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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES
NEWS AND EVENTS

A Diverse and Loving Christian Community Accepting of All



75th Annual Golden West Fair

FUN & FOOD FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Saturday

October 4th

9am-4pm

Antiques
Furniture
Collectibles

Silent Auction
Books & Gifts
Jewelry
Face Painting



MAGNOLIA & HAZELTINE

Midway Games
Prizes
Petting Zoo

Live Entertainment
Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
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SERMONS:

Oct 5: World Communion Sunday Ephesians 4: 1-6

Oct 12 Rev. Dr. Louise Gobben preaching

Oct 19: Psalm 121 Lifting up our Eyes

Oct 26: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8; Psalm 84: 1-7 Mighty and Strong

FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

Faithfully Yours

I like October 31 because I like Halloween. I like lots about Halloween. I like candy pumpkins, even though I don't like pumpkin flavored coffee or waffles or even pies. I like costumes. I like seeing what children are thinking they would like to be: super heroes or ghosts or goblins or princesses or unicorns or a Los Angeles Dodger. I like the decorations. I like having skeletons hanging from trees and orange and black everywhere from the filling in Oreos to the banners on those Halloween stores that pop up this time of the year.

I like October 31 because it is Halloween. But I also like October 31 because it is All Hallowed Eve—the night before All Saints day which is celebrated on November 1. And while there might not be saints in our tradition, saints who have been canonized by the Pope and his cardinals... there are saints in each of our lives. There are people who knowingly or not have come close to us, been with us in our sacred moments. There are people who are no longer living in our midst but whose words to us, love to us, guidance to us is deep and real. So All Hallowed Eve might be a time, when the doorbell stops ringing, and the children are in bed with tummies full of candy, when we pause.

We pause to remember. We pause to give thanks. We pause to ask God to equip each of us to live in saintly ways—willing to share, to sacrifice, to follow the path Jesus set before us and to invite others to walk with us too. So even as we delight in the festivities of Halloween, let us be grateful too for the saints of God who have touched each of us, and all of us.

Love,
Beth

GETTING TO KNOW JENNIFER LEE

By Michelle Marot

If you've spent time on the Church of the Chimes campus, you've likely met Jennifer, our wonderful Office Church Administrator who has faithfully served here for more than 11 years. Jennifer first came to the church after a friend who attended an AA meeting on campus encouraged her family to visit. They were warmly welcomed, and with Sunday School available for her two young children, it quickly felt like home.



Some of Jennifer's favorite memories at Church of the Chimes include Thanksgiving dinners hosted by Pastor Tom Richard for anyone without plans, which made her family feel truly included, and Family Fun Fridays, when kids played in the pool while parents visited and often went out to dinner afterward. Before joining our staff, Jennifer's career path was wide and fascinating. After earning a music degree from the University of British Columbia, she worked for a tech startup in Texas, then returned to Los Angeles to serve as a mortgage and loan specialist at First Interstate Bank. She later worked at the South African Consulate as a trade representative and even spent three years as a paralegal before becoming Registrar at the Colburn School of Music. After a leadership change there ended her time, she reached out to Pastor Tom for temporary work at Church of the Chimes—and she's been here ever since!

Outside of work, Jennifer enjoys supporting her children's passions, as well as music, theater, books, movies, and long walks. She especially loves helping others and making people feel good. Reflecting on her time here, Jennifer says: "Being surrounded by so many good, faithful people has encouraged me to try even harder to help others and keep doing my best to make people happy. It has only made my faith stronger."

COMMUNITY AND WORLD SERVICES

Jane Poole

Our board is actively supporting efforts here in our community and around the world. We kicked off our Operation Christmas Child effort with a table in the narthex with examples of clothing and items people can donate for the boxes. Please consider donating items and financially supporting the shipping. We had a bake sale at MM and raised \$144, as a result we have 14 boxes covered already! There will be a CWS table in BH at the GWF so come check us out! We will be packing the boxes on November 9th as a church community. More news will be shared from the lectern in the coming weeks.

We're also financially supporting the Crop Walk this year with a \$500 donation and the NHIFP as well. On September 21st we cooked a meal for 60 unhoused people to be served through the Studio City UUC church. An outreach the board will be cooking for one time a month. See the picture below of our culinary delight! Lastly, we will be leading the effort of putting together Blessing Bags on December 14th. More news on this next month.

Mark your 2026 calendar for May 16th for our Gala!
Think about joining our great board too!!



