



# Presbyts

## **MOTHER AND MOTHERHOOD**

On the auspicious occasion of **Mother's Day** all the celebrations are devoted to the honorable mothers who are the experts of one of the most difficult tasks on the earth, that is "baby sitting". It is the time to love, kiss and hug the most precious creation of God, "The Mom". Who can deny that all through our lives we love to put our heads in the lap of our mothers without caring for our status, position or age.

- Who sew various designer Halloween costumes.
- Who give birth to babies they will never see.
- Who adopt the orphans and give them place not only in their homes but also in their heart and lives.
- Who have frozen their buns off on metal bleachers at hockey, baseball or soccer games any night of the week instead of watching from their cars.

### **We Salute The Mothers...**

- Who sit up all night with sick toddlers in their arms, wiping up barf and repeatedly saying, "It's OK honey, Mommy's here".
- Who walk around the house all night with their babies when they keep crying and do not stop.
- Who show up at work with spit-up in their hair and milk stains on their blouses and diapers in their purse.
- Who make dozens of cookies for school teas.
- Who have yelled at their kids in the grocery store and swatted them in despair when they stomped their feet and then hated themselves for "losing" it.
- Who sat down with their children and explained all about making babies.
- Who taught their children to tie their shoelaces before they started school.
- Who taught their sons to cook and sew and their daughters to be brave and strong.

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

First Presbyterian Church of Inglewood is a multicultural congregation committed to exalt God through the celebration of **Worship**, to share God's Good News through **Evangelism**, to nurture our members in an atmosphere of contagious **Fellowship**, to transform lives through **Spiritual Growth opportunities**, and to equip members for servant **Ministry** to people in our community and world which bears witness to the Redeeming love of Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

- Whose heads turn automatically when a little voice calls "Mom!" in a crowd, even though they know their own offspring is at home.
- Who sent their kids to school with stomach aches, assuring them that they would be just fine once they got there but soon got calls from the school nurse asking them to pick them up right away. And they do.
- Whose children have gone astray, and who cannot find the words to reach them.
- Who bite their lips, sometimes until they bleed when their 14-year-olds dye their hair green, red or blue.
- Who have the ability to nurse a baby, cook dinner, and sew a button on a shirt, all at the same time.
- Who feel a unique ache when they watch their son or daughter disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the very first time.
- Who has the terror in her heart at 1 AM when her teenager with the new driver's license is an hour late getting home.
- Who feels the dull ache as they look in on their sleeping daughter or son the night before they leave for a college in another city.
- Who flee from wherever they are to hug their child when

they hear news of a fire, a car accident or a child dying.

- Whose children have died from illness, accidents or the worst of all and hardest to comprehend, suicides.
- Who have tearfully placed flowers and teddy bears on their children's graves.

### IS GOD IN YOUR WILL?

You can extend your faith beyond your lifetime by making your Will now. Enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that your charitable gifts will bring blessings to many others. One way to do this is by including your church in your Will. You may have primary interest in the church while you live and it need not be forgotten when you die. After you have provided for your heirs, or if you have no immediate heirs, you may: Want to consider including the church as one of the recipients of your estate.

Name your church as residual beneficiary for part or all of the estate after other bequests are fulfilled.

Endow an annual gift to the church through a provision in your Will.

We will be celebrating Wills Emphasis Sunday on May 9th. This will be an opportunity for members to speak with a member of the Stewardship and Finance Ministry about our Endowment Fund and other opportunities for including the church in your will.

### CROP WALK

Saturday, May 22, 2010

Registration 7:00 AM

Walk 8:00 AM

2K and 10K Route

Starts at St. Joseph Church

11901 Acacia Avenue

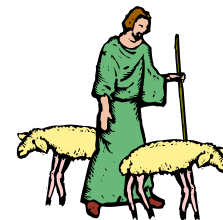
Hawthorne, CA

25% of proceeds goes to four local hunger programs including our sandwich program. Walk or sponsor – for more information see Ruth Hiersemann.

### CAREGIVERS SUNDAY

The Evangelism and Fellowship Ministry is planning to have a special worship service on Sunday, June 6, to especially recognize the caregivers in our church community. We know a good number of these, but to assure thorough preparation for this service, we're asking everyone to submit names of caregivers to our church office or to Pastor Kidd or Janie Cuffe.

Thanks from the Evangelism and Fellowship Ministry



## MISSION REPORT

Our gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** are being used to feed, educate and care for God's children around the world. Thank you to everyone who gave bringing our total to **\$1222.00**. We ask that our gifts are a blessing and make God's presence and love a reality wherever it is used.

Our members responded generously to help the victims of the horrendous **Haiti earthquake**. **\$377.00** was sent to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** earmarked for Haiti.

There is an ongoing need for **Hygiene Kits** and we have sent 27 to date. We are nearing the completion of **24 Baby Care Kits**. We purchased fabric, thread, bias tape and diaper safety pins at economical prices and lovingly sewed them at great savings.

Each kit is estimated to be worth \$36.00 or more if bought. Church World Service asks us for a contribution of \$2.00 per kit to cover their shipping, handling and insurance. We also have shipping costs. Thank you for contributions of **\$220.00** to cover some of these costs.

Perhaps you will read or hear about **Big Sunday** this weekend when communities and volunteers come together for work projects all over the Los Angeles area. Our **Downtown Sandwich Project** and the **Fashion Show** last weekend that raised funds for the **Lupus Center** and **Pathways to the Future** qualified us as participants.

The **Bread for the World Offering of Letters** is coming soon!

*Ruth Hiersemann*  
*Mission and Social Justice*

### **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Pacific PWP Spring Gathering**

Saturday, May 22, 2010  
9:30 A.M. to 1:00 p.m.  
At First Presbyterian Church  
of Santa Monica

Our Outward Journey  
Two Wings of a bird  
The equality of Men and  
Women from the Bahai  
Prospective

Dr. Chitra Golestani



**CHOIR REUNION  
CONERT**

**June 13, 2010**

As you know our church is celebrating its 120th anniversary and the music department will dedicate the June concert to the church. We need former, future, and current choir members to participate in this grand celebration which will take place on June 13, 2010. There will be a dress choir rehearsal on Saturday, June 12, 2010.

The choirs will be preparing for this concert prior to June 12th. Please join us for our rehearsals in preparation for this concert. on Thursday nights. Chancel 6-7 p.m. and Gospel 7-8 p.m.

The Young Adults will be singing in the worship services sometime soon. Look for them. They have a wonderful sound. Continue to pray for them.

The Bell choir had a wonderful rehearsal and they too will be performing in our worship services.

The concert of Sunday, April 18th was wonderful. Daniel Fritzen, D.M.A. student at UCLA, was the performer. His concert featured music from the masters; Bach, Chopin, and others. He is a wonderful pianist with flawless technique and spiritual in nature. You still have chance to hear him on Sunday June 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Schoenberg Recital Hall at UCLA. He will give his Doctoral Piano Recital. You will not want to miss this.

We thank you for your prayers and support. May God continue to bless you.

*Anthony Kendrick  
Minister of Music*

**First  
Presbyterian  
Church of  
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**Presents**

**Paul Alford and Friends**

**SUNDAY, May 23, 2010  
3:00 P.M.**

Paul and Debbie Alford, Tony and Alba Sandate will be joined by "Friends" (Jeremy Alford and Denis Gobeille) to present a program of secular and sacred vocal and instrumental works in many styles-classical, jazz, rock and original compositions. A big hit in 2009, we are pleased to present this group again in 2010!

