

# Chiming In

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES  
NEWS AND EVENTS

*A Diverse and Loving Christian Community Accepting of All*



## March 2026

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### SERMONS:

- March 1: Psalm 121 ~ Lifting Up
- March 8: John 8: 5-42 ~ Well said
- March 15: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 ~ Appearances
- March 22: Tears gone by
- March 29L Matthew 21: 1-11 ~ I love a parade



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## FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

### *Faithfully Yours*

When I talked to the children one Sunday morning in worship, I asked them what would be hard for them to give up for a while. They were thinking, not saying anything and finally agreed that chocolate would be hard to give up... And, honestly, I couldn't agree with them more.

I had shared that partly for health reasons I had given up my favorite ice cream and was cutting back on coffee. I wasn't about to give up my morning burst of pep.. I thought that might be sufficient for a Lenten sacrifice... Then I thought again and decided I had to give up something that I really depended on, something I looked forward to every day... Peanut Butter... My afternoon excuse for protein. My go to for just a bit of something when I was hungry—or just bored.

It works... Now at 4:30 every afternoon I stop myself from going to the jar that still sits there waiting... I remember what this season is.. I compare the sacrifice of Jesus' life to what I no longer can have. It quiets me if for a moment. I didn't used to pay much attention to giving things up.--What it means to not give in to temptation, to the easy way, to doing things that seem tantalizing but that pull us away from our faithful lives.

Then having given up, having not given in, I decided it is also time to give out—in acts of kindness, in reaching out...in finding the courage to spend these Lenten days walking with Jesus.

## HOLY WEEK AT CHURCH OF THE CHIMES

**Thursday, April 2: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service:** Maundy means "commandment." At this service we share the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the service of Tenebrae. As the Scripture readings of our Lord's betrayal and arrest are read there is a darkening of the sanctuary.

**Friday, April 3: Noon-1 pm Good Friday Service:** We will gather in the chapel to hear the Seven Last Words of Christ upon the cross. There will be prayer and meditation and silence. The cross will be draped in black as we remember the day when Christ was crucified.

**EASTER SUNDAY: 7 a.m.** Sunrise Service in the garden. Join us for a service with music, prayer, a homily and rejoicing as we bask in the light of the risen sun and the light of our risen Lord.

**10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship:** Rejoice, rejoice for the Lord has risen! The Lord has risen indeed. With music, prayers, and sermon shining the light of Easter, we will be rejoicing!

## CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

### March 15 after worship in the sanctuary

The Board of Trustees will present a proposed budget for the 2026 fiscal year. After presentation and discussion members of the church will be asked to vote to approve the budget. All church members can vote and all are invited to stay for the meeting.

## DIVERSITY MOMENT

Diane Delaney

February was Black History Month, and the theme was "A Century of Black History Commemorations", marking 100 years since Carter G. Woodson founded it. The focus is on the impact of celebrating Black history and life on Black people's status today and promoting an inclusive, accurate history. It honors 100 years of dedicated efforts to study, preserve, and celebrate African American contributions to U.S. history and culture, especially important given current efforts to limit Black history in schools.

## COUNCIL

Diane Delaney, Moderator

On your way to/from church/reception, check out the new brass name plates that were installed below each of our three prior Senior ministers' portraits in the Sanctuary hallway. Our church has a medical equipment closet with crutches, scooters, wheelchairs, etc. If you are in need, please contact Joi Staves. If we do not have what you need, contact the Convalescent Aid Society in Burbank at 626-793-1696, as they provide equipment to individuals at no cost.

## TRUSTEES

Tony Bliss

Greetings, All! Thank-you to everyone who filled out an estimate of giving card on Consecration Sunday! Our theme this year is: "We are the Light of the World. Plug into the Positive!" We have had a terrific response thus far, and ask those who have not yet filled their cards out, to please do so and either return to the church or put it in the offering plate during worship church service. We will have the upper CE floor replaced this Spring. No info within the next few weeks yet on exactly when that will be done.

## DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kristina Jasiukonis, M.A.

Dear Church Family, We are excited to share several upcoming events!

### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Join us on Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 AM for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Invite a neighbor or friend and enjoy a wonderful morning of arts and crafts, egg hunting, a free raffle, and a very special visit from the Easter Bunny. We can't wait to celebrate the kick off of Spring with you!

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS) Is Now Live!**

Registration for Vacation Bible School is officially open. Please visit our church website for full details and enrollment information.

**Session One – June 15** (4 days, 2:00–5:00 PM) – \$60

**Session Two – July 25** (5 days, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM) – \$75

We look forward to an incredible time of learning, faith, and fun!

### **Youth Group – Be Bold**

Join us for our next Youth Group “Be Bold” gathering at Corbin Bowl in Tarzana on Friday, March 6 at 6:00 PM. We're excited for this fun social outing and hope you'll join us! Blessings.

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jon Wallace, Chair

Bingo was a blast! Thank you for coming out to support Christian Education. Soup 'r Bowl Sundays were a success, we collected food and almost \$300 for our local Food Pantry. We hope to see many of you at the St Patricks Dinner hosted by John Sullivan on 3/7 at 5:00pm. Come on over to see us and learn more about being a board member for Christian Education on Sunday, March 8 after church (on the back patio). We would love to connect with you. If you have any specific questions, please reach out to Jan or Barbara who are our nomination co-chairs for CE.

All are welcome to join in at Sunday School 10:30am-11:30am and our Youth Group (1st & 3rd Fridays at 6pm). If you should ever have any questions or have an interest in volunteering for Christian Education please reach out to our Director, Tina Jasiukonis at [ChristianEd@Churchofthechimes.org](mailto:ChristianEd@Churchofthechimes.org)

# MARCH 2025 HAPPENINGS

- **COUNCIL MEETING:** March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45pm Dreier Hall
- **BE BOLD:** March 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Hamilton House
- **ST PATTY'S EVENT:** March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm Hamilton House
- **WOMENS ASSOCIATION MEETING:** March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am Dreier Hall
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am Drier Hall
- **VESPERS:** March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- **DEACONS MEETING:** March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm Bower Hall
- **CHRISTIAN ED MEETING:** March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm Lower CE
- **CWS MEETING:** March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm Dreier Hall
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm Dreier Hall
- **EASTER EGG HUNT:** March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am on Campus
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at Noon in Dreier Hall
- **ZUMBA:** WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS at 9:45 in Dreier Hall
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** MEETS WEDNESDAYS at 7pm via Zoom. All women of any faith are invited to our gathering of caring, sharing and loving women. For more information contact Jane Poole via email at [jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net).
- **PAINTING CLASS:** THURSDAYS at 10:00am - 12:00pm in Dreier Hall

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Diane Delaney

The Women's Association purchased another large storage cabinet for the Bower Hall kitchen area. It was assembled by Natalie, Jane, Diane, and John Paul and quickly filled with CWS Gala decorations and other items.

## WOMENS HISTORY MONTH

Diane Delaney

March is Women's History Month, The theme for Women's History Month 2026 is "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future" highlighting women who are rebuilding systems to ensure long-term environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

- **Honor:** Celebrate the diverse contributions of women who are leading sustainability efforts across environmental, economic, educational, and social justice movements.
- **Educate:** Raise awareness about the important historical and contemporary roles of women in shaping sustainable change.
- **Inspire:** Empower individuals and institutions on how to take action toward sustainability, equity, and justice in their own spheres of influence.
- **Connect:** Build bridges across generations, geographies, and disciplines to foster collaboration, mentorship, and shared learning.
- **Envision:** Encourage a long-term vision for our future where women's leadership is central to thriving communities and a healthy planet.

## PLUG INTO THE POWER OF PRAYER!

In keeping with the "Plug into the Positive" theme of this year's stewardship campaign, please come and "Plug into the Power of Prayer". On Sunday March 22, the Deacons will be hosting a prayer vigil immediately following Hospitality in the Staves Chapel. There is so much going on in our world and in our community that needs our prayerful attention. While we all are encouraged to take time to pray individually, this will be a time where you can join with others in the church family to collectively lift our cares and concerns to God. Pray aloud, pray silently, sing your praises if you feel led to do so. We will have the lights out and some candles lit for this 30 minute spirit-filled gathering.