TRUSTEES

Tony Bliss

It's a quiet start to the fall for the Trustees, but important work is still underway to care for our beautiful campus. At the moment, we are addressing some structural concerns by repairing cracks in the chapel walls, and we are also giving the chapel interior a fresh coat of paint to help preserve its welcoming and peaceful atmosphere. Maintaining our sacred spaces is an ongoing effort, and we are grateful for the support of our congregation, which makes these projects possible.

We wish everyone a wonderful October filled with fellowship, joy, and the beauty of the season!

OCTOBER 2025 HAPPENINGS

- **BE BOLD:** Oct 3rd and 17th at 6pm
- **GOLDEN WEST FAIR:** Oct 4th 9am-4pm
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** Oct 7th at 7:00pm
- **WOMENS ASSOCIATION MEETING:** No meeting this month
- **VESPERS:** Oct 16th at 6:30pm
- **DEACONS MEETING:** Oct 19th at 12:00 pm Bower Hall
- **CHRISTIAN ED MEETING:** Oct 19th at 12:00 pm Lower CE
- **CWS MEETING:** Oct 19th at 12:00pm Drier Hall
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** Oct 21st at 6:30pm
- **WOMENS ASSOCIATION FALL RUMMAGE SALE:** Oct 24th & 25th 8:30am-1pm
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at 12 at Noon in Dreier Hall
- **PAINTING CLASS:** THURSDAYS 10:00am - 12:00pm 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.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

Tina Jasiukonis & Jon Wallace

Sending out warm wishes for a happy fall season. What a blessing to witness five youth being confirmed at church. Congratulations to our youth! We feel grateful for Reverend Beth who cultivated meaningful conversations with her students during confirmation classes. Sunday School launched a new school year and a new curriculum. The children and youth seem excited for what is ahead. There is more good news to share, we have been very blessed by a donation that will provide a new music program for our youth and children. Stay tuned for musical performances (with instruments), solo's and a logo!

Sunday School teachers will host an Open House on October 17, 2025, 6:00-7:00pm. Our Youth Group (Be Bold) will join in to support with the Sunday School Open House. If you are curious about our Sunday School please stop over for a visit. We will also have a Church wide Sunday School Open House, after church, in November.

In the community, we have been working with a girl scout who is earning her Silver Star. Her project involves designing a document for a lending library of props that can be used for events (tables, tents, etc). We are grateful that we have this resource here at the church.

The CE Board is praying for blessings over our 75th Golden West Fair! Our amazing GFW Director, John Sullivan and many others are working around the clock to make it all "just right." The Be Bold youth will be there with helping hands for prep week as well as the day of the fair. Our CE board members are helping out in booths all around the fair. We recognize that this annual fair holds a meaningful tradition for our church family and the Sherman Oaks community. See you at the fair!

75TH ANNUAL GOLDEN WEST FAIR

John Sullivan

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, October 4th, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Church of the Chimes will once again transform its campus into a lively celebration for our community with the 75th Annual Golden West Fair. The fair is one of our church's most beloved traditions, bringing together neighbors, friends, and families for a full day of fun, food, and fellowship. Whether you come for the food, the games, or the hunt for a one-of-a-kind find, the Golden West Fair has something for everyone. It's the perfect way to spend a fall day with family and friends while supporting the ongoing ministries and programs of Church of the Chimes.

WOMENS ASSOCIATION

Diane Delaney

The Women's Association (WA) Fall Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, October 24th, and Saturday, October 25th, from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Our church receives donations throughout the year, and this is an opportunity for us to sell them to raise money for Los Angeles Valley College Scholarships and our next project, which is to refurbish the Hamilton House kitchen. It is also a very important event for many people in our community who depend on it and come to every sale. We need your support—if you can volunteer to help with setting up the week before the sale, contact Louisa. We want everyone to come to the Rummage Sale, where you are sure to find amazing bargains, hidden treasures, clothes, shoes, toys, and games, kitchen and household items, small appliances, and furniture, as well as new, like-new, vintage, collectibles, and more!

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WIN 2 TICKETS TO UNIVERSAL STUDIOS!

ENTER TO WIN 2 FREE TICKETS at the Golden West Fair on October 4th

SCAN ME!

Golden West Fair SHOWTIME

OCT 4TH 12PM-12:30PM

IN BOWER HALL

Singer Olivia Brooks

Contortionist Hannah Maldonado



OCTOBER 2025



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