

THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE

news & updates



April 11, 2021 | This Week at Christ Church

We gather every Sunday at 9 a.m. ONLINE!

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TODAY'S SERVICE

Acolyte - Louise Delafield

Lesson - Casey McKibben

Psalm - Mary Hufty

Epistle - James Coker

Nicene Creed - Catherine Aragon

Intercessions - Andy Pflaum

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Ed Jennings, Tim McAdam, Libby Lucas, Ellie Gardner, Stu Langs

Anniversaries

Robert & Suzanne Redfern-West

A NOTE FROM YOUR RECTOR

Dear Christ Church Family and Friends:

I pray you are seeing resurrections in your lives. It did not feel like that last year while we were quarantining. However, this year, with more and more people getting vaccinated, I am beginning to feel like I am emerging from a tomb. I long to see your faces, in person and unmasked! In the meantime, we will continue to worship, learn and serve together as best we can.

In less than two weeks, we will start a small online group with a powerful online curriculum created by the national Episcopal Church called **Sacred Ground**. I believe this will be some of the most important spiritual work we will do as a community of faith. You may have already done a lot of work in this area, but I promise you will learn something new here. Also, if you find it difficult to have a conversation about difficult topics such as race, especially with people who hold different beliefs or sit across the aisle from you, then this class is for you. If we cannot have these conversations "under the church roof" in a community of faith with people we profess to love and hold shared gospel values with, then how can we ever expect to be able to have those conversations out in the world?

This is a class designed to make you a better disciple. As part of discipleship, you have probably heard Bishop Marc and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry say on several occasions that we are committed to Becoming a Beloved Community, which seeks racial healing, reconciliation, and justice

in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. This is a class that will help you see the world through the lens of the gospel seven days a week, not just Sundays. We will meet for 10 sessions. The program is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Many of my friends and colleagues have completed this course and reported that it was TRANSFORMATIVE. **For me, that is what church is all about - to be transformed.** We will be meeting online Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. beginning April 21. I hope we can transition into meeting in person or at least in a hybrid of some of us meeting physically with others joining in via Zoom. Please [email me](#) if you are interested. For more information about *Sacred Ground* [click here](#).

More immediately, the Vestry will be meeting this Sunday, April 11. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Re-opening, how and when. Please feel free to [email me](#) any of your thoughts on this!

(2) Capital improvements on the campus. If you have something you think needs to be addressed please contact [Paul Lovoi](#), head of the buildings and grounds committee, or [Angela Hey](#), Junior Warden.

(3) Finding a new Youth and Children's Director. We wish we could clone Cara and have her full time at both the church and school. She was promoted last year to Co-Director of Carillon Preschool. With her increased duties and responsibilities, she is now full time on the school side of things. She was able to keep a foot in on the church side as we have been quarantining. However, as we look to opening up again in person, no one can simply do both jobs and her first love has always been the preschool. Cara had no formal religious training, and it really is not necessary. Many, if not most, churches run their children's programs with member volunteers. Moreover, the materials and curriculums are created and provided by experts in the fields these days for each denomination. What we need is someone who is responsible, with excellent communication skills and can connect with kids and their parents (and grandparents too!). The person needs to be available on Sundays and then one afternoon/evening a week as we start up a youth group. Of course, this person also needs to pass a background check. Please pray that God sends us the right person, spread the word, and lets us know if you know someone who might be looking for this kind of work.

(4) Discussion of my sabbatical (which should have started in August of 2020). Clergy are forbidden from "working" or doing things that are perceived as work, but rather, are encouraged to do something "that will make their heart sing," which I translate into doing something that will inspire and refresh them so they have new preaching material. One colleague is planning on a spiritual pilgrimage and walking the circumference of a Japanese island from temple to temple. Another studied art history in Europe. I have some ideas for mine, but they may look too much like work, and I now have a significant other to take into consideration as well. If done right, both the clergy person and the congregation will benefit. I will keep you posted as it begins to take shape.

With love and gratitude,
Beth

FACILITY USE POLICY

We are excited about re-opening, both for worship and small groups. In anticipation of re-opening the campus we wanted to send a facility use policy reminder to anyone who wants to use any part of the space here including the parking lot, library, parish hall, kitchen, narthex, or church.

