SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Flowers: Diane Leonard  
Coffee Hour: Anne Van der Staay  
Usher: Danny Alegria  
Altar Guild: Betsy Alexander  
Lesson: Betsy Alexander  
Epistle: Annemarie Redmond  
Intercessions: Catherine Aragon  
LEM: Annemarie Redmond

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 6  
10 a.m. Service  
No Nursery  
No Sunday School

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays  
Caroline Christensen, Mary Hufty

Anniversaries  
Andrew Stollar & Catherine Aragon,  
Harlan & Sarah Halsey,  
David & Sue Riggs

For pastoral care we invite you to reach out to The Reverend Claire Dietrich Ranna

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A NOTE FROM THE PARISH

Dear friends,

There are different levels of special days in the church Calendar.

The most important days, like Christmas, call us to prioritize worship by coming to church on a weekday to celebrate them.

Other days are important to celebrate, but we do so on the Sunday after they take place. For example, All Saints’ Day is technically November 1st, but in this congregation we have a tradition of celebrating it the following Sunday. In this case, the feast replaces our usual “Ordinary Time” lectionary readings.
Actually, saints and holidays are acknowledged almost every day of the year. On August 29th, we celebrate (if that can be considered the right word) the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. This is a “lesser feast or fast,” however, and is not considered important enough to replace our typical Sunday celebration even if it were to naturally fall on a Sunday.

This Sunday’s feast lands in the middle in terms of importance, at least in our church’s tradition! On Sunday we celebrate The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which falls each year on August 6th. We wouldn’t come in on a week day or move it to a Sunday to acknowledge it, but since August 6th is a Sunday this year, we get to celebrate Transfiguration instead of “The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost.”

I hope you’ll join us on Sunday to celebrate this less-common feast. Like last Sunday, we will have the Reverend Michael Barham as our preacher and presider and I, for one, look forward to hearing his perspective on this Gospel!

Blessings,
Lauren
Let us Pray

Come. O Christ my Light and illumine my darkness.
Come, my life, and revive me from death.
Come my Physician, and heal my wounds.
Come.
Flame of divine love
And burn up the thorns of my sins kindling my heart with the flame of your love.

For you alone are my King and my Lord.
Next Zoom Outreach Meeting: Mark your calendars for our next Outreach planning meeting on Tuesday August 8th, 9:30. Click on the Zoom Code https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86818387659? with Passcode 548012. Questions or to submit agenda items, contact Kathy Kennedy at kennedyiti@aol.com or 650-291-9678. Agenda items are needed by no later than 4PM on Monday August 7th.

Help with a Crafts Project at Burlingame Skilled Nursing residents - Burlingame Skilled Nursing is home to 170 disabled residents, most of whom have no family support. It is one of the neediest of the 60 care homes supported by SpiritCare in their mission to provide spiritual and emotional support to forgotten seniors. Under the guidance of the effervescent and creative Pam Kaufman you will have a chance to volunteer there for an hour on Thursday August 17th, 10AM making a crafts project with the seniors. Questions or to volunteer contact Pam Kaufman at pamkaufmann@gmail.com or 619-885-0885.

Silver Oaks Memory Care - We visit Silver Oaks each month. On July 16th we combined a craft project (making a rhythm instrument using red, white and blue beans) with a sing-a-long to patriotic music. Our thanks to Angela Hey, Kathy Kennedy, Josie Miller, Trevor and David. If you can sing, read or have a moment to hold a senior’s hand, contact Angela at amhey@heymash.com or 650-796-2377 to volunteer on Sunday August 20th, which is also National Radio Day. SpiritCare provides spiritual and emotional support for “forgotten” elderly and disabled residents at over 60 care centers in the Bay Area. Christ Church has partnered in this important ministry with Silver Oaks in Menlo Park which supports 46 seniors suffering from memory issues.

(Bicycle) Ride to End Homelessness - On Saturday August 26th Life Moves is holding a
fun fundraiser, which involve bicycle rides of varying lengths suitable for anyone’s ability. So whether you are more comfortable riding 6.4 miles on flat terrain or want to tackle a challenging 66.1 mile ride with 6293 feet of elevation gain, there is a ride that is just right for you. Register now at https://www.lifemoves.org/ride-to-end-homelessness/ For those of you who don’t ride at all, but are happy to attend the lunch and hear about what is going on with Life Moves, that is also an option. Meet at VMware | 3425 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, CA. And here’s the schedule:

- 7:00    Metric Century 68 mile ride
- 8:00    Frazer Life Sciences “Go-Get-It” 33 mile long ride
- 8:00    Medium 29 mile route
- 10:00   PNC Family 6 mile route
- 12:00   Lunch, Special Presentation & Acknowledgements

Angela Hey is coordinating setting up a Christ Church Bicycle Team. Contact her at amhey@heymash.com or 650-796-2377 if you are interested.

