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



WITH GOD
ALL THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE.
MATTHEW 19:26

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FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

FAITHFULLY YOURS

My son texted me the other day and asked me just what I would like to do for Mother's Day. It is an annual question, and it is one time when we always do whatever I say I want to do. A couple of years it was going to an Angels' baseball game, when they had special gifts to celebrate. We have had lunch and brunch. We have had fancy dinners. We have visited the elders who were our surrogate mom and grandma.

But probably what we like most, Teddy and I, is having a picnic. It started when he was in law school and Mother's Day was in the middle of exams. I would buy some sandwiches, drinks and salads, and we would eat together on the UCLA law school lawn. Once he graduated, we decided that was a pretty good way to celebrate, so we kept on having picnics. Even last year, Jane, Teddy and I managed to eat together at far corners of the lawn while puppy Ruby and old man Rookie chased each other around the back yard.

There is something precious about sharing a meal with people we love, and something precious about sharing time with our children or parents or the ones who have watched over us in our growing up. It is also precious to see the subtle changes as the ones we watched over are now watching over us.

And for some of us, it is hard to let the children we have cared for, suddenly start caring for us. They are checking to make sure we are okay. If we don't answer a text or a call right away they keep calling and texting because they can't be sure something hasn't happened to us. If we fall down, they pick us up. If we can't make sense out of the bill we got from the doctor, they take over. If we can't figure out how to get subtitles on Netflix (which we need because we don't hear like we used to), well, they tell us how and write it down, so we don't forget.

So this year, we will have another picnic, call it a "Teddy bear picnic" if you will. When we go to the park he will guide me carefully over tree roots and sprinkler heads. He will pull out the blanket, get out the food and cut the sandwiches in half so we can share. And he will also tell me not to talk with my mouth full and not to lick my fingers to get the last crumbs of the cake. For better, and maybe for not so better, he will be caring for me, just as I have cared for him.

Mother love is legacy love. Mother love is a gift we give our children that they give back to us. It is also tough love, reminding us always of who we are and how we are to be. But more than anything, Mother love is forever love. It never goes away. Because, after all, it comes from the One whose love for us is everlasting, the One who so loved us that he gave his only son.

Thanks be to God! Love and blessings to all, *Beth*

DEACON NEWS

Nancy Nelsen, Chair

Since the church has opened up for in-person gathering following all safety protocols, the upcoming Communion Sundays will have different procedures. There will be prepackaged communion sets that contain sealed juice and a wafer that will be available in the Narthex for individuals to pick up and take to their seat. Please take the empty containers/wrappers out with you to deposit in the trash can in the Narthex as you leave. We hope this procedure will help everyone feel secure in participating in communion at this time.

The annual meeting will be Sunday, May 16th after worship when we will vote in the new board members for all boards, so please consider joining the Deacons Board for the 2021-2023 term as there will be 4 or 5 vacancies. For more information about being a part of the Deacons, please contact me or either of the pastors. The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to fill the slate with nominees. Thank you. *Nancy*

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

Jan Long, Chair

The Christian Ed Board continues to work diligently to provide interesting options for our members and children to be able to grow in our spiritual pursuits. We are believing in five good souls to hear the calling to join the Christian Ed Board; each one of these individuals will bring a variety of talents and interests to help further these efforts. Could this possibly be you...? You'd be joining a fun group of people who do good things for our church. Please contact Jane Poole or Jan Long to explore the possibilities of becoming a part of COTC's educational pursuits. Thanks so much! *Jan*

HISTORIAN NEWS

Stanley Dong, Church Historian

No Singing at Our Services

The absence of singing currently being present state of being in our Sunday worship services in the Sanctuary reminded me of a joke, which I heard many years ago.

It seems like the Chief of this tribe had a terrible toothache. So, he summoned the Medicine Man. The Medicine Man prescribed the following cure. He provided 12 inches of a leather thong and said to the Chief "chew this until it is completely gone, and you will be rid of your tooth ache."

