

# Chiming In

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES  
NEWS AND EVENTS

*A Diverse and Loving Christian Community Accepting of All*



May 2025

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## SERMONS:

**May 4:** John 21: 1-19 Times 3

**May 11:** 2 Timothy 1: 1-7 Legacies of Love

**May 18:** Ephesians 4: 11-16 Back to the Future

**May 25:** John 14: 23-29 Another Comforter



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***Faithfully Yours***

This is the month when we celebrate in wonder and delight the 75th anniversary of Congregational Church of the Chimes. Thousands of people have worshipped here. The sanctuary is filled with the lives and souls of all who have prayed here, sung here and found God here.

And our amazing campus is covered with footprints as people come to a Golden West Fair, or a rummage sale or Vacation Bible School or to see Christmas lights suddenly twinkle in the night.

The lawn is moistened by the tears of happy couples who were married here, and too the tears of those who said goodbye to their loves ones here. This church is a building where so many have come close to God, and close to one another.

A Christian scholar once wrote “The church is what’s left when the building burns down.” --that is the people.

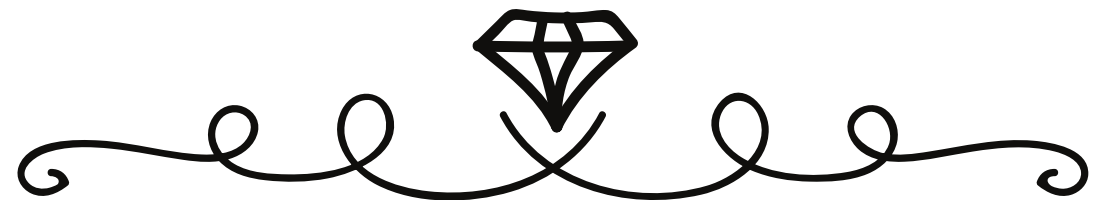
Here at Church of the Chimes we are all the people who have made this corner a church filled with the love that has been growing since that day in May when some people decided there should be a Congregational Church in the San Fernando Valley.

So as we celebrate this anniversary, we give thanks for our church which is indeed “A diverse and loving Christian community accepting of all.” And as we celebrate, may we make our pledge and promise to let this Christian Community continue to bring God’s light and love to our neighborhood, our community, and to the weary world which needs us so desperately.

May the party begin!

**MAY 2025 HAPPENINGS**

- **WOMENS ASSOCIATION SPRING RUMMAGE SALE:** Friday May 2nd & Sat May 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30am - 1pm
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** May 6 at 6:30pm DH/Zoom
- **VESPERS:** May 15th at 6:30pm
- **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** May 17<sup>th</sup> 5pm-9pm in Bower Hall
- **75th ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCH** - May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am BH
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** May 20th 6:30pm in Dreier Hall and hybrid
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in Dreier Hall
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at 12 Noon 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).







## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary with a Gala on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-9ish pm with hors d'oeuvres, drinks, dinner, and dancing! If you need transportation call the Church Office at 818-789-7124. RSVP by May 1st and include 2 songs that will get you on the dance floor. Tickets are on sale now for \$30 per person and will be \$35 AT THE DOOR. To purchase Gala tickets online view Evite link: <https://evite.me/CghvHEXdud> Or you can bring a check or cash to the Church Office. Hope you join us for this fun, festive and sparkly event!

## FUNDING THE FUTURE: 75 TH ANNIVERSARY FUND

To honor the 75th anniversary we are inviting our Church of the Chimes friends and family to contribute to a fund for the future: from \$7.50 to \$75 to \$750 or whatever you can donate. If you are able, pledge cards will be available for you. The money raised will be used to sustain our ministries and our outreach.

## PICTORAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Diane Delaney

We are creating a 2025 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition online and printable church pictorial directory and plan to have it ready by mid-May! We are using the Instant Church Directory Program/App which allows each COTC member/friend to have secure online access to be able to view all information, edit your own information. If you would like a printed Directory please contact Diane Delaney. Thank you!

# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES

# 75<sup>TH</sup>

## ANNIVERSARY

MAY 17, 2025 ⌚ 5–9 PM

## Gala Celebration

*Dinner • Fun • Music*

14115 Magnolia Blvd. Bower Hall

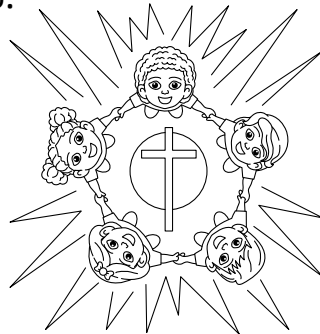
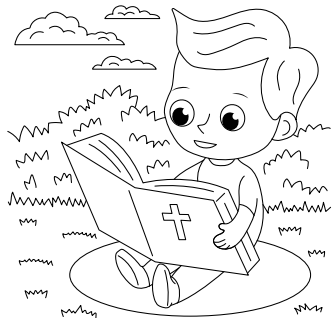
## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION KIDS CORNER**

Jan Long

What a wondrous Easter week, starting with our annual fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt, then our Sunday School kids waving palms during the choir procession on Palm Sunday and a beautiful walk in the garden, followed by a moving Maundy Thursday evening service and a Good Friday service, ending with a beautiful Easter Sunday with old and new faces enjoying a wonderful message by Rev. Bingham.

I want to thank Jane Poole, Jon Wallace, Barbara Downs and the rest of the CE Board as well as the Craft Ladies for their help and donations at the Easter Egg Hunt. Also, I can't forget the terrific decorating by the Be Bold group. What a wonderful sight watching approximately 40 little ones hunt for eggs and getting their picture taken with our very special Easter bunny.

Rev. Beth had recently held a meeting with the search committee for a new Christian Education Director and hopefully the position will be filled in the near future. In the meantime, the CE Board continues to proceed with the lessons and activities originally put in place by Jane Poole followed by Julia Keiper with the Lord's guidance. We have also added two new members to the Board, Carol (CeCe) Clark and Kristina Jasiukonis. And Be Bold continues to meet twice a month on Friday evenings. We will now start to focus on Vacation Bible School which is scheduled for July 21 - 25.



## **TRUSTEES**

Tony Bliss

Our 2025 Stewardship campaign was very successful. We received estimates of giving for just over \$120,000. Thank you to everyone who submitted a card. And if you did not submit one, it's not too late. You can still drop off your card in the church office or in the Offering plate on Sunday. We held our annual budget meeting on April 6 and the proposed budget was unanimously approved. Robert Jones has generously donated a new container to store all of the furniture that is donated to the church until the GWF or other. He is working on it still and we will have photos in the next Chiming In! He is also taking care of the rose garden by the carport and created a nice pathway through the garden. We are getting bids to repair the upper CE balcony railing. In the meantime, we put up caution tape to discourage people from leaning on the railing just to be extra careful. Submitted by Diane Delaney, Vice Chairperson

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

As we approach our 75<sup>th</sup> annual meeting where we will approve nominations for new Board members, we still have a few openings for CE, CWS, Deacons and Trustees. If you are interested sharing your talents as a Board member contact one of our Nominating Reps: Barb D., Jane, Pam V., Shirley or John L. Thanks!

## **HANDBELLS**

Diane Delaney

The COTC Handbell Choir had our debut on Easter Sunday playing the Doxology. We hope you enjoyed it! We had a great time preparing and playing. If you are interested in joining the handbell choir please contact Alexandra or Diane.



**REMEMBERING TANA: A CHERISHED FRIEND OF OUR CHURCH**

Illustration by Michelle Marot

Tana was a beloved and familiar presence within our community. Her gentle spirit and thoughtful nature made a lasting impact on those who had the joy of spending time with her at our Tuesday Craft Group and Bouquet Circle meetings. Tana was a master knitter, and her contributions to the WA Holiday Boutique were always beautifully crafted and deeply appreciated. But beyond her talent with needles and yarn, what stood out most was her genuine interest in others. She had an eye for detail and always offered a kind word or encouraging comment on whatever project someone was working on—whether it was crochet, knitting, or simply the start of something new.

She was also a sharp and clever companion during Tuesday game days. Her quick wit and insightful observations often caught us by surprise and reminded us of the richness of her inner world. Tana often credited her longevity to her commitment to daily walks, a habit passed down from her father’s advice. It was just one of many ways she quietly modeled wisdom and self-care in her everyday life. And, of course, she had a well-known love for chocolate—an endearing trait that only made her more relatable to those around her.

We are grateful for the time we shared with Tana. Her kindness, creativity, and warmth brought joy and light into our gatherings. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.



# MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE

SHOPPING  
FOOD VENDORS  
BOUNCE HOUSE  
LIVE SHOWS

**MAY 4TH**  
11:30AM – 2:30PM

**FREE ENTRY!**

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# MAY 2025



| Sun   | Mon   | Tues   | Wed  | Thurs  | Fri   | Sat  |
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|   |   |  |  | <u>1</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>4:00pm Drumming<br>7:00pm Jumpin’ Fleas MR | <u>2</u> <b>WA RUMMAGE SALE<br/>8:30am - 1pm</b><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>9:45am Zumba CE<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>6:00pm BE BOLD<br>7:00pm RPC ~ Sanctuary | <u>3</u> <b>WA RUMMAGE SALE<br/>8:30am - 1pm</b><br>9:00am Kingdom Camp B-Ball<br>9:00am LM&S<br>9:55am LM&S                     |
| <u>4</u> <b>MAGNOLIA MAKETPLACE<br/>11:30AM-1:30PM</b><br>10:30am COTC Worship Svc<br>10:45am Sunday School<br>1:30pm RPC Worship Svc<br>7:30pm Al Anon ~ DH          | <u>5</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm Sea Scouts<br>7:00pm AA Meeting ~ BH<br>7:30pm Al-Anon ~ Chapel                    | <u>6</u> <b>COUNCIL MEETING<br/>DH 6:30PM</b><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba ~ CE<br>10:0am Craft Creations ~ DH<br>12Noon Brown Bag Bible<br>3:00pm Gymnastics<br>4:00pm Drumming      | <u>7</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm Women’s Bible Study<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts~ BH                                    | <u>8</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>4:00pm Drumming                            | <u>9</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba DH<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm RPC ~ Sanctuary   | <u>10</u><br>9:00am Kingdom Camp B-Ball<br>9:00am LM&S<br>9:55am LM&S  |
| <u>11</u><br>10:30am COTC Worship Svc<br>10:45am Sunday School<br>1:30pm RPC Worship Svc<br>2pm Confirmation<br>7:30pm Al Anon ~ DH                                   | <u>12</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm Sea Scouts<br>7:00pm AA Meeting ~ BH<br>7:30pm Al-Anon ~ Chapel                   | <u>13</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba ~ CE<br>10:00am Craft Creations DH<br>12Noon Brown Bag Bible DH<br>3:00pm Gymnastics CE<br>4:00pm Drumming                                     | <u>14</u> <b>BOUQUET CIRCLE<br/>11:30am</b><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm Women’s Bible Study<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts~ BH | <u>15</u> <b>VESPERS<br/>6:30pm</b><br>9:00am Preschool<br>4:00pm Drumming | <u>16</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45 Zumba DH<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm RPC ~ Sanctuary  | <u>17</u> <b>75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY<br/>CELEBRATION 5PM-9PM</b><br>9:00am Kingdom Camp B-Ball<br>9:00am LM&S<br>9:55am LM&S |
| <u>18</u> <b>75th ANNUAL MEETING<br/>&amp; LUNCH 11:30am BH</b><br>10:30am COTC Worship Svc<br>10:45am Sunday School<br>1:30pm RPC Worship Svc<br>7:30pm Al Anon ~ DH | <u>19</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm Sea Scouts<br>7:00pm AA Meeting ~ BH<br>7:30pm Al-Anon ~ Chapel                   | <u>20</u> <b>TRUSTEE MEETING<br/>6:30pm</b><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba ~ CE<br>10:0am Craft Creations ~ Dreier<br>12Noon Brown Bag Bible<br>3:00pm Gymnastics CE<br>4:00pm Drumming | <u>21</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm Women’s Bible Study<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts~ BH                                   | <u>22</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>4:00pm Drumming                           | <u>23</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba DH<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm RPC ~ Sanctuary  | <u>24</u><br>9:00am Kingdom Camp B-Ball<br>9:00am LM&S<br>9:55am LM&S  |
| <u>25</u><br>10:30am COTC Worship Svc<br>10:45am Sunday School<br>1:30pm RPC Worship Svc<br>7:30pm Al Anon ~ DH   | <u>26</u> <b>MEMORIAL DAY<br/>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm Sea Scouts<br>7:00pm AA Meeting ~ BH<br>7:30pm Al-Anon ~ Chapel | <u>27</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba ~ CE<br>10:0am Craft Creations ~ Dreier<br>12Noon Brown Bag Bible<br>3:00pm Gymnastics CE<br>4:00pm Drumming                                   | <u>28</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm Women’s Bible Study<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts~ BH                                   | <u>29</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>4:00pm Drumming                           | <u>30</u><br>9:00am Preschool<br>9:45am Zumba DH<br>10:00am 10 at 10<br>7:00pm RPC ~ Sanctuary  | <u>31</u><br>9:00am Kingdom Camp B-Ball<br>9:00am LM&S<br>9:55am LM&S  |