

Chiming In

NEWS AND EVENTS OF
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES
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WITH GOD
ALL THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE.
MATTHEW 19:26



Love YOUR
neighbor
as yourself.
MATTHEW 22:39

NOVEMBER 2021

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Happy Thanksgiving!



Save lives. Wear a mask. Get vaccinated.



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FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

FAITHFULLY YOURS

I love November. I love seeing the geese flying in their V-formation heading south to warmer weather. I love the Pilgrim pewter skies and the cooler sometimes damper air.

Each year I imagine those Pilgrims crossing the Atlantic in the wild autumn storms crowded so close together without having any idea what might await them. Each year I re-read Governor William Bradfords' words describing what it was like for them when they landed: that they threw themselves on the ground and offered thanks to God for their safe landing.

Which is remarkable because they landed hundreds of miles from where they were supposed to land and had no idea how they were to survive. They were no longer under the English rule. Their trade charter was irrelevant. It was winter on Cape Cod. Their only shelter was the boat.

And yet they gave thanks. They gave thanks to God for being with them.

So I give thanks to God for them, for their boldness, for their faith, for their courage and determination and for the legacy of faithful freedom they have left for us. It makes me so deeply appreciative of our tradition, of the insistence we have, that each of us has a covenant with God, even as a gathered church we have a covenant with God.

It is the covenant of our church that I cherish. It comes to us from the church in Salem, Massachusetts in 1629. They are truly, to me, some of the loveliest words in the English language:

We Covenant with the Lord and one with another; and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all his ways, according as he is pleased to reveal himself unto us in his Blessed word of truth.

With deep affection, **Beth**

SERMON TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER:

- November 7: *For ALL the Saints (Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9)
~ Communion Sunday*
- November 14: *True Talent (Matthew 25: 14-30)*
- November 21: *Thanks be to God! (Psalm 100)*
- November 28: *Rev. Peek will be preaching*

COMMUNITY & WORLD SERVICE NEWS

Robert Dunn, Chair

Help Make a Child's Christmas Joyful!

The CWS Board is already working hard preparing to help children all around the world receive a Christmas Gift this year.

We have prepared Samaritan's Purse Boxes and have already sold 26 boxes to those attending the Golden West Fair.

Now you get a chance to give a Christmas Gift to a child this year.

On November 14th and 21st the CWS Board will have boxes that are already stuffed with balls, toys, dolls, t-shirts, games, pencils, crayons, coloring books, hair brushes, tooth brushes, socks, and crosses for the kids to enjoy.

We will set up in the Narthex for those attending church (The boxes are just \$10 and that includes shipping to the child.), and those not able to attend church service, just call the church office and let us know how many boxes you want to donate. Each box is a gift of Love.

Thank you for bringing joy and happiness to a child this Christmas!

Submitted by **Robert Dunn**

TRUSTEE NEWS

Curtis Leseman, Chair

The Trustee Board held its meeting on October 19, 2021 by zoom. We have had good steady income from the use of the pool and filming and parking. There is interest for the future by the film industry which could yield good income in the months ahead. We are most grateful for any gifts received, however, we are still well below our anticipated budget. As part of the preparation of the budget for 2022, we will soon sending out "Estimate of Giving" cards. The response to this outreach is valuable in developing the annual budget for the church.

The Trustees are reviewing a list of campus maintenance items and establishing priorities for their completion. We will soon be replacing the "golf cart" which has served us so well over the years to help facilitate moving items around the campus. There are some small projects such as painting and caulking that can be done by church members. If interested please contact the church office.

We all enjoyed a wonderful Golden West Fair on Saturday October 9th that included most of the usual events. Income from the fair exceeded our budget expectations — many thanks to all who participated.