The Chief did as he was told and chewed. When the Medicine Man returned to ask the Chief's about his toothache, the Chief replied, "I am still in awful pain; your remedy did not work!!!"

The Medicine Man then said "Very, very strange, the THONG IS OVER, but the MALADY LINGERS ON." Get it!! The song is over, but the melody lingers on. *Humor on my mind. Stan*

JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

Holding Hands - Helping Hands - God's Hands - Hands of Love...

Hands... I remember holding our children's hands in mine like it was yesterday. Their little hands reaching out to me for help in climbing up stairs, for comfort and most precious of all, just because. Their tender skin and the tightness of their grip in my hand, just the thought makes my heart happy! The hand holding is rare now as they are adults (where did the time go?) but when it does happen, I'm right back to when they were little and reaching out. Sweet memories.

Hands are truly amazing. Mine are a little wrinkly now and show the test of time. There are some scars, one from Golden West Fair prep and another from a battle with a knife, where the knife won. Nevertheless, these hands work just fine and I try and put them to work for good as much as I can.

Helping hands are truly a blessing. Today, three sets of helping hands moved a small mountain on behalf of the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry. I do the food purchasing for the Pantry and due to some hiccups, those six hands worked in conjunction with each other to make the order happen so 24 sets of hands will be able to unload the 7,000 pounds of food and stock it away for the receiving hands of those in need in our community. I'll repeat, helping hands are a true blessing!

The laying of hands. I have witnessed a number of times when the laying of hands happens at a church. It's happened when people become members or become elders or deacons. It's a powerful moment which always brings me to tears. A comforting hand on a shoulder can also be a very powerful experience. Try it and you'll see!

Then there are God's hands. These are hands we can't physically feel, but if we close our eyes, take a breath, we *can* feel God's hands on us. God's hands wrap us in, and with this, we feel His power, His healing, His strength, His grace and most of all, His love.

All of the hands I've written about boil down to one thing, hands of love. Hands in action *is* love. When we get the proverbial green light to be able to – let's reach out and share our hands of love with one another!

Peace and love, *Jane* PS. *Please remember to be quiet with God!*

“Life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.” Jackie Robinson

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

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Rev. Curtis Peek

GOD'S LOVE

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:9-12

God desires to be experienced. He is living and active, but so few really experience the life and love He wants to bring. Today, after receiving his love, take some time to reflect on how differently you feel and act afterwards. See if you feel a stirring of desire for God and those around you.

The love of God will guide you, establish you, empower you, and fully delight you. His love will free you, compel you, and sustain you. His love for you is eternal, real and right now. All you need to do is simply open your heart to him and set aside a little time right now to receive his amazing gift of love.

You see, God intends for us to have his love for those around us. In loving God you receive his love for others. You care about the things the people you love care about. It is the same with God. But it all starts with simply being loved by him. There's no better time than right now, wherever you are, to receive the love of your heavenly Father. ***Believe it! Curtis***

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**Join us in 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

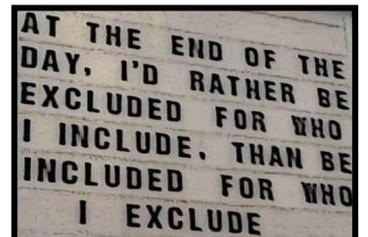
### **Sermon Topics for May**

May 2: Rev. Peek is preaching

May 9: “Mother-in-Love” (Ruth 1:1-18)

May 16: Prayer Power (John 17:6-19)

May 23: Earth Wind and Fire (Acts 2:1-21)



