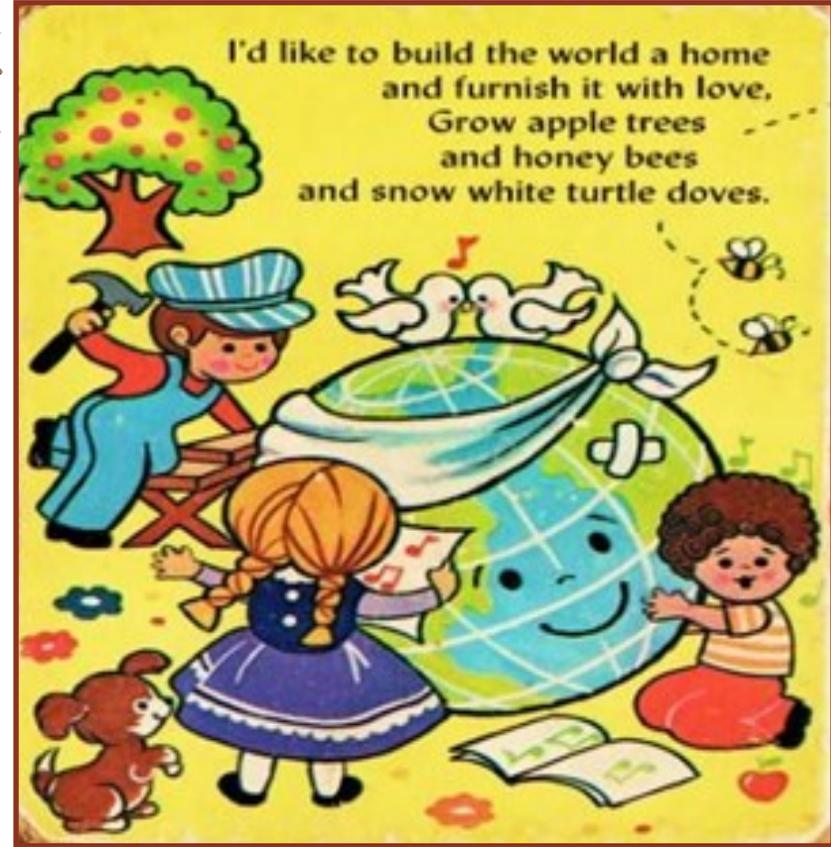


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Love YOUR
neighbor
as yourself.
MATTHEW 22:39



WITH GOD
all THINGS are
POSSIBLE.
MATTHEW 19:26

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FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

FAITHFULLY YOURS

This year, 2021, marks the 20th anniversary of September 11, when terrorists attacked our nation, killing 2977 people, injuring over 6000 more and changing our country forever. Each year it is good, I think, to remember the ones who died, to see their names and know that they were innocent people living their lives before horror struck. We lift them up to God.

This year we have other names of those who were lost in an attack of an entirely different kind, a virus which has tried to conquer the world. We mourn the ones who have died, and we honor the ones who have fought COVID so bravely. And so do we lift the 600,000 who have died to God.

There is much weeping in this remembering.

But even in the darkness there is light shining. After the attacks on September 11 we came together as a nation with whatever barriers separated us falling down. We watched bravery and courage in first responders with awe and reverence. So this year, let us recapture the patriotism, that honors life and liberty and the very values we ALL hold dear as Americans. Let us be mindful now as we were then that nothing can separate us from the love of God, or from the bonds that hold us together as God's children.

And as we are wracked by sorrow at the deaths of so many from the virus, we are once again witnessing bravery and courage as so many have worked beyond exhaustion to save lives. We are so awed by the intelligence and gifts which created a vaccine which has saved so many lives. So living the call of our Lord, to love one another, let us come together with a commitment to do what we must to protect ourselves and each other.

Let us once again be a nation of love and healing, of hope and promise... walking into the future along the path set before us by our Lord and Savior, in whose name we are called together.

