

# THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE

## news & updates



July 11, 2021 | This Week at Christ Church



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### CELEBRATIONS

#### Birthdays

Ryan Lopez, Kiran Kamboj, Elizabeth Hunter

#### Anniversaries

Matt & Anne Van der Staay

### TODAY'S SERVICE

**Greeter** - Danny Alegria

**Usher** - Betsy Alexander

**Lesson** - Mary Hufty

**Epistle** - Danny Alegria

**Intercessions** - Betsy Alexander

## IN-PERSON GATHERINGS JULY 9th AND 11th



Tonight, **July 9th at 7:00pm**, we will be holding an **evensong service with candlelight, choir, and prayer**. This service will be **indoors**. All attendees are asked to wear masks and choose socially distant seats. Don't miss your first opportunity this year to hear Christ Church Choir and our beautiful Visser-Rowland pipe organ!

Our next in-person, outdoor worship service will be **THIS Sunday, July 11th at 9:00 a.m. outside** on the patio again. As always, social distancing and masks will be required. Join us for worship, fellowship, music, and communion!

## NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM

**Home & Hope:** because the eviction moratorium was extended until the end of July (see below) Home & Hope is still awaiting their influx of homeless families. We had planned to host 4-5 families in

our parish hall for two weeks starting July 18th. At H&H request, we cancelled that. Instead on **Sunday July 18th** we will be providing a week of groceries for the one family currently in their program, the delightful Wright family. Contact Kathy at [kennedyiti@aol.com](mailto:kennedyiti@aol.com) or call her at 650-291-9678. We are working with other congregations to help them get their H&H programs up safely and hope to make volunteer opportunities available through them soon.

**Toiletries for the Homeless:** Remember travel and those cute mini toiletries that hotels give out? We are still collecting them (mini shampoos, conditioner, soap, lotion, sewing kits) for the Maple Street Adult Homeless Shelter. Bring them to the church breezeway and drop them off in the green box. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors and shower shoes are also needed. For those of you living at **The Sequoias** a collection box is there too. Contact James Coker who is managing it.

**Dinners for Maple Street Shelter: (Life Moves)** Our amazing team of volunteers (Penny McCulloch, Carol Wentworth and Ruth Ann Wrucke) made dinner on Saturday June 26th for 40 people at the Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. Half enjoyed a pot roast dinner with mashed potatoes, carrots and peas while the other half noshed on Italian Casserole with corn. All enjoyed Cole slaw, fruit salad, asparagus and cookies. Contact Ruth Ann at [cwrucke@mindspring.com](mailto:cwrucke@mindspring.com) or call her at (650) 851-8435 to volunteer in the future. The Maple Street Shelter is part of the Life Moves program which provides a warm bed to over 1300 homeless people on the Peninsula every night.

**Bag Lunches for Maple Street Shelter:** We will be meeting on the parish hall patio on **Saturday August 8th at 6:00PM** to make bag lunches for 40 people at the Maple Street Shelter. We hope to show the movie Nomadland that evening starting at 8:00.

**Fill the Backpacks:** In August Christ Church will again fill backpacks with school supplies for homeless kids staying at Life Moves shelters in Menlo Park and Redwood City and with Home & Hope. Contact Tricia Christensen at [triciahc@yahoo.com](mailto:triciahc@yahoo.com) for more information and watch for the Signup Genius to sign up for specific items that are needed.

**GAIA Global Health:** On Sunday June 27th GAIA hosted a celebration of its front-line health care workers in Malawi who are winning the fight against AIDS. Some in Malawi were up at 3:30 in the morning to join the fun. Three videos were shown including a Welcome song by Ntiza Village, an interview with Monica Makina, a GAIA nursing scholar graduate and one showing a day in the life of GAIA frontline healthcare workers. You can see them all at [www.gaiaglobalhealth.org](http://www.gaiaglobalhealth.org)

**News:** The moratorium on evictions has been extended until Saturday July 31st to allow already allocated federal funds to reach the locales where they are needed. Some California state programs are in place right now to help with back rent and electricity bills. Seven million people are facing eviction nationally. Life Moves estimates 11,000 could become homeless in Santa Clara County alone.

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