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NEWS AND EVENTS OF
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES
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Love your
neighbor
as yourself.
MATTHEW 22:39



WITH GOD
all things are
POSSIBLE.
MATTHEW 19:26

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TEACH THE WORLD TO SING



FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

FAITHFULLY YOURS

Dear God,

Although I have talked to you a fair amount I haven’t written you for a while, so I thought I send you a letter to catch you up on what is happening around here (although I am sure you have been keeping watch over us…)

Well, here in California it is very hot, and it is very dry and there are a lot of fires all over. I know you are trying to help us take care of the land. We are trying hard, and hope we can do better. But we are wanting to make sure that the brave men and women who are fighting the fires are safe. We know they are taking great risks to save property and lives.

And we are all worried about the Delta virus. It is spreading so fast and so many people who haven’t had shots are getting sick. Now we are praying that they will get well. And we pray that everybody will do everything they can to stay safe: getting the vaccine, wearing masks and remembering that there are people who can’t get shots. We worry especially about our children—because they are your children, God, and we have promised to keep their precious lives safe and healthy.

We also have been hearing a lot of angry hateful words these days. Help us to remember Lord that you have created each one of as your beloved, no matter how we look or how we talk or where we live or who we love.

But there are some wonderful things too, God. Being the minister of this wonderful Church of the Chimes is such a great gift you have given me. The people here have great big hearts and are so generous in their time and in their gifts and in the way they watch out for each other. I love the banner on the lawn that says that we are a “Diverse and loving Christian Community accepting of all.” We couldn’t ask for more.

And God, I can’t help but count my blessings every day. You guide us through the difficult times. You shine light on the shadows that darken our lives. You give us friends and family who walk with us and make your love real to us.

Thank you, God. Thank you! Love, Beth

P.S. You don’t have to write me back. I see your answer in the sunrise and the sunset, in the good souls who help in so many ways, and in the love that protects me and assures me.

RECIPES OF THE MONTH

COTC Cook Book

New Cabbage Salad
Mildred Ray

3 Cups Shredded Cabbage
¾ Cup Chopped Parsley
1 or 2 med. Onions, sliced thinly
Combine above ingredients, and.
Just before serving, combine:
3 Tablespoons Sugar
1 ½ Teaspoons Salt
¼ Cup Vinegar
3 Tablespoons Salad Oil
Toss and serve.

Iowa’s Grilled Turkey Tenderlion
Cathy Trump

1 lb. turkey tenderloins—1in. thick
¼ c. Soy sauce ¼ c. peanut oil
¼ c. sherry ¼ tsp. ginger
2 tbsp. lemon juice
Dash of garlic, salt and pepper
2 tbsp. minced onion
Combine marinade ingredients. Pour over turkey in ziplock bag. Marinate in refrig for 6-8 hours. Grill steaks over hot coals 8-10 minutes per side depending on thickness. Serves 3-4.

GRACE BEFORE EATING

Joi Staves, CO-EDITOR

Whenever my family gets together, food is always involved, and before each meal we join hands and sing a song of thanksgiving twice through—the first time is reverently sweet and the second time is sung fast and joyously:

Oh the Lord’s been good to me!
And so I praise the Lord
For giving me the things I need...
The sun the rain and the apple seed!
Oh the Lord’s been good to me! Amen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Barbara Downs, Chair

Children & Youth

It’s been a very busy couple of months! We have resumed in-person gatherings with the two groups: Early/Older Elementary and the Youth BE Bold group. We have thoughtful Bible based sessions as well as movie nights with dinner and endless popcorn! Starting in August, we’ll have the COTC Olympics, and then we’ll start our summer project which will be making quilts with inspirational thoughts about our emotions and character. It’s going to be super fun and we’ll present the quilts to the congregation in September with a mission twist. Details to be revealed in the September Chiming In!

Woman’s Bible Study (WBS)

This group continues to gather weekly via Zoom. We’re diving into the book of Acts, and we invite all women to join our caring sharing group!

