

# Chiming In

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES  
NEWS AND EVENTS

*A Diverse and Loving Christian Community Accepting of All*



## November 2025

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### SERMONS:

**November 2:** Solomon 3: 1-9 ~ Sparks

**November 9:** Luke 19; 1-9 ~ Short and sweet

**November 16:** Isaiah 65: 17-25 ~ All New

**November 23:** Philippians 4: 4-9 ~ Thank You!

**November 30:** Jeremiah 33: 14-16 ~ Branching Out

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## FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

### ***Faithfully Yours***

Just to say, I don't think November gets the love it deserves as a month. Most every other month has a meme or a nickname or a song....Dog days of August, Try to remember that kind of September...the Ides of March. April Fool. May Day. June is busting out all over...Mr. October...you get the idea. Yet nestled in the 30 days of November are such important times that don't carry the name of the month but instead carry the sustenance of the month.

**All Saints day** on November 1 when great folks are remembered and celebrated. **All Souls Day**, November 2....also known as the Day of the Dead. Though with roots in Mexico the importance of honoring our loved ones gone has become a part of our remembering too. That remembering will be a part of our own worship and prayer life on November 2.

**Election Day:** On the first Tuesday of the month when we are given the civic responsibility of voting for the people and platforms which reflect our own faithful core as we bring our Christian values to our nation.

#### **The arrival of the Pilgrims and the signing of the Mayflower Compact:**

**On May 21, 1620** the Pilgrims brought religious freedom to the land and wrote the words that of the Compact that sealed "the common good" as a foundation of that freedom. Thanksgiving! The last Thursday of the month when families and friends feast together to offer thanks for the many blessings of our lives. In 1621 it was an occasion for the Pilgrims to meet with the Wampanoag Indians in gratitude for their help which allowed the small colony on the Indian's land to survive and thrive.

Although November may not be highlighted this month of gray skies and cooling weather and longer nights, it brings us so many sacred moments of memory, of engagement with the world, of the freedom which defines our spiritual heritage, and of course, our deepest thanks for how we have been blessed. Let these times too then, call us into the world to share our thanks, to share our blessings, to be witnesses to our faith and to the One who has called us to live justly, kindly and mercifully. Let the gray of November be brightened by the light of God's love which shines through us in acts of goodness.

Love, Beth

## GETTING TO KNOW DIANE DELANEY

By Michelle Marot

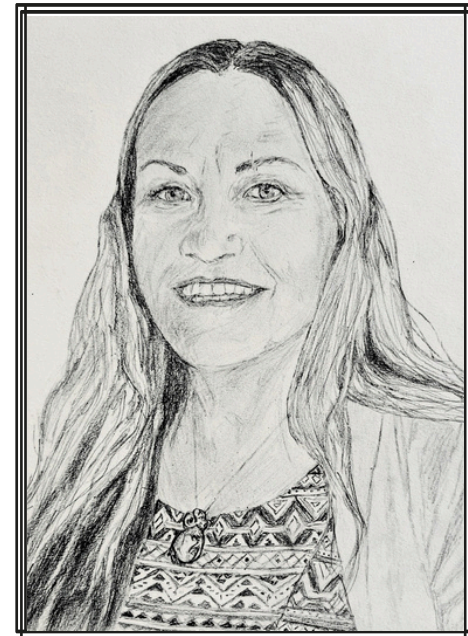
This month we celebrate Diane Delaney, a longtime and devoted member of the Church of the Chimes family. Born in Beacon, NY, and raised in Wappingers Falls, Diane graduated from Roy C. Ketchum High School and earned her B.S. in Computer Science from SUNY Plattsburgh. She began her 39-year career at IBM as a programmer in Westlake Village, CA, eventually serving as Global Diversity Leader for People with Diverse Abilities, specializing in neurodiversity. Since retiring in April 2024,

Diane has remained active, serving as COO for ASL Flurry, Inc. and previously as Interim Assistant Director for the Center on Disabilities. Diane and her husband George enjoy beach walks and bike rides—during COVID, they walked 185 miles from Palos Verdes to Ventura in segments—and she also loves playing racquetball.

