

Chiming In

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES
NEWS AND EVENTS

A Diverse and Loving Christian Community Accepting of All



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SERMONS:

- March 4: *Psalm 19 Lamp Light*
- March 10: *John 3: 14-21 How much? So Much!*
- March 17: *Pastor Danny Lopez preaching*
- March 24: *Mark 11: 1-11 Palm Parade*
- March 31: *EASTER Mark 16: 1-8 The Glory Story continues*



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Faithfully Yours

“...for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth: the time of singing has come and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land.” Song of Solomon 1: 11-12

The winter is past, and though the rain may not be over and gone, it is, at least going. And the flowers appear upon the earth. There is no lovelier time, no more hopeful time than the arrival of spring. Growing up in winter country we awaited the last big snow (usually on St. Patrick’s Day) and watched anxiously for the first green leaves of tulips and crocuses and hyacinths to peek through the dirt (and sometimes even the snow). It meant that life and beauty were returning. It meant that the cold was leaving to be replaced by the warmth of sunny days. It meant that though the winter had been long and hard, though the out of doors felt unwelcoming, even brutal. The earth was welcoming us once again. The earth was bursting with the flashy and gaudy color of springtime flowers as bold reminders that hope had never disappeared. As the words from Bette Midler’s song “The Rose” sings:

“When the night has been too lonely,
and the road has been too long,
and you think that love is only for the lucky and the strong,
just remember in the winter,
far beneath the bitter snows lies the seed that with the suns love
in the spring becomes the rose.?”

For us the darkness of night falls upon the land when Jesus died upon the cross. We feel abandoned by the One who brought God to us, our hearts are torn by the evil that would bring death to God’s son. But then, comes the light and the hope and the promise—the seed that carries the sun’s love, and yes the Son’s love. On Easter morning when the tomb is empty we know again and again that Christ is alive, that hope has not vanished and that life, all life, our lives is everlasting. Yes, the time for singing has come: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Anticipating great joy, and with deep love,
Beth

- **COUNCIL MEETING:** TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH at 6:30pm via Zoom
- **MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE:** SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD from 11:30am to 2:30pm on the Hazeltine Lawn
- **SAINT PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION CHIMES CAFE:** MARCH 16th 6pm in HH
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 at 11:30 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.
- **WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING:** SATURDAY, MARCH 9th at 10:00am in Dreier Hall: Anyone interested in participating on this Board may contact Natalie Karp, our Board Chair (nataliefkarp@mac.com).
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** TUESDAY, MARCH 19 at 6:30pm in Dreier Hall.
- **VESPERS:** THURSDAY, MARCH 21 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.
- **PALM SUNDAY:** MARCH 24 after the service, Holy Week Prayer Walk in the Garden
- **HOLY COMMUNION TENEBRAE:** MARCH 28 7pm Sanctuary
- **GOOD FRIDAY:** MARCH 29 Noon Service in Staves Chapel
- **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 please feel free to 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 2nd and 4th Sundays (MARCH 10TH and 24TH) in Dreier Hall at 11:45 am. Please feel free to join in anytime for lively and interesting discussions!
- **PRESCHOOL SPRING BREAK:** MARCH 25-29

MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE

Hayley Cabral, Founder

1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE
MAR 3 FINE ART HANDICRAFTS
STARTS 11:30AM ENDS 2:30PM
Church of the Chimes
14115 MAGNOLIA BLVD
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Empowering Local Artisans & Small Business

DISNEYLAND GIVEAWAY

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DISNEYLAND!
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**WINNER IS ANNOUNCED
MARCH 3RD AT 1PM
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**



DEACONS NEWS

Greg Abbott, Chair

The Deacons met on February 18 following Church. We discussed Communion assignments for March 3. We also talked about readers for the Maundy Thursday service March 28. While this is traditionally a Deacons duty, this year I would like to have a couple readers from the congregation. Let me know if you're interested. Our Deacons Angel fund is in good shape with the balance at over \$3800. Ginger has purchased gift cards that are available in the office for those in need. Until next month, Gregg

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Curtis Peek

SAFE IN HIS ARMS!

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Isaiah 59:1

Allstate insurance company advertises “You’re in Good Hands with Allstate.” They would have you believe you can trust that they will come through when you need them. I submit for your consideration that you understand even better than Allstate—YOU’RE IN EVEN BETTER HANDS when you are in God’s hands.

God’s promises are true and his power is unlimited. He says to you today, “When (not if) the enemy comes in, LIKE A FLOOD God will lift up a standard against the enemy.” God does not promise that we will be freed from opposition or problems. But He does promise to be with us in every situation, to watch over us, deliver us, provide a way of escape, and give us the wisdom to know what to do and the ability and strength to do it. Trust in Him. Have faith that He will bring you victory in every situation and work everything together for good. You are in Good Hands when you are safe in His Arms. Believe it! Curtis

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

During Holy Week we experience the last days of the life of Jesus. We begin as Jesus enters Jerusalem—his first visit to the city—and the week ends in the garden where Jesus was laid. I encourage you to join us for our worship services this week: **Palm Sunday: March 24**-- After our worship service with palms and praise, our children and youth invite us for a prayer walk in the garden behind the sanctuary.

