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NEWS AND EVENTS OF THE
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He will cover
you with his feathers,
and under his wings
you will find refuge.

Psalm 91:4



May 2022



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FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

FAITHFULLY YOURS

The Merry Month of May: Holydays

You may notice a misspelling in the title but it is indeed intentional. Because there are plenty of holidays in May and several are, in their own way, Holy Days:

May 1: May Day is a day of flowers and dancing and, at least when I was little, sneaking up to houses and leaving baskets for people filled with flowers and candy was a sweet way to show love to our neighbors!

May 8: Mother's Day is the time when we honor our mothers and all of those in our lives who have made God's love real to us in the way they nurtured us, taught us and loved us "to the moon and back."

May 30: Memorial Day is a day of remembrance. It was begun to honor the men and women who died in military service to our country. Today's traditions include flags being placed at their graves, often by local Scout Troops. Throughout the country services are held at cemeteries with prayers of gratitude and honor offered. It also is a time for all of us to remember and honor our own loved ones who have passed away.

May 15: Church Day. Church Day? Yes! At least here at Church of the Chimes we will celebrate our beloved fellowship at our 71st Annual Meeting. In true congregational spirit we will elect officers and members of Boards, hear reports from our Boards and Committees about their activities in the last year, and share our plans and dreams for the year to come. So plan on coming to worship and then joining us afterwards!

So... may your May truly be merry, and may all your days be Holy!

With Deep Affection, Beth

OFFICIAL CALL TO:

**Congregational Church of the Chimes Annual Meeting:
Sunday, May 15, 11:30 a.m.**

As a member of Church of the Chimes, you are invited to attend our annual meeting when we will be electing members of Boards, and officers of the church. We will hear about this past year's activities as well as plans for the future.

All decisions and governing of our church is done by the congregation—so please do attend the meeting!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Diane Delaney, Chair

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

COTC DRAMA TEAM

Wade Young & Michele Marot, Co-Chairs

THE NOT READY FOR CHIME TIME PLAYERS

Calling All Actors!

...Prop Makers and Set Decorators! ...Directors! ...Sound & Tech Specialists!

We have a wonderful stage and auditorium and just need to put the talent together! Our goal is to create an annual "Skit Night!"—during which we will entertain the saints!

If interested in being a part of our COTC Drama Team please come to our initial meeting on Saturday, May 14th at 10am in Bower Hall. Let's get to know each other, discuss ideas, pass around some skits for readings, establish rehearsal times—whatever is needed. All ages are welcome.

The first Skit Night is slated for July 9th—a fun Saturday evening for all!

Please contact the church office if you have any questions. Thank you!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Cal West Spring Meeting: Sunday May 1: 3 p.m. by Zoom

Cal West is our regional organization of Congregational Churches. We meet twice a year to share resources, experiences, as well as to worship together and to have fellowship with one another. Moderator Scott Archer has sent this invitation:

CalWest May Meeting

Sunday, May 1st ~ 3:00pm

Virtual Meeting

In lieu of an in person meeting, the CalWest Spring Meeting will be held via Zoom. We look forward to gathering in person in the Fall. We hope that altering between Zoom and in person may enable more to participate who may be deterred by long drives. We also value in person time, and will meet in person for our next bi-annual gathering.

WOMEN ASSOCIATION NEWS

Natalie Fransconi-Karp, Chair

PURSE PROJECT

Please look for the Purse Project Display in the narthex, where we will be collecting an assortment of items to “stuff” purses with! This time we hope to give away 20 purses to a local shelter.

We had a lot of items left over from the last Purse Project, but we are asking for: toothpastes, individual disposable razors, lip balms/chapsticks, hand/body lotions, small hand sanitizers, nail file/clipper sets (dollar store!), shampoos, conditioners, and hair brushes. Of course you might come across something on sale or clearance that’s not listed here - feel free to pick up other items that we could include in a purse give away!

Our collection deadline will be the last Sunday in May. Thank you in advance for your donations. Submitted by Michele Marot

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Barbara Downs, Chair

Stations of the Cross was a heartfelt presentation and the **Easter Egg Hunt** was fabulous! Thank you to those who were readers for the 14 stations, and, thank you to all who helped decorate, stuff goody bags, and be there the day of the event to hide the 1,600 eggs. All of which will be used again and again as we collect eggs in exchange for a bag full of treats. We reuse and recycle the eggs which is good for our planet and a good lesson for the kids!