With deep affection, **Beth**

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

GOLDEN WEST FAIR NEWS

John Sullivan, Chair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE GOLDEN WEST FAIR 10/2 & 10/9

We don't yet know the shape of the Golden West Fair this year, but we will have one. This is a volunteer event staffed by church members and church friends, so the more volunteers we have, the more money we can raise. So far we plan to have the following: Jewelry, Country Store (kitchen and home items), Books, Bake Sale (items pre-packaged by maker), Furniture and Electronics, Corral (tools, bikes, etc.), Toys, Youth Fund-Raiser Booth, and a station for CWS designed to raise money for the Church and CWS.

What else we have will depend on safety concerns and you, the volunteers. So let it be known that I, John Sullivan, will make an announcement soon, from the pulpit, and the first meeting date is pegged for outside, after church, on September 5. So come on down!

Remember the fair set up begins on October 2, GWF is October 9, and of course, a strike crew will be needed over the following week. Thanks! **John**

RACIAL EQUITY AND THE CHURCH

Group Chair TBD

CHURCH OF THE CHIMES:

A diverse, and loving Christian community accepting of all.

Teach the World to Sing

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I'd like to build the world a home
And furnish it with love
Grow apple trees and honey bees
And snow white turtle doves

I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony
I'd like to hold it in my arms
And keep it company

I'd like to see the world for once
All standing hand in hand
And hear them echo through the
For peace throughout the land

I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony
I'd like to hold it in my arms
And keep it company

A song of peace that echoes on
And never goes away

A song of peace that echoes on
And n-e-v-e-r g-o-e-s a-w-a-y

From the Call to Unite

1. Open up and take everyone in.
2. Believe we are all connected as one people.
3. Find joy in other's joy.
4. Find belonging without excluding.
5. Seek forgiveness through forgiving.



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Mark your calendars for the Tuesday after Labor Day: That's the day Cindi Olson will "restart" our craft group at COTC!

The Crafters will meet every Tuesday, beginning on September 7th, from 9:30 to 11:30. We've chosen this time slot in case anyone wants to stay after to attend Beth's "Brown Bag Bible Study" (see below).

Our first gathering will begin with a discussion on what types of crafts you'd like to make. Cindi will have samples of some lovely projects she has in mind for our group. If you are currently working on something, please bring it! This includes knitting and crocheting, as we don't know when that group will restart.

Snacks will be provided. We will be wearing masks and social distancing.

For more information feel free to call Cindi Olson at 818-248-2666 or Michele Marot at 818-653-2406. Hope to see you there!

BROWN BAG BIBLE IS BACK!

Join us every Tuesday at 12:15pm beginning September 21st

We meet each week for 45 minutes in Dreier Hall to discuss the Scripture reading for the coming Sunday. I give background, context and some of the interpretations, and then we have open discussion. It is always a lively class with the members adding important perspectives for understanding the passage. Bring your lunch, your Bible and join us!

Wednesday will still be a mini Bible study during the 10 at 10, but with class observations often included!

NOTE: Keep alert—we will be monitoring the Covid situation and will postpone our beginning if necessary.

THE PURSE PROJECT FOR WOMEN IN NEED

The Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study is sponsoring the Purse Project! We have collected just over twenty purses that need to be stuffed with goodies and supplies, and given to women in need (Tiny Homes and other shelters).

We are asking for donations to put into the purses, things like tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo and conditioners, soap, disposable razors, personal toiletries, etc., perhaps a book, or \$5 - \$10 gift card for groceries. Whatever you think women would appreciate and could use! Also we'd be happy to accept more "gently used" purses.

Starting in September, you'll see a display in the church narthex and a box where you can leave your donations. We will also have a more complete list of donation ideas available.

Questions? Ideas? Please contact Jane Poole...and may God bless you for being a blessing to others!

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Rev. Curtis Peek

THANK YOU, LORD...

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

~Philippians 4:6

When you pray, how much of your prayer is spent praising and thanking God, and how much is spent making requests? What's wrong with having too little gratitude in your prayers?

We should take advantage of every opportunity we get to say "Thank You" to God in prayer. That's good advice whether we're feeling incredibly happy or incredibly down. If we're happy, our joy will be multiplied by sharing our gratitude with the One who made it possible. If we're down, we'll feel better when we focus on the good things God is doing in our life.

Too often our prayers, even during our family devotions, sound like a fast food order: "I'd like good grades for my math test, a successful surgery for my grandmother and a way to make \$250 before spring break. Amen."

