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FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

Faithfully Yours

If this year were any different, (and how we wish it were....) we would be having a great celebration...because 2020 is the **400th** anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims. In his journal William Bradford describes that landing in amazing detail...

Being thus arrived in a good harbor and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed ye God of heaven, who had brought them over ye vast and furious ocean, and delivered them from all ye perils and miseries thereof, again to set their feet on ye firm and stable earth, their proper element...

But here I cannot but stay and make a pause, and stand half amazed at this poor peoples present condition; and so I think will the reader too, when he well considered ye same. Being thus passed ye vast ocean, and a sea of troubles before in their preparation (as may be remembered by ye which went before), they had now no friends to welcome them, nor inns to entertain or refresh their weather beaten bodies, no houses or much less towns to repair too, to seek for succor.

What could not sustain them but ye spirit of God and his grace? May not and ought not the children of these fathers rightly say: Our fathers were Englishmen which came over this great ocean, and were ready to perish in this wilderness, but they cried unto ye Lord, and He heard their voice...

Our journey these days might not be as difficult as theirs was, yet we are crossing troubled waters, facing storms and fires and disease and dissension unlike anything we ever could have imagined.

And though we can't celebrate the 400th anniversary as we might have, those Pilgrims have something to say to us through the four centuries. Their survival and success reminds us that there is a new world awaiting for us too. There is a new world which we will discover and will create with the same determination, the same faith, the same resilience that they had for; "We cried to the Lord, and He heard our voice."

Thanksgiving words of hope

My favorite Thanksgiving hymn has words that are good and hope filled for all of us. I will sing them and pray them each and everyday...for "He forgets not His own."

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessings He hastens and chastens His will be made known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing Sing praises to His name: He forgets not his own.

Love and blessings to all, Beth

GOLDEN WEST FAIR NEWS

John Sullivan, Chair

Church of the Chimes' 71st Annual Golden West Fair will be very different from any that has ever come before. Over the years it has been scaled down quite a bit, and this year, with an abundance of caution, other adjustments are being made to meet the public health directives set forth during this 2020 global pandemic to curb the spread of COVID-19.

Sadly, this means that none of the charming "Country Fair" elements that are so loved by children and adults alike can be offered this year. Still the donation sheds are overflowing from the generosity of our church community and neighborhood friends... We are so blessed! ...Sooo...for this year only (we hope) our 71st annual fundraiser has become the *Golden West Galleria / "Shed Sale" during which we* will be offering our usual wares in a series of outdoor venues on our beautiful campus over a three week period beginning Sunday, November 15th. *Come look! Come see! It's a new experience at Church of the Chimes!*

Everything will be displayed on tables spread out in a manner to accommodate the mandated physical and social distancing needs. Every person who attends will be required to wear a mask at all times plus sanitizing stations and latex gloves will be available as shoppers move from each table to the next, exploring the items being offered...looking for that special treasure among a multitude of treasures. And btw, someone just recently told me that last year he found an item for \$5 he had almost purchased for over 10 times the amount just the week before. That's most certainly a feel good thing! Come one; come all! Explore! Enjoy! And while doing so, please wear a mask... and please do keep yourself safely distanced. Our thanks to YOU for staying healthy and helping to stop the spread! We will get through this together! *Jo*i

GOLDEN WEST GALLERIA / "SHED SALE" SCHEDULE

Electronics* and Corral Items Sunday, November 15th, 12noon—4pm *Electronics have been tested and will be plugged in or condition will otherwise be noted.

Books and Toys plus Furniture,	
Frames and Pictures, Sature	lay, November 21 st , 10am—2pm

Jewelry and Country Store Saturday, No

Saturday, November 28th, 10am–2pm

ON-LINE AUCTION COMING SOON

2020 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD cont.

2.) Build-A-Box Online - If you prefer to build a shoebox online, you can do so using this very unique and fun process, which costs \$25 per shoebox. You will need to cover the cost of building a shoebox online. Please use this link to build a shoebox online: <u>https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/</u>. Please call Diane Delaney with the number of boxes you built so that we can track that 1000 box goal. **MAKE A CHILD HAPPY! PACK A SHOEBOX TODAY!**

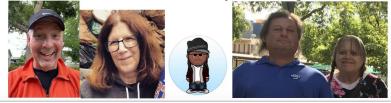
COMMUNITY & WORLD SERVICES NEWS



Congregational Church of the Chimes Walk Team



45th Annual San Fernando Vallev CROP Hunger Walk



Diane Delaney, Chair Walk! Give!

Change the World!

This year's San Fernando Vallev CROP Hunger Walk was very different than the past 44 walks; this year we "walked together apart" to end hunger in our SFV and around the world! Thank you to our COTC Team of 12 walkers for raising over our goal with \$5,646. The overall walk has raised over \$9.000 with donations still coming in. Thank you to all who supported this very important effort!