## COMMUNITY WORLD SERVICE BOARD

Jane Poole

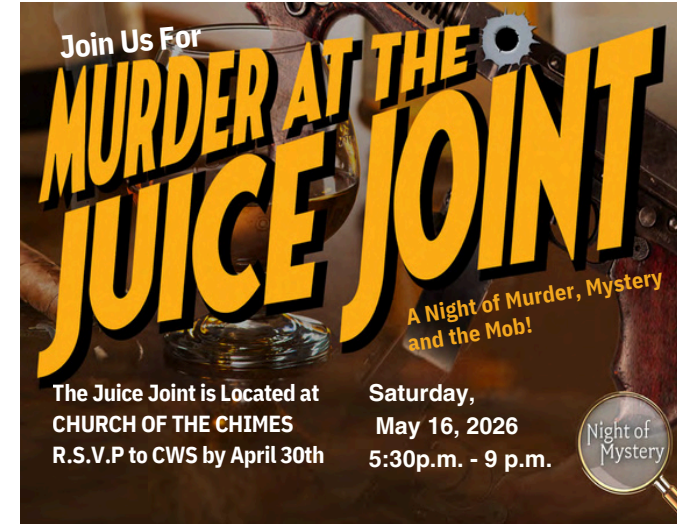
"Murder Mystery at the Juice Joint" - CWS Gala 2026

Everyone is invited to the Community World Service Board's 2026 gala, a speakeasy 1920's murder mystery themed party, "Murder at the Juice Joint".

There are numerous parts for everyone to be included in this night of mayhem and the mob!

With the passing of prohibition and organized crime on the rise, The Juice Joint, a swanky speakeasy run by Rosie Marie, has been nothing but jumping.

To celebrate its success, Rosie is planning a party to remember at this exclusive nightspot, and you're invited!



However, one of the names on the guest list is also on another's hit list, and no one is safe from the consequences. You are certain to find a medley of individuals to make the night most memorable. From major mobsters and their molls, to the swanky singer with her high hopes of Hollywood. The cigarette girl with a temper that sizzles, to the crooked police chief with nothing to lose. NO ONE is safe from murder. But, EVERYONE will have a chance at solving it! Put on your favorite flapper dress and mob attire to eat, dance and solve the crime of the century. More details will be revealed in the upcoming weeks.

## NOMINATING

The Nominating Committee will be hosting a Nominating Fair on Sunday, March 8, during the reception on the patio of Hamilton House. Grab a coffee or cup of punch and snacks, then come talk with Church Board members to learn more about our Boards and where you may be able to volunteer.



## **ST PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK SAT MARCH 7, 2026 5PM TO 7PMISH**

We will have our annual St Patrick's Day Potluck dinner Saturday March 7, 2026 starting at 5:00 p.m. in Hamilton House. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served. The remainder of the meal is potluck. All are welcome! Bring some food if you want and bring a friend!

Questions to John Sullivan 818 415 3307 or [johnw.sullivan@yahoo.com](mailto:johnw.sullivan@yahoo.com)

## **COTC GREETING CARD SHOPPE**

Diane Delaney

I'm excited to share that we now have our very own COTC Greeting Card Shoppe! I've always loved sending cards, but they've gotten so expensive. Recently, Jennifer passed along hundreds of beautiful greeting cards that were donated to the church, and it sparked an idea — why not create a little church card shop?



I've sorted and organized everything and set up a small shoppe in the HH paper closet (at the top of the two steps between Beth's office and the church office). Please feel free to take whatever you need for Savant projects, our CotC Shut-ins, church members and friends, CE Projects, Blessing Bags, Shoebox Project etc. If you'd like cards for your own family and friends, you're welcome to take those too, and if possible, a small donation would be appreciated. Thanks!





# March



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