A member of Church of the Chimes since 1992, Diane has served on nearly every board (except Music!) and currently serves as Moderator for Church Council and Treasurer of the Women's Association. She started the COTC Handbell Choir for Easter and leads the San Fernando Valley CROP Walk, which marks its 50th year on November 2. Diane and George found COTC while searching for a church home to raise their children—and have cherished it ever since. She especially enjoys the Women's Association Holiday Boutique and Christmas Eve candlelight service with her family.

When asked what she hopes to hear in heaven, Diane replied:

"Welcome to heaven, Diane! I'm proud of what you accomplished on earth." Thank you, Diane, for your many years of leadership, faith, and service to our church community!



**CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE NEWS**

Jane Poole

We are in Operation Finish Line for our Operation Christmas Child outreach! The church community will pack boxes on November 9th after church in Bower Hall, with a hot dog lunch provided by Robert Dunn. With two weeks to go, we’ve received \$726 toward shoebox shipping—with only \$144 more needed to fully cover all 87 boxes! How wonderful!

We still need items for the boxes, including 63 small flashlights with batteries, 39 small packs of Kleenex, 22 rulers, 37 coloring books (all ages), 34 combs or brushes, 36 toothbrushes (no toothpaste), 56 packs of crayons, 30 small dolls, small clothing for girls ages 2–4, and socks for boys and girls of all ages.

The CWS Board is deeply grateful for your generous donations and support! We also prepared another meal for the UUC Homeless Outreach Program—two large trays of Jan Long’s delicious taco casserole, which were a big hit! Looking ahead: Blessing Bags will kick off on January 4, 2026, with assembly on January 25, 2026. And mark your calendars for the CWS Gala on May 16, 2026!

**COTC RECOGNITION BY COUNCIL PERSON NITHYA RAMAN** Jane Poole

This past Friday, I joined Louise Goben at City Hall for a ceremony honoring Food Pantry organizations. In a wonderful moment of kismet, Council Member Raman’s communications contact invited me to also represent COTC at the Celebration of Clergy. With Beth’s approval, I was interviewed and recognized as Director of Christian Education Emeritus. It was a heartwarming event celebrating clergy of all faiths, and Council Member Raman presented me with a token of appreciation. Please keep in prayer the churches that lost their sanctuaries in the January fires as they work to rebuild God’s houses.

**NOVEMBER 2025 HAPPENINGS**

- **CAL WEST MEETING:** Nov 1st 11am-2pm Bower Hall
- **50th SFV CROP HUNGER WALK:** Nov 2nd 1-3pm Hamilton House Patio
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** Nov 4th at 6:45pm Dreier Hall
- **BE BOLD:** Nov 7 & 21 at 6pm Hamilton House
- **WOMENS ASSOCIATION MEETING:** Nov 8th 10am Dreier Hall
- **VESPERS:** Nov 20th. at 6:30pm
- **DEACONS MEETING:** Nov 16th at 12:00 pm Bower Hall
- **CHRISTIAN ED MEETING:** Nov 16th at 12:00 pm Lower CE
- **CWS MEETING:** Nov 16th at 12:00pm Dreier Hall
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** Nov 18th at 6:30pm Dreier Hall
- **HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE:** Nov 22nd 10am -2pm Bower Hall
- **PILGRIM FIDDLES PRESCHOOL THANKSGIVING DINNER:** Nov 25th 5pm-7pm
- **HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Nov 30th 11:30am -3pm
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at 12 at Noon in Dreier Hall
- **PAINTING CLASS:** THURSDAYS 10:00am - 12:00pm in Dreier Hall
- **ZUMBA:** WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS at 9:45 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).





## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER**

Tina Jasiukonis & Jon Wallace

We're so thankful for our church family and wish you a warm, peaceful, and meaningful Thanksgiving season.

Finally, Grief Share returns this winter, led by Tanny & Tina, meeting Thursdays, 12:00–1:30 p.m., beginning January 29, 2026. All are welcome—RSVP via [ChristianEd@ChurchoftheChimes.org](mailto:ChristianEd@ChurchoftheChimes.org).

