

# Chiming In

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF THE CHIMES  
NEWS AND EVENTS

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# JUNE 2025

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### SERMONS:

- June 1:** The Color Purple Acts: 16: 16-34
- June 8:** Fire and Wind: Acts 2: 1-21
- June 15:** In the Name of the Father: Psalm 8
- June 22:** Rev. Steven Petty preaching
- June 29:** Free to be Galatians 5: 1, 13-25



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*Faithfully Yours*

June 20 is coming—and it is the longest day in the year. Sunrise at 5:43 a.m. and Sunset at 8:09 p.m. It is the summer solstice which is marked and sometimes celebrated around the world. When we moved to Alaska we looked forward to that long sunshine day because we had lived through the short dark days. Since we weren't at the very top of the world we didn't have 24 hours of dark, but the sun on December 21 would rise a bit after 10 a.m. and set a bit after 3:30 p.m. On that first June solstice day for us it was light all night long, at least light enough for me to read a book outside at midnight. While people didn't exactly dance in the streets there were celebrations and road races...

What surprised me though was that as difficult as the long dark winter days were for so many, the long summer days were difficult too. There was so much light people didn't rest and sleep. They were tired enough that found themselves without the energy to enjoy the sun and the light as they had expected. It occurred to me, think about this that we really do need both. We need the light, but we also need the dark. We need to light to brighten the day, to shine hope upon us, to awaken us to all the possibilities which just might be in our future. We need the light of God's love and God's grace to remind us of the light of Easter morn, when Jesus rose from the dead.

But I think we need the dark too. We need to be swaddled in quiet, we need to have relief from all that the light of day brings to us. We need to be able to close our eyes against a sun whose light glares at us. We need to be able to be swaddled in the dark without distraction so that we can think, and wonder and pray. We need to be able to rest our bodies and our hearts and our souls if only so that when the new day comes we are ready to become all that God has called us to be. We need to see the moon rise in the night so that we can rejoice when the sun rises in the morning. This year I will be in St. Louis at our NACCC annual meeting on June 20, and I think I will make a point of being somewhere outside so that I can catch the last hours of light, and welcome the evening dusk. You might want to do the same wherever you may be, and let the splendor of the solstice bring you close again to our Creator.

## JUNE 2025 HAPPENINGS

- **COUNCIL MEETING:** June 3rd at 6:30pm DH/Zoom
- **BOUQUET CIRCLE:** June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in Dreier Hall
- **WOMENS ASSOCIATION MEETING:** June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am
- **TRUSTEE MEETING:** June 17th 6:30pm in Dreier Hall and hybrid
- **VESPERS:** June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- **CRAFT CREATIONS:** MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall
- **BROWN BAG BIBLE:** TUESDAYS at 12 Noon in Dreier Hall
- **PAINTING CLASS:** 10:00am- 12:00pm Drier Hall
- **ZUMBA:** WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS 9:45 in Drier 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).



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SUMMER

## **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING**

“Come and See” John 1:36  
June 21-14 St. Louis Missouri

Rev. Dr. Beth Bingham

Each year Church of the Chimes sends a delegate to our national organization. In addition to participating in workshops, lectures and studies, our delegate votes on behalf of our church—issues of finance and policy, and electing officers and members of the Councils. This year Wade Young will be our delegate. Dr. Bingham attends also and will be the first alternate, with Moderator Diane Delaney the 2nd alternate (she will participate virtually.)

The lectures workshops and activities will support local churches and who we are in our own faith journeys. Dr. Patrick Hunt and I will be speaking on our vision where churches are now and where they will go: Dr. Hunt’s presentation is “God’s Will For your Church” and mine is “Back to the Future.”

The time will be exciting, and I know Wade and I look forward to sharing with you!

### **INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT CHURCH OF THE CHIMES?**

I will be having another class in June on our church; our Congregational tradition, the history of our church and our church’s organization and activities. If you are interested please contact me so we can find the best Sunday for us to gather: June 8, 15, or 29. Thank you!

### **PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY**

The 2025 – 75th Anniversary edition online church pictorial directory is available! If you would like a color, spiral-bound, printed Directory for \$15, please contact Diane Delaney. Thank you!



### **2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

**“WHENEVER I’M AFRAID, I PUT MY TRUST IN YOU.” PSALM 56:3**

MONDAY – FRIDAY, JULY 21 – JULY 25, 2025, 9:00 ~ 12:00PM

The children will join Lumon the Firefly in exploring timeless Bible stories that illustrate how people trusted God in the face of their own difficult times and went on to do great things! The children will join Lumon the Firefly in exploring timeless Bible stories that illustrate how people trusted God in the face of their own difficult times and went on to do great things! Our returning lead counselors are already meeting to dream up a wonderful week for each child at VBS!

