



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

# THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE news & update



## TODAY'S SERVICE

**Flowers:** Diane Leonard  
**Greeter:** Ross Soubirous  
**Usher:** Betsy Alexander  
**Altar Guild:** Betsy Alexander  
**The Lesson:** Casey McKibben  
**The Epistle:** Catherine Aragon  
**Intercessions:** Anne Bertenthal

## CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK.

### Birthdays

Nancy Kruberg, Adellyn  
Geenen, Brett Bakken

### THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

#### Sunday, January 15

10 a.m. Service  
11:15 Vestry Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 18

10 a.m. Women's Spirituality  
Group

#### Sunday, January 29

Annual Breakfast and Meeting



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Zoom](#)

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## 2023 Vital + Thriving Project

We greatly appreciate the survey you completed for us at the end of the 2022!

We are now asking each **household** to take about five minutes right now or sometime this week to complete this second demographic survey. It will give us important information about our community

as we look toward the future. [Click here to take survey](#). To learn more about the Vital + Thriving Project [click here](#).

Happy new year!  
Grace and peace,  
Beth

P.S. We have had some feedback about question #21, "Are you a voting member of the church?" Consider that to mean, "Are you a current member of the church?"

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## A Note From Your Rector

Dearly Christ Church Family and Friends,

This past Wednesday evening I co-lead the online Peaceful Presence Gathering for Multi Voices for Peace & Justice with Rabbi Jonathan Prosnit from Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos. (To learn more about this group [click here](#).) It meets on the the 11th of every month. About 25 people gathered on Zoom from a variety of different faith traditions. One of the things we did was share one thing we planned to do to deepen our spiritual journey in 2023. For me, I plan to use the practice of *Lectio Divina* more in meetings.

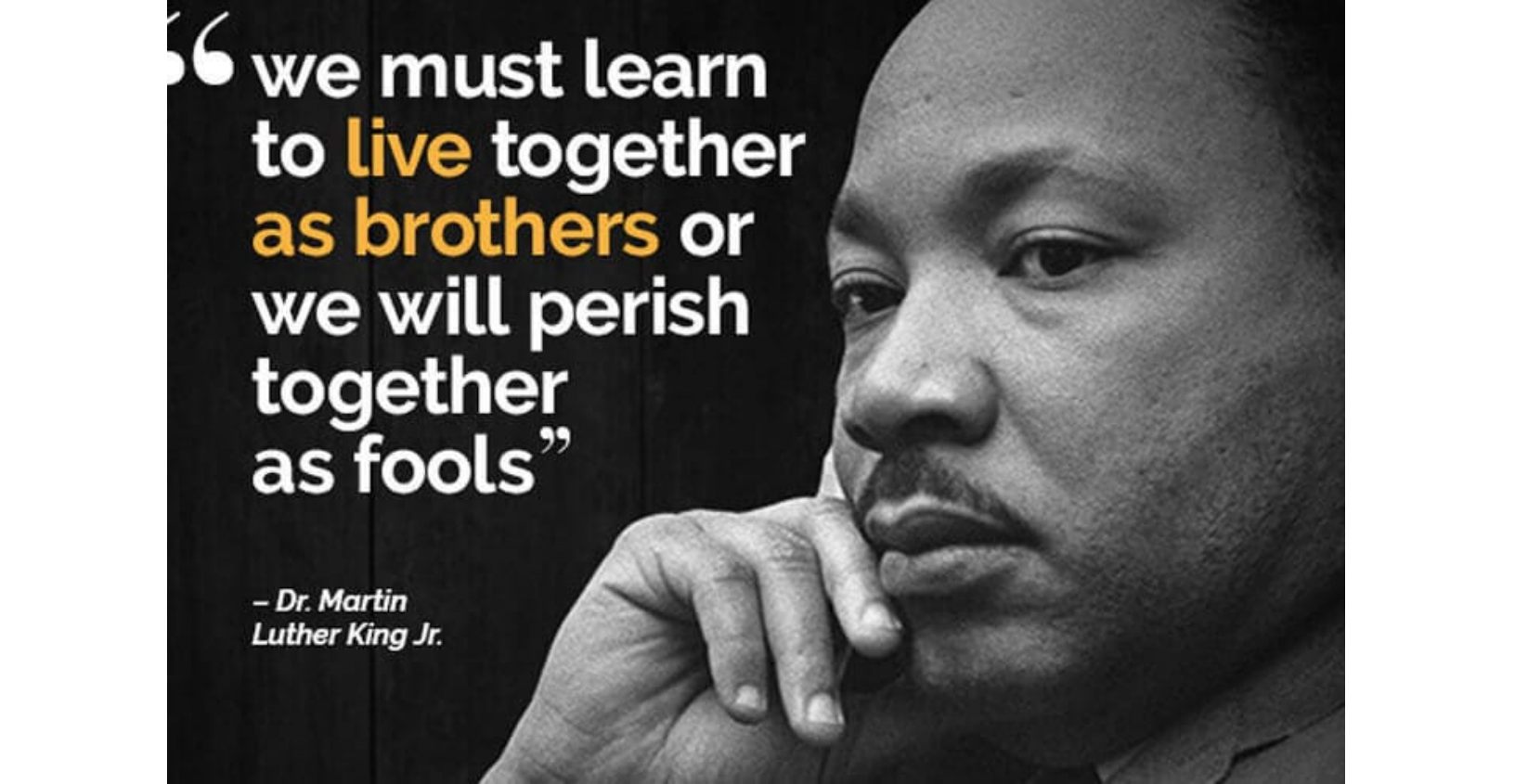
*Lectio Divina* is an ancient prayer practice that was made part of monastic life by St. Benedict in the 6th century. It is slow, rhythmic reading and praying of a Scripture passage repeatedly. It can be done alone, but I think it works better in a group. First, you pick a passage and read it. Notice what arises within you as you read it. Then you read it again, and then again, noticing what words and phrases grab your heart and noticing the feelings that arise. You respond to God about whatever is stirring within as you read and pray with the passage. Finally, you rest and let God respond and speak to you. I encourage you to try it, and try it with other people taking turns reading the passage!