How Is a Christian Like a Pumpkin?

God picks you from the patch. He brings you in from the field and washes all the dirt off of you. He scoops out all the yucky stuff from inside you. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, fear and greed and replaces them with seeds of faith, hope and love. Then He gives you a new smiling face and puts

His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.

~unknown

Let us gather together in fellowship, worship and prayer... **—LIVE ON-LINE**—

knowing God is with us, connecting us together in His wisdom with His love.

A Note of Thanks from Marlene Zucker

I want to thank my ministers for all their prayers and support. Also a big thank you for the Angel on my shoulder, Natalie, for all she has done to help me-getting groceries, driving me to where ever...so many things. Plus Jan Long for salmon dinners and everything else...and Maryam for the love and support, for all she does...and for all the prayers and well wishes I continue to receive from so many others! I so appreciate it all! Thank you! Marlene

2020 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC)

Pack A Shoebox: Bring Good News & Great Joy to Children Around the World. National Collection Week, November 16-23

Did you know that over the past 11 years, we have packed 925 shoeboxes?! Let's pack another 100 this year and break the 1,000 mark!

Our support for the 2020 Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoebox event will be very different this year. With our usual abundance of caution during the pandemic, we will not be gathering together to pack our shoeboxes in Bower Hall. However, two different ways for you to still be able to participate and contribute to this wonderful cause follow below and on the next page.

1.) Buy items, build your own shoebox and drop it off at an OCC Shoebox drop-off location near you; if you choose this option, the \$9 shipping fee for your box will be covered by the CWS Board donation, plus there are pre-printed flat shoe boxes available at the church. Please call Jennifer in the church office to arrange a time to pick up these items, or if you prefer, Diane Delaney can send you a pre-paid tag to attach to your shoebox with a barcode to track its delivery location. Use this link to find a drop-off location near you:

https://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/ For information on what to include and what NOT to include in your shoebox, please visit <<u>www.samaritanpurse.org</u>>.

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FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Rev. Curtis Peek

PRAYER FOR EVERY MORNING

Dear Lord,

You have brought me to the beginning of another new day. As the world is renewed, fresh and clean, so I ask You to renew my heart with Your strength and Your purpose. Thank you, Heavenly Father.

Forgive me the errors of yesterday and bless me to walk closer in Your way today. This is the day I begin my life anew; shine through me so that every person I meet may feel Your presence in me. Take my hand, precious Lord for I cannot make it by myself. Thank you, Heavenly Father. Amen.

I pray for you. You pray for me. God holds us in the Palm of His Hand.

STREAMING LIVE ON FACEBOOK

Sunday Worship Service — 10:30am Every Sunday Morning Sermon Topics for November:

November 1: Unlikely Saints (Matthew 6: 1-12)

November 8: Risky Business (Matthew 25: 14-30)

November 15: Wedding Wise (Matthew 25: 1-13)

November 22: Thanks Living (Matthew 25: 31-46)

November 29: Curtis will be preaching

10 at 10 – 10 minute devotional at 10am every weekday Lively and Relevant Conversations with Beth & Curtis VIDEOS of past Sermons and Devotionals are on Facebook and YouTube

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICES: November 22, and November 25.

There are two opportunities for interfaith worship this Thanksgiving season. On Sunday, November 22 at 4 p.m. the Interfaith Solidarity Network will have a service with thoughts, prayers and music (via **ZOOM**).

And on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25, the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry group is having a worship service at 7:30 p.m. It is also on **zoom** and will be hosted by Temple Adat Ari El. Dr. Bingham and Jane Poole will be participating in the service, and there will be a food drive connected to it.



Wear a mask....Save a life



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

Natalie Karp, Chair

On Thursday, October 15th, several women enjoyed self-provided libations and the company of each other during a **ZOOM GET TOGETHER**. It is anticipated that we will continue with virtual gatherings on the 3rd Thursday of the month until such time that we can gather together in person again. The date of our next **ZOOM GET TOGETHER** is currently set for Thursday, November 18th. The link to this gathering will be provided in Beth's daily emails that week. Until then, please stay safe and remain healthy, by wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing, Natalie

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Robert Jones, Chair

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD WHEN WE CAN ALL GET TOGETHER AGAIN