The problem with that approach is that it's one-sided. Prayer should be a conversation, a way of exercising and celebrating our relationship with God. Constant asking does not make for a good relationship.

If we're serious about having a relationship with God, a good rule of thumb is to begin our prayers with praise and thanksgiving. That way, if we run out of time, we will have gotten to the important, relationship-building part.

God will take care of our needs and honor our requests. He proves that every day. So, will we honor him with our thanks?

LET US PRAY: Dear God, thank You for our family and for time to come together in devotion. Forgive us for the times we forget to tell You how much we appreciate what You've done. Please help us remember Your work in our lives. Amen.

Believe it! Curtis

SERMON TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER:

September 5: *Dog Gone (Mark 7: 24-37)*
~Communion Sunday~

September 12: *Forbid them Not (Matthew 19: 13-15; Psalm 19)*
~Baptism of James Murphy Bingham~

September 19: *Rev. Peek will be preaching*

September 26: *Whatever you want (Esther 8:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22)*

JANE'S CORNER

Jane G. Poole, CE Director

For the past six+ weeks, the Woman's Bible Study group has been gathering to explore the book of Acts and its teachings. This New Testament book was believed to have been written by Luke, the physician who traveled as a missionary with Paul. Acts tells us how Christian faith and the early church was born, spreading the good news to the world after Jesus returned to heaven. As the word of God spread, and miracles occurred to reinforce God's power and strength, many obstacles had to be addressed as people learned a new way of believing in the one true God.

Imagine how people, who had been worshipping a variety of many gods and goddesses, must have felt now being told there was only one God who would take care of them. It was something radical to say the least!

The ancient Greeks and Romans who worshipped the gods and goddesses, believed these deities controlled different aspects of life and the natural world. The responsibility of the worshipper was to believe these deities and make sacrifices and do certain rituals to please them.

For instance, Zeus was the chief god, the father of many gods who ruled the clouds and rain, hurled thunderbolts, and decided the outcomes of battles. Apollo was the god of music, poetry, prophesy and healing. This must be why the club in Harlem, NY, is called the Apollo! Athena, the daughter of Zeus (known as the Roman goddess Minerva) was the goddess of war and the symbol of discipline and self-control. And Demeter, the Roman goddess known as Ceres, was the goddess of agriculture.

These are just a sample of the gods that Paul, Barnabas and the rest of the new religious teachers had to convince the people to turn away from to worship our God: the all-encompassing, all-powerful one. And unlike the ancient Romans and Greeks, we are blessed to be able to worship with no need for sacrifices or other outward signs of worship. Any and all can choose to be a part of God's kingdom! How awesome is God's unconditional love that it is poured out to everyone who believes!

Hugs and love, **Jane** ...And remember to spend quiet time with our God!

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

MATTHEW 6:33

SEPTEMBER 2021 HAPPENINGS

- ⇒ **ZOOM COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH at 6:30pm**
- ⇒ **GOLDEN WEST FAIR PLANNING MEETING : SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**
Gathering mode TBD after worship service....
- ⇒ **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH , 11am to 5pm**
Blood donation is essential to ensuring community health. Sign up online at www.churchofthechimes.org and then check-in at Bower Hall on the day.
- ⇒ **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST at 7pm**
- ⇒ **VESPERS DINNER: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD 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 CRAFT CREATIONS: TUESDAYS at 9:30am in Dreier Hall**
- ⇒ **BROWN BAG BIBLE IS BACK: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST at 12:15pm**
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **SWIMMING HOURS: M-F 12Noon to 2pm & 6pm to dusk + SS 1pm to dusk until the heat ceases in the fall.** Please note that our pool hours may overlap with AquaBuddies' lessons; whenever this overlap occurs, feel free to go on in and enjoy the pool, and please do make the office aware if there are any issues resulting from this cooperative sharing.
- ⇒ **THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY:** The Food Pantry thanks our congregation for all the donations made to sustain this much needed organization's mission of feeding those in need on our community. If you can, we are in need of what we call Extras. These are items such as small bags of chips and cookies, granola bars, power bars etc. If you are able to donate these items, please bring them to the church and I'll take them to the Pantry. For more information please check out our web site (NHIFP.org) and/or contact me, Jane Poole at jane@nhifp.org. Thank you!