God can also speak to us through beauty. I took the photo above this week because I was struck by the lovely decorations on the bridge leading to the church. They are so inviting! It is like like God saying welcome - come closer! The decorations were place there by our current senior warden, Mary Hufty. She also decorated the entrance to the Town Center with fresh garlands and wreaths for all to enjoy. Whether is it small acts of kindness, cooking for the local shelters, or making something especially beautiful for all to enjoy, it moves me to see God working through us, in us and among us.

God bless you all.  
With love,  
Beth

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## Spiritual Quote



“we must learn  
to **live** together  
as **brothers** or  
we will perish  
together  
as fools”

– *Dr. Martin  
Luther King Jr.*

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## A NOTE FROM CARILLON PRESCHOOL

Dearest Christ Church, we are happy to announce that Carillon Preschool will be holding a Spring Gala in order to raise money for their general budget. Mark your calendars for the evening of April 29!

As a silent auction event, we are hoping for your help! Please consider donating an item to our silent auction or even a buy-in party. Silent auction items could be tickets to a local event, a piece of jewelry, a day on your yacht or weekend at your vacation home, a bike, something from your place of work, or anything you think others would be interested in. Buy-in parties are all the rage in Portola Valley! Simply offer up a location and date, and come up with a fun theme for your party, and we will help you curate the perfect event! Fun ideas might include a paint night, cooking class, picnic in the woods, petting zoo, Luau, and so much more! If you are unsure if what you have to offer might be of interest, please feel free to email Anne to discuss your offer and she will help you come up with a great plan!

Thank you to everyone who is considering a donation to this event! We are so excited to work with you!

Anne Van der Staay

Look for more information about the Carillon Spring Gala coming soon!



Save  
the Date!

APRIL 29

Carillon  
Spring Gala

Mark your calendar's for an evening of dancing and supporting our school. This event will have a silent auction and more ways to give as well as food, friends, and dancing. It's an event you won't want to miss!

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### OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

**Need Singers/Readers for Silver Oaks Memory Care** - On Sunday January 15th singers

and readers are needed at 1:30PM in Menlo Park (16 Coleman Place) to help hold a Sunday service for the residents of Silver Oaks Memory Care. We will be taking picture books for the residents to enjoy. 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 which supports 46 seniors. Contact Angela Hey at [amhey@heymash.com](mailto:amhey@heymash.com) or 650-796-2377 to volunteer.

Zoom Outreach Planning Meeting - The next Outreach Planning meeting will take place on Tuesday January 17th at 9:30AM. Use Zoom code: <https://zoom.us/j/97649227080>. Please send agenda items to Kathy Kennedy at [kennedyiti@aol.com](mailto:kennedyiti@aol.com) or text them to me at 650-291-9678 by Monday January 16th at 4PM.

**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 by the Maple Street Shelter. 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. Maple Street Shelter is located in Redwood City and provides housing for 100 homeless adults each night. 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.

**Warm Outerwear and Underwear Drive for Homeless Adults:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Outreach collection of warm outerwear and underwear. 107 pairs of socks, 59 sets of underwear, 8 scarves, 17 hats, 5 pair of gloves and more have been delivered. The last delivery, primarily of warm socks, was made this week during a time when Maple Street Shelter wasn’t cut off by flooding. Our thanks to Carol Wentworth for making the deliveries. Items have been distributed to those temporarily residing at Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. Maple Street Shelter currently provides interim housing for 100 homeless adults; 10% or more of them are veterans. The shelter is in the process of expanding to be able to provide short-term (2 months) and mid-term (6 months) housing for 240 adult single men and women.