## **MAY 2021 HAPPENINGS**

- ⇒ **ZOOM COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 4TH at 6:30pm**
- ⇒ **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: FRIDAY, MAY 7TH from 11am to 5pm**  
Blood donation is essential to ensuring community health. Sign up online at [www.churchofthechimes.org](http://www.churchofthechimes.org) and then check-in at Bower Hall on the day.
- ⇒ **CHURCH of the CHIMES ANNUAL MEETING: SUNDAY, MAY 16TH at 11:30am**  
Held in Sanctuary *Immediately following our worship.* A ZOOM connection may also be available (although not 100% sure how this will work.)
- ⇒ **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 18TH at 7pm**
- ⇒ **ZOOM DISCUSSION: Racial Equity and the Church: MAY 23RD at 1pm**  
As our Racial Equity group continues with our conversation; we are imagining where we go next to insure that we, as faithful Christians and as a church, are working for equity for all. Please join us for this important discussion. Every insight and thought is important! We meet for about an hour on ZOOM, and the link will be sent in our Friday e-blast on May 21.
- ⇒ **ZOOM VESPERS HAPPY HOUR: THURSDAY, MAY 27TH at 6:30pm**  
All women of the church are invited to gather virtually to enjoy a bit of time with each other on Thursday, April 22nd at 6:30pm. The link to this ZOOM HAPPY HOUR will be provided in Beth's daily emails that week. Please join us when you can.
- ⇒ **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 "Love Does" by Bob Goff. If you would like to join us, e-mail Jane Poole at [jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net). See you then.



**LEARN TO SWIM!**  
Swim Lessons  
Ages 6 months - 102 years  
Your pool or ours

**Aqua Buddies Swimming Lessons are available at Church of the Chimes.** Call today to schedule your lesson! Please know that in the wake of Covid-19, policies and procedures have been implemented to keep our all of our instructors and families safe and healthy as this is the utmost priority for Aqua Buddies. Our lessons will be scheduled to accommodate all requirements for social distancing, and cleanliness of the facility will be maintained to ensure everyone's swimming experience is a safe one. We look forward to getting back into the pool and to seeing all of your smiling faces. Thanks for letting all your friends and family know we are here. Happy Swimming!

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## **TRUSTEE NEWS**

**Greg Abbott, Chair**

This will be my last report as Trustees chair as I am ending my three year term. Louisa and Brian are also terming out. Special thanks to Brian who took on an extra year when we couldn't have our annual changing of the guard. Actually, I want to thank all the board members for all their efforts in getting us through probably the most challenging financial time in the church's history. We didn't always agree on the steps we needed to take but we always worked through it. We are so blessed that we have the endowments to fall back on. We will end up with just four members carrying over. Per the by-laws, that leaves us with eight positions to fill. Prayerfully consider bringing your skills to the Trustees. Anyone interested in serving, please contact me or Robert Jones.

In other news, Treasurer, John Van Veen reported that we are falling behind on our estimates of giving. As you can, please make sure that you are up to date. John also made a recommendation to hire an outside CPA to review our books. He also let us know that our round two payroll protection application appears to have been accepted. We could be getting around \$83,000. Regarding the digital sign, Curtis Leseman is waiting for the city to open up so that he can further pursue the permitting process. Finally, we are looking at getting the organ back up to snuff. All the best, **Greg**

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP DRIVE: Reach in to Reach out!**



We thank each one of you for your 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 and organizations is a blessing indeed!

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



**Blood donation is essential to ensuring community health.**

Church of the Chimes Blood Drive  
Friday, May 7th in Bower Hall  
Sign up online at-  
[www.churchofthechimes.org](http://www.churchofthechimes.org)



**GIVE BLOOD  
SAVE LIFE**

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

Six great Confusions still Unresolved.

1. At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?
2. In the word scent, is "S" is silent or "C"?
3. If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
4. Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
5. Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made.



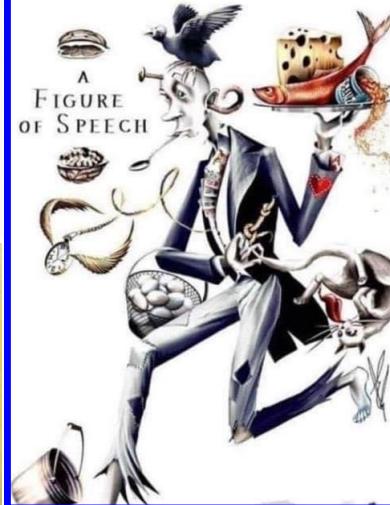
**Why do we close our eyes when we pray, when we cry, when we kiss, when we dream; because the most beautiful things in our life are not seen, but felt only by the heart.**

@banocritivabahanu

"Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved."  
~Winnie the Pooh



There are 27 figures of speech in the photo. Who can guess one? I'll start with "cat's got his tongue".