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 Soon to *Church of the Chimes' Bower Hall Stage*

THOUGHTS TO PONDER



Before 2020, we were pretty wild! Remember how we all used to eat cake after someone had **blown on it**? Crazy times!

My therapist told me

the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake I feel better already.



The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.

-Albert Einstein

Brain cells, hair cells and skin cells - they all die constantly, but freaking fat cells seem to have eternal life...

Tip of the day: blow on **the wine** in your **coffee mug** to convince the rest of the zoom meeting that it is tea.



How to keep all the **cookies** to yourself:



If you ever get caught sleeping on the job, slowly raise your head and say "**In Jesus name, Amen**"



Never trust an electrician with no **eyebrows**.



My age doesn't bother me....it's the side effects.

The kids won't move back home if **they can't find it.**



I sn't is a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do "practice"?

Los Angeles County COVID Protocols: Masks indoors!

As we have since the beginning of the pandemic, our church will follow the directives of the Los Angeles County Department of Health. The current directives are that all people should wear masks indoors regardless of their vaccination status.

This is a way to protect each of us, and to protect each other. We are especially concerned about our children who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated and those who are unable to be vaccinated. As you know the Delta variant is particularly contagious.

These are not easy times but we truly appreciate your cooperation and understanding. When we are protecting and caring for others, we are living God's love....So thank you!

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, educational programs, and gifts to missions and other organizations is a blessing indeed!

Estimate of Giving cards are available in the office. 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!

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:

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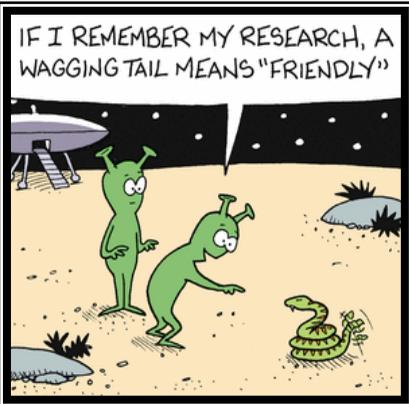
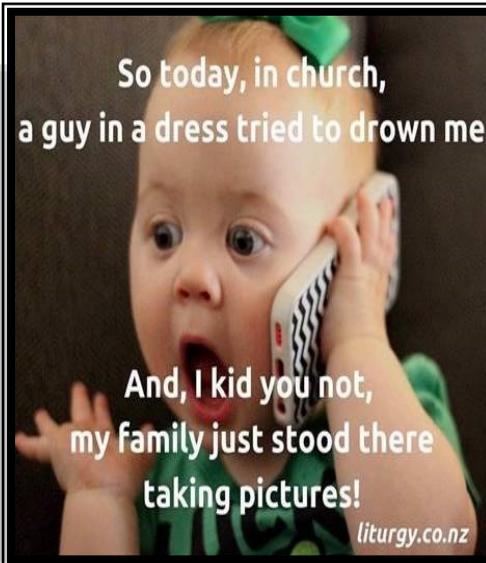
We believe in no one being left out; it's always nice to receive a note... "Just Because"



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GET AMUSED...



Can't believe someone broke into my garage and stole the limbo stick. Seriously, how low can you go.

CHAPEL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

1. ROBERT BROWNE

Thanks to the efforts of Martin Luther and others, the Church of England, the Anglican Church, was the Established Church. It was supposed to be a compromise between Catholic and Protestant religious based beliefs and practices; however many English Protestants (separatists) felt that the Church of England was still entirely too Catholic and were known as Puritans. Prominent among these was Robert Brown, born in the 1550's. Graduating in 1572 from Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, he was influenced by Puritan theologian Thomas Cartwright, considered to be the father of English Presbyterianism. Cartwright opposed the Act of Supremacy and believed the Church of England, ruled by the monarch and the appointed bishops, was top heavy. He believed in a decentralized church government ruled by the presbytery (Greek for elder). Browne became one of the original proponents of the Separatist, or Free Church, movement. He was among the first to secede from the Church of England and to found a church of his own on Congregational principles. In 1582, Browne and his followers (Brownists) fled to the Netherlands. In his, "A Treatise of Reformation without Tarrying for Anie," he asserted the right of the church to affect necessary reforms without the authorization of the civil magistrate; and in "A Book with Sheweth the Life and Manners of all True Christians," he set out the theory of Congregational independency. Both were published in Middleburg, Netherland in 1582. Browne returned to the Church of England in 1585. However, his influence on the Congregationalist Church was profound. To this day, Browne is considered the father of the Congregational body in the English speaking world, and "The Father of the Pilgrims" due to many of the Mayflower passengers in 1620 being part of the Brownist movement.



