. Matthew 20. 1-16. Decisively Divisive
Sept 27. Philippians 2:1-13. Complete My Joy



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SEPTEMBER 2026 HAPPENINGS

- **BE BOLD:** September 4th & 18th from 6pm-8pm in Hamilton House
- **DEACONS MEETING:** September 6th at 12pm in Dreier Hall
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** September 8th at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** September 9th at 11:30pm in Dreier Hall
- **CHRISTIAN ED MEETING:** September 20th at 12pm in Lower CE
- **CWS MEETING:** September 20th at 12pm in Dreier Hall
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** September 15th at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall
- **VESPERS:** September 17th
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10 am in Dreier Hall
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at 12 pm in Dreier Hall (starting 9/8)
- **ZUMBA:** WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS at 9:45 am in Dreier Hall
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** MEETS WEDNESDAYS at 7 pm 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.
- **PAINTING CLASS:** THURSDAYS at 10 am - 12 pm in Dreier Hall

COMMUNITY WORLD SERVICE BOARD

Jane Poole

The recent all-church Luau pot luck dinner was a blast. We had 69 people attend and although we thought we might be in need of food, there was a plethora of culinary delights. We played games, ate fabulous meals, and learned a hula dance with Jan Long teaching our moves, Joi Staves won the quilt raffle, that raised \$179.00! Thank you Michele Marot for the beautifully crafted item. And speaking of games, the Board decided to host another pot luck dinner. On Saturday, September 19th from 5:30– 9pm, we will host another all-church pot luck with a game night theme. Mark your calendars!

On Sunday August 16th the Board prepared our 12th meal for the UUC Church outreach project where they serve approximately 60 unhoused people every Tuesday in collaboration with NOHO Alliance. We are blessed to be a part of this needed community outreach effort. If anyone has ideas for casseroles that can be made in large quantities, let us know. We are always looking for new recipes and if you feel a calling, we can always use a helping hand to prepare the food! We are also hosting September receptions and we could use help then too.

Lastly, we report we sent checks to the Pan American Institute in Tijuana, to the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry and will be sending a check to the NACCC to support rebuilding efforts in Venezuela. In Christ and with Blessings.



WOMENS ASSOCIATION

The Women’s Association purchased new wood blinds for the Hamilton House dining room window. Check them out!



Diane Delaney



MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE POSTPONED TO 2027

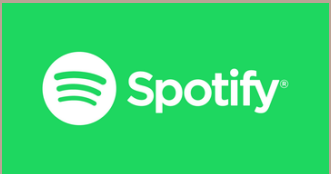
Magnolia Marketplace has been postponed due to lower-than-anticipated participation from our local school groups. Because our student performances are an important part of bringing families and energy to the Marketplace, we have decided to reschedule the event for May 2, 2027. We look forward to bringing our community together for an even bigger and better Marketplace this spring!



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

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

FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

Faithfully Yours

“School Days, School Days, Good old Golden Rule Days”

The song doesn’t quite ring true anymore does it? It used to be that everybody started school in September, and our church program years began in September.

But the timeline of the world has changed. Kids are back in August now, even though it is so hot. Many of our new college students will be en route in the next weeks: Berkley, UCLA (go Bruins) Tuscon, even the Netherlands.

Here we are closer to the way it was—the Church School year begins and our choir returns in September. Some of our church boards and groups have taken a “pause” in August.

But the words that caught me this year were not “school days, school day,” but rather “Good old golden rule days.”

If only. If only we could live the golden rule not as something old, but something always new. “Do onto others as they would have them do unto you.”

It sounds simple. Too simple. Yet, every world religion has a version of this - that we must honor each other and honor God by treating others with love and respect, with understanding and even affection. Because that is how we would like to be treated. This is how God would like us to treat each other.

So...remember that it isn’t the outside of us, the look of us, even the work of us or the personality of us that binds us to one another...

Because, after all, that is where and how God cares for us. God reaches into the core of us, the common humanity of us binds us so deeply together.

Bless be the tie that binds!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

As we prepare for the start of fall, there is so much for which to be grateful at Church of the Chimes. August gave us another opportunity to learn more about God, pray for our family and friends, and spend time together as a church family. One of the special highlights of August was celebrating our Class of 2026 Confirmed Youth. We are so proud of these young people and grateful to have the opportunity to recognize this important milestone in their faith journeys. It is always a blessing to watch our youth grow in faith, ask questions, and become increasingly involved in the life of our church. Also, a big Congrats to our youth member, Ricky, who just joined the CE Board!

It was a wonderful time together at our Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 16. What a sweet way to celebrate the first week of the new school year. Sunday School recently welcomed three very special guests: Michele, Shirley, and Anna. Together, we continued learning about the importance of empathy through the story of the Rainbow Zebra, so lovingly read by Shirley. The lesson gave our children another opportunity to think about what it means to understand the feelings of others and to lead with kindness.