Respectfully submitted, **Curtis Leseman**

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you.*

MATTHEW 6:33

DEACON NEWS

Greg Abbott, Chair

After numerous attempts to put something together with Children's Bureau we will be doing something different this Christmas. I have been in contact with Isabel at Hope of the Valley, and we will put something together with them. Their clients are housed in shelters so their needs are somewhat different than what we have done in the past. Stay tuned. In other news we are slowly adding back to our traditional deacons duties.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

Natalie Karp, Chair

For the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, Vespers met in person at the Novo Cafe in Burbank. It was lovely - great to meet socially and share a good meal in the outdoor patio with friends! Vespers meets the third Thursday of each month and is open to all the women of the church. Our next Vesper's Dinner will be November 18th. Please contact Natalie if you are interested in joining us, location TBD.

The Women's Association Board also met in person, for the first time since the pandemic, on Saturday, October 23rd. It was lively, and we got a lot done!

The chair upholstery project has just been completed, so you'll see all the freshly reupholstered chairs, color-coordinated, around campus, thanks to the Women's Association!

Also three female students attending LAVC recently received scholarships from the WA - congratulations! (A portion of the money made from our bi-annual rummage sales goes towards providing these scholarships.)

Speaking of which, our Fall Rummage Sale is coming up soon. Anyone available to assist please note schedule of need listed below. You will be welcomed and greatly appreciated. Submitted by Michele Marot

HELP NEEDED FOR THE COTC FALL RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 8:30 - 1:00

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 9:00am - 1:00pm : VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PUT OUT MERCHANDISE THAT HAS BEEN DONATED TO THE CHURCH.

SATURDAY 8:00 am to 1:00 pm: CHURCH MEMBERS NEEDED FOR DOOR SECURITY AND ALSO TO ASSIST WITH DIRECTING PEOPLE WITH THEIR QUESTIONS. PLEASE ARRIVE AT BOWER HALL BY 8:00AM SO WE CAN IDENTIFY WHERE WE NEED HELP AND WHERE BEST TO PLACE OUR HELPERS. **THANK YOU!**

If you have any questions please call Louisa (818-590-2640).

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Rev. Curtis Peek

THROUGH IT ALL!

*"I had fainted, unless I had believed to see
the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.*

Wait on the Lord:

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart:

Wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:13-14

David's life was not trouble free and neither will yours or mine be. The key is "faith" in God.

Through it all, David learned to trust in God and to take Him at His Word. We must do the same!

Every one of us can look back over our lives and see the things that we have gone through and how God not only strengthens us in them, but he brought us through them all.

People of God, my words to you today are this: "THROUGH IT ALL" put your faith and trust in God for He alone is the one who can shelter you in your time of trouble in His secret place. ***Believe it! Curtis***

Join us in the 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.

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Please join us for the 46th Annual
San Fernando Valley CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, November 7, 2021.

Once again, our walk will be virtual, due to COVID-19. A virtual walk means you can walk anytime, anywhere, any distance and with anyone you want! Please start your CROP Walk Day with us on Facebook Live at 9am PST as Beth kicks off our walk! Sign up here:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/sanfernandovalleyca>

JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

Dank u, merci, grazie, arigato, obrigado, xie xie, kiitos, danke, mahalo, dhanyavaad, gracias, thank you.

The two words *thank you* may be simple words, but they are two extremely powerful words. Personally, I thank God for the people in my life. For this article though, I want to say thank you to the youth of the church who took on leadership roles at the GWF. They tirelessly helped to set up before fair day and problem solved when necessary. They took direction beautifully, and on the day of the fair, all I can say is THANK YOU for all their efforts! The youth took it upon themselves to run the snack booth including decorating it, and the other youth took over the activity area and because of their wonderful efforts, the kids raised, \$206.85! Pretty great considering everything cost a dollar to do! The funds will help underwrite activities we hope to do in the future.

The youth rose to the occasion and showed us their creative leadership skills, and I see a bright future for them as they grow in other leadership roles in our congregation! Thank you once again to the youth, and, to their amazing parents Who are raising them!



Bekim, bedeinkazioa, zegan, chugbog, zhufu, beannacht, bendision, Blessings! Jane
...and please take time to be quiet with God!

NEW COTC WRITER'S GROUP

Michele Marot will be starting a COTC Writer's Group beginning November 20th. For now the plan is to meet once a month in person, at noon, on the 3rd Saturday of each month (Dreier Hall). We will also get together via email as needed.