Sunday School has added a new infant and toddler area with play space, age-appropriate toys, and a changing station. We welcome children from infants through teens every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Stop by anytime—we love meeting new families! We're also excited to launch a new youth music program and prepare for our Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 14th at 10:30 a.m. (children arrive at 9:30). Volunteers are welcome—email [ChristianEd@ChurchoftheChimes.org](mailto:ChristianEd@ChurchoftheChimes.org) to get involved.

On October 17th, our Sunday School hosted a fantastic Community Open House with pumpkin carving, crafts, snacks, a Haunted House (thank you, John L.), and the Scouts' historic Ropes Bridge (thank you, John V.). We were also touched by the recent Arrow of Light Ceremony, where John Van Veen honored his son Chris by displaying his Scout uniform—a heartfelt tribute to his years of dedication. Our Be Bold Youth Group meets on the first and third Fridays from 5:30–8:00 p.m. All middle and high school students are welcome—bring a friend! For details, email [ChristianEd@ChurchoftheChimes.org](mailto:ChristianEd@ChurchoftheChimes.org).

As we enter the “ber” months, we wish you a joyful November filled with gratitude for our vibrant church community. It was wonderful seeing so many familiar faces at the 75th Golden West Fair!

## **CAL WEST ANNUAL MEETING HERE! NOV 1**

Cal West is the Association of Congregational Churches in the west regions of the country. They meet twice a year to conduct business of the association, to share resources and relationships and to worship together. This year the fall meeting will be held here at Church of the Chimes on Saturday, November 1. Registration for the meeting begins at 10:30, with the business meeting convening at 11 a.m. There will be a delicious lunch at noon with a suggested donation of \$20. Worship will begin after lunch. All of you and us are invited. Please let us know if you will be here for lunch by registering through our church office (818-789-7124)

This year there are TWO special things happening. Rev. Gerry Krup who is the executive director of our National Association of Congregational Christian Churches will be with us to greet us and to share news of the NACCC. And Cal West will vote on the application for membership for First Congregational Church of Anchorage, Alaska!

Our Cal West delegate is Wade Young, and Dr. Bingham attends as a voting clergy member. But everyone is invited to come and listen and participate as we work on making our organization always relevant to church needs.

## **THURSDAYS ART GROUP**

Keith Metz

Having finished up with classical Greek art during the month of October, we will take a look at the next stage, which is Hellenistic Greek at the beginning of November. After that, we will do something completely different and take a look at oriental art first looking at Chinese and then Japanese art. As always, you can bring an art project that you're working on to continue with at this time. Come and join us!





# Thanksgiving Service

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE 44 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Wednesday  
November 19th  
START AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

7PM 4390 COLFAX AVE, STUDIO CITY

Food (and pet food) donations are welcome

Checks may be made payable to NHIFP and mailed to  
NHIFP c/o First Christian Church  
4390 Colfax Avenue  
Studio City, CA 91602



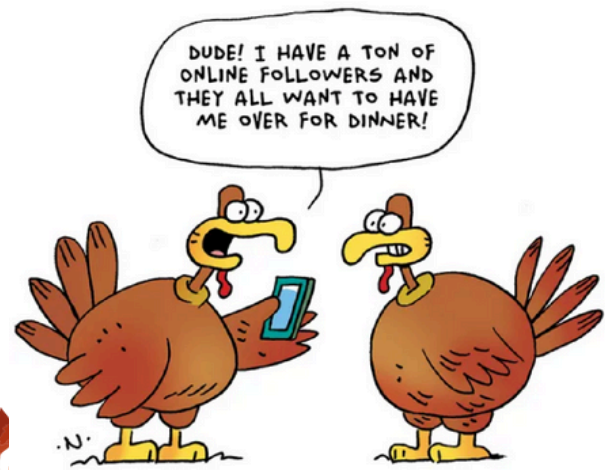
COTC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

# HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

November 22, 2025  
10am -2pm

SHOPPING  
HANDMADE CRAFTS  
UNIQUE GIFTS

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14115 MAGNOLIA BLVD, SHERMAN OAKS







# NOVEMBER 2025



Sun	Mon	Thurs	Wed	Tues	Fri	Sat
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