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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES
NEWS AND EVENTS

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SERMONS:

June 2: Mark 2: 23-3:6 Sabbath
June 9: Matthew 19: 13-15
June 16: Mark 4: 26-34 Catch up to the Mustard
June 23: Rev. Doctor Louise Gobben preaching



Faithfully Yours

James Russell Lowe in his poem asks, “*What is so rare as a day in June? Then if ever come perfect days.*”

Though perhaps not always perfect, the days in June are unlike any other time. For even as summer unfolds in its fullness, even as the days are longer and the evenings smoother, it is a time of change, of endings and beginnings, and of wonders.

Here at our church we are marking a time of great change---as Jane Poole, our beloved and so amazing Director of Christian Education will be retiring. We will never be able to find the words to express all that she has done. And while she begins a new chapter in her life with excitement and possibility, we commit ourselves to making certain that the we continue to bring children and youth to know God and to experience God’s love here and everywhere.

There are other endings in this month which are inevitable I supposed but bitter sweet. It is the month of graduations. On June 6 there will be a graduation ceremony for our Church of the Chimes preschoolers who will be leaving us to go to kindergarten. There are other graduations too, as our youth also enter new adventures: Heather and Andrew Bliss-Lee are graduating from high school and looking forward to college adventures. Our church year doesn’t end, but there is a sense in the summer of some quieting, taking breath to get ready for all that awaits us in the Fall (can you say Golden West Fair?)

Greg Abbott, Sylvia McCormick and I will be going to our National Association of Congregational Christian Churches Annual Meeting in Spokane. There are changes there too—our Executive Director (and my friend) Ashley Cleere has resigned from her position to return to ministering in the local church. A great loss for our association but a blessing to the church she will serve.

Perhaps the message for us all is that all time is God’s time and this month has its own wonder and blessings for all of us. And beyond all else that may befall us in these thirty days may it be as Lowell writes “*Now the heart is so happy that a drop overfills it, We are happy now because God wills it.*”

May it always be so.

Love, Beth

JUNE 2024 HAPPENINGS

- **MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE:** SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND from 11:30am to 2:30pm on the Hazeltine Lawn
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH at 6:30pm via Zoom
- **PRESCHOOL GRADUATION:** THURSDAY JUNE 6TH, 9AM
- **WOMENS ASSOCIATION MEETING:** SATURDAY JUNE 8TH 10AM
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH at 11:00am in Dreier Hall. All women are welcome to join us for our monthly gathering. If you can join us this month, call Barbara @ 747-355-6077 or 818-762-0187.
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** WEDNESDAY 19TH at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall.
- **VESPERS:** THURSDAY, JUNE 20th at 6:30pm. All women of the church are invited to gather for dinner and conversation at a local restaurant typically on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30pm. Please contact Natalie Karp (nataliefkarp@mac.com) if you would like to join in.
- **NEW CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall.
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 12noon in Dreier Hall: This is 45 minutes of lively discussion of the scripture passage for the coming Sunday. We munch our lunch, get background and context for the lesson, and talk about what it means.
- **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.
- **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** The Men’s Group is hosting a Bible Study on the 4th Sunday (JUNE 23) in Dreier Hall at 11:45 am. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to join in anytime for lively and interesting discussions!



MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE SHERMAN OAKS



Creative Carnival

JUNE 2ND 11:30AM - 2:30PM

FREE ENTRY & PARKING
KIDS ACTIVITIES
CREATIVE VENDORS
TONS OF FOOD
FREE JUMPING CASTLE

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ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY GIVEAWAY!



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1 GRAND PRIZE 1
2 DISNEYLAND TICKETS
WINNER DRAWING JUNE 2



**Giveaway Winner Judy Kemeski
& Shirley Zaragoza at Universal!**

“When Bad Things Happen to Good People” Discussion

The book discussion on Rabbi Harold Kushner’s book “When Bad Things Happen to Good People” will meet for the first time after worship on Sunday, July 14. At that gathering we will decide how often we want to meet. If you would like to have a book ordered for you please let Dr Bingham know by June 15 so they can be available by July 1. We will begin a conversation on Chapter 1 at the first meeting.

All About the Congregational Church of the Chimes

Sunday, June 30th after worship we will have a conversation about our church—our history, our faith understandings, our organization and our many activities. This is for anyone who is new to us or simply wants to know more about the church. There will even be a tour!!!

Celebration for Jane Poole: Sunday, June 9

We will be honoring Jane Poole and her retirement after 17 years of ministry at the church on Sunday, June 9. Worship will have special moments with Jane, and after worship there will be refreshments and surprises and a chance to share memories in Bower Hall. Please be sure and join us!