About Michele: I've had a few articles published in magazines, had one screen-play optioned (but not produced), and have had many of my skits performed live in my previous church. I've taken various writing courses over the years, and trained in a program with the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to teach young people how to write and perform, but I see myself more as a facilitator than a writing teacher. Hopefully together we can encourage each other along our individual writer's journeys.

I look forward to meeting others in our church who are interested in the creative art of writing! All ages are welcome.

Questions? Contact me at: michelemarot@gmail.com; 818-653-2406

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Ally Baker, Director

We are happy to announce that our Parent and Me Program is back in session. The class is every Thursday from 9:00—11:00. Serves ages: 15months – 36months If you would like to schedule a tour or would like more information on the Preschool or Parent & Me Program, please contact the church office.



NOVEMBER 2021 HAPPENINGS

- ⇒ **BLOOD DRIVE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 10AM—5PM in Bower Hall**
- ⇒ **ZOOM COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND at 6:30pm**
- ⇒ **WA RUMMAGE SALE NOVEMBER 13th, 8:30 1:00 in Bower and Dreier Halls**
- ⇒ **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH at 7pm**
- ⇒ **INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY'S 37TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be held on **NOVEMBER 17TH AT 7:00 P.M.** at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in North Hollywood. This year's theme is Thanksgiving Prayers of the People.
- ⇒ **VESPERS DINNER: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH at 6:30pm**
All women of the church are invited to gather for dinner typically on the 4TH Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Natalie will send out an email with info as to where we are gathering. Please join us!
- ⇒ **NEW COTC WRITER'S GROUP: BEGINS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH 12NOON**
For now the plan is to meet once a month in person, on the 3rd Saturday of each month at noon in Dreier Hall. We will also get together via email as needed. All ages who are interested in the creative art of writing are welcome.
- ⇒ **HANGING OF THE GREENS: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE**
We will be decorating the campus to celebrate the Christmas Holiday. CWS will be serving a Chili Luncheon.
- ⇒ **NEW CRAFT CREATIONS: TUESDAYS at 9:30am in Dreier Hall**
- ⇒ **BROWN BAG BIBLE: TUESDAYS at 12noon in Dreier Hall**
Come to Dreier Hall every Tuesday at noon for 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 then talk about what it means. Join us!!!!
- ⇒ **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 the book of ACTS. If you would like to join us, e-mail Jane Poole at jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net. See you then.
- ⇒ **NORTH HOLLYWOOD INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY:** Thanks for all the donations made to sustain this much needed organization's mission of feeding those in need in our community. Please bring donations to the church and Jane will take them to the Pantry. Check out their web site (NHIFP.org) and/or contact Jane Poole at jane@nhifp.org for more information. Thank you!

HISTORIAN NEWS

Robert Jones, Historian

STAVES CHAPEL ~ STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The windows were of plain glass when the Chapel was dedicated in 1952; through designated memorial gifts over the years, the stained glass windows depicting the history of Congregationalism from our roots in England to the founding of Church of the Chimes replaced the plain glass. This month the third of the Chapel’s fourteen stained glass windows is featured.



3: PILGRIMS IN HOLLAND:

Life in Holland might have been peaceful and without persecution, but it was not England; and given time, they felt their children would soon cease being English. They believed the answer was to seek a whole new beginning where they were free to live their lives as Englishmen, who could worship as they wished.

Below are the first and second of the stained glass windows previously featured.

1: "ROBERT BROWNE"



2:"Imprisonment of the Faithful":



STAVES CHAPEL



4: "Mayflower Sails": will be featured in the December Chiming In...

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Diane Delaney, Chair

Every Month we will be featuring one of the COTC Boards and their activities as we seek members to become involved with their worthy endeavors. This month we repeat the open position featured in the October 2021 Chiming In.

Member-At-Large (MAL) ~ Position Description

The Member At Large is elected annually by the congregation to serve on the Personnel Committee, a four-person committee, consisting of two Board of Trustee members, Moderator and Member-At-Large. It is the responsibility of the Personnel Committee, together with the Minister, to develop policies and procedures regarding employees of the Church. They shall consult with the Minister on annual staff reviews.

THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING
“Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”
AND I SAID “Here I am; send me!” ISAIAH 6:8

THOUGHTS TO PONDER
Reality keeps outdoing itself...

“Things turn out best
for the people who
make the best of the
way things turn out.”
~ Art Linkletter



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;

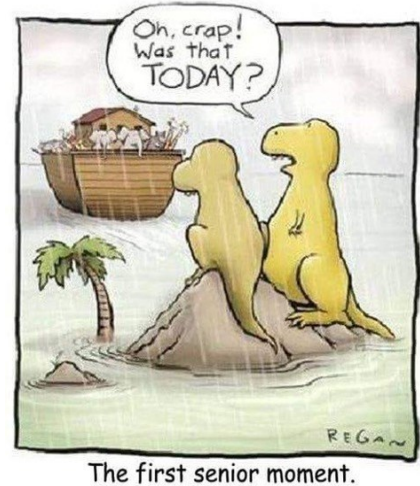
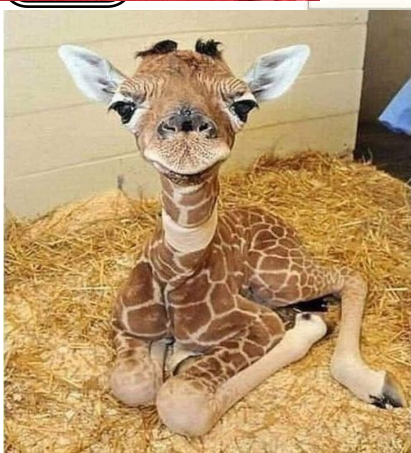
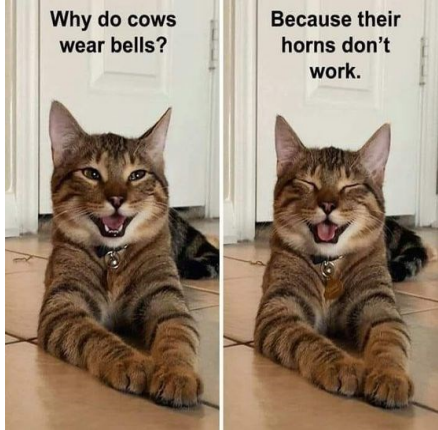
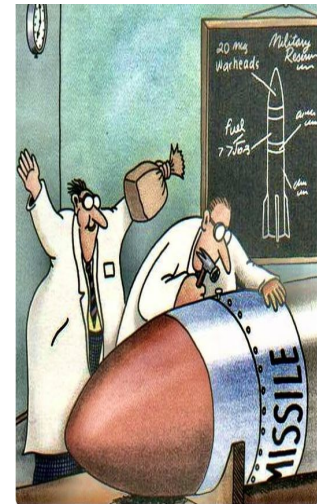
Let’s Keep In Touch
If you know someone who would like to receive a card or note, please send their name, address & phone number to the church office: office@churchofthechimes.org 818-789-7124 We believe in no one being left out; it’s always nice to receive a note... “Just Because”



Church of the Chimes Blood Drive
Tuesday, November 2nd in Bower Hall
Sign up online at-
www.churchofthechimes.org

Blood donation is essential to ensuring community health.

GET AMUSED...



The person who invented the Ferris wheel never met the person who invented the Merry go round. They traveled in different circles.

Just wanted you to know I have entered the snapdragon part of my life. Part of me has snapped.... And the rest of me is draggin...



MORE PICS FROM THE GOLDEN WEST FAIR...



Greg Abbott and Jim Z in the Corral with all the treasures waiting to be found.



