

Chiming In

NEWS AND EVENTS OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES
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August 2022

STRIVE
NOT TO BE A
SUCCESS
BUT RATHER TO BE A
VALUE

Albert Einstein



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FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

FAITHFULLY YOURS

After the Congregational lecture, our National Association of Congregational Christian Churches’ Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere, gave at our annual meeting, I began to realize that some of the things I have always believed, might not be true—at least in their deepest sense. For years and years, at any chance I have, I talk about the Mayflower, and how full it was as it crossed the Atlantic to the New World where the “Pilgrims” could worship freely. Have you ever seen Mayflower II and how tiny it is? There were 102 in that vessel. Impossible to imagine how difficult that boat ride was. Eighty-eight “Saints” (which is what our spiritual descendants called themselves) and fourteen “Strangers” (those who were riding the seas to practice a trade or begin a business.)

Now there are manifests and journals which would claim that the number 102 was correct. But that was only that trip in 1620. As Dr. Cleere made clear, those were only the “Plymouth Pilgrims.”

We are pilgrims too. We too have the opportunity—the challenge, really—to get on a boat that will take us to the future where we can make God known, where we can follow Jesus as He calls us to Him. We are pilgrims too, seeking a place where we can make God known.

There will be wild seas, for sure. We will sometimes wonder, “What was I thinking,” but when the first light of hope dawns upon us, when the first soul responds to our gifts—to feed their body and their soul—well...we will have found our own Plymouth.

If the boat is crowded, that only means that more of us are on the same journey, to seek God. To know Christ. And to love one another!

With Deep Affection, Beth

SERMON TOPICS FOR JUNE:

- August 7: *Anger Management* (Hosea all:1-11)
~ *Communion Sunday*
- August 14: *Sub Division* (Luke 12: 49-56)
- August 21: *Someday Sunday* (Isaiah 58: 9b-14; Luke 13: 10-17)
- August 28: *Hospitably Yours* (Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-12 Luk3 14: 1, 7-14)

AUGUST 2022 HAPPENINGS

- ⇒ **RACIAL EQUITY DISCUSSION GROUP: SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH AT 11:45AM**
Our Racial Equity Discussion is a place where all views are welcomed as we continue to learn from one another. Contacts: Beth, Curtis or Diane Delaney.
- ⇒ **COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND at 6:30pm**
- ⇒ **BOUQUET CIRCLE: NO GATHERING IN AUGUST:** We will get together again in September. All women are welcome to join this group who enlighten one another on a variety of topics of interest. Contact Barbara Downs or the Church Office for more information. Hope to see you there!
- ⇒ **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH at 7pm**
- ⇒ **VESPERS : THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH 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 (nataliefkarp@mac.com) if you would like to join in.
- ⇒ **NEW CRAFT CREATIONS: MEETS EVERY TUESDAY at 9:30am 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. Join us when you can!
- ⇒ **ZOOM WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAYS at 7pm:** All women of any faith are invited to this virtual gathering of caring, sharing, loving women on Wednesday evenings at 7pm via ZOOM. For the link, e-mail Jane Poole at: jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net. See you then.
- ⇒ **NORTH HOLLYWOOD INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY:** NHIFP continues to help the food insecure in our community during the continued hard times we are in. Contributions of extras such as small bags of chips, granola bars, etc., and diapers for babies & adult are needed as well as white rice and granola bars. Thank you for your continued support.

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**HAPPENINGS BEYOND AUGUST**

- ⇒ **GOLDEN WEST FAIR: OCTOBER 8TH: COTC’s 71st ANNUAL FUNDRAISER:**  
Call John Sullivan for more information on how you can participate! I have a feeling about this year’s event: IT’S GOING TO BE FUN!
- ⇒ **COTC DRAMA TEAM WORKSHOP: DATES PENDING:** See article in this edition of Chiming In. Contact Wade Young or Michele Marot for more information on this sure-to-be-fun-and-exciting 12 week book study.

## **COTC DRAMA TEAM**

Wade Young & Michele Marot, Co-Chairs

On Saturday, July 9th, at 7 pm, a hush came over the crowd in Bower Hall as Jaqie Jones, dressed like Carol Burnett's "charlady," took the stage and inadvertently found herself competing against our own gorgeous Kerstin Schulz in a dance audition! Thus began an enchanting evening of entertainment! It was our first annual skit night production of COTC's Not Quite Ready for Chime Time Players, "Keep It Clean."

