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NEWS AND EVENTS OF THE
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FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

FAITHFULLY YOURS: The day after the 4th of July

This year the holiday falls on a Monday, so we will be up late watching the fireworks or listening to the fireworks or calming our dogs and cats and little ones who are scared by the loud noise of fireworks. We may well have had a barbeque, or watched a parade, sung a song or two and listened to the Declaration of Independence being read. (Or you may have heard it on Sunday at church...)

So the day after, July 5th, our world will be “back to normal.” There may be folks who took extra time off because of the holiday. There may be debris from fireworks that shouldn’t have been set off lying around to be picked up. Trash cans might be overflowing with paper plates and corn cobs. But businesses and banks will be back in full swing.

We think back to the shots that were fired to start the revolution to assure our freedom. We consider the risks and sacrifices men and women took to make sure we could worship God “as he was pleased to reveal himself unto us.” (From the 1629 Salem church covenant –and our own church covenant).

So July 5th might be the day when we take the revolution to heart, when we honor our spiritual ancestors. We make God known. We share our faith. We open our doors to all of those seeking a community which accepts them and welcomes and invites them to journey with us on the path that Jesus set before us. For as it was written in 1776—We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. And we set about the work to change a world which makes happiness and life and liberty—possible by feeding the hungry body and the hungry soul, finding shelter for those who have no roofs over their heads or who are alone and afraid, clothing the ones who shiver in the cold air or from deepest sorrow—visiting the ones who are broken in body, broken in spirit.

Let us use our freedom to bring the love of God and the presence of Christ to a weary, weary world.

With Deep Affection, Beth

SERMON TOPICS FOR JUNE

July 3: Freedom’s Not Just Another Word (Luke 4:16-20)
~ Communion Sunday

July 10: Interventions (Luke 10:25-37)

July 17: Mary Quite Contrary? (Luke 10:38-42)

July 24: Prayer Power (Luke 11:1-13)

July 31: Rev. Peek is preaching

JULY 2022 HAPPENINGS

- ⇒ **RACIAL EQUITY DISCUSSION GROUP: NO MEETING IN JULY:** 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, JULY 5TH at 6:30pm**
- ⇒ **BOUQUET CIRCLE: NO GATHERING IN JULY:** We will get together again in September. All women of any faith 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!
- ⇒ **COTC DRAMA TEAM SKIT NIGHT: SATURDAY, JULY 9TH at 7pm - BOWER HALL**
- ⇒ **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 19TH at 7pm**
- ⇒ **VESPERS : THURSDAY, JULY 21ST at 6:30pm:** All women of the church are invited to gather for dinner & 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.
- ⇒ **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JULY 25TH- 29TH REGISTER YOUR CHILD NOW, TODAY, ASAP!** And if you’re interested in volunteering...group leaders & counselors for music, crafts, snacks, games and Bible story time as well as for the initial decorating are needed. Please contact Jane Poole (jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net) if you can help in any way. Thanks!
- ⇒ **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.

HAPPENINGS BEYOND JULY

- ⇒ **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!

JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

“Dear God,

Help me to practice balancing in a world filled with ceaseless motion. Give me strength to not put on blinders to all that is wrong in the world. Instead, let me make a meaningful difference as I move forward. AMEN” Maria Shriver

I have been in a total state of disbelief the past several weeks. Wondering what kind of footprint we as a country are leaving for current and future generations. I'm worried for my children, friends and family members. And just when the tears started once again, I got the above Instagram post from Maria Shriver. Wise words. Then another post came through from our church:

At my lowest, God is my HOPE.

At my darkest, God is my LIGHT.

At my weakest, God is my STRENGTH.

At my saddest, God is my COMFORTER.”

I will try my very best to remember these inspiring words, and I hope you do too, when fears and tears begin again. These words give strength to fight on.

Blessings and hugs, Jane

Please find time to be with God.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Ally Baker, Director

Summer Camp began on June 13 & ends July 22. Camp hours: 9am – 12pm.

Graduation for our Pre-K children was held on June 9th at 9:30am on the front lawn of Hamilton House. Due to COVID, as we continue to take all health and safety precautions, we only allowed immediate families of our Preschool and Pre-K class to attend this very special event...and it was indeed a very special event.

