

# Chiming In

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES  
NEWS AND EVENTS

*A Diverse and Loving Christian Community Accepting of All*



74th Annual  
**Golden West Fair**

**FUN & FOOD FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY**

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**Saturday October 5th 9am-4pm**

Home Baked Goods		Midway Games
Antiques		Prizes
Furniture		Hamburgers
Collectibles		Hot Dogs
Books & Gifts	 <b>MAGNOLIA &amp; HAZELTINE</b>	Taco Stand

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## SERMONS:

**October 6:** I Corinthians 10: 16-17 A Seat at the Table  
**October 13:** Mark 10: 17-31 The Eyes Have It  
**October 20:** Dr. Louise Goben preaching  
**October 27:** Psalm 46; Ephesians 2: 8-10



Faithfully Yours And Prayerfully Yours

If there is any date in October that we all know it is October 31, which is, of course Halloween...since sometime in August people have been getting ready, or at least stores are encouraging us to get ready. There are big bags of candy for us to buy to give to the costumed children who knock on our door and say "Trick or Treat." Buying it in August makes me wonder how fresh it will be by the end of October but perhaps the candy is eaten so fast nobody notices. Halloween has become so much a part of our culture that there are Halloween stores, and costumes worn not only by children but by grown-ups and pets too. There are always lots of parties, there are people bobbing for apples and tripping through haunted houses...Yes, October 31 is a great big holiday for us.

But something else happened on October 31 that we also celebrate each year, though only on the actual date if it happens to fall on a Sunday. For it was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther nailed his "95 Theses" to the church door in Wittenberg Germany and began the Protestant reformation. For us, that last Sunday in October is "Reformation Sunday." Martin Luther was a monk who never felt that he was worthy of God's love. No matter how hard he studied or how long he prayed or how carefully he lived he never felt as if he had done enough, was good enough or was faithful enough. But as he read the Scripture, he was captured by the verse in Romans which said that "It is the one who is righteous who will live in faith." His salvation came from his faith and God's grace....and his authority came not from the Pope or the church but from scripture itself. And feeling that all people should be able to read the Bible, after he was excommunicated from the Roman church he began his own churches. The Scripture was now in the language of the people so that all of us could read and live the Word of God and live the life of Christ.

Scripture continues to center our lives of faith. God's grace continues to shower upon all of the faithful who are ready to receive God's grace. And with the power and assurance of our own salvation we live with righteousness—loving our neighbor, seeking mercy and justice. On October 27, I will be inviting all of us to ponder what that means to us as we are called to know God, to follow Christ, and to receive the Holy Spirit which is in our midst. Let us live with the conviction of Martin Luther as he was challenged for his beliefs : "Here I stand."

OCTOBER 2024 HAPPENINGS

- GOLDEN WEST FAIR:** Oct 5th 9am - 4pm
- COUNCIL MEETING:** Oct 8th 6:30pm
- WOMENS ASSOCIATION MEETING:** Oct 12th 10am-11:30pm
- BOUQUET CIRCLE:** Oct 9th at 11:30 in Drier Hall
- TRUSTEE MEETING:** Wed Oct 16th 6:30pm
- When Bad Things Happen to Good People Study Group:** Oct 13 after worship
- WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CONGREGATIONAL?** Oct 27th after worship
- NEW CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall.
- BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at 12 Noon
- 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. We are currently studying the book "Twelve More Women of the Bible" by Sherry Harney. For more information contact Jane Poole via email at [jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net).





## Golden West Fair 2024 Is HERE!

Join us for the 74th Annual Golden West Fair at Church of the Chimes, where we open our beautiful campus to the community for a day of food, fun, and incredible bargains — all for a great cause!

### Get ready for:

- 🎯 Midway Games with exciting prizes!
- 🍔 Delicious Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and a Taco Stand!
- 🍪 Home-Baked Goodies to satisfy your sweet tooth.
- 🛋️ Fantastic deals on Antiques, Furniture & Collectibles.
- 📖 Books and Gifts for every taste.

This cherished event is also the church's annual fundraiser, with proceeds that help us in supporting vital community services such as:

- 🎓 College scholarships for women at LA Valley College
- 💙 Al-Anon
- 🏆 Boy Scouts
- 🚶 Crop Hunger Walk
- 🎁 Operation Christmas Child
- 👶 Children's Bureau of Southern California
- 🍏 North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry
- 🌱 Urban Harvester

Fun for the whole family! ✨

Don't miss out on this beloved tradition filled with food, games, and unique finds, all while supporting our community services. We can't wait to welcome you! 🎉

Donations are welcome - contact John Sullivan (818 415 3307) or the office. Volunteering is also encouraged. Most importantly though show up with friends and family and enjoy yourself!



**GOLDEN WEST FAIRS I REMEMBER**  
**by Walt Staves**

In 1950, the first church fair was rained out. I remember this well, as I was with the fair committee when they had an impromptu meeting upstairs in the chauffer's quarters, above the four-car garage (Dreier Hall). This was my first exposure to men speaking unguardedly, and I was taken aback by how discouraged they all were.