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"2. Imprisonment of the Faithful" will be featured in the October Chiming In...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Barbara Downs, Chair

SUNSHINE & SHADOW QUILTS

The BE Bold youth and Super Kids gathering groups are working on their wonderful summer project, Sunshine & Shadow quilts. These quilts are comprised of original artwork from the youth of the church representing emotions that spark from happiness or sadness. When completed, the quilts will be auctioned off on Rally Day with proceeds going to their specifically chosen outreach mission project, "Shoes that Fit."

Get ready for the big reveal in early October! **Barbara**

COMMUNITY & WORLD SERVICE NEWS

Robert Dunn, Chair

A REVEALING HAPPENING SOON!

The CWS Board has a special event happening on Sunday, September 12. We will be making an announcement during the church service, and you will not want to miss it. Not only will it help us raise money so that the CWS Board can continue to help those in need, but you could be a winner too. If you miss the announcement, it will be mentioned again in the following week's service, and you can always call or text me, Robert Dunn, at 818-808-7851 for more info after the September 12th announcement. **Be well & get excited! Robert**



HISTORIAN NEWS

Robert Jones, Historian

STAVES CHAPEL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Ground for the Chapel was broken on March 22, 1951....less than 12 months from that first Sunday service in the Encino Theatre! Eleven months later in February 1952, the completed Chapel was dedicated. At that time, the windows were of plain glass. Over the years, they have all been replaced, through designated memorial gifts, with stained glass windows depicting the history of Congregationalism from our roots in England to the founding of Church of the Chimes.

On the opposite page is the first of the Chapel's fourteen stained glass windows with an overview of its significance. Over the months to follow we will feature each subsequent window with its bit of history for your enjoyment and edification. **Bobbie**

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

DEACON NEWS

Greg Abbott & Ralph Migliori Co-Chair

Well wonder of wonders, I actually have some thing to report this time. As I mentioned in past articles, we made a major attempt to connect with the LA Children's Bureau to do Christmas in July. This was not successful. This brings into question whether or not we will be able to continue our decades long Christmas families program. We will continue our attempts to contact the Bureau but are also seeking alternatives. We already have one local entity which is known to the Church that is interested.

On another subject, in the past on Communion Sunday the ushers would hand out special envelopes for the Deacons Angel Fund. This a special fund to help Church families who are having financial difficulties. For instance, a family would come to us and say they were behind on their rent and were facing eviction. On approval of the Deacons and Senior Minister, funds would be paid directly to the landlord, not the family. This is all entirely confidential. If you or someone you know in the Church family needs help, please let Beth know. Till next time, **Greg**

TRUSTEE NEWS

Curtis Leseman, Chair

The Trustee Board held its meeting on August 10, 2021 by ZOOM. Treasurer, John Van Veen, reported a negative cash flow for the month of July and for the year to date. We have had good income from the use of the pool, and filming and parking are steady. There is interest for the future by the film industry which could yield good income in the months ahead. Although we are still below our budget predictions, pledges received are steady for which we are most grateful.

In other news, the repair of the fence along Hazeltine has been completed and painting will be finished soon. The replacement of the aging circuit boxes in Bower Hall has been completed with final testing under way.

The Trustees are reviewing a list of campus maintenance items and establishing priorities for their completion. We have received one bid and are awaiting a second for consideration regarding a possible security person to be present for our church service. Respectfully submitted, **Curtis**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Diane Delaney, Chair-TBD

A nominating committee meeting will be scheduled in September to get started on filling openings on boards and officers. We have many open slots to fill; if you are interested in serving, please contact Diane Delaney for more information. Thanks! **Diane**



September 2021



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