**Coast House Lunch/Dinner** - Holiday weekends are hard on shelters for the homeless which depend on volunteer help. On Saturday December 31, New Years Eve, Christ Church volunteers Carol Wentworth and Ruth Ann Wrucke made a hot gourmet lunch of chicken breasts in a mushroom/sherry gravy, a multi-rice pilaf, creamed spinach, pineapple Cole Slaw, cranberry sauce and a chocolate cupcake. They also provided an evening sack lunch consisting of a cream cheese and ham sandwich, carrots, cookies and Goldfish nibbles with a Happy New Year napkin. Spectacular! The meals were made for 55 people living in the Coast House shelter in Half Moon Bay. Well, we almost got it there on Saturday. The food was ready to go but the roads were closed and the creeks were rising. Delivery was postponed until New Years Day. Kathy Kennedy and Dave Miller drove it over the rivers and through the woods, dodging mud slides and mid-road boulders to deliver it minutes after Highway 92 reopened. Coast House is one of the newest of the Life Moves shelters and houses adults, couples, and families in a converted Coastside motel.

**170 gifts for Forgotten Seniors:** On December 22nd Pam (project chair) & Richard Kaufman along with SpiritCare Chair Angela Hey delivered 170 gifts for forgotten seniors staying at the county-run Burlingame Skilled Nursing Center. These folks have no families to visit and expected nothing at all for Christmas so these gifts were a very welcome surprise. Thanks to your generosity, there were even about 40 gifts left over which Angela delivered to San Carlos Elms and Hopkins Manor on Christmas Eve. Our thanks to Betsy Alexander, Christa Enns, Kiran Kamboj, Pam Kaufman, Cindy Labuda, Kaethe Langs, Diane Leonard, Pam Padilla, the Outreach Committee plus so many more of you who contributed to this campaign. We also appreciate our Christmas gift wrappers including Emily, Cecily and Oliver Van der Staay plus Matt Van Der Staay who did the heavy lifting. Others pitched in too and we are so grateful.

**“Adopt” a Holiday Food Basket for Life Moves Families-** With your generous support, the Outreach Committee delivered 20 holiday food baskets for families staying at two Life Moves shelters (Menlo Park and Daly City) plus for families who recently “graduated” from the shelters into permanent housing but are still struggling. The Outreach Committee provided spices, a can opener, aluminum foil, aluminum cooking pans, a set of kitchen towels/potholders, a tin of Christmas cookies, holiday napkins and a Christmas card for each basket. Parishioners provided 5 lbs of potatoes, stuffing, canned fruits & vegetables plus Martinelli’s cider needed to make a lovely holiday meal. The baskets were delivered on Monday December 19th so they were there in time for

Christmas. Thank you Eda Carlson, the Cheney family, Louise Delafield, Claiborne Jones, Kiran Kamboj, Kathy Kennedy, Diane Leonard, Dan Lopez, Lenore Lovoi, Pam Padilla, Carol Wentworth, Ruth Ann Wrucke and the Outreach Committee. Life Moves provides interim housing, meals, clothing and support services for 1328 people each night in 26 shelters in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Those supported include families, single adults and veterans.

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## Stewardship Campaign 2023

Thank you to all who have donated! We have received 45 pledges and have raised \$281K towards our goal of \$400,000 which is the amount that our Vestry and Finance Committee have determined is needed to keep our financials in balance. We hope to receive another 40 pledges and are asking everyone to consider a 10% increase, if possible. We know that not everyone can, but we will not reach our goals without our collective effort. As a small parish, the contributions of each person is incredibly important.

You can make a payment now for the 2023 campaign or make a pledge to be paid before 12/31/2023. Please return a pledge card or if easier email your pledge to [wendymcadam@mac.com](mailto:wendymcadam@mac.com) or [admin@ccpvw.org](mailto:admin@ccpvw.org). For those who contribute monthly through Vanco, we cannot continue those payments in 2023 without your written or emailed permission so please let us know.

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## Financial Report

## FINANCIAL UPDATE TO PARISH

January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

	Year to Date	% of Annual Budget	Annual Budget 2022
Income	\$451,279	117%	\$385,354
Expenses	\$438,369		\$427,580
Net income (deficit)	\$12,910		(\$42,226)

## FINANCIAL UPDATE TO PRESCHOOL

July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

	Annual Budget	Year to Date	% of Forecast Annual Budget	Forecast Annual Budget 2022
Income	\$364,689	\$118,023	56%	\$210,300
Expenses	\$335,259	\$124,909		\$303,275
Net income (deficit)	\$29,430	(\$6,886)		(\$92,975)

For the Preschool Annual Budget figures for 2022-23, we are sharing with you a "Forecast Budget." This Forecast Budget was created when we realized that the estimated enrollment numbers were not going to be achieved. The "Forecast Budget" is based on a more accurate enrollment for 2022-23 and was reviewed by the financial committee and the vestry. Some tuition is paid all at once at the beginning of the school year but some is paid monthly. All tuition is placed in a Deferred Tuition Account, from which all expenses are paid. Right now, 6 months into the school year, there is still enough money in Deferred Tuition to cover all expenses, but the actual annual deficit is beginning to show. Please contact Betsy Alexander, Treasurer, with any questions.

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