In that meeting, they decided that the fair would be rescheduled for the following weekend. It was also decided that from then on, it would be held earlier in the month, to lessen the chance of rain. It turned out to be a good decision, as this was the only time that rain was a problem.

In the run-up to the fair, some very interesting items were donated and stored behind the garage. There was a pinball machine, a Piper Cub airplane and a 1929 La Salle four door Touring Car, along with quite an assortment of other items. Despite having been told not to touch any of these items, I had a great time playing with them every day after school.

Back then, pinball machines had a very bad reputation; consequently, I had to be very careful not to let Mom catch me playing with it. The car had pulled down fabric side curtains. This coupled with the dark, dusty interior, made it very eerie inside; it seemed like gangsters had owned it, and might be coming back for it at any time!

For years, the fair was held the weekend after school started (usually right after Labor Day), from noon to nine pm, on both Friday and Saturday tear down and clean up began immediately at close of Fair, and ran until completion, so that the campus was ready for church services on Sunday.

**TRUSTEES**

Tony Bliss

We had our most recent meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18th. It was a relatively short and uneventful affair, but I can report that we approved two, smaller, 4x6 ft. red wood painted fences that will complement the existing fence beside the parking lot. These smaller signs will be located at the intersection of Weddington and Hazeltine and diagonally in front of the church at the Hazeltine/Magnolia intersection. This keeps with our new mandate of signs being the same size. Curtis and Tony met with Javier to discuss the specs the city requires. Work will begin shortly. When the electronic sign issues are resolved, the front wood frame will be removed. These are to advertise church events and the pre-school.... There is talk of a future capital fundraising campaign for COTC's 75th Anniversary! More to follow... Next Trustee meeting is Wednesday, October 16th. Our November meeting will be on Tuesday the 19th due to another arrangement.

**DEACONS**

Greg Abbot

The Deacons met on September 15. We are a little behind on birthday cards, but will soon catch up. We have a birthday list that is posted each month in the display cabinet in the hallway by the West entrance to the Sanctuary. Check it out. We have been making gains in the funding of the Deacons Angel Fund. The balance is still not where I would like it to be, but thank you all for your help. We will continue to have the Communion envelopes available the first Sunday of the month and you can always make a contribution through the office. We're starting to think about the Christmas Families Program. Again we will be working with the Children's Bureau although I believe there has been a name change. Judy will head up the effort this year. 'Till next time, Greg



**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CONGREGATIONAL?**

All are welcome to come for a conversation about who we are as Congregationalists and who we are here at the Church of the Chimes. We will discuss our history, our covenant, how we are organized and what it means to be a member. And we will have a tour of our wonderful campus! Those who are interested in joining will be received into membership on Sunday, November 10. If you are interested in the church but can't attend, please contact Dr. Bingham to meet with her Sun, Oct 27 after worship.

**WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE STUDY GROUP**

The discussion of the book When Bad Things Happen to Good People will continue on Sunday, October 13 following worship. We will be focusing on Chapter 2 and the story of Job. Our conversations have been very helpful and all are welcome to join us. If you need a copy of the book please call the office and we will order one for you.

**WOMENS ASSOCIATION**

Diane Delaney

Church of the Chimes was a first time exhibitor as a wedding & reception venue at the 2024 California Bridal and Wedding Expo at the LA Convention Center on Sunday, Sept. 22. Joi, Beth, Natalie, Maryam and Diane shared what our church has to offer as a beautiful wedding and reception venue with so many happy brides to be and their families and about 20 of them are still looking for a venue and we hope they will consider Church of the Chimes! We even met one woman who was married at COTC by Dr. Staves!

Did you know that Pam and Jim from the TV show, "The Office", had their wedding in our Chapel?!

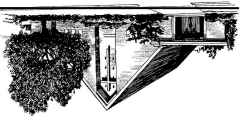
**GOLDEN WEST FAIRS I REMEMBER Continued**

It was a very important financial event, which by the early 1960s was generating about \$10,000 profit (equal to about \$84,000 today). With church membership at 2,000, there were quite a few volunteers to staff the booths and activities; antiques for sale in Hamilton House, a tea shop on the patio, used books in Dreier Hall; crafts, clothing, cookies and candy in Bower Hall, and just outside, members of our sister church, Honolulu Kawaiahao Church, selling Hawaiian delicacies, cooked on site.

Additionally, there was an autograph booth in front of Dreier Hall, featuring movie and tv personalities, many of whom were church members. The north parking lot was used for full sit-down dinners, serving 200-300 people on both Friday and Saturday nights; prepared by the Women's Association and served by the High School Pilgrim Fellowship girls. The Midway was in the west parking lot, hosting games, food and novelties.

The fair was very well attended; one of the big draws being the Auction, held on both Friday and Saturday nights, in front of the Educational Unit, featuring furniture and large appliances. For many years, a famous auctioneer (Speed Riggs) would contribute his time, putting a professional shine on the event, and making it a lot of fun. It was very popular and exciting. One of the long time members, Bub Turner, used to claim that he got so caught up in the bidding that he would buy back items which he had donated the year before! All in all, it was hard, exhausting work; but rewarding--full of fellowship and a lot of fun!





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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat																	
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