JANE’S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

10 THINGS GOD CAN'T DO!*

- Did you know there are things God can’t do? Honest. Really! Maise Sparks put together this list of inspirational Bible verses to encourage and strengthen us. I hope they give you a bit of insight and support!
1. **God can't get tired!** “Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is an eternal God, the Creator of the whole earth. He does not get tired or weary; there is no limit to his wisdom.” ~Isaiah 40:28
 2. **God can't take on a job he can't handle!** “Ah, Lord God! Behold, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and out-stretched arm. There is nothing too hard for you.” ~Jeremiah 32:17
 3. **God can't be unholy!** “They called out to one another, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven’s Armies! His majestic splendor fills the entire earth.’” ~Isaiah 6:3
 4. **God can't be prejudiced.** ”Then Peter started speaking: ‘I now truly understand God does not show favoritism in dealing with people, but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is welcomed before him.’” ~Acts 10:34-35
 5. **God can't break a promise.** “I will not break my covenant or go back on what I promised” ~Psalm 89:34
 6. **God can't remember sins he's chosen to forget..** “I, I am the one who blots out your rebellious deeds for my sake; your sins I do not remember.” ~Isaiah 43:25
 7. **God can't make a loser.** “Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ.” ~2 Corinthians 2:14
 8. **God can't abandon you.** “Be strong and courageous! Do not fear or tremble before them, for the Lord your God is the one who is going with you. He will not fail you or abandon you!” ~Deuteronomy 31:6
 9. **God can't stop thinking about you.** “How precious also are your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with you.” ~Psalm 139:17-18
 10. **And finally—God can't stop loving you.** “In a faraway land the Lord will manifest himself to them. He will say to them, ‘I have loved you with an everlasting love. That is why I have continued to be faithful to you.’” ~Jeremiah 31:3

Blessings! Jane ~~~ PS. *Please remember to be quiet with God!*
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FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Rev. Curtis Peek

IS MY LIVING IN VAIN?

“I, the Lord, search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.”
~Jeremiah 17:10

I don’t know about you, I’m so glad my fate is not in the hands of man, but in the hands of a Sovereign God. It is God who has the final say in our lives. He knows who is really on His side and who is faking and making a lot of noise that is all emotional and means nothing.

In the word of God it says, *“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.”*

So if you know someone who fits into this category, don’t worry about it because God has said all they are doing is worth nothing if they truly do not possess the love of God in their heart.

If you are rolling around speaking Jesus but do not have the love of God in your heart then your living is in vain and your effort and energy is nothing but noise to the Father. So make sure your heart is with the Father. If it is, then don’t worry about what man says, just keep living your life for Christ. In the end you will be able to hear Him say, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

These words coming from my Father will be all I need to hear because then I will know that my living was not in vain and He accepted what I did for His Glory. Don’t waste your energy thinking about what people think, just keep your focus on the Savior and what He thinks of you.

Hear what God has to say...***Believe it!*** Curtis

SERMON TOPICS FOR AUGUST:

August 1: “Communing” (John 6: 24-35)

August 8: Rev. Peek preaching

August 15: *How much is Enough?* (1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14)

August 22: *Living Spaces* (Psalm 84)

August 29: *Living Love* (James 1: 17-27)

CHURCH OF THE CHIMES:
A diverse, and loving Christian community accepting of all.

Join us in the Sanctuary or Streaming Live

Sunday Worship Service* – 10:30am Every Sunday Morning

10@10* – 10 minute devotional at 10am every weekday

Lively and relevant chats with Beth (MW*F) & Curtis (TTH)

*Wednesdays' 10 at 10 offer a mini-Bible study in preparation for Sunday's Sermon.

*VIDEOS of past Sermons and Devotionals are on Facebook and YouTube

Los Angeles County COVID Protocols: Masks indoors!

As we have been since the beginning of the pandemic our church will follow the directives of the Los Angeles County Department of Health. The current directives are that all people should wear masks indoors regardless of their vaccination status.