During Camp Firelight the children will start and end their day in “Campground Headquarters”, play games at “Firefly Fields”, talk about the story of the day in “Firelight Focus Bible Adventures”, make cool crafts in “Campfire Crafts” and enjoy snacks and treats at the “Snack Shack”.

It’s going to be a camp-tastic time for everyone! Children ages 4 - 6th grade are invited to attend our VBS experience. Children grade 7 and up are invited to join our leadership team as counselors or counselors in training (CIT). Service hours will be offered to each volunteer.

If you have questions, don’t hesitate to text Tina @ (818) 430-1169 or send her an email to [Kjasiukonis@gmail.com](mailto:Kjasiukonis@gmail.com) or call the church main line @ (818) 789-7124

This past month has been a busy one for all of us including the Christian Education Board. We have added two new members Tina Jasiukonis and CeCe Clark. We welcomed Tina as a new church member last Sunday and she has also volunteered to handle some C.E. Director duties until we find a new director. She has some new ideas she is discussing with Rev. Beth. She and Jon Wallace will now act as co-chairs for the Board with Kerry Cavanaugh continuing as secretary and I will become the treasurer.

Our Sunday school classes continue to go well and I believe we are close to having two classes, 3 - 5 yrs, 6 - 12 yrs. We are also planning Children's Sunday where the kids lead the church service. The Be Bold Youth is still gathering twice a month. This Friday they will meet for dinner and volleyball. They have several outings scheduled for the summer including miniature golf, a trip to Griffith Park Observatory and the Aquarium. Any teens 13 to 17 are welcomed to join us. Confirmation classes continue with Rev. Beth.

Under Tina's leadership, Vacation Bible School is being organized and is set for July 21 - 25. If anyone is interested in enrolling their children or grandchildren, please contact Tina or the Church Office. Tina is distributing VBS flyers. I want to thank the Board, Rev. Beth, Jane Poole and Joi Staves for their help and support this past year. And thanks to our Be Bold'ers, Finn and Jones for their help at the 75th Gala.

### **75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

We had an amazing Gala and 75th Diamond Anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 17th, with 84 attendees who enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, drinks, a delicious dinner prepared by Javier, Evelia, and Friends, and dancing! There were also several displays of CotC history, including the shovel, pictorial directories, and Walt Staves memories.

Your Board of Trustees completed another productive term, and we thank outgoing board members Diane Delaney and Natalie Karp for their service. We have approved a measure to fix the CE building upstairs railing at minimal cost. This will give us a few years to determine if a more extensive renovation is required.

Our incredible 75th Anniversary Gala was a tremendous success! We had 84 attendees and raised money to boot! \$377 was raised in the free will donation jar. Many thanks for all who put this amazing celebration together and to those who attended. A joyous time was had by all!

The 75th Anniversary fund raising efforts have brought in over \$9000 to date. We appreciate additional donations as this is an ongoing campaign to help us towards another 75 years. Happy Summer, Everyone!

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

All nominations for Officers and new Board members were approved at our 75th annual meeting. However, we still have a few openings for CE, CWS, Deacons, and Trustees. If you are interested in sharing your talents as a Board member, please contact one of our Nominating Representatives: Barbra D., Jane, Pam V., Shirley, or John L. Thank you!

### **KEITH'S ART CLASS:**

Michelle Marot

Please bring your own supplies and project to work on. Keith will supply art instruction and give advice when asked, and we have a beautiful and spacious room to work in! All ages are welcome - the only requirement is that those attending be serious about doing art. Thursdays 10am until noon in Dreier Hall

## MEET KEITH: A CREATIVE HEART AT THE CENTER OF CHURCH LIFE

Illustration by Michelle Marot

Keith brings both heart and talent to our Church of the Chimes community. Born and raised in the farm country of Illinois, Keith's journey began with a passion for nurturing young minds—he and his mother started a preschool and daycare center during his youth. This early experience laid the foundation for what would become a lifelong dedication to education, creativity, and service. Keith studied art and design in college, which led to a career as both an art teacher and a designer in the private sector, blending creativity with mentorship.

Outside of work, Keith is never far from a sketchbook or canvas. Drawing and painting are his first loves, but he also enjoys reading the classics. Over the years, he has shared his gifts through music ministries and performing in plays and musicals with community theatre. At Church of the Chimes, Keith's presence is a gift to many. You'll often find him on Sunday mornings teaching Christian Education classes or leading creative projects during Tuesday crafting sessions and Brown Bag Bible Study. He sees Children's Ministries as vital to the church's future: "When young families visit a church," he says, "the parents are shopping for activities for their children." This spring, Keith launched a new opportunity to share his artistic talents with the wider church family: an open Art Class on Thursday mornings. All are welcome—young and old, beginner or seasoned artist—as long as you're serious about making art. The class offers a peaceful, inspiring space to work on your own projects while receiving guidance and encouragement from Keith.



Self Portrait by Keith Metz





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