## WHERE DID THAT SAYING COME FROM:?

**"Best Foot Forward."**  
When bowing to nobility, a gentleman would literally put his best foot forward, extending his leg to take the bow.

**"Jump on the Bandwagon."**  
In the mid-1800s, circuses would parade around town before setting up, with bandwagons leading the parade. They drew large crowds, and politicians started renting space on the bandwagons to get face time with an audience.

**"Burning the Midnight Oil."**  
In a time before electricity, candlelight or lamp oil was used for lighting. When you stayed up late to work, you literally burned the lamp oil at midnight.

**"Close, but no cigar."**  
During carnivals in the 1800s, cigars were rewarded as prizes for winning carnival games.

**"At the Drop of a Hat."**  
Instead of a gunshot to indicate that a race had started, in the 1800s it was customary to drop a hat to signal the start.

**"In the Nick of Time."**  
Through the 18th century, businessmen often kept track of debts owed (and interest that built on loans) by carving nicks on a "tally stick." When someone arrived to pay off their debt before the next nick was carved, they'd save that day's worth of interest - hence, "nick of time."

**"Carbon Copy."**  
Before photocopiers were a thing, copies were made by sliding a piece of carbon paper between an original document and blank paper. It's also what "cc" means in your email.

**"Dressed to the Nines."**  
Dressed to the nines meant that you were rich enough to literally purchase the entire nine yards it took to make a tailor-fit outfit (including a vest, jacket, etc.).

**"Pull Out All the Stops."**  
This originated from back when organists would literally pull the stops from every pipe on an organ in order to play at maximum volume.

**"Mad as a Hatter."**  
In the 17th and 18th centuries, hat-makers (hatters) often went insane as a result of mercury poisoning, a side-effect of manufacturing felt hats.

**"Get off your High Horse."**  
Before cars, owning a horse was a sign of prominence, since nobility and high-ranking military officials were primarily the ones who owned them. Getting off, meant to humble yourself.

**Tip your server. Return your shopping cart. Pick up a piece of trash. Hold the door for the person behind you. Let someone into your lane. Small acts can have a ripple effect. That's how we change the world**

### 10 FUN FACTS

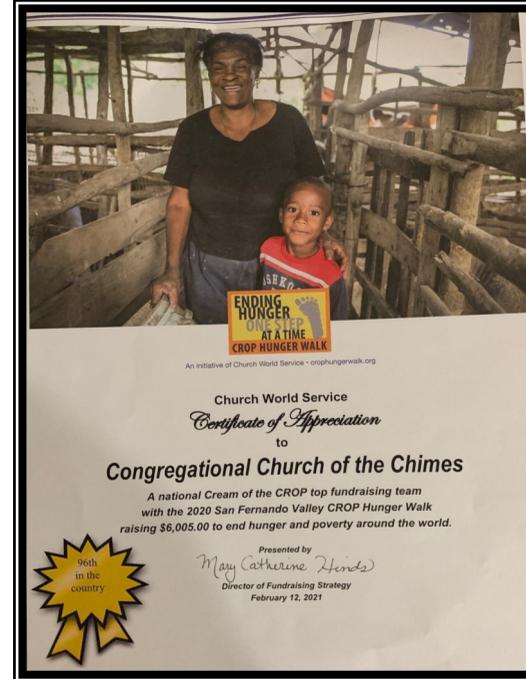
1. You can't see your ears without mirror.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried No.3
6. When you did No.3 you realised that it is possible, only you look like dog.
7. You are smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped No.5.
9. You just checked to see if there is No.5.
10. Share this with your friends so they can have some fun too 🤔

Have a Nice Day! 😊

## COMMUNITY & WORLD SERVICES NEWS

Diane Delaney, Chair

### A MISSION MOMENT



Church World Service  
*Certificate of Appreciation*  
to  
**Congregational Church of the Chimes**  
A national Cream of the CROP top fundraising team with the 2020 San Fernando Valley CROP Hunger Walk raising \$6,005.00 to end hunger and poverty around the world.