This is a way to protect each of us, and to protect each other. We are especially concerned about our children who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated and those who are unable to be vaccinated. As you know the Delta variant is particularly contagious.

These are not easy times but we really appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Because when we are protecting and caring for others, we are living God's love....So thank you!

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you.*

MATTHEW 6:33

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Diane Delaney, Chair-TBD

We'll schedule a nominating committee meeting in September to get started on filling openings on boards and officers. If you are interested in serving, please contact Diane Delaney for more information. Thanks!

THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING

"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

AND I SAID "Here I am; send me!" ISAIAH 6:8

AUGUST 2021 HAPPENINGS

⇒ **ZOOM COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD at 6:30pm**

⇒ **KIDS MAGIC WORKSHOP: THURSDAY, AUGUST 5th, 4:30-6pm in Bower Hall:**
Kristi Toguchi has created a unique style of entertainment incorporating an eclectic blend of magic, dance and circus arts that has been awarded international recognition. Her workshop offers Beginners Magic Tricks That "Wow" through Pro Magician Secrets. Kristi has a degree in dance and has choreographed for the San Diego Opera.

⇒ **CONTORTIONIST WORKSHOP: THURSDAY, AUGUST 5th, 6-8pm in Bower Hall**
Otgo Waller is an internationally acclaimed Mongolian Contortionist who has performed worldwide for Cirque Du Soleil. Otgo's 2 hour intensive workshop covers all her fundamental Mongolian Contortionist Techniques from Beginner Level to Advanced. Contact Hayley Cabral at 818-414-0213 for more info.

⇒ **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 11am to 5pm**
Blood donation is essential to ensuring community health. Sign up online at www.churchofthechimes.org and then check-in at Bower Hall on the day.

⇒ **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH at 7pm**

⇒ **VESPERS DINNER: THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH at 6:30pm**

All women of the church are invited to gather for dinner typically on the 4TH Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Natalie will send out an email with info as to where we are gathering. Please join us!

⇒ **ZOOM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAYS at 7pm**

All women are invited to the virtual gathering of this caring, sharing, loving group of women on Wednesday evenings at 7pm PST via ZOOM to gain insight as we study the book of ACTS. If you would like to join us, e-mail Jane Poole at jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net. See you then.

⇒ **SWIMMING HOURS: M-F 12Noon to 2pm & 6pm to dusk + SS 1pm to dusk until the heat ceases in the fall.** Please note that our pool hours may overlap with AquaBuddies' lessons; whenever this overlap occurs, feel free to go on in and enjoy the pool, and please do make the office aware if there are any issues resulting from this cooperative sharing.

⇒ **THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY:** Located in North Hollywood, The Interfaith Food Pantry benefits the food insecure and homeless of our community. The Pantry currently needs peanut butter, chips, granola bars and pet food as well as other non perishable items, and toiletries are always welcome and can be left at the church. They are also in need of volunteers for a variety of tasks from packing and organizing the donations to distributing the food. Check them out if you feel so inclined. For more information please check out their web site (NHIFP.org) and/or contact Jane Poole at (818) 422-1936.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

1. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
8. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
9. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
10. A backward poet writes inverse.
11. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

EVERYWHERE A SIGN...



Band of Prayer
A church that prays together, stays together especially during these challenging times when the need for social distancing often separates us... What is certain is that God is with us, filling in the spaces between us, and He hears our prayers. Band of Prayer requests may be sent via email to Sylvia McCormick; miss_daisy1226@yahoo.com or feel free to call or email the Church Office; office@churchofthechimes.org | 818-789-7124

Let's Keep In Touch
If there is someone who you know would like to receive a card or note, Send their name, address & phone number to the church office: office@churchofthechimes.org 818-789-7124
We believe in no one being left out; it's always nice to receive a note... "Just Because"

 **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  **GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE**

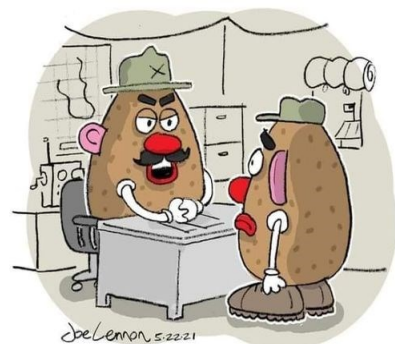
Church of the Chimes Blood Drive
Tuesday, August 10th in Bower Hall
Sign up online at-
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GET AMUSED...



