

## Westview Chimes - March/April 2025

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### *Roy Campanella*

Roy Campanella and Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier on April 15, 1947, as the first African Americans to play in Major League Baseball (MLB) playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers. The All-Star, Roy, was considered one of the greatest catchers in the history of the game, but in his 11th year he was in a tragic car accident which left him a quadriplegic. After much work in rehab but still in a wheelchair, he was hired by the team for scouting and community relations.

#### **A CREED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED**

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do great things.  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy.  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing I asked for - but everything I had hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am among men, most richly blessed.

This poem was written on a plaque in the rehabilitation center that was used by Roy Campanella. He found it an inspiration as he worked through his rehabilitation and ultimate acceptance that he would be a quadriplegic for the rest of his life. In spite of his physical condition, Roy Campanella saw himself as “richly blessed.”

Life is a wonderful blessing and is simultaneously very difficult. Many of you face life daily with deep difficulties. I pray this quadriplegic, Roy, can be an inspiration of leaning into God’s embrace and trusting that God will grant you “everything you had hoped for, and you will come to realize that you are richly blessed”. You are a precious child of God, dearly loved by the Good Shepherd!

Much love, peace and joy to you,  
Pastor Dan

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### *SonRise Kitchen*

**SonRise Kitchen:** Experience the joy! We need volunteers to help with serving breakfast by River Park M-F 7:30 - 8:15am & making snack bags Wednesdays 9:15am. We also need donations of cereal, and lightly used: jackets & sweatshirts, sleeping bags, blankets, shoes, & socks. Thank you!

Contact Margo or Pastor Dan.

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## *Photos*



**Left Photo: Santa Cruz Interfaith Network Immigration Rights Training for the Faith Community Leaders at Westview. Learn how to train others to know their rights, create a Child Safety Plan and get involved in Rapid Response/Legal Observation at ICE.**

**Right Photo: Ian Hoffman, looking at our new world map of children sponsored by our congregation through Compassion and World Vision.**

**If you would like to sponsor a child and help lift them out of poverty reach out to Pastor Dan.**

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## *Recurso de Fuerza Village*

**Recurso de Fuerza village**, “Resource of Strength,” village for the unhoused will be built by Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties behind the church gym hopefully by June 2025. Counselors coordinated by CAB will be on site 24/7 to help the residents heal, plan and then move on to permanent housing. Please be in prayer for the transformation of the lives of those who will get to live and heal at Recurso de Fuerza!

**Consider Sponsoring a Room:** Please pray about if you, a club, a classroom, or workplace colleagues would like to sponsor the decoration of one of these 34 rooms with things like a welcome mat, pictures, a flowering plant, bedside lamp, etc., so we can welcome with loving arms these people who have felt like unloved outcasts for far too long. Bless you! (contact Pastor Dan)

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## *Live and Zoom Worship Services at Westview!!*

Live and Zoom Online Worship Services are being held at Westview Presbyterian Church Sunday at 10 am!!  
**Masks are now optional for those attending the Live Worship Service.**

To join Westview for **Live Zoom Sunday Online Worship Service** please send Westview an email at [westviewpc@gmail.com](mailto:westviewpc@gmail.com) so you can be added/accepted to our Zoom live recordings and can receive an automatic email reminding you of our upcoming live services. **If you are in need of any assistance with Zoom call Westview at (831) 724-6222 and leave a message.** Someone will call you back as soon as possible.

**Guest Speaker: Neal Presa, Executive Presbyter of San Jose – April 6th**  
**Pastor Mick Erickson – April 27th**

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*Wednesday Zoom Scripture Reflection & Mid-Week Check-In*

**Wednesdays at 4 pm.** The link is emailed out weekly. Please **send Westview an email at [westviewpc@gmail.com](mailto:westviewpc@gmail.com)** if you would like to **automatically be sent a link/reminder on a weekly basis about our Wednesday Mid-Week Check-Ins.**

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*Luncheons:* We have Social Hour with a light lunch the **1st Sunday of each month** along with cake for Birthdays! Come enjoy!

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