Presented by  
*May Catherine Herold*  
Director of Fundraising Strategy  
February 12, 2021

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Dear Friends,

This was an interesting year. With only a few CROP Hunger Walks happening as a large in-person event due to a pandemic, you and your CROP Hunger Walk Team stepped up to end hunger!

Congratulations! I'm delighted to let you know that your Walk team is ranked in the top 100 fundraising teams nationally for 2020! Enclosed is a certificate recognizing you as the CREAM of the CROP!

The donations you raised are already at work. From digging wells to provide potable water in Southeast Asia, to providing assistance for victims of the hurricanes in Central America, your efforts are ending hunger for the most vulnerable in your community and our world. Thank you for being a leader in this movement towards a more hope-filled, secure world.

We appreciate your partnership. Thank you for your outstanding efforts!

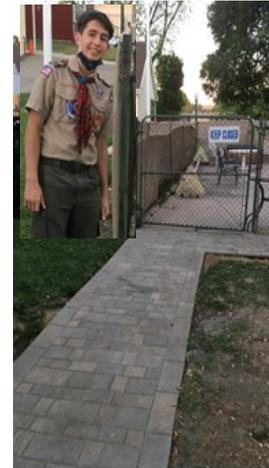
Sincerely,

Jon K. Skogen  
National Community Engagement Manager  
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## BOY SCOUT TROOP 191 NEWS



Scouting's goal is to develop each Scout with three basic aims: To be physically fit, good citizens and persons of strong character. Achieving the highest rank of Eagle Scout signifies a dedication and workload that few can meet; the scout must earn 21 merit badges, complete of a minimum of 6 months in a leadership role, develop and implement an Eagle Service Project\* plus pass a board of review at a Scoutmaster conference. Perseverance, discipline, motivation, leadership, accountability, and achievement are values an Eagle Scout learns which lead to tangible benefits such as college admissions, scholarships, & career advancement. Earning the rank of Eagle Scout will be an asset throughout life. \*The Eagle Scout Service Project provides opportunity for a Scout to demonstrate leadership while performing a project for the benefit of their community.

Pictured above is Aiden Pushin, one of Troop 191's Eagle Scout candidates, along side of his Eagle Scout Service Project, a beautifully designed and built walkway into the pool area; it is a job well done and will definitely benefit our COTC campus for years to come. Thank you, Aiden, for all your hard work...and Congrats! to you on soon being awarded the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Good on you!

**GET AMUSED...**

**SURVIVAL TIP:**  
If you get lost in the woods start talking about politics and someone will show up to argue with you.



**THE REAL REASON EVOLUTION STARTED....**



Since I bought this toy for my dog... no more salesmen, break-ins, or friends popping in unannounced. Just peace & quiet.



All these humans with muzzles! Who did they bite?



every day I wake up and begin the 16 hour process of getting ready for bed

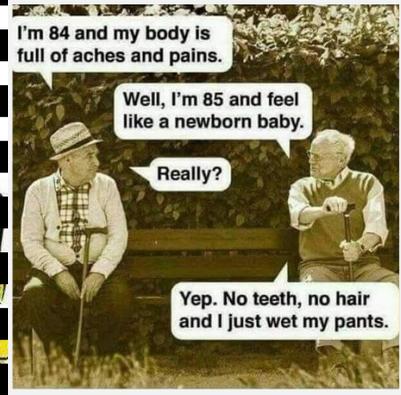


You don't stop having fun when you get old... YOU GET OLD WHEN YOU STOP HAVING FUN

**The other day I spotted an albino dalmatian. It's the least I could do for him.**



**WELCOME TO THE AGE WHERE YOUR SECRETS ARE SAFE WITH YOUR FRIENDS... THEY CAN'T REMEMBER THEM EITHER.**



I'm 84 and my body is full of aches and pains.  
Well, I'm 85 and feel like a newborn baby.  
Really?  
Yep. No teeth, no hair and I just wet my pants.