Save the Date for Rise Against Hunger: On Saturday September 30th the Christ Church Community will assemble 75,000 meals in TWO HOURS. That is a 50% increase from last year. Our 15,000 food kits (each holds 5 meals) will be sent to the hungry worldwide. This year the need is especially urgent since Russia is blocking food deliveries from Ukraine. To make it work we need you, your kids, your relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Everyone! Meals will be assembled at the PV Community Center then we will gather at Christ Church for a post-celebratory lunch. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief non-profit that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations. In 2022 Rise Against Hunger distributed 67.6 million meals to over 4 million people in Central America, Asia and Africa. Rise Against Hunger is also teaching sustainable farming practices in some African villages to make the communities self-reliant. Questions, contact Mary Soubirous at 650-224-0277 or msoubirou@aol.com

GAIA’s “Radical” Partnerships to End the HIV Epidemic in Malawi: Malawi’s impressive progress towards ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic over the last 8 years has made achieving the 95-95-95 UNAIDS treatment goals likely and ending the epidemic by 2030 truly possible. GAIA Global Health has been a key implementing partner to the government’s strategy to end the epidemic through their innovative and effective care models in rural communities. Since GAIA’s mobile clinics were first launched in 2008 to improve access to healthcare and HIV services, GAIA has provided integrated horizontal systems of primary health care for rural communities, with total clinic visits now topping 2.6 million, almost 120,000 clients tested for HIV, and client positivity dropping from 23% to 2% in 2022. With help from strategic partner Gilead Sciences, the focus is shifting to using radical partnerships to snuff out HIV in targeted at-risk populations including men 25-34, adolescent girls and young women and key populations such as female sex workers. Read more here https://www.gaiaglobalhealth.org/updates/radical-partnerships-to-end-the-hiv-epidemic

Dinner for Coast House Shelter - On Sunday July 9th a delicious dinner was prepared in the Parish Hall kitchen for the 57 adult and 3 child residents of Coast House shelter in Half Moon Bay. A tasty barbecued chicken dinner with brown rice/spinach/green Chile casserole, carrots, Boston Baked Beans, rolls and watermelon for dessert. It was prepared by Katie & Josie Miller, a school friend, Carol Wentworth and Ruth Ann Wrucke. Contact Ruth Ann Wrucke at 650-851-8435 if you can help in August. Coast House is one of the newest of the Life Moves shelters and houses 60 adults, couples, plus a few families in a converted Coast side motel, irregardless of immigration status. Homelessness in the Bay Area primarily results from a lack of affordable housing options and disproportionately effects black and older (50+) people according to a just released study of 3200 unhoused California adults conducted by UCSF’s Benioff Housing and Homelessness Initiative. California is considered to be the most unaffordable state in the US for housing and has 30% of the US homeless population. A person would have to work 90 hours a week at a minimum wage job to afford rent on a 1 bedroom apartment. You can read more here https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/jun/20/california-affordable-housing-crisis-homelessness-study-myths-older-black-residents

Thank you for Filling the Backpacks for Homeless Kids - Life Moves is in need of donated backpacks filled with school supplies for kids temporarily living at local Life Moves homeless shelters. This year, through your generosity, the Christ Church and the greater community supplied 20 backpacks for kids in 6th - 12th grade filled with everything from pens and paper to 3-ring binders and flash drives. In addition we provided 20 empty backpacks for college-
aged kids, many of whom are newly “emancipated” from the foster care system but are attending Community College in pursuit of their dreams. Our sincere thanks to Betsy Alexander, Tricia Christensen, Barbara Creed, Louise Delafield, Sarah Halsey, Karen Hill, Lisa Hill, Mary Jennings, Claiborne Jones, Kathy Kennedy, Diane Leonard, Dan Lopez, Lenore Lovoi, the Lund-Cheney Family, Wendy McAdams, Denise Moriarty, Sandy Patterson, Suzi Redfern-West, Nicole Sprague and Carol Wentworth. Thanks you also to organizer and backpack deliverer Tricia Christensen and backpack filler Caroline Christensen. Questions, contact Tricia Christensen at 650-207-2092 or triciahc@yahoo.com

Snack Bags for Life Moves Summer Camps - This summer during coffee hour (starting on June 25th and for every Sunday in July) the Outreach Committee and the Christ Church congregation assembled 100 snack bags each week for campers attending the Life Moves Summer Adventure camp, a camp for kids staying at Life Moves family shelters. The camp emphasizes fun science, technology, engineering, art and math activities (STEAM) and includes weekly field trips. The summer camp runs from June 27th to July 27th. Our thanks to Emily Blackmon, Tricia Christensen, Claiborne Jones, Kathy Kennedy, Erin Miller and Carol Wentworth for helping purchase snacks, organize assembly and deliver the much appreciated 500 SNACK BAGS. And our sincere thanks to the entire congregation that helped fill the bags for the past 5 Sundays.

Seeking Hotel-sized Toiletries: Are you on vacation or going on one soon? If you picked up any travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap or lotion during your last hotel stay, you can donate them for use at Coast House. Bring them to the box in the breezeway. And if you have a toothbrush or toothpaste your dentist gave you on your last visit that you have no use for, they could use that too. Coast House is located in Half Moon Bay and provides housing for 60 coast side homeless adults, couples and a few families each night. Life Moves is also providing support for local farm workers from that site. Donated items best used by families or children (diapers, children’s toothpaste, etc) will be delivered to Redwood Family Shelter in Redwood City which provides housing for 10 families each night.