Greg Abbott- Chair

DEACONS REPORT

Deacons met following church on May 26 for our transition meeting. Members transitioning off are Jeri Christiansen, Steven Moss, and Ginger Wright. New members are Sean Worrell and Wade Young. We elected new officers. I will continue as Chairman as will Cindi as Corresponding Secretary. Wade will be Vice Chairman, Judi switches to Secretary, and Pam will take over as Treasurer. I’m looking forward the coming year with this board. Greg Abbott



TRUSTEE NEWS

Tony Bliss- Chair

The new Board of Trustees met in a transitional meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd. There were additions and subtractions as happens every year. The new board is:

Chairperson: Tony Bliss

Vice Chairperson: Diane Delaney

Recording Secretary: Shawn Burkley

Personnel Committee: Martha Smyser, Natalie Karp

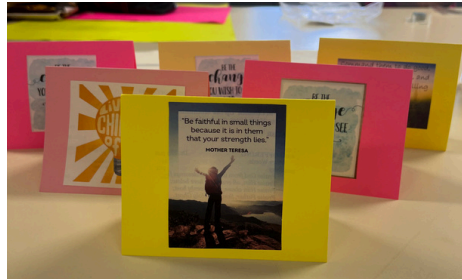
Preschool Liaison: Beth Bingham

Building and Grounds Committee: Pam Rhodes, Curtis Leseman

Budget Committee: Curtis Leseman, Maryam Jonas

Nominating Representative: John Luker

Stewardship Campaign: John Luker



A lot of business was addressed including fixing the pergola patio beams between Dreier and Bower Halls. We have received some bids but are continuing our due diligence as we are with the replacement of the fencing around the campus pool. The link fence has deteriorated to the point of being dangerous to the children in AquaBuddies classes as well as pool key holders. (Seasonal pool keys are \$100 per individual or family.) We thank Diane Delaney for repairing the sanctuary curtains. The church paid for the cost of the cleaning. What a difference! Other notable new business includes the purchasing of a sump pump to help alleviate the flooding issues we have behind the church and a big shout out to the Women's Association for paying to have the tree stumps removed from beside the garages and shed. Tony Bliss

GETTING TO KNOW

Holly Pitrago

Holly grew up and graduated from Croswell-Lexington High School in Michigan. She has been singing her whole life but, interesting fact, she once worked at Aunt Jane Pickle Factory (Does pickle juice enhance your voice box? If so, it has really worked!). Holly's hobbies include crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, and watching Major League Baseball. She also loves to cook!

As many of your know, Holly works as a section leader/soloist at COTC. The first time she sang for our church was in October of 2010 when she came in to sub for Cindy Bourquin. Over the years Holly subbed regularly for both alto and soprano parts, eventually becoming a regular singer, and has held both the alto and soprano positions at different times (she currently holds the soprano position). "I love it here very much. I feel blessed to serve a church that feels like home."

When she gets to heaven, Holly hopes to see all of God's creation, "especially our beloved pets." We're with you on that, Holly! In the meantime, thank you for blessing our church with the gift of your beautiful, heavenly voice!

Michele Marot



JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole

"So, I realized that people should enjoy the work that they do.

That is the best thing for us to do as it is what God has provided for us.

This is best because nobody can show us what the future holds." Ecclesiastes 3:22

My answer to this Bible verse: To say I enjoyed the work I have been able to undertake here at COTC is an understatement. Each morning when I woke up knowing where I was going for the day, was a true blessing. It has been an honor to serve this congregation in so many ways. Meeting and working with so many talented and imaginative people has been inspirational. When I saw Pastor Bill Trump 18 years ago at a 2006 Thanksgiving service for the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry, never in my wildest dreams did I know the trajectory of my life would take such a profound turn from my career in the business world. God's call became loud and clear when I was hired here in March of 2007. My 17-year journey, first as Pastoral Assistant then transitioning to Director of Christian Education, has had its twists and turns, but there has always been glimmers of joy to balance things out. Serving here has been a privilege. The church has become a second home for my family, and I know it will continue to be so in the years to come for myself, Doug, Christopher, and Emma.

When I began my journey, Christopher was just entering his teen years and Emma was just eight. They truly grew up in this church and I thank you for supporting our family. Most importantly, I thank my family for supporting me. I thank Doug for his endless encouragement and patience, and I thank our kids for being on this ride with me as I juggled motherhood and sisterhood in God's world. So many moments of joy and yes, miss-steps too. But in the end, it was a remarkable ride. I thank God for the time I have been here, and I will still be here contributing as a volunteer for various events - yes John, the GWF for sure.

I give thanks for all the amazing people who have stood beside me throughout the years as I walked the path here at 14115. You supported my sometimes crazy ideas and helped make them come to fruition! And the children, the precious children. Some of whom I have known since they were in their mother's womb, some from preschool and others who came here in older ages. All have been, and will always be, dear to my heart. As I embark on a new journey, I am beyond comforted knowing God will hold me and steer me in a direction where I can share the knowledge I have gleaned throughout the years here at the Church. My prayers will always be lifted up for Church of the Chimes, the staff and for the members who I proudly call my friends, sisters and brothers in Christ.

Chiming Out ... with love and blessings, Jane ~ Remember to spend quiet time with God!





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