I go to me ma after testing positive for coronavirus and she said well that's what happens when you don't empty the dishwasher?



When we walked into the store I said to my wife "Remember, we're only here for one thing," and she didn't stop laughing from aisle one to aisle seven.

**CHURCH OF THE CHIMES IS LIVE ON-LINE**

Happy Mother's Day



Visit our website: <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchofChimes>  
Find an abundance of information regarding all the various activities on campus; listen to audios of past sermons; past copies of Chiming In can be viewed here and/or call the office to request future editions be emailed to you...



Don't plant anything but love. -Rumi-



Visit, Like, Share, Follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchofChimes/>  
View up-to-date information on programs and live stream events such as Sunday Services and 10 at 10 with Beth & Curtis.



Visit various productions on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLI2TLj2XfbBtgAOY0rjiA>  
Weekly Worship Services and Daily Devotions are now available on YouTube. We'll keep you posted as we add other things.



Get this app on your smart devices and then arrange conference call events to meet with Church Boards, Committees, Bible Studies\* and/or other groups up to 100 participants. \*e.g., Wednesday night Women's Bible Study with Jane. <https://zoom.us/meetings>

**If you need help connecting to and/or otherwise utilizing any of these on-line tools, please call the church office and we'll find someone to get you started.**

**Let's Keep In Touch**  
When we can't embrace we can send our love through the mail.  
If you know someone who would like to receive a card or note from the Women's Association, please call or send an email with their name, address & phone number to the church office  
office@churchofthechimes.org  
818-789-7124  
-or-  
Joi Staves  
joistaves@gmail.com  
818-648-1638

**Band of Prayer**  
A church that prays together, stays together especially during these challenging and uncertain times when we are separated by the need for social distancing not knowing what happens next...  
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

## **RACIAL EQUITY AND THE CHURCH**

### *Where do we go from here?*

On April 18th our Racial Equity group had a wonderful ZOOM discussion. As we continue with our conversation, we are imagining where we go next to insure that we, as faithful Christians and as a church, are working for equity for all. Here are some topics we discussed:

- Our mission Statement “We are a Diverse and Loving Christian Community accepting of all” will be listed in the bulletin as well as displayed on the monitor in the Narthex and on banners placed for viewing from Magnolia and Hazeltine traffic.
- Our mission statement will be quoted before the ‘Passing of Peace’.
- Based on Beth’s recent sermon about truths and lies, we will be adding scripture passages to reinforce our belief of our mission statement.
- Monthly updates will be posted in “Chiming In”, to share what the group is doing and to inform the entire congregation that they are welcome to join the group at any time as the Spirit leads them.
- As we look forward with 2021 Vision, we see inviting other churches and groups in the area for events such as skit night to learn more about their churches, experiencing their cultures and their food, as they learn of ours.
- As we hope to be a recognized group of the church, we need to formalize our name so we can be recognized by the church counsel.

Today we were inspired to keep moving forward as a group to love and accept all of God’s children.

## **NACCC ANNUAL MEETING**

### *National Association of Congregational Christian Churches Annual Meeting June 19 and 20 via ZOOM*

Because our National Association meeting is virtual again this year, every member is encouraged to register and attend. The theme is “Finding our way in the Future.” There will be a Congregational Lecture, three Bible lectures, as well as business meetings. Among the workshops will be those on spiritual discipline, writing devotional material, and ecclesiastical councils. You may register as an observer by visiting [NACCC.org](http://NACCC.org). Our official delegate is Greg Abbott. The first alternate is Sylvia McCormick, and the second alternate is Beth Bingham.

## **PRESCHOOL NEWS**

**Ally Baker, Director**

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

For more information about the Preschool, Parent & Me Program or school events, please email [preschool@churchofthechimes.org](mailto:preschool@churchofthechimes.org) or call 818-789-7124. Thanks!

