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Do you know that a simple "hello" can be a sweet one? I received one recently from my friend in a mail she sent to me. Here's what she wrote:



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August 2023

#### FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

#### Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

#### FAITHFULLY YOURS

A picture, they say, is worth 1,000 words, so this issue of Chiming In is worth thousands and thousands of words.

Instead of sharing my own pictures though (you see plenty of me on Sundays and during the week) I would invite you to find the pictures in your mind which give you peace, which bring you God, which call you to follow Jesus.

There might be a place where unexpectedly you felt God so close: It might be a sunrise or sunset or starlit sky. It might be in the midst of a forest where the quiet and calm are so restoring. It might be in a theater when a movie or play brought you to tears...You know how to find those times and places.

There might also be pictures in your mind of the places where you are called to serve, to feed the hungry or to visit the lonely or listen to the broken hearted. You might see the faces of little ones who are listening to the stories you are telling about Jesus. You might see faces of elders who are so grateful that you are listening to their stories.

So paint your pictures this month and find in them the promise and beauty, the hope and trust that God brings to each of us and all of us, and see too the path that Jesus calls us to follow!

Love and blessings to all, Beth

#### SERMON TOPICS FOR AUGUST

August 6: *"Filled"* (Matthew 14: 13-21) ~ Communion Sunday August 13: *"Colors Outside the Line"* (Genesis 37: 1-4,12-28) August 20: *"Identity Theft"* (Genesis 45: 1-15) August 27: Pastor Louise Goben preaching

## Whatsoever Things are

TRUE, HONORABLE, JUST, PURE, LOVELY, of GOOD REPORT-

if there is any virtue and if there is any praise—**Think** on **These Things**...

~Philippians 4:8

## **AUGUST 2023 HAPPENINGS**

- ⇒ RACIAL EQUITY DISCUSSION GROUP: DAY & TIME TBD. A Group Discussion where all views are welcomed as we learn from one another. Contact Diane Delaney, Shawn Burkley or Dr. Bingham for details.
- $\Rightarrow$  COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm in Dreier Hall.
- ⇒ BOUQUET CIRCLE: NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER: All women are welcome to join this group who enlighten one another on a variety of topics of interest typically on the second Wednesday of every month if you can join us please RSVP to Barbara Downs at btdowns@gmail.com or call the church office. Hope to see you there!

#### ⇒ TRUSTEES MEETING: AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30pm in Hamilton House.

- ⇒ VESPERS: THURSDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30pm: All women of the church are invited to gather for dinner and conversation at a local eating establishment 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 MOST WEDNESDAYs at 7pm via zoom: All women of any faith are invited to our gathering of caring, sharing and loving women on Wednesday evenings at 7pm—sometimes in person and sometimes via zoom. We are currently studying a book named, "Twelve More Women of the Bible" by Sherry Harney. For more information please feel free to contact Jane Poole via her email address: jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net.
- ⇒ SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The Men's Group is hosting a Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month (August 13th and 27th) in Dreier Hall from 9:30 to 10:15am. Please feel free to join in at anytime for lively and interesting discussions.
- ⇒ NORTH HOLLYWOOD INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY: NHIFP continues to help the food insecure in our community during the hard times we are in. Contributions of granola bars and other snack items plus peanut butter and plastic grocery bags are needed. Contact NHIFP.org for other specific needs as well as for volunteer opportunities. Thanks for your support of our community food bank.

"One day you will look back and see that all along you were blooming." —Morgan Harper Nichols

#### **SUMMER LOVIN' 2023**

#### **Michele Marot**

Michele recently sat down with Erica Litwin, CWS Chairperson, for a little question/answer time, and here's all you need to know about the Summer Lovin'!

Q: What's it all about?

Ă: It's a fun annual fund raising event that happens at the end of summer, hosted by CWS.

Q: When is it?

Ă: The 2023 Summer Lovin' will take place on Saturday, August 19th, from 4:00 to 8:00 in Bower Hall.

Q: What happens at the Summer Lovin'?

A. First, there is food. A lot of good food: Bar-B-Q hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, chips, fresh fruit, a dessert cookie table, and beverages (including some alcoholic libations available for a donation). We will even have different food options to accommodate those with food sensitivities and/or preferences; please let us know when you buy the ticket. There will be plenty of food! Second, there will be a silent auction. Parishioners donate items to be auctioned as a fund raiser. These items will be on display throughout the event, and you may bid on anything you fancy as many times as you like. Of course, the highest bidder will take the item home! If you'd like to donate something for the auction, please let Erica or the church office know. Third, there will be entertainment: games, dancing, music, etc. And this year Bobby Jones will be bringing his restored hot rod for a photo op!