Sunday and Friday night gatherings continue for our youth and we look forward to doing some fun things this summer together!

The **Emoji quilt** raffle took place on Easter Sunday raising \$420 for youth programs. The winner was Jeri Christianson who donated it back to the church, and it will be displayed in Dreier Hall in the coming weeks.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School July 25- 29th! We need volunteers for decorating and for being group leaders & counselors for music, crafts, snacks, games and Bible story time. Please let Jane know if you would like to help. VBS is so much fun and a joy to be a part of. You will make the week so meaningful for the campers. Camper registration forms will be mailed out the week of April 25th. Submitted by Jane Poole

Whatsoever Things are

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

if there is any virtue and if there is any praise—

THINK ABOUT These Things...

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Rev. Curtis Peek

THIS IS DEDICATED TO NEW BEGINNINGS!

“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.” - Isaiah 43:19

Everything God has for you shall come to pass. It is designed to spring FORWARD and not backward. Letting go can be difficult for some, although letting go is essential and frees you up to reach forward.

"Father, thank You for a new day to glorify You. Thank You for choosing me and using me for Your purpose. I set my love on You today knowing that You have something new in store for me. In Jesus’ name. Amen."

I believe this new thing is going to be far greater than you’ve ever seen before. It’s going to be bigger than you imagined. It’s going to be more rewarding than you thought possible. Receive it by faith and declare, “Yes, God, this is for me today. I’m not going to get stuck where I am. I know You’re a big God, and You have something new coming my way!” **Believe it! Curtis**

Join us LIVE! in our Sanctuary
this Sunday for Communion and some really great music!



Wasn't it just so really wonderful to have our choir back with us in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday! ...and the sound of Anna playing the flute was just so very, very beautiful! There's more to come! Excitement is in the air!



SERMON TOPICS FOR MAY

- May 1: “Feed My Sheep” (John 21:1-19)
~ Communion Sunday
- May 8: “Legacy of Love” (Timothy 1:1-7)
- May 15: “One” (Ephesians 4:11-16)
- May 22: Curtis Peek will be preaching
- May 29: “Earthshaking” (Acts 16:16-34)

JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

HOW DEEP IS THE DEEP?

The oceans are beautiful, amazing and mysterious places – at least to us. God, of course, knows all about them. Even though oceans cover more than 70 percent of the Earth's surface, we have only explored about 5% of them. This is partly because of how deep they are. The average depth of the ocean is 12,100 feet – that's more than 2 miles deep! (Personal confession, this is why I am kind of scared to swim in it!)

Parts of the ocean are so deep that scientists have not yet been able to explore them. Did you know that the deepest part of the ocean is inside the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean? It's called the Challenger Deep and is approximately 36,070 feet deep. If you were to drop Mount Everest, the tallest mountain on earth, into the Challenger Deep, it would be covered with more than a mile of water on top of it!

What scientists have explored, has led to some amazing discoveries - like the giant sunfish which can weigh up to 5,000 pounds, or the fangtooth fish whose nightmarish fangs make it look like something out of a scary movie. And then there is the blobfish which looks like, well, a 12 inch blob of pink goo. Scientists believe millions more species are just waiting to be discovered under the sea.

I shared this passage from the book "Indescribable" as today is Earth Day. We should be thinking about protecting our oceans and our planet ALL THE TIME not just one day a year. Our planet is beautiful, and it is fragile and literally falling apart. The beautiful glaciers I saw while in Alaska, are just melting and falling into the sea. The air we breathe is getting worse and worse and the water resources we depend upon for living are shrinking drastically. Challenge yourself to take a few minutes and think about what our earth will be like in 20, 50 or a 100 years.

