SERMONS:

November 1: Matthew 5: 1-12 Saintly

November 8 Matthew 25: 1-13 Lamplighter

November 15 Matthew 25: 14-30 Wise Investing

November 22 Luke 17: 11-19 Thanks?

November 29: Mark 24-37 13: 24-37 Wake Up!

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NOVEMBER 2026 HAPPENINGS

- **DEACONS MEETING:** November 1st at 12pm in Dreier Hall
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** November 3rd at 6:30pm
- **BE BOLD:** November 6th & 20th from 6pm–8pm in Hamilton House
- **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING:** November 7th at 10am in Dreier Hall
- **CONGREGATIONALISM CLASS:** November 8th at 12pm in Dreier Hall
- **OCC SHOEBOX PACKING:** November 8th from 11am–1pm
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** November 11th at 11:30am in Dreier Hall
- **HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE:** November 14th from 10am–2pm in Bower & Dreier Hall
- **CHRISTIAN ED MEETING:** November 15th at 12pm in Lower CE
- **CWS MEETING:** November 15th at 12pm in Dreier Hall
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** November 17th at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall
- **INTERFAITH SERVICE:** November 19th at 6:30pm-8pm in Santuary
- **HANGING OF THE GREENS:** November 29th from 11:30am–3pm, All Campus
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** 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:** Wednesdays at 7pm via Zoom
- **ART CLASS:** Thursdays at 10am in Dreier Hall

COMMUNITY WORLD SERVICE BOARD

Jane Poole

This month your Community World Service board begins a special outreach program, Operation Christmas Child, a program our church has participated in for many, many years. Our goal is to fill 100 boxes on November 8th after worship service, with all church participation. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 135 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the FIRST and perhaps the ONLY gift they have ever had and perhaps will ever receive.

We are asking you to please start purchasing and collecting items such as: small dolls, coloring books, small musical instruments, clothing/outfits, hygiene items, small balls, toy cars, yo-yo's, jump ropes, toys that light up with extra batteries, school supplies, sharpeners, crayons, paper, markers, solar calculators, flashlights with batteries and so forth. Hygiene items include tooth brushes, bars of soap, combs, washcloths, etc. Clothing items can be hats, gloves, hair accessories and jewelry. We will also provide Christmas cards for you to write a personal note to include in the box. If you put our address on the note, we might even hear back from the recipient! We also welcome cash donations to shop for items if you are unable to purchase the goodies yourself, and monetary donations to help defray the $10.00 per box shipping cost.

If you have any questions, you can ask CWS board members, including myself, Brian and Cameel Fisk, Jessica Wood and Matthew Robertson. You can bring items to the church office starting now during the week, and on Sundays between now and November 8th, bringing them to the OCC table in the Narthex.

Thank you in advance for your support. Blessings, Jane G. Poole

WOMENS ASSOCIATION

Diane Delaney

The Women's Association (WA) Fall Rummage Sale was very successful! We raised over $4,300! As a reminder, this money is used for LAVC Scholarships and other church projects. It is also a very important event for many people in our community who depend on it and come to every sale. We had so many wonderful volunteers helping with setup, selling for 2 days, and cleanup. Thank you ALL so much!



SAVE THE DATE:

The Women's Association Holiday Boutique will be held on Saturday, November 14th from 10 am to 2 pm. Hope you will join us!

We need some volunteers to help with setup and selling. Please contact Diane if you can help us! Also, we still have a few spaces available for vendors with festive and creative products to be part of our boutique!

SFV CROP WALK

Diane Delaney

The Congregational Church of the Chimes is honored to host the 51st Annual San Fernando Valley (SFV) CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 1pm. We need your support for the SFV CROP Hunger Walk because everyone deserves access to food, locally and globally, and this walk helps make that possible. 25% of the proceeds stay local and will go to the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry, the West Valley Food Pantry, and SOVA. 75% goes to Church World Service to help stop hunger around the world. To sign up to walk with the CotC Team or make a donation, visit: https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/congregational-church-of-the-chimes. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at 818-681-3948 or sfvcropwalk@yahoo.com

FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

Faithfully Yours

As someone who loves the month of November, I don't think the month gets nearly the attention it deserves. Yes, we all look forward to Thanksgiving, and may begin all of our Christmas preparations. And though baseball is over, football is cresting and basketball is just opening up.

What I like are the skies—brilliant sunrises and sunsets, and the cloudy days when the sun is briefly allowed to peek through. I like seeing V;s of geese honking their way to warmer climes for the winter. I like it being cold enough that I need some blankets at night and a nice warm sweatshirt during the day. I like the colors of the month too—orange and purple gourds, pewter gray skies, deep red maple leaves and the slow browning of once green grass.

I like beginning the month remembering All the Saints whose faith and good works have brightened the world. I like imagining the Mayflower crossing that wild autumn Atlantic, and the brave and bold Pilgrims who came seeking freedom to worship. I do like sitting at the Thanksgiving table, its bounty reminding me to share more of what I have with those who don't have enough. I love November perhaps most of all because of what it means to me: It is a bittersweet month for me too: it bears the anniversary of my husband's death and his birthday. So each year his sons and I pause together to cherish our memories, and to thank God for the gift of his life and the legacy of his love.