Q: Who can attend?

A: Anyone and Everyone—Church Members, of course. Family, Friends, Strangers off the Street —Anyone and Everyone is welcome to attend!

- Q: How much does it cost?
- A: \$25 for adults; \$15 for children ten and under.

Q: What does CWS stand for, and where does the money go?

A: CWS stands for "Community and World Service." We are an ongoing group at Church of the Chimes dedicated to reaching out and helping those in need locally, nationally, and world-wide. The proceeds from Summer Lovin' will be used to support:

- Locally: The North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry; Hope of the Valley: The Mission for their Tiny Houses; Helping families with Easter and Christmas gifts; Underwrites the COTC Craft Group who makes blankets & crocheted beanies for babies at Glendale Adventist and they make cards and gifts for the residents at Blue Chateau Assisted Living in Burbank.
- Globally: "Samaritan's Purse" We send shoeboxes full of gifts for needy children At Christmas time; "Operation Gratitude" -We underwrite the COTC Craft Group for this new project that sends handmade cards and crafts to our troops.
- Our list of benefactors is fluid; in the past we have given financially to Tiny Homes, to the Ukraine, and to areas around the world devastated by earthquakes and other catastrophic events. If you have any ideas or requests for recipients, please contact the church office.

Q: Where can I buy my ticket?

A: You can buy tickets from Erica right after Sunday Service in the church narthex or at hospitality. Or even easier, you can scan the code in the ad to buy tickets online. We hope to see you at the Summer Lovin' 2023! **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 Reprint from August 2021 Chiming In

## **CHOIR NEWS**

## Greg Whipple, Director

You've loved hearing them and you've been singing along with them all year long! They have, in turn, loved singing for you and helping lead us in worship! But even bears have to hibernate. So, alas, our lovely Chimes Choir is going to take a lengthy summer nap for the months of July and August and the first week of September. They will awake from their slumber and reemerge on the Sunday after Labor Day (Sept 10). Fortunately all is not lost, our lovely Music Staff (Holly, Katharine, Rene and Greg) will be taking turns leading worship each Sunday along with our amazing organist, Alan Steinberger. *Will I see you in September...when the summer's through...*?

## SMILE...GET AMUSED

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#### **Church Bulletin Blooprs** From actual Church Bulletins...

- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- Evening massage 6 p.m.

MAZING GRACE, ->

HYMNING





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

et's plant catnip in the garden they said. It prevents mosquitos they said, what

could go wrong they said.



#### When to See the Full Moons in August 2023

TWO supermoons in August mean double the stargazing fun! The full Sturgeon Moon reached its peak on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, and we have a full Blue Moon on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 which will be the closest supermoon of the year!

#### August 1: Full Sturgeon Moon

August's first full moon will appear on the afternoon of Tuesday, August 1, reaching peak illumination at 2:32pm Eastern Time. That evening, those looking toward the southeast after sunset caught glimpse of the Sturgeon Moon rising.



You may have heard that there are four supermoons in a row this year; the August 1 supermoon is the second supermoon of this unusual sequence. "Supermoon" is a catchy term for what astronomers call "a perigean full Moon" which is when the full moon happens at (or very near) the exact time when the moon is closest to us in its orbit.

A supermoon exceeds the disk size of an average-sized moon by up to 8% and the brightness of an average-sized full moon by some 16%. You may not perceive a difference in size, but a supermoon will appear brighter in the sky. August 30: Blue Moon

Later this month, a 2nd full moon, a Blue Moon will make an appearance. The term Blue Moon is most commonly used when we have two full moons in a single month. On Wednesday, August 30, the full moon will peak at 9:36pm.

August 30-31 supermoon will be the closest, biggest, and brightest full supermoon of 2023. It's exceptionally close in moon miles from Earth (222,043 miles). The next time we'll have a closer full supermoon is November 5, 2025, when the moon lies 221,817 miles from Earth.

## **COMMUNITY & WORLD SERVICE NEWS**

Erica Litwin, Chair

## Join us for the sizzling sensation of the year, CWS' "Summer Lovin' BBQ!" PRE-ORDER your tickets ONLINE TODAY!





Get ready for mouthwatering food, ice-cold drinks, groovy music, exciting games, and a silent auction with fantastic surprises! See you there! August 19th ~ 4pm-8pm

## JANE'S CORNER

## Jane G. Poole, CE Director

VBS 2023: SUPER HEROES' was a great success! Great Counselors, Great Super Hero Kids, Great FUN!





#### **RED CROSS URGENT NEED!**

Sign up online: www.churchofthechimes.org COTC's next Blood Drive at will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## BAND OF PRAYER

A church that prays together, stays together especially during challenging times when everything seems to go upside down. What is certain is that God is with us, Bringing things back into focus. He hears our prayers.