Now, take a couple of minutes to think about this – the good news is there is hope for our future, and, still time to change. Hope for the planet and for a bright and beautiful future if - WE MAKE A COMMITMENT NOW to do our part to protect and heal our planet. God wants us to do this. He needs us to do this! We need to do this. So, help to DO IT! Blessings and peace, Jane

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Ally Baker, Director

Enrollment and registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open. The Preschool Program begins at 2 yrs. 7 months through 5 years. Plus, the **Parent & Me Program offers a class on Thursdays from 9am-11am.** For more information please contact the church office or preschool@churchofthechimes.org.

MAY 2022 HAPPENINGS

- ⇒ **ZOOM CALWEST MAY MEETING: SUNDAY, MAY 1ST at 3:00pm**
Cal West is our regional organization of Congregational Churches that meets twice a year to share resources & experiences, as well as to worship together and to have fellowship with one another.
- ⇒ **ZOOM RACIAL EQUITY DISCUSSION GROUP: SUNDAY, MAY 1ST at 1pm**
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, MAY 3RD at 6:30pm**
- ⇒ **BOUQUET CIRCLE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH at 11:30am in DRIER Hall**
Bring a sack lunch and join this group women for a couple of hours of fun and fellowship. Coffee, Tea and Desserts will be provided. See you there!
- ⇒ **COTC'S NEW DRAMA TEAM: SATURDAY, MAY 14TH at 10am in BOWER HALL**
This will be a planning session for this new group. See the article within this edition of Chiming In for more information on the Chime Time Players.
- ⇒ **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 17TH at 7pm**
- ⇒ **VESPERS : THURSDAY, MAY 19TH 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: TUESDAYS at 9:30am in Dreier Hall**
- ⇒ **BROWN BAG BIBLE: 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 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:** The food pantry continues to help the food insecure in our community during the continued hard times we are in. Contributions of tuna fish and baby diapers sizes 1, 2, 3 & 4 are needed. Thank you for your continued support.

HAPPENINGS BEYOND MAY

- ⇒ **COTC DRAMA TEAM SKIT NIGHT: SATURDAY, JULY 9TH at 7pm in BOWER HALL**
- ⇒ **SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: WEEK OF JULY 25TH - 29TH**
Volunteers are needed for group leaders & counselors for music, crafts, snacks, games and Bible story time as well as for the initial decorating. Please contact Jane Poole (jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to help.

ATTENTION: CHOCOLATE LOVERS!

CWS is having a See's Candy (Yum) Raising Event!

You are invited to take part in a 'sweet' opportunity, a See's Candy Yum Raiser hosted by the CWS of COTC.

Satisfy your sweet tooth and give back to those in need as proceeds will aid those who are unhoused in our community.

Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation gifts are all made easy. The best part is that you don't have to go anywhere or wait in a long line.

Just go to COTC's website, Facebook, or Instagram page and click on the link. You can have it shipped anywhere in the US.

20% of your order will be donated to our CWS!

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.

So easy and convenient, you just might need to order a box for yourself to celebrate.

Don't Delay...Order Today!!!!



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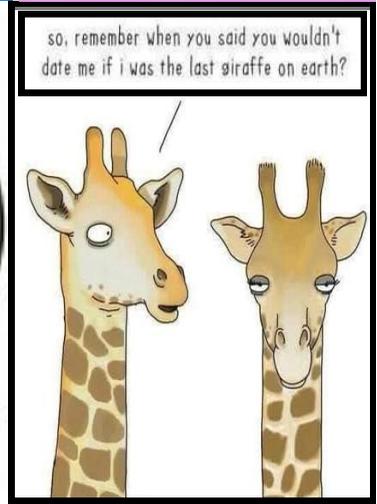
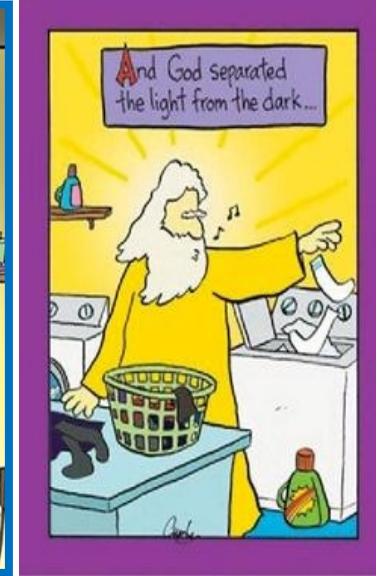
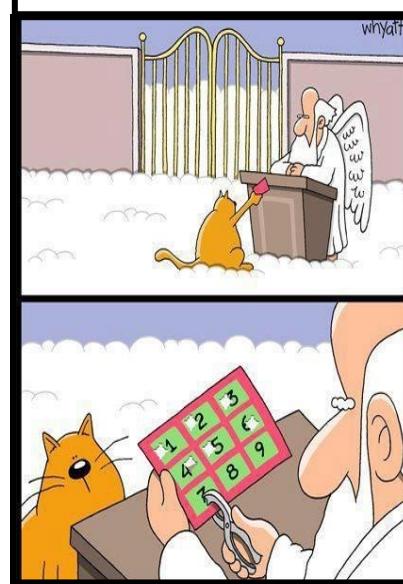
Band of Prayer
A church that prays together, stays together especially during these challenging times when the need for social distancing often separates us...
What is certain is that God is with us, filling in the spaces between us, and He hears our prayers.
Band of Prayer requests may be sent via email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