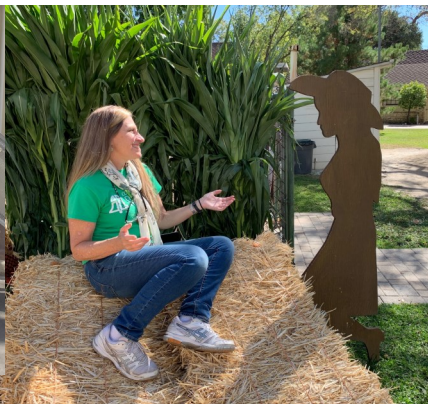
Louisa Larez graced the Hamilton House patio offering a beautiful selection of linens and things.



Diane Delaney (above) with homemade knitted items and Natalie Karp (below) modeling a knitted sweater that she purchased.



Troop 191 Boy Scouts' help with set-up was invaluable. Thanks for your muscles, Guys!



Diane is chatting with our visiting cowgirl from the golden west. Paige Sullivan and Sofia Z enjoyed a photo op with her too.



Great food could be had: The BeBold Youth group sold a wide variety of items for \$1 each; Muchinuts offered tasty donuts; there were great tacos and also a pizza option. Nobody went hungry that's for sure.



GOLDEN WEST FAIR NEWS

71ST ANNUAL GOLDEN WEST FAIR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.



Pictured above are l to r: Lana Young, Robert Dunn, Keith Metz and Erica Litwin who managed the Country Store, along with Jan Long and Pam Voetberg.

John Sullivan, Chair

CWS prepared Samaritan's Gift Boxes and sold 26 gift boxes to non COTC members attending the Golden West Fair. Two were purchased by a former Preschool attendee who later returned to donate items for the gift boxes that he purchased else where at the fair. How sweet is that! Thank you, sweet boy!



The Summers Family finds a treasure at the Golden West Fair.

One of the Summers Family favorite fall events is COTC's Golden West Fair. Trish tells us that "...each year we come to enjoy this wonderful family event and always find a few goodies to purchase during our visit. This year we stumbled across a little banquette sitting amongst the furniture and quickly realized it was a perfect fit for the unused space in our kitchen and it was the same vintage as our home. What a find! With some touch ups it looks brand new; it's a wonderful and very useful addition to our home.

We already have a lot of wonderful memories of Church of the Chimes: We were married in Staves Chapel, and our son attended the preschool a few years ago. This banquette is another way that COTC has impacted our lives and we are so very grateful to have it as part of our family home." ...and how blessed the COTC is to have the Summers as part of our Church of the Chimes' family community!



Ken & Trish Summers with their son, Andrew, sitting around their new banquette.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Barbara Downs, Chair



Jane and Michele have completed sewing the Sunshine and Shadow art quilts and have been working with the youth to put the finishing touches on them.

One of the quilts will be presented to the COTC congregation on Sunday, Nov. 28th, for a raffle with proceeds going to benefit the CE Mission Project: Shoes that Fit (an organization that buys/provides shoes for children in need). The quilt will be on display in the narthex until the raffle takes place on Dec. 19th. Raffle tickets will be available at \$2 each, or three for \$5.00, and can be paid for either in person or by PayPal (Please make a note that money donated is for the Chimes Kids Quilt Project, and we will send your lucky raffle ticket numbers via chimeskidsquiltproject@gmail.com—an email account specifically for this fundraiser. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile project that our youth and children have taken on!

The kids were amazing leaders for the GWF! We netted \$206.85. That's pretty great given that everything was only \$1.

Both the Super Kids and BE Bold groups continue to gather every other week with new curriculum that is Bible and life based, in addition to having social activities.



The Women's Bible Study group (WBS) continues to gather every Wednesday at 7pm via zoom. We have two chapters to go to complete the study on the book of Acts, and will be selecting for our next study.

WBS thanks the many who contributed to the Purse Project! The twenty purses will be well stuffed with goodies and supplies when given to the women in need at the Tiny Homes and other shelters in our community. We're still in need of paperback books—current fiction and/or pocket sized meditation books would be great. **Thanks again to all!**

DREAMASTER...An event you will not want to miss!

Step into a magical dream world of dance, music, contortion, martial arts and powerful percussion rhythm. Be amazed by the new generation of young performing artists living their ultimate dreams on stage!

Coming to *Church of the Chimes' Bower Hall Stage on December 5th.*



November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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