Despite a few COVID challenges, and related last minute changes, we were able to pull together 11 acts, 7 of which were original. The evening included music, dance, and comedy as well as a hula hoop act, a contortion act, drums, and Gaucho Boleadoras from "The Masters of Performing Arts Youth Circus Troupe" (led by Hayley Cabral). Another touching and insightful highlight from the evening was a viewing of the YouTube music video by Shirley Zaragoza's singer/song writer daughter Raye, called, "Change Your Name." But possibly the most exciting part of the evening's performance was when Jaqie and Michele (bandits) got to beat Beth (the victim in the "Good Samaritan") with pool noodles! (Opportunities like that just don't come along very often!)

We hope you were able to attend and enjoy the show in person; we've had a lot of good feedback. But if you missed it, you'll find a link for it on our social media pages in August. Enjoy! Submitted by Michele Marot

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Have you ever considered yourself an artist? Painter, poet, sculptor, performer, musician or other? As a child or teenager, did you have a passion for the arts, but then somehow life's challenges or some critique made you question your desire to artistically express yourself?

Coming soon: The Chime Time Players will be organizing a 12 week study workshop on the book, "The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity," by Julia Cameron. We hope to start the workshop this Fall. Stay tuned for the Sunday announcements and next month's newsletter for more information on how to get involved. Submitted by Wade Young

Golden West Fair 2022 News

John Sullivan, Chair Person

Golden West Fair 2022 Coming Soon! October 8, 2022

Preparations are already being made by a group of us Chimers for Golden West Fair 2022. The plan is to return to a "normal" fair this year barring any unwelcome surges. We hope that all who are interested start planning their involvement. Let us know your area of interest. New suggestions are always welcome. Look for maybe two meetings after Church in August and maybe three meetings in September followed by set up Saturday October 1, 2022. It's going to be a great event. Come and join in the fun!

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Rev. Curtis Peek

FOR ITS ONLY A TEST!

"No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; He'll never let you be pushed past your limit; He'll always be there to help you come through it."

~ 1 Corinthians 10:13

We all go through times when our faith is tested. Some of us, though, need to take the test over and over. God often allows things to happen in our lives to test our faith in Him. But we can be assured that He will not test or try us beyond what we can handle - though at times it can seem overwhelming.

When going through these times, we still need to lean on God, in fact, we need to lean on Him more. God is not a mean God. He doesn't let us go through times of testing just to be entertained. Not at all. He is our loving Father. He knows that going through these times builds our faith, it builds our character, and we are more able to help those that are going through the same things.

It's much like us as parents. Though we love our kids, we need to allow them to go through the upsets and disappointments in life. Though we'd like to, we can't take their pain away. We also need to let them suffer the consequences of wrong choices. It's so hard to step back, but it's needful so they will learn and grow. I see that with God our Father. He loves us so much, and knows what's best for us. And He will never, never give up on us.

If you are going through a time of testing, remember God loves you, and He will walk with you. He will bring you back into a time of blessing. Remember the "Footprints" poem: If it gets too tough - God will carry you! ***Believe it! Curtis***

Join us LIVE! On FaceBook ...AND

Together Again in our Sanctuary

for Communion*, Glorious Music and the Good NEWS!

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.**

***Communion Sacraments served on the 1st Sunday of every month.**



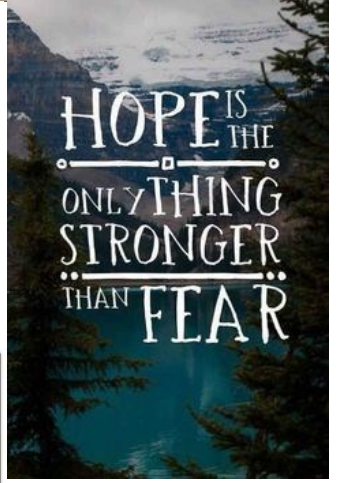
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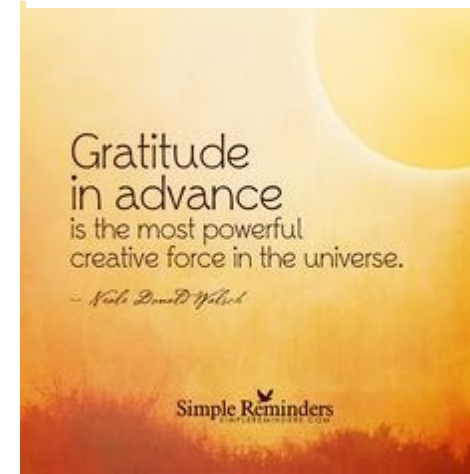
YOU HAVE NEVER REALLY LIVED UNTIL YOU HAVE DONE SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN NEVER REPAY YOU

YOUR GREATNESS IS NOT WHAT YOU HAVE, IT'S WHAT YOU GIVE.

you never know how **STRONG** you are until being strong is the **ONLY** choice you have



Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!



just when THE CATERPILLAR THOUGHT HER LIFE WAS OVER SHE BEGAN TO FLY.