We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

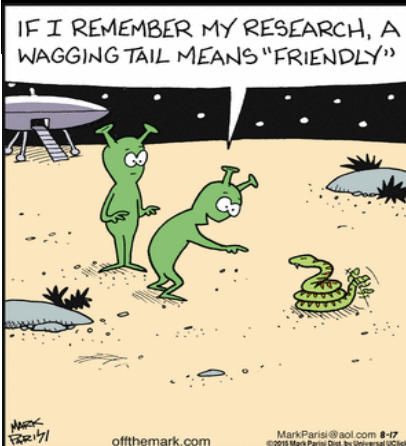


BAD NEWS SOLDIER. YOU'RE BEING TRANSFERRED TO A MASH UNIT.

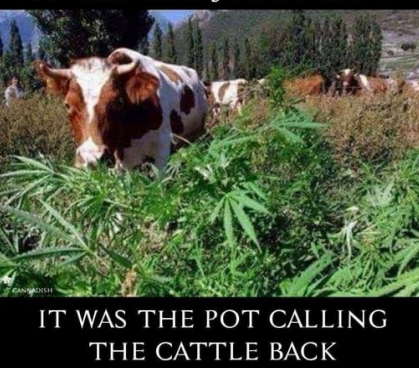
I was at lunch with an old friend & pointed at two elderly ladies across the room and said "That will be us in 10 years". She said "That's a mirror".



I THINK I'VE REACHED THAT POINT IN MY LIFE WHERE HAPPY HOUR IS A NAP.



WHY DID THE COWS RETURN TO THE MARIJUANA FIELD?



"I'M ATTRACTED TO OLDER MEN"



COTC'S POST-PANDEMIC RUMMAGE SALE Michele Marot Co-Editor (And boy, did we need it!)



Yes, the sheds were overflowing with generous donations! But thanks to several volunteers, over the course of three days, most all of it was organized and piled high on tables with nicer items on display in the "Like New" Shop. Besides thanking our lovely lady volunteers, I'd like to give a quick shout out to some of our men who came out to help - love ya! It was a lot of work, but it included wonderful highlights and blessings throughout! And thanks to some lovely

neighborhood banners and timely advertising including an impressive ad in Craigslist, a surprisingly long line of customers formed early outside the doors in anticipation of finding the treasures inside. Curtis Peek showed up early with Starbucks coffee (Thank you - that was so thoughtful!), and at 8 o'clock we all formed a circle and prayed that all would go well. And it did!

Yes, there were pickers - people looking for items to resell for a profit - but they were well-behaved and paid the asking price. But most customers were from the community buying much-needed practical items for their families. There was a young girl who needed a cage for "Blueberry" And an older woman looking to replace items lost in a home fire. And there was a young man buying a pile of jeans and jackets who found \$19.00 and change in a pocket and turned it in to us. Why? Because he was honest and wanted to do the right thing by the church! Another blessing: Several gently used purses were snagged for a Women's Bible Study's Purse Ministry that will be filled with personal items/toiletries to gift to women in shelters. Folks were asking when we would have the next rummage sale. Some even showed interest in visiting our church! The day's proceeds will go toward college scholarships and church repairs. At the end of the day, blessings continued with all the left over items being bagged and ready for pick up by other non-profit groups. Thanks to all for your continued support!