Tuesday, March 26: (noon) Brown Bag Bible: We will discuss the last days of Jesus. **Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m.** Service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae: It was the last supper that Jesus spends with his disciples...the night he was betrayed. We share communion and then in gathering darkness hear the story of that last night of Jesus’ life. Good Friday: noon—worship “The Seven Last Words of Christ.” We will hear the words that Christ spoke on the cross with periods of reflection and silence. **Easter Sunday: 7 A.M.** Sunrise Service in the garden. **10:30: Sanctuary Worship Service** of Joy and Resurrection.



Lets Celebrate!
Parker Family
Baby Shower

TRUSTEE NEWS

Diane Delaney, Chair

Sunday, March 3rd is Consecration Sunday, the final Sunday of our 2024 Stewardship Campaign “Closing the Gap”. On this day, we ask each of you to bring your estimate of giving card to turn in during the service for consecration. Our hope is that you take time to thoughtfully reflect on Church of the Chimes, what it means to you and what it takes financially for personnel and campus maintenance, our two largest areas of expense. We hope you will give generously to support this beautiful place for us to worship, build friendships and support each other and enable to continue to host programs, events and outreach to the surrounding community. Thank you.

This is an official announcement for a Congregational meeting on Sunday, March 10th following worship to approve a budget for 2024.

All members are asked to attend.

CHRISTIAN ED HAPPENINGS

Jan Long, Chair

BINGO! On February 10 the Christian Ed Board hosted a Chimes Cafe - Valentine's Day Potluck with Bingo. The kids helped call out the numbers for prizes and they made \$437.75 (including a \$100.00 member donation) which will go toward their mission outreach and CE activities. If you missed it, you missed some tasty food and fun time!

On Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday and the following Sunday the children collected a total of \$845.10 which will be donated to the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry. Thanks to all who contributed. It is much appreciated.

COTC IN THE COMMUNITY

Diane Delaney

Our church was a host site for the 2024 Greater LA Homeless Count on Jan 23rd. “We Count Because they Count” was this year’s theme. There were about 50 volunteers from the community that came to count from 7-10pm that night. John Sullivan and I were part of a count team and Joi Staves provided site coordination. We will share the results of the count when they are published.



NEW Chapel
Doors thanks
to the
Womens
Association



GETTING TO KNOW

Jaquie Jones

Jaquie Jones, born and raised in Reno, Nevada, has worked at many fun and varied jobs including Building A Bear, a tee shirt shop, Claire's, See's Candy, a body jewelry shop, a cupcake shop, and Things Remembered. She has also been a nanny, and currently works as a legal assistant. When Jaquie's not cheering for the San Francisco Giants, you might find her pursuing one of her many hobbies including cello, violin, ukulele, rugby, crocheting, baking, and acting.

Here's what brought Jaquie to our church: "During Covid, when the world shut down, watching 'The Office' was a great comfort. My best friend and I started doing a tour of locations in the Valley where 'The Office' had been filmed. We came to the church at night, and took pictures of the little (Stave's) Chapel."

Later, driving by our church, Jaquie saw a sign that read, "We are a diverse and loving Christian Community, accepting of all." So she started watching our church services online and decided to check us out in person. Walking from the parking lot to the sanctuary, Jaquie suddenly realized that the little chapel from "The Office" belonged to the same church she had been drawn to - a "God Wink!"

We welcomed Jaquie warmly, and she has since become an integral part of Church of the Chimes. Besides serving as vice president of CWS, you'll often see Jaquie filming the Sunday service, attending the Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study, and sometimes portraying a wacky, though often confused, character during church announcements! When she gets to heaven, Jaquie would like to hear God say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" AND she also wants to give Jesus a big hug!



Michele Marot



JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

In our woman's Bible study group this past week the text we were talking about asked us to think about the one Bible verse that truly resonates within us. Just one I thought? This was a hard question for me to answer as there are a myriad of verses that pop into my heart dependent upon what's going on in my life. However, after I thought about this question more, I kept going back to John 3:16 as I think it speaks volumes. And to me, it really does sum up my feelings for an insightful Lenten season. These 26 words are a parade of hope, love, and a promise I know will never be broken. God loves us because He chooses to do so. His love is pure and unending. We don't have to win God's love, as we already have it. And since we don't have to win it, we can't lose it. Thinking about this makes my heart full, calms me and gives me peace. I hope it does the same thing for you too. During this Lenten season, remember this; He loves. He gave. We believe. We live.*

Blessings and love, Jane

And please remember to spend quiet time with God.

*Inspired by writings from Max Lucado

Your CE Board is hard at work for our church! In the Narthex, you'll see the **Lenten Prayer Cross** again. This is an opportunity to silently share written prayers you want to lift up to God. No one will see the prayers, it's between you and our Lord. And on Palm Sunday, we'll burn the prayers to release them to the universe. **March 16th** we'll be co-hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day Chimes Café. **On Palm Sunday**, the children will process into the service with Palms, and immediately following the service, we will have our **Garden Prayer Walk**, a time for you to pray with intention thinking about Holy week. **On the 30th**, we will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt which is open to the community! Families and children will gather at 10:00 a.m. in Bower Hall, and after some time hanging out, coloring, and having pictures taken with the Easter Bunny, the kids will be let loose to find the 1,200 eggs hidden around the church campus. Afterward, there will be a raffle for Easter Baskets, a jellybean count raffle and after all this, the children will receive gift bags with Easter goodies and of course candy. All in all, it will be an insightful as well as a fun season from your CE Board!



March 2024



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