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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Chair YTBD

So far for 2022-23, our Nominating Committee is comprised of Ginger Wright, Deacons, Lana Young, CWS, and John Luker, Trustees. We hope to get two additional members from CE and Music. We still have several board openings, so if you are interested in serving – it's NOT too late! Just contact one of these kind volunteers to get more information! Thank you!

Submitted by Diane Delaney, on behalf of Nominating Committee

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Rev. Curtis Peek

BUILT TO LAST

We all want our lives to matter. But how do we know if we're doing the right thing? In a world where nothing is guaranteed, nothing is certain, you can build a life that can last. In the Bible, we can find practical guidance for everyday life.

The most important feature of any permanent structure is its foundation. That's because it's the foundation that determines the strength and stability of the building or lack thereof. With this in mind, Scripture often compares our lives to the construction of a building.

The Bible says, “You are God's building...Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful” ¹Corinthians 3:9-10

Similarly Jude wrote, “But you, beloved, build yourselves up on (the foundation of) your most holy faith (continually progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher).” ^{Jude} 1:20

A life built on God's Word is like a house built on a solid foundation—it is built to last! Both the wise man and the foolish man heard the Lord's teaching, but the wise man's obedience to the Word that was heard is what made the difference. Likewise, when we build our life with obedience to God's Word, it ensures stability as we rise like a beautifully erected building. When we're grounded and shaped by God's Word, we'll stand firm when life's storms arise. Therefore, let's build wisely!

You were BUILT TO LAST.

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.**

GET AMUSED...

my daughter asked why she can't just quit school and i told her it's against the law and they'll put me in jail and my sweet sweet child looked me in the eye and said "I'll visit you"

Why was the tomato red?

Because he saw the salad dressing.

Two eggs, a bagel, and a sausage walk into a bar. "Bartender, my friends and I would like a cold one," says one of the eggs.

"Sorry," the barman replies. "We don't serve breakfast."

My wife can Google anything in .3 seconds if it will prove that I am wrong.

"I went to the 30th reunion of my preschool. I didn't want to go, because I've put on, like, a hundred pounds."

Interviewer: How do you explain this 4 year gap on your resume?
Me: That's when I went to Yale...
Interviewer: That's impressive. You're hired
Me: Thanks. I really need this job

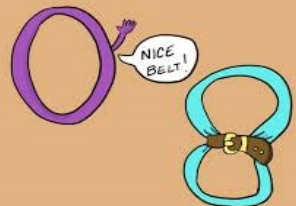
Today at the bank, an old lady asked me to help check her balance.

So I pushed her over.

FUNNYJOKES - WWW.PUN.ME



WHAT DID THE ZERO SAY TO THE EIGHT?



Why do seagulls fly over the sea?

Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be called baygulls!



LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO BE SERIOUS ALL THE TIME.

SO, IF YOU CAN'T LAUGH AT YOURSELF, CALL ME...I'LL LAUGH AT YOU.

THINGS TO PONDER...



BE STRONG
WHEN YOU ARE WEAK,
BRAVE
WHEN YOU ARE SCARED,
AND HUMBLE
WHEN YOU ARE
VICTORIOUS

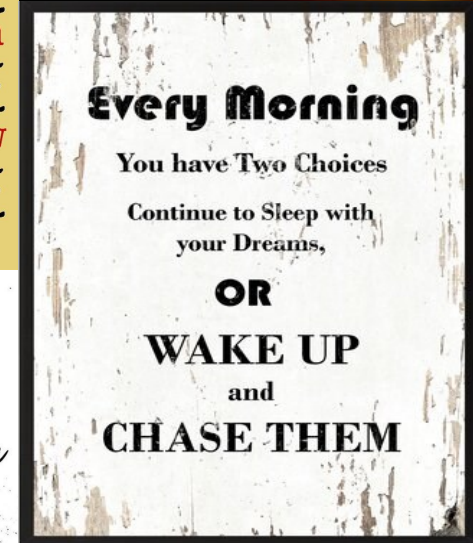


Why
Fit in
When you were born to
Stand out

life
is not about waiting for the storm to pass
it's about learning to dance in the
rain