So God, thank you!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kristina Jasiukonis, Director of Christian Ed

October was a lovely month for our church family! Our 76th Annual Golden West Fair brought us together in celebration, while full Sunday School classes and busy Youth Group gatherings gave us many opportunities to play, pray and connect. Our youth helped prepare for the fair by making signs while Sunday Schoolers created colorful leaf rubbings to display around the festivities. Thank you to Michele M. for peeling crayons and collecting the leaves. What a joy to see the young children and youth share their creativity and contribute to this beloved church tradition of 76 years!

As November arrives, we look forward to our Second Annual Youth Group Friendsgiving Dinner. We will gather to reflect on the year and give thanks for the fellowship we share. I will prepare the main dish, and each youth will bring a side dish to complete our delicious meal. We will sit down together for a classic dinner in the Hamilton House dining room with real dishes! Many will enjoy the simple gift of sharing food and conversation around the table. After dinner, we will take a "digestion walk" around campus before beginning a very special project. The details are a surprise, but we look forward to sharing something thoughtful with our church family.

Ephesians 2:19 reminds us that we are "members of the household of God." In this family of faith, every person has something to offer, and every act of kindness helps strengthen our community. As we gather in gratitude this season, may our thanksgiving extend beyond words and into action. We can see this action in the ways we care for one another, practice kindness, use gentle words, share a meal, offer a helping hand, and make room at the table.

An Open Call for Our Intergenerational Christmas Pageant (Dec 13). For interest or questions, **email Tina at ChristianEd@ChurchoftheChimes.org.t**

All are invited to help bring the Christmas story to life! Whether you would like to perform or lend a hand behind the scenes, we welcome your interest. There is something especially meaningful about sharing this story as a church family, and we would love for you to be part of it. Stay tuned for more details! Peace be with you.
Kristina Jasiukonis, M.A. -Director of Christian Education

GETTING TO KNOW CHURCH OF THE CHIMES: SUN, NOV 8TH 12PM

This is a class for those who are interested in learning about our congregational history, as well as the history and organization of the Church of the Chimes. All are welcome to join us—if you are new to us, or want a refresher or are interested in learning more about becoming a member. Those who choose to join the church will be welcomed into membership during worship on November 22.

RACIAL EQUITY

Diane Delaney



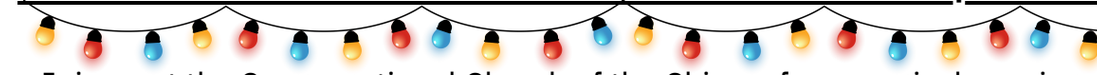
November is National Native American Heritage Month, celebrating the culture, contributions, and heritage of Native Americans. In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variantson the name have been issued each year since 1994. It is also a time to educate the public about native American tribes, raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced, and to illuminate the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.

COUNCIL

Diane Delaney, Moderator

Council had an informative meeting on October 6. We plan to have an all-church meeting early in the new year to discuss the notes and ideas from both our 2020 and 20206 all church retreats and create a plan for 2027! We hope everyone will participate! We are planning and looking forward to Fall and then the Christmas season and all of our wonderful Christmas activities and services celebrating the birth of Jesus.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE! WED DEC 4TH | 6–8 PM



Join us at the Congregational Church of the Chimes for a magical evening as we light up our beautiful campus for the holiday season! Santa Claus will be making a special appearance, and our local Fire Department will help us kick off the festivities by placing the Polestar atop our majestic redwood tree! Bring your family and friends for a festive evening filled with holiday cheer, community spirit, and sparkling lights!

THE GOLDEN WEST FAIR

As many of us know and experienced the church's 76th annual Golden West Fair was on October 10, 2026. The fair was moved back a week due to a major movie shoot on campus. While the fair seemed a little slower than the previous year it was still quite the success measured by revenue generated. Net revenue was slightly down from the year before and netted over $15,000. This despite the fact there was a windstorm and then a rain storm that caused the fair to end about an hour earlier than anticipated. We can call this the Hurricane Rachel Fair.

Generous donations for expenses allowed the church to purchase a new (used) stage, which was put to good use. Because of the donations, the church also added new food options this year which resulted in increased food revenue. If the church receives generous donations again next year, the fair hopes that the church can acquire new tents and new games for the midway. If people are interested in a wrap up meeting let John Sullivan or any other fair leaders and we can set it up. Ideas and help are always welcome and thanks to all who helped this year as usual it was a nearly 100% participation from the members which is a key to continued success of the fair.
See you at the 77th fair!









DEACONS

Wade Young

In late November, the Deacons will be getting ready for our Winter Toy & Clothing drive for the LA County Foster Care System (aka All 4 Kids). More details will be announced during worship services in November. We're also looking forward to gearing up for the Holiday Season!

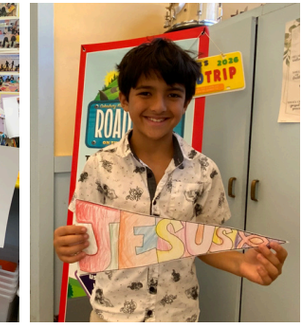
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Whew! We made it through another GWF. It's always a lot of work but the camaraderie among us makes it all worthwhile. As some of you know, I have been appointed C.E. Co-Chair with Ricky Parker Kim. I'm looking forward to working with Ricky and CE Director Tina. I have to say I am so proud of Ricky. Did you see him last month in the Lectern, terrific job! I have known Ricky since he was in my Sunday school class. He was about 5 years old and his brother Brandon was in a stroller. He has become not just an intelligent young man but a kind and caring Christian. We are very blessed to have Ricky and his family as a part of our Church community.
















NOVEMBER



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