We were also treated to something creative from Michele, who wrote an original song about the Fruit of the Spirit! We are so excited to share this wonderful song with the congregation very soon. It was such a creative and meaningful way to help our children learn more about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Our Christian Education ministries continue to provide spaces where children, youth, and families can feel welcomed and connected to our church community. It has been especially exciting to see the relationships that have continued to grow among our young people throughout the summer. We are growing in size. Several new toddlers are now attending the Nursery during Sunday School. What a blessing!

We are incredibly thankful for the new volunteers, families, church members, and friends who continue to give their time, talents, and energy to make these ministries possible. Every lesson taught, story shared, song written, activity planned, conversation held, and helping hand makes a difference.

September marks an annual event at Church of the Chimes, Rally Day! Join us on Sunday, September 26th, as we Rally in the new Sunday School year. We welcome all children to learn about faith in an engaging, supportive, and loving environment.

We are excited to begin another season of lessons, activities, music, and conversations that help our young people grow both in their faith and in their relationships with one another.

Our Youth Group will continue meeting on the first and third Fridays of the month. Youth Group is for our young people to relax, have fun, build friendships, and explore their faith together. Our new Be Bold College Group will start this month as well. We have seven College Students interested in our new Be Bold College Group. As our young adults begin or continue their college journeys, we want Church of the Chimes to remain a place where they can stay connected to one another and to their church family. This new monthly gathering will provide opportunities for fellowship, conversation, support, and fun while creating a space specifically for college-age youth/young adults. We look forward to watching this new ministry grow!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this summer so special and to everyone who continues to support Christian Education. We are excited for all that the Fall, Winter and Spring seasons have in store and for another wonderful school year together at Church of the Chimes!

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” - Joshua 1:9

Grace and Peace, Tina Jasiukonis - ChristianEd@ChurchoftheChimes.org





GOLDEN WEST FAIR

The Golden West Fair is coming to Church of the Chimes! Mark your calendars and save the date for this special community event.

We’re looking forward to a wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and community, and we invite our congregation to get involved.

If you would like to participate or help with the Golden West Fair, please email John Sullivan for more information.

Email: johnw.sullivan@yahoo.com

TRUSTEES

Tony Bliss

Dear Friends,

I accepted a job last month that will prevent me from continuing in my role on the Board of Trustees. It was with a heavy heart that I informed the board of my intentions to step away two weeks ago. I have been proud to serve two terms, 4 1/2 of them as Chair. We accomplished a lot over those years and I am proud that we always find ways to minimize what we have to pay out for maximum benefit. Javier has a lot to do with that!

A new Chair has not been chosen as the trustees opted to take August off as well. I am sure whoever assumes the role will do so proudly and at great service to the church. It has been a pleasure.

Respectfully Yours,

Tony Bliss
Chair Emeritus

COUNCIL

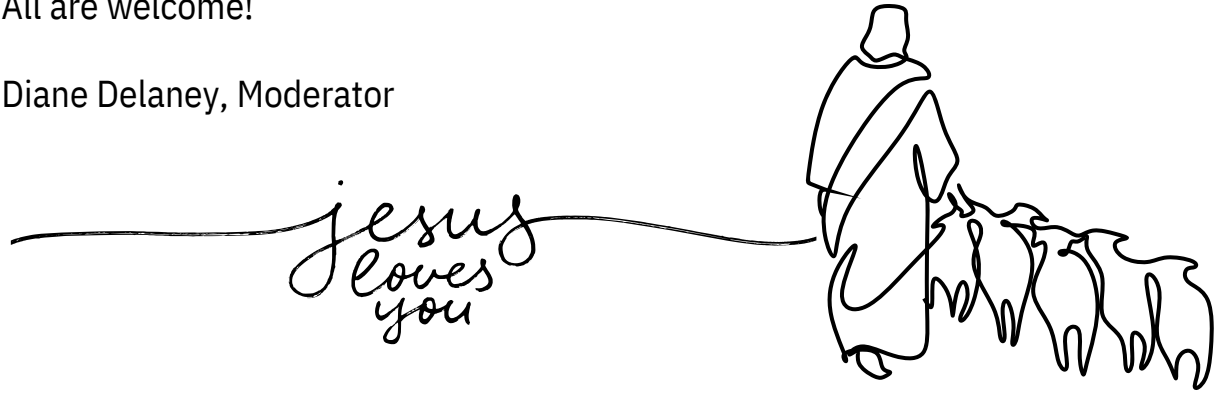
Diane Delaney, Moderator

Council had a very productive meeting on August 4th. We have changed the GWF date to Saturday, October 10th, and the Women’s Association Rummage Sale to Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th, due to a large filming opportunity that will bring in a significant amount of income.

The August after-church receptions were hosted by the Board of Deacons, and the September receptions will be hosted by our CWS Board. We thank you all!

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for September 8 at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall. All are welcome!

Diane Delaney, Moderator



RACIAL EQUITY

Diane Delaney



September: Hispanic Heritage Month: The 2026 theme is “Unidos, Somos Más”, which translates to “Together, We Are More.” Hispanic Heritage Month is observed every September 15 through October 15, because that timeframe includes the independence anniversaries of several Latin American countries and spotlights the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic Americans.

It started as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson in 1968 and expanded to a full month by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.



SEPTEMBER



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