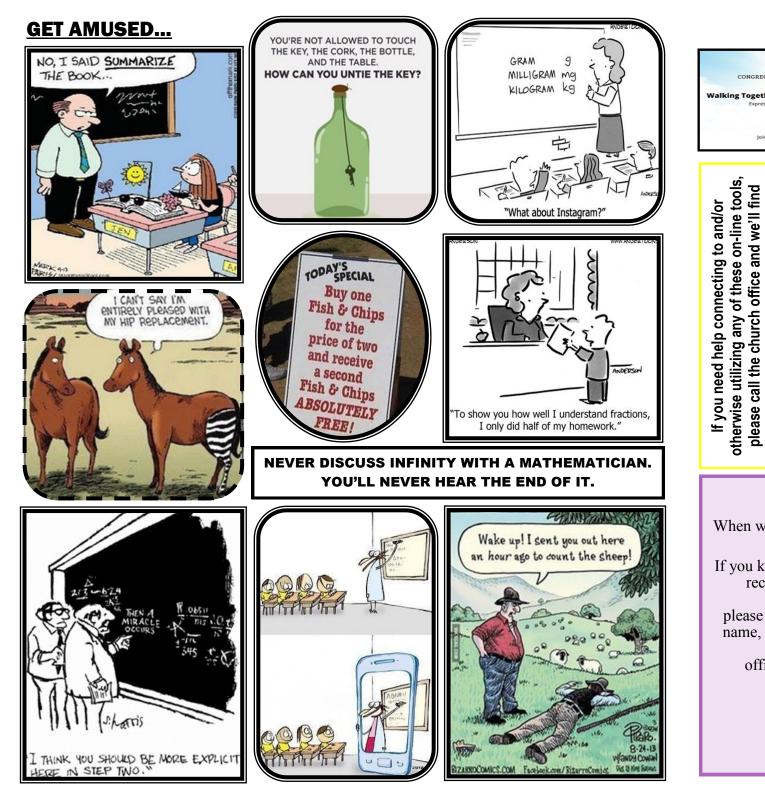
Until then, we thank those currently serving on Boards and Committees for continuing to do so. All members are invited to consider offering your time and talents to an area of interest to you. When doing so, you will be helping Church of the Chimes on our continuing path of being recognized as a vibrant and deeply caring church. If you would like more information on the various opportunities available, please call the church office, and we'll connect you with the right person. Thanks, Robert

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

OUR STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

November is the month when we traditionally ask people to give us an Estimate of Giving for the coming year as the Board of Trustees puts together their proposed budget. As Greg Abbott's Trustees Report indicates, our finances have taken a hit during the pandemic. So this is a great time to think about how much you can share with us so that Church of the Chimes can fully share our faith and ministry.

Letters will be sent out later in the month with a card and information about our needs as well as ways to give. Knowing this is also a difficult time for many people, we are grateful for whatever you can manage. We are so grateful for the amazing support we have had and continue to have from so many—support not only in your gifts, but in your outreach, your acts of kindness and your prayers. We are indeed blessed as a congregation.



CHURCH OF THE CHIMES IS LIVE ON-LINE



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https://www.facebook.com/ChurchofChimes

Find an abundance of information regarding all the various activities on campus; listen to audios of past sermons, plus you can view past copies of Chiming In and/or request future editions be emailed to you.....

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 Daily Devotionals (10 at 10 with Beth & Curtis).

Visit various productions on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLl2TLj2XfbBtgAOY0rjjA

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. <u>https://zoom.us/meetings</u>

Sharing in God's blessings is at the heart of Thanksgiving and at the core of the American spirit.

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 and don't know 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

DEACON NEWS

Nancy Nelsen, Chair

As I am still functioning as chairperson, I contacted the LA Children's Bureau to find a way to help families have a brighter Christmas. The coordinator for the Christmas Families Project advised me that they are working on a way for people to send e-gift cards for the families. She will send me all the links and information we need to participate.

We continue to be so grateful for our amazing staff who work so hard to provide opportunities for us to worship, share, inspire us, and connect with each other virtually. Even though our lives are so different now, we still have so many things for which to be thankful. We pray that your Thanksgiving will be full of unexpected blessings! **Nancy**

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes! He helps us in all our troubles,

so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God.

-2 Corinthians 1:3-4

TRUSTEE NEWS

Greg Abbott, Chair

If you have been on campus recently, you may have noticed some activity going on. The Chapel roof was being replaced, as were several areas of our sidewalks. The sidewalk work fixed a stretch in front of the Chapel that was badly broken up as well as several other areas that also presented tripping hazards. Plus, a drain was added to the sidewalk north of the Sanctuary. It will hopefully prevent flooding of the hallway and choir room. I'm happy to report that these projects are now complete.

The Trustees met on October 20 with the primary mission of discussing the budget. Jack Hendershot, John Van Veen, and Curtis Leseman got together and developed a proposed budget for 2021. The budget for this year (2020) will end up with a substantial deficit. The 2021 budget, as proposed, also involves a sizeable deficit. We had a long discussion on what cuts we could make to reduce these losses. So much is dependent on what our rental income will look like as we move through the pandemic. We are fortunate to have two substantial endowments to borrow from as needed, but they aren't a bottomless pit.