COACH ME and I will learn
CHALLENGE ME and I will grow
BELIEVE IN ME and I will win

INSPIRE
Others
by doing what
INSPIRES *You*



DEACON NEWS

Greg Abbott, Chair

The Deacons met on the 19th following church. Not a lot new to report. We decided not to do Christmas in July this year due to time constraints. We have also decided to suspend collecting for the Angel fund in that we have sufficient funds to meet our current needs. We know that there is a problem with the current Communion Cups with the juice part being almost impossible to open. We have samples from a different maker and they are much better. We will use them at our next Communion on July 3.

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

TRUSTEE NEWS

Diane Delaney, Chair

For campus maintenance and repairs, our parking lot was “slurry-ed” and re-striped. They will be coming back to do a few touch-ups. We received some bad news from our arborist, that we must remove the large tree to the west of the pool, the one within the new white fenced area, that the Eagle Scout and Boy Scouts recently installed for us. We plan to plant a new tree in its place. We continue our research on a new dishwasher for Bower Hall kitchen and are pleased to accept a \$2,000 donation toward it from the Woman’s Association. A big THANK YOU! We are considering a new surface for the picnic area to the east of the pool, and we are looking into engraved bricks. If anyone has done this before or is interested in helping with this, please let me know. If there is anything you see that needs repair or you want to donate to a campus improvement, please let one of us know; thanks!

Our Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, if you have any items or concerns related to Personnel, Finances or Building and Grounds please contact a Trustee.

Submitted by Diane Delany

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!

RACIAL EQUITY NEWS

Submitted by Michele Marot

We held our first in-person meeting in June. It was really lovely and we got a lot accomplished. We decided to light a candle every Sunday in June in remembrance of those who recently lost their lives in mass shootings and hate crimes (too many!). We talked about having Raye Zaragoza, one of Shirley’s daughters, performing one day in church and/or at skit night (or at least play the YouTube video) her original song, “Change Your Name.” And we discussed ways in which we can continue to make all people feel welcome in our church.

We plan to meet regularly in person, after church, on the first Sunday of each month. However, we will skip July as that is the 4th of July weekend. Please listen for an announcement of our next Racial Equity Meeting!

COTC DRAMA TEAM

Wade Young & Michele Marot, Co-Chairs

Skit Night is coming up fast! “Keep it Clean” is going to knock your socks off with songs, dances, acrobatics, and of course SKITS! This is family fare and it is FREE! So come out to Bower Hall on Saturday, July 9th at 7pm, and invite your family, friends, neighbors, and even casual acquaintances, because it’s FREE! And it’s going to be a lot of fun!!!

NACCC NEWS

Greg Abbott, Rep

The annual meeting of the NACCC is closed and I admit to being a little bit sad. Don’t tell Beth this, but I went with a little trepidation. But wow, what an experience! The conference opened with three terrific speakers on Saturday and was followed by workshops.

Sunday we had an awesome service at Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita. It’s an old stone church and we ended up with at least 250 people in the Sanctuary, just like in the 60’s. The energy was amazing! Even more amazing was the music! The two choirs of the host churches were combined with a choir made up of conference attendees to create an awesome sound! The service was streamed live and will be posted on Plymouth’s Facebook page soon.

The nitty gritty of the business sessions was held on Monday. These can be a little dry but it is the main reason for meeting.

It was great to see so many old friends and make some new ones—overall, a great meeting!

The 2023 meeting will held June 24 to 27 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Think cheese, beer, cheese, brats, and more cheese. Seriously consider attending!

COMMUNITY & WORLD SERVICE NEWS

Robert Dunn, Chair

The CWS Board met Sunday, June 12, 2022, and we agreed to continue the officers as they are now for this 2nd year: Robert Dunn- Chair; Lana Young and Ann Marie Zaphiriou- co Treasurers; Pam Voetberg- Secretary; and Lana Young- Nominating Committee.