I DON'T ENGAGE IN ACTS OF KINDNESS TO BE REWARDED LATER, I ENGAGE IN ACTS OF KINDNESS BECAUSE IT MAKES ME FEEL GOOD TO GIVE.

- Unknown

DEACON NEWS

Greg Abbott, Chair

Not a lot to report this month. Cindi is continuing our long tradition of sending birthday cards to everyone for whom we have contact info. Let the office know if you got missed as Cindi is constantly updating info. She is also sending other types of cards as the need arises. We tried new communion cups and they worked. We also purchased new ones that look the same as the others that didn't work, but these do. We are committed to hosting receptions in August. We will also put together a gift basket for the CWS BBQ. (Thanks, Jeri.) We continue to see new people come in on Sunday. Hopefully everyone will take the time to introduce yourself and make each new person feel welcome.

Until next time, Greg

Let us not become weary in **doing GOOD**
for we will **reap a harvest of BLESSING** in **due season**
if we **DO NOT Give Up.** Galatians 6:9

PURSE PROJECT SUCCESS

Michele Marot

Fifteen well-stuffed purses were delivered to Genesis House on June 23 and were very well received!

Sponsored by the Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study, the Purse Project has become an annual event where many generous donations of toiletries and personal items are placed into gently used purses and delivered to women at a local shelter. It's women helping women at risk.

Also included in the purses are beaded bracelets, made by our Tuesday Craft Ladies, and our church calling card with a hand written message: "Handmade with TLC by the ladies of the church—"A diverse and loving Christian community, accepting of all."

Thank you for your donations, and thank you to the ladies in the Women's Wednesday Bible Study and the Tuesday Craft Group for your good work!

TRUSTEE NEWS

Diane Delaney, Chair

OUR STEWARDSHIP DRIVE: Stewardship: A way of living...

Estimate of Giving cards are available in the office for those who have not yet submitted one. Knowing the potential level of giving helps the church immensely as we continue to serve the needs of our church community. Thank you for the blessing of your generosity!

JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

"Be strong in the Lord and the strength of His power!"



What a VBS week we had! The campus was transformed into "Knights of the North Castle" over two weeks, and when the week of VBS began, we were transfixed by how utterly adorable and wonderful the kids were. They made us laugh, hugged us, and challenged us with questions like: "What does God look like?" Or, "When you get to Heaven what's it like?" Or, "Can we talk about the Holy Spirit please". Or, "Did Jesus have a beard like yours?" Answer to this one: I was gifted a "Jesus" beard from Pat Olsen before she and Gary moved to Arizona. I led the "Armor Up" Bible Time area this VBS, and I can tell you with 100 percent of my heart, I felt her presence, but the beard didn't look nearly as good on me than it did on Pat...but I tried! Each day we focused on a "Castle Callout". These were the stories we talked about: Day one we Armored Up with Truth from the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. We Armored Up with Justice as we talked about the story of David defeating Goliath. We Armored Up with Peace as we revisited the Christmas story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus, and realized, this is a 24/7 365 days a year story! We Armored Up with Faith as we walked on water just as Jesus did. (Well to be truthful, we walked on a long piece of blue cellophane, and I have to tell you, this was a very powerful exercise.) And finally, we talked about midnight praise with Paul and Silas while Armoring Up with Salvation.

It was a blessed and totally fun week and SOOOO great to be back after a two-year hiatus.

Thank you to all the counselors who helped to decorate the campus and transform it into a frozen Knights of North Castle as well as helping with the kidlets. Also a big thank you to all the leaders for the areas of games, crafts, snacks and Bible story time. Can't wait until next year!

Blessings and hugs, Jane....and remember to take some quiet time with God!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Ally Baker, Director

Enrollment for our 22-23 school year is on-going. The Preschool program begins at 2yrs. 7 months through 5 years. The Parent and Me Program offers a class on Thursday from 9:30 - 11:30.