Be on the lookout for our upcoming stewardship campaign. Till next month, **Greg**

HAPPENINGS

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS JUST A ZOOM AWAY The First Sunday of each month at 11:45am

Add some time to your schedule the first Sunday of each month when we use **zoom** to get together after church for a virtual fellowship hour! The link is sent the Friday before and we log in just to see each other, chat with each other and

ZOOM Discussion: The Church and Racial Equity Sunday, November 8, 1 p.m.

We had a terrific **ZOOM** discussion in September when we talked about our own backgrounds, and also how we as Christians, and we as the church, can be instruments of racial justice. An interview with Dr. Bernice King, youngest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., sparked our conversation.

We want to continue the discussion and would love to have everyone take part! We will meet again by **zoom** on Sunday, November 8th at 1 pm. There are two books which some are reading: <u>Why are the Black Kids Sitting Together in</u> <u>the Cafeteria</u> by Beverley Daniel Tatum, PhD.; She is an active Congregationalist and psychologist, and she hopes her book will help people talk about racial identity as a beginning of healing. <u>Where do we go from here? Community and</u> <u>Chaos</u> by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; This book addresses how we as a church can be transforming.

We have copies of the books if you would like to read them. Regardless, let us know if you are interested in participating in the discussion and we will send you the **ZOOM** link that week.

Women's Bible Study with Jane

The group continues with the study called "A Taste of Freedom ~ 6 sessions on Self-control." All women are invited to join this caring, sharing, loving group of women on Wednesday evenings @ 7:00pm via **zoom**. Join us when you can!

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ON-LINE SILENT AUCTION COMING SOON

JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

As I walked the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Park track for the Crop Walk last Sunday, I was in awe of how many people were out and for the most part, they were being careful by wearing masks and social distancing. Here are some of my reflections to paint a picture for you...

As I started my walk, the first smile that crossed my face was caused by seeing several young women who set up a tea party on the grass. Complete with lanterns, white table cloths on a makeshift box table, china cups and mimosas. It was a joyful, giddy setting.

Onto the child playground for smile #2 - filled with kiddy laughter and parents pushing their little ones on the swings. I rounded the bend of the track to find people working out with trainers, soccer fields with an adult game going on and another field with little ones squealing with laughter as a coach encouraged them to learn the tricks of playing.

Smile #3 – A lovely couple strolling arm in arm, and others pushing baby carriages. People were resting on benches, and there was man tossing a frisbee to his dog who caught it four times out of four! There was a fresh fragrant smell from the eucalyptus trees, kids learning tricks on their skateboards, a baby taking his early steps from dad to mom and a literal karate kid doing her thing.

As I walked the outer track, I found myself facing the inspirational message in the picture here. Those three words spurred me on.

As I continued my walking, I thought about the words "walk with intention". Not only *were* they inspirational for the walk, they *are* inspiration for our walk of faith. When we practice our faith walk with intention, we have faith with quality and purposefulness. When we aim to worship our God and Son Jesus with intent, we expand our heart with unending love. My two cents of advice – walk with intention for your body, mind and soul!

Blessings, love and hugs, Jane



(Remember to spend quiet time with God)



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, November 11th Sign up on-line at COTC's web link



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS Jan Long, Christian Ed Chair

A Moment in Time ~ Time Capsule 2020

All COTC kids, church members and friends, one and all: Create your time capsule stories! Document your feelings in this extraordinary time of our lives. Write short letters and stories that will include; notes of how we are feeling and a note to your future self in a sealed envelope for your eyes only! Include anything you want someone to know about you in 5 years. Also put in items representing something important to you (e.g., newspaper clippings, paint brushes if you like to paint, artificial flowers if you enjoy gardening, etc.). The time capsule will be a snapshot of your feelings, and can include pieces of wisdom and of course, what your faith means to you. Remember to include pictures of yourself, family and friends!

Put everything in a baggie and bring it to the church to put in a collection box right outside the church office door. Or, if you'd like, we can pick it up from you. Start thinking and crafting your stories! We'll finish collecting items at the end of November. Once we can all be together again, we'll put it all in a large container, have a ceremony to read the time capsule letters from 1997 and dig a hole to bury the new one.

Blessings to you all, Jan

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Ally Baker, Director

There was no Trunk or Treat this year, but that didn't stop our teachers from getting creative! We sang and danced to Halloween songs...had a Halloween parade in our play yard and went trick or treating in the classrooms.

I would call that....One SPOOKTACULAR Day!

The event was video taped and placed on a private YouTube for our parents to enjoy.

May we continue to have a healthy & safe school year, Ally









① NOVEMBER



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