The See's Candy Fund Raiser hosted by the CWS continues...You're invited to participate in this 'sweet' opportunity. Satisfy your sweet tooth and give back to those in need as proceeds will aid those who are unhoused in our community. Just go to COTC's website, Facebook, or Instagram page and click on the link. You can have it shipped anywhere in the U.S.; 20% of your order will be donated to our CWS! So easy and convenient, you just might need to order a box for yourself to celebrate. **Don't Delay...Order Today!!!!** P.S. If you don't have access to a computer to order online, just see one of our CWS members at church and they will help you.

And then there's the upcoming Summer Lovin' Event...

Come One! Come All !

CWS Summer Lovin' BBQ

Saturday August 20th 4:00pm - 8:00pm

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

Benefiting those in need in our community.

Get your tickets now!!!

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

Come and have a Summer Lovin' Good Time!



Hey! My name is Hayley; I'm the COTC Social Media Manager! I am so excited for the church family to grow on-line, and I need your help to accomplish this! Please follow us on Facebook & Instagram, and LIKE, COMMENT & SHARE all of the COTC posts everyday, leave an encouraging or relevant comment—even just an emoji would be great. The more posts we have, the better

the opportunity to reach more people to share all we have to offer at COTC— to let everybody know we are a diverse & loving community accepting of all people. Please join in! Together we can do this! I can't wait to connect with you on-line!



Submitted by Robert Dunn

HISTORIAN NEWS

Robert Jones, Historian

STAVES CHAPEL ~ STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

When the Chapel was dedicated in 1952 the windows were of plain glass and were replaced over the years with stained glass windows depicting the history of Congregationalism from our roots in England to the founding of Church of the Chimes. The eleventh of the Chapel's fourteen stained glass windows entitled "Westward Movement" is pictured below with a description of its significance. To the right of this and at bottom are the previous 10 of these windows which were detailed in earlier editions of Chiming In.

Submitted by Joi Staves



11: WESTWARD MOVEMENT:

Although the church was part of the early westward movement, and therefore, the spread of Congregational beliefs, it was mainly a New England based religion. However, that situation began to change due to the gold rush in Northern California at the end of the 1840's, followed by California statehood in 1850. Americans began the western migration in earnest.

"12: Gold Rush Churches" will be featured in the August 2022 Chiming In



1: "Robert Browne"



2: "Imprisonment of the Faithful"



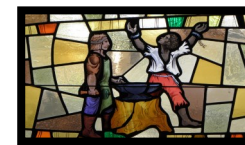
3: "Pilgrims in Holland"



4: "Mayflower Sails"



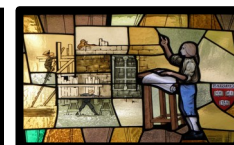
5: "Plymouth Landing"



10: "Anti Slavery"



9: "Haystack Meeting"



8: "Establishment of Colleges"



7: "The First Thanksgiving"



6: "Adoption of the Mayflower Compact"

CONGRATS TO OUR 2022 8TH GRADE GRADUATES!

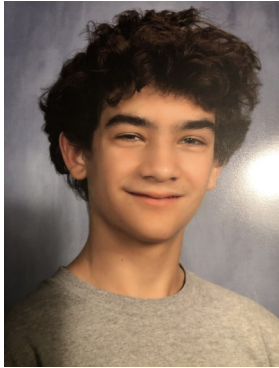
Anna Luker



Sophia Zaphiriou



Xander Zaphiriou



Paige Sullivan



Anna will be attending Reseda Science Magnet High School. Sophia, Xander and Paige will be attending Cleveland Humanities Magnet. Your Church Family is so proud of you guys! Wishing you all the best—knowing you are the best of the best. BE Bold and ever faithful to who you are!

COTC CUB SCOUT PACK 191

BRIDGING CEREMONY

This ceremony of crossing the bridge marks the completion in Cub Scouting and the beginning of a whole new experience in Scouting. Congratulations and good luck to these accomplished young people.



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 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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GREETINGS, COTC FAMILY! COME ONE! COME ALL!

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING OF FUN!

Church of the Chimes Sherman Oaks Presents:



Keep It Clean

July 9th 7:00pm

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Acting, Singing, Dancing and Amazing Acrobatics!



July 2022



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