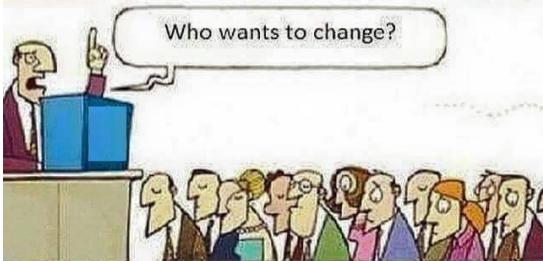
Mother's Day Bouquet made by our Craft Group for our "shut ins"

GET AMUSED...

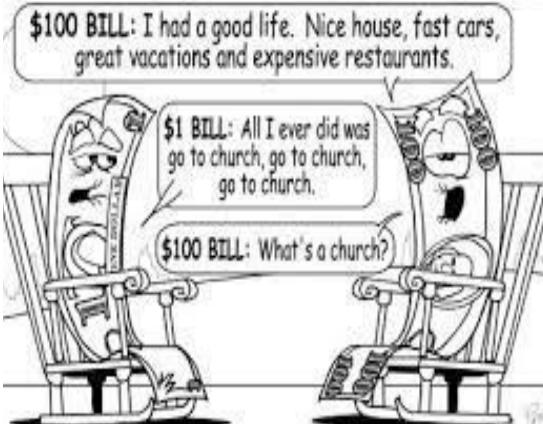
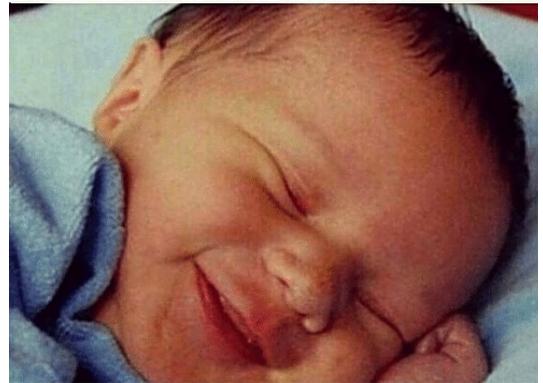
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CATS GET TO HEAVEN...



THOUGHTS TO PONDER...



How I sleep when I think of how good God is.



THE FACT THAT THERE'S A HIGHWAY TO HELL AND ONLY A STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN SAYS A LOT ABOUT ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC NUMBERS.

Northgate Baptist Church

GOD, HELP ME TO BE THE PERSON MY DOG THINKS I AM!

SUN SCH 9:45: WORSHIP IIA 7P



Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark

- 1 Don't miss the boat.
- 2 Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3 Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 4 Stay fit. When you're really old, someone may ask you to do some thing really big.
- 5 Don't listen to the critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6 Build your future on high ground.
- 7 For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- 8 Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- 9 When you're stressed, float a while.
- 10 Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11 No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting...