1. **Contact Nicole either via email admin@ccpvw.org or phone (650) 851-0224 BEFORE you schedule anything.** This is so that we can mark it in the calendar and make sure there is not a conflict. We have funerals and weddings already scheduled and various people using the kitchen and the library. Please do not ask Nicole to read the weekly email/announcements or vestry/committee minutes do ascertain when you may want to use the facility - an email with the request in the subject line in the best way.
2. **Please make sure you leave the facility the same way it was when you entered.** Our custodial services do not include any special cleaning for events. Please remove any garbage. There is a key to the dumpster in the drawer next to the fridge in the kitchen. It is labeled. If you are using the kitchen please make sure:

- ___ All counters are clean
- ___ Dishes are washed AND put away
- ___ Floor is swept
- ___ Garbage is taken out to dumpster (see note about key above)

As far as the kitchen goes, our cleaning service only includes mopping the floor. Moreover, with Covid and the preschool open Leticia has enough to do as far as disinfecting and cleaning the classrooms. Please keep in mind that summer camp will be operating June 14th – July 9th.

Thank you!

DONATE TO HER DRIVE

What is Her Drive?

Her Drive is a nonprofit organization that collects bras, menstrual care, and general hygiene products for people who need them. Charlotte Hill and Sophia Crouse are hosting this drive and more information can be found on herdrive.org!

What are we collecting?

- Menstrual care
- General hygiene products
- New/unopened vanity products
- New & gently used bras
- Masks (cloth, surgical, N95, etc.)

How can I donate?

Use this link <https://forms.gle/1e1yXNNYZysxHJRg8> to fill out a Google Form and we will come to you for contactless pickup!

OR

Drop off products at a donation box located at Christ Church Portola Valley & Woodside (815 Portola Rd, Portola Valley, CA 94028) from April 5th to April 24th

OR

Venmo @Sophia-Crouse so we can go out and buy products for donation.

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM

Groceries for Home & Hope: On **Sunday April 11th** the Christ Church community will again provide a week of groceries for three homeless San Mateo County families that are currently sheltered at a motel. Can you help? Bring your items to the church on or before noon on Sunday April 11th and leave them in the parish hall (or kitchen fridge). No human contact needed. We are also looking for a **working fan** and a **lamp shade** for the Lopez family who are moving into their permanent home. Contact Kathy at kennedyiti@aol.com for more information.

Lunches for the Frail Elderly: We are seeking high school and college volunteers to make brown bag lunches for 40 frail homeless adults staying in motels in Redwood City. (Life Moves). Come to the parish hall patio on **Friday April 16th at 5PM** if you can help. Motivational pizza will be served. Contact Kathy at kennedyiti@aol.com or call her at 650-291-9678 if you want to participate.

Dinners for Maple Street Shelter: On **Sunday April 11th** we will provide dinner for 40 frail homeless adults. Ruth Ann plans a choice of ham with scalloped potatoes and roasted vegetables or Barbecued chicken with Mexican rice. Yum. She is looking for volunteers for **Sunday April 25th** when we will be providing dinner for 120 homeless adults at the Maple Street Shelter in

Redwood City. Contact Ruth Ann at cwrukke@mindspring.com or call her at (650) 851-8435 to volunteer. The Maple Street Shelter is part of the Life Moves program which provides a warm bed to over 1200 homeless people on the Peninsula every night.

Toiletries for the Homeless: Remember travel and those cute little toiletries that hotels used to give out? If you have any or know anyone who does, we are still collecting them for the Maple Street Adult Homeless Shelter. Bring them to the church breezeway and drop them off in the green box. We recently donated 132 pairs, but shower shoes are also needed. For those of you living at **The Sequoias** we will be placing a collection box there in the next few days. No human contact required.

Outreach Charity Review: Every two years Outreach reviews the charities we support and this is the year. If you are personally involved with a charity providing aid for the “poorest of the poor, homeless, imprisoned or the invisible needy” that you think Outreach should consider supporting, let us know. We will be reviewing additional charities at our **April 13th** meeting. Contact Kathy at kennedyiti@aol.com or call her at 650-291-9678.

NEWS FROM THE CARILLON SCHOOL



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SCHOOL

We are now open for enrollment!

Call to schedule your tour.

(650) 529-1335

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