Please send Band of Prayer requests 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

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Blood donation is essential to ensuring community health.

If you know someone who would enjoy a receiving a call or maybe a card with a short note, please send their name, address & phone number to the church office:

office@churchofthechimes.org 818-789-7124

One of our pastors or deacons will reach out...



I'm Hayley, the COTC Social Media Manager Thank you...for following COTC on Facebook & Instagram...for continuing to <u>LIKE, COMMENT</u> <u>& SHARE</u> on all of the COTC posts...for leaving relevant & encouraging comments — an emoji may be just the thing that someone needs — AND for remembering that the more posts we do—the more we can share our message! Together we can reach so many to make them aware of us...IF YOU OR YOUR GROUP NEEDS HELP WITH SOCIAL MEDIA <u>PLEASE</u> CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (818)-789-7124. I'M HERE FOR YOU! ANYTIME!

COTC is a diverse and loving community accepting of all people.

## **MAGNOLIA MARKETPLACE**

## Hayley Cabral, Founder

Magnolia Marketplace is an outdoor shopping event seeking to promote local small business owners, entrepreneurs & vendors in our community!

Our mission is to create space for local artisans, farmers & small business owners to THRIVE in today's challenging economy! Join us on the 1st Sunday of every month to celebrate the continuation of our outdoor neighborhood market! See you there!

#### <u>When we come together as</u> <u>a community, we are stronger</u>!



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

## Ally Baker, Director



For more information about the Preschool, Parent & Me Program or other school events, please email <u>preschool@churchofthechimes.org</u> or reach her through the church office (818-789-7124). Thanks! **ALLY** 

#### **OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE FALL SESSION CONTINUES...**

#### IN MEMORY OF OUR FORMER SENIOR MINISTER, REV. WILLIAM TRUMP WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 22.

Bill was called to serve as Senior Minister at Church of the Chimes in 1997 after serving churches in Michigan and Iowa. He arrived with his wife Kathy and their two children, Sarah and Charlie. For the next 17 years he served here and with his family, was deeply involved in our church and community. Bill has many church members and friends here who were touched by his ministry. He has left a legacy of love and learning. After his wife Kathy passed away in 2010 he and Sarah and Charlie found great support from their church family. In 2012 Bill married Cathy Younger, and was called to serve



Bill Trump with Jane Poole whom he hired 17 years ago as our Christian Ed Director.

as Senior Minister at the First Congregational Church in Wauwatosa, WI, taking Bill back to the Milwaukee area where he was born and raised.

Services for Bill will be held on Thursday, August 17 at 10am Central Time at North Shore Congregational Church in Milwaukee where he was baptized, confirmed and ordained. We are inviting all to join us in our own sanctuary at 8am that morning so that we can watch the service together.

#### **DEACON NEWS**

#### Greg Abbott, Chair

## **GETTING TO KNOW...**



Serving Communion, Sending Birthday cards, Christmas in July, Christmas Families & more, the Deacons are a busy bunch. See you next month, **Greg** 

## **TRUSTEE NEWS**

**Diane Delaney, Chair** 

Being good stewards of our resources the Trustees see that all of our campus' needs are met—from trimming our oaks, to replacing doors, to fixing the pool & other plumbing issues.





#### **Steven Moss**

A local kid, Steven was born and raised in Burbank. After high school he served four years in the Navy. His interests include boating, fishing & golf.

When asked what one question he'd like to ask God when he gets to heaven, Steven said that there are too many questions to ask just one!

The one person who taught Steven a lot was his dad who taught him to navigate life by surrounding himself with the right people and to walk the good path.

Always helpful and ready to serve, you'll see Steven around church most any Sunday, in the narthex or afterwards at Hospitality, serving as a deacon.

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

## Natalie Karp, Chair

All women of the church are invited to attend any and all of the gatherings held by the Women's Association.

**BOUQUET CIRCLE** typically meets for lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month however they take the summer months off and thus <u>will not be meeting</u> <u>again until September</u>. For more information please feel free to contact Barbara Downs at barbaradowns1913@gmail.com or call the church office.

VESPERS CIRCLE gathers at a local restaurant on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month thus they will next meet for dinner on Thursday, August 17th. Anyone who wants to join in the fun of this evening gathering is invited. Please contact Natalie Karp at 818-590-2640 for location and reservations.

"<u>WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BOARD</u> typically meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10am in Dreier Hall. Anyone interested in participating on the Board may contact Natalie Karp, our Board Chair.

## **Michele Marot**



# August 2023

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