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HISTORIAN NEWS

Robert Jones, Historian

STAVES CHAPEL ~ STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The Chapel's stained glass windows depict Congregationalism from our roots in England to the founding of Church of the Chimes in 1950. Pictured below with a description of its significance is the ninth of the Chapel's fourteen stained glass windows which is entitled "Haystack Meeting." To the right of this and at bottom of the page are the first eight of these stained glass windows each of which was detailed in earlier editions.

Submitted by Joi Staves



9: HAYSTACK MEETING:

On a Saturday afternoon in August, 1806, five Williams College students, Congregationalists in background, gathered in a field to discuss the spiritual needs of those living in Asian countries. When a thunderstorm struck, they took cover in the sheltered side of a haystack and continued to pray. This gathering came to be called "The Haystack Prayer Meeting;" and it was the launching of the modern mission movement. Within a few years, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) was formed and sent some of the first American Protestant missionaries to other lands.

"10: Anti-Slavery" will be featured in the June 2022 Chiming In



1: "Robert Browne"



2: "Faithful are Imprisoned"



3: "Pilgrims in Holland"



8: "Establishment of Colleges"



7: "The First Thanksgiving"



6: "Adoption of the Mayflower Compact"



5: "Plymouth Landing"



4: "Mayflower Sails"

TRUSTEE NEWS

Curtis Leseman, Chair

The Trustee Board held its meeting on April 26, 2022. Aqua Buddies has begun use of the pool for another season. The film industry is active and could yield good income this year.

In other news, we are continuing to do maintenance items on campus and we will be pursuing bids for patching of the parking area.

We all enjoyed being together for Easter this year. This month also marks the last meeting of the current Trustee board. I want to personally thank the members of this board for their service and support. I trust the congregation will offer their continuing support to the incoming board when they take office in May. See you at the Congregational Meeting on May 15th.

Respectfully submitted by Curtis Leseman, 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!

DEACON NEWS

Greg Abbott, Chair

The Deacons met after Church on April 24. We reviewed communion from April 3rd. This was the first time that the Deacons have served communion since the beginning of the Pandemic. It didn't work out as well as planned. It was not a good idea to have people come forward and sing a hymn at the same time. May 1st, we will do something slightly different!

In the past, it was presented that the Angel Fund is used to help members of our church community. The Deacons voted to extend that to include local Ukrainian refugee families that are in need.

Deacons who were readers at the Maundy Thursday service were thanked.

Finally, the board has one member who will term out when we change over following the Annual meeting. That is Ralph Migliori. Thank you Ralph, for your four years of service.

In your service, Greg

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6*

PRAISE THE PROSE

by Terry Palestro

A Special Mother's Day

This is a (somewhat) true story that deserves to be retold again and again.

One day, a little boy left a candy store with a furrowed brow. His allowance, although bigger than the other kids', didn't buy very much candy, comic books, or baseball cards.

Arriving home, he had an idea. He tore a sheet of paper from his notebook and began writing. When finished, he took the sheet of paper to the kitchen.

"Mom, I want to talk to you."

The mother, who was putting away groceries while keeping an eye on dinner cooking on the stove, stopped her chores and furrowed her brows.

"Are you alright?"

"I'm good. I was thinking, I do a lot of chores and I should get paid."

The boy handed his mother the sheet of paper which contained a list of charges.

"Making my bed, \$14. Cleaning my room, \$12. Mowing the lawn, \$20. Sweeping the porch, \$10. Vacuuming, \$8. Cleaning the table, \$11. Doing anything with dad, \$50."

"You're right," the mom said. "I wish I could write a bill. I remember taking you to the doctor in the middle of the night when you had a fever. And all that paper mâché we bought for your volcano for the science fair. And all the times I bandaged your knees when you fell off your bike."

The little boy lowered his head.

"The trumpet we bought when you wanted to join the school band, even though it sat in the closet when you lost interest. Oh, the birthday party when you were four with all your friends."

The little boy shut his eyes.

"Staying by your side until the Chicken Pox broke. Buying books of your favorite stories from the school book club. Going to the principal's office when Brian the Bully punched you. Attending every Little League game."

The little boy looked up and with tears in his eyes he took the bill, wrote **Cancelled- Paid In Full**, and tore it in half.

It's said: Trumpet purchase, \$169; motherhood, priceless.



May 2022



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