Rummage sale donation tips:

- Items should be clean and in working order
- Clothes should not have paint, stains or holes (exception: popular "torn" jeans)
- Shoes - no holes; no singles please
- Check your purses and pockets for money before donating!
- Donate jewelry separately for the Golden West Fair Jewelry Booth.
- Items can be left in boxes/bags outside of the storage shed in the church parking lot, but maybe give the office a quick call so someone can put them away - unfortunately we've had people pilfering and stealing donated items in the past.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 191 NEWS



This picture brings to my mind Willie singing...

Blue skies smilin' at me
Nothin' but blue skies do I see
Bluebirds singin' a song
Nothin' but blue skies from now on

The Scouts went on their first camp-out since the pandemic started. Just look at the beauty surrounding them. In addition to just having a great time hiking and learning about nature, Scouts are typically working on the Camping Merit Badge. The list of things required to earn this badge is quite extensive...as is the Checklist of everything necessary for a Pack Overnighter.



Individual Campout Checklist for Pack Overnighter:

CAMPING EQUIPMENT: ☐ Tent or tarp, poles, and stakes ☐ Waterproof ground cloth or plastic sheet ☐ Sleeping bag, pillow, air mattress or pad ☐ Cup, bowl, plate, knife, fork, spoon, mesh bag ☐ Clothesline/Clothes Bag ☐ Scout uniform ☐ Poncho or raincoat ☐ Warm jacket or coat ☐ Durable shoes plus extra laces ☐ Hat or cap/ Gloves ☐ Pajamas or sweatshirt, sweatpants ☐ Underwear ☐ Extra other clothing (e.g., socks, shoes, t-shirt);

FAMILY GEAR: ☐ Lawn chairs ☐ Cooler or ice chest ☐ Cot or pad ☐ Cooking equipment as outlined by pack overnighter coordinator;

TOILET KIT: ☐ Toothpaste, toothbrush, comb ☐ Washcloth, towel ☐ Toilet paper ☐ Soap in container ☐ Extra plastic bag or container;

FIRST AID: ☐ First aid kit ☐ Flashlight, bulb, ☐ Whistle ☐ Safety pins; **EXTRAS:** ☐ Camera ☐ Binoculars ☐ Sunglasses ☐ Notebook and pencil ☐ Nature books; **PROGRAM OPTIONS:**

☐ Swimsuit, towel ☐ Fishing gear ☐ Work gloves



DEACON NEWS

Greg Abbott & Ralph Migliori Co-Chair

Since we have not returned to normal operations, communion cups will continue to be handed out as you enter the Sanctuary. Also, in spite of Ralph's best efforts, we were not able to put together Christmas in July with the LA Children's Bureau. We didn't meet in July and future meetings will be scheduled on an as needed bases. *All the best, Greg*

TRUSTEE NEWS

Curtis Leseman, Chair

The Trustee Board held it's meeting on July 20, 2021, in person following current guidelines. The Treasurer, John Van Veen reported a small positive cash flow for the month of June due mainly to the use of the campus by the filming industry. While pledges received are increasing for which we are most grateful we are still below our budget predictions. The year-to-date budget still shows a negative cash flow.

In other news, the water heater in Bower Hall failed causing a flood in the basement damaging the air conditioning exchanges which has been repaired. The board is currently obtaining bids for repair of the fence along Hazeltine and for resurfacing the parking lot. A bid to replace the aging circuit boxes in Bower Hall was passed and the work should begin shortly.

The Trustees are reviewing a list of campus maintenance items and establishing priorities for their completion. We have received one bid and are awaiting a second for a possible security person to be present for our church service.

Respectfully submitted, Curtis

OUR STEWARDSHIP DRIVE: Reach in to Reach out!



We thank each one of you for your continuing support of our Stewardship Drive: "Reach in to Reach out". Reaching into your pockets so we can continue to reach out with our worship, our educational programs, and our gifts to missions organizations is a blessing indeed!

Estimate of Giving cards are available in the office. Knowing the potential level of giving helps the church immensely as we continue our journey down the path of serving the needs of our church community. Thank you for the blessing of your generosity!

Life is an endless series of tiny miracles...God is so good!



August 2021



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