## **OFFICIAL CALL TO**

### **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES’ 2021 ANNUAL MEETING**

On Sunday, May 16, Church of the Chimes will be holding its 70<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, while celebrating the 71<sup>st</sup> birthday of our church. (Because of the pandemic there was no meeting last year).

At the meeting there will be an opportunity to hear reports from the Boards and Committees of the church. We will be electing officers of the church and members of the Boards of the Church.

The meeting will be held in our Sanctuary immediately following the worship service. A ZOOM link will be sent to those who are unable to attend worship but who would like to be present.

As a Congregational Church these meetings are the foundation of our life together. Please be sure to be with us, either remotely or in person. Anyone can participate, but only members can vote. We will receive new members during worship that day. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office. Please know that if you are unable to be physically present we will welcome you “in absentia” in body but fully present in spirit.

## **TOGETHER IN PERSON AGAIN!!**

### **SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE BACK**

On Sunday, April 25 we had our first “in person” worship in the Sanctuary since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. It was so wonderful to be together again!

All masked, sitting a “social distance” apart in the pews, everyone had filled out a waiver form which we will keep on file and signed in with their phone numbers in the unlikely event any contact tracing is necessary. Each week we will continue with the same protocols until the guidelines change.

And we will continue our live streaming worship! We are delighted with the virtual attendance of those who have been able to connect with us from afar as well as those who aren’t yet able to come to the church but are a part of our fellowship. Please invite your family and friends to watch us too!

We are just beginning to plan the rest of our programming. At this point we will continue to use Zoom for classes, and special gatherings, but look forward to soon being able to meet across a table instead of across cyber space.

### **CHURCH OF THE CHIMES:**

**A diverse, and loving Christian community accepting of all.**



# May 2021



| Sun                                                                                                                             | Mon                                                                                                                                            | Tues                                                                                                                                               | Wed                                                                                                                                                 | Thurs                                                                                                                                | Fri                                                                                                                                                         | Sat       |
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| <u>2</u><br>10:30am Worship Service<br>In Sanctuary and <b>Streaming Live</b><br>via Facebook                                   | <u>3</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook                                              | <u>4</u> <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b><br>6:30pm via <b>ZOOM</b><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook | <u>5</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook<br>7:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>via <b>ZOOM</b>  | <u>6</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook                                    | <u>7</u> <b>RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE</b><br>11am to 5pm in Bower Hall<br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook | <u>8</u>  |
| <u>9</u> <b>MOTHER'S DAY!!</b><br>10:30am Worship Service<br>In Sanctuary and <b>Streaming Live</b><br>via Facebook             | <u>10</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook                                             | <u>11</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook                                                 | <u>12</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook<br>7:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>via <b>ZOOM</b> | <u>13</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am Ten Minute<br>Devotional via Facebook                                                | <u>14</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook                                                          | <u>15</u> |
| <u>16</u> <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b><br>10:30am Worship Service<br>In Sanctuary and <b>Streaming Live</b><br>via Facebook            | <u>17</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook                                             | <u>18</u> <b>TRUSTEE MEETING</b><br>7:00pm in Bower Hall<br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook  | <u>19</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook<br>7:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>via <b>ZOOM</b> | <u>20</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook                                   | <u>21</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook                                                          | <u>22</u> |
| <u>23</u><br>10:30am Worship Service<br>In Sanctuary and <b>Streaming Live</b><br>via Facebook<br>1:00pm <b>ZOOM DISCUSSION</b> | <u>24</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook                                             | <u>25</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook                                                 | <u>26</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook<br>7:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>via <b>ZOOM</b> | <u>27</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook<br>6:30pm Vespers via <b>ZOOM</b> | <u>28</u><br>9:00am <b>Preschool</b><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook                                                          | <u>29</u> |
| <u>30</u><br>10:30am Worship Service<br>In Sanctuary and <b>Streaming Live</b><br>via Facebook                                  | <u>31</u> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b><br><u>Office Closed</u><br><u>Preschool Closed</u><br>10:00am 10 at 10*<br>Ten Minute Devotional via<br>Facebook |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                             |           |