For more information on our Preschool or Parent & Me Program, please contact preschool@churchofthechimes.org or call the church office.



Come One!
Come All!



CWS is Hosting a Summer Lovin' BBQ Saturday August 20th

4:00pm - 8:00pm

Food, Games, Music, Dancing, Silent Auction,
...and more...in Bower Hall.

Get your tickets now!!!

\$20 for Adults & \$10 for children 10 & under

Benefiting those in need in our community.

Come have a Summer Lovin' Good Time!

Submitted by Robert Dunn

STAVES CHAPEL ~ STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The history of Congregationalism from our roots in England to the founding of Church of the Chimes is depicted in the stained glass windows of the Staves Chapel. The twelfth of the Chapel's fourteen stained glass windows entitled "Gold Rush Churches" is pictured below with a description of its significance. To the right of this are the eleven windows that were presented in previous editions of Chiming In.



12: GOLD RUSH CHURCHES:

Americans of various Protestant denominations had made their way west. Once there, whether succeeding or failing to strike it rich in the gold fields, they chose to settle on the West Coast. There was a growing demand by these new comers to have a chance to worship in the faith in which they were raised.

"13: KAWAIAHAO CHURCH" will be featured in the September 2022 edition of Chiming In.



1: "Robert Browne" 2: "Imprisonment of the Faithful"



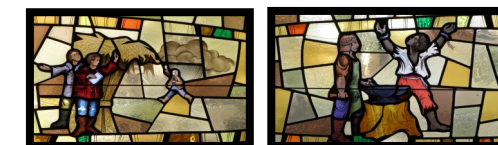
3: "Pilgrims in Holland" 4: "Mayflower Sails"



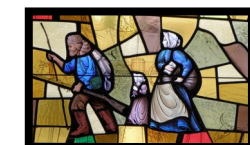
5: "Plymouth Landing" 6: "Adoption of the Mayflower Compact"



7: "The First Thanksgiving" 8: "Establishment of Colleges"



9: "Haystack Meeting" 10: "Anti Slavery"



11: "Westward Movement"

COTC SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS



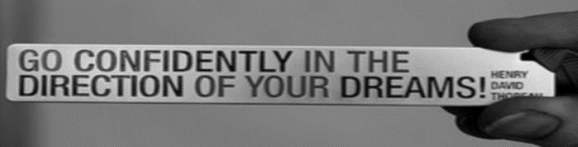
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Sherman Oaks

I'M HAYLEY, THE COTC SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER!

I CAN'T WAIT TO CONNECT WITH YOU ONLINE!

Please continue to follow COTC on Facebook & Instagram: **LIKE, COMMENT & SHARE** all of the COTC posts everyday—leaving an encouraging or relevant comment and/or an emoji will be just the thing needed for someone...and the more posts—the better the opportunity to reach more people. We want to let everybody know that we are a diverse & loving community accepting of all people. Please join in! Together we can reach so many...Let's do this!



Kids Gymnastics Class



Location:
Church of the Chimes
14115 Magnolia Blvd
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Flexibility_Fitness_LA
www.Flexibilityfitness.net
Coach Hayley (818) 414-0213

Let's Keep In Touch

If you know someone who would like to receive a card or note, please send their name, address & phone number to the church office:
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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.

Please send Band of Prayer requests to Sylvia McCormick;
miss_daisy1226@yahoo.com
or feel free to call or email the Church Office;
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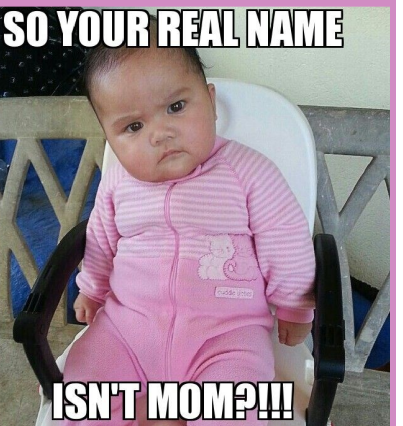
LAUGH &/OR SMILE



WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF THE HOLY WATER SIZZLES WHEN IT HITS YOUR SKIN? ASKING FOR A FRIEND.



A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel
An OPTIMIST sees light at the end of the tunnel
A REALIST sees a freight train
The TRAIN driver sees 3 idiots standing on the tracks.





August 2022



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