



CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE

news & update



TODAY'S SERVICE

Flowers: Diane Leonard
Greeter: Louise Delafield
Altar Guild: Betsy Alexander
Acolyte: Louise Delafield
Usher: Tim McAdam
The Lesson: Anne Bertenthal
The Epistle: Paul Lovoi
Intercessions: Vinie Miller
Coffee Hour Host: Penny McCulloch

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

Bob Jones, Winston Crawford, Maria Geenen, Riley Reimund, Alice Anderson

Anniversaries

Peter & Juno Szalay

THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

Sunday, July 24

10 a.m. Service (No Nursery)

Wednesday, July 27

11 a.m. Bible Study Sequoias

Thursday, July 28

9:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study



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A Note From Your Rector

Dear Christ Church Family and Friends:

In just a few minutes, Bishop Marc Andrus will be making an announcement during the noon service at Grace Cathedral. [Click here](#) to watch the livestream on the Grace Cathedral website.

You can also watch the service on the [DioCal Facebook page](#).

In other news, this Sunday will be the last Sunday that Laird and Penny McCulloch will be with us before they move to Washington state. It should be a lovely Sunday to gather, worship and give them our blessing as we send them off to their next adventure.

With love,
Beth

MISCELLANEOUS

ADDITIONAL PLEDGE THIS SUMMER

Thank you for prayerfully considering increasing your pledge or making an additional donation this

summer. We have a budget deficit and are close to being in a cash crunch over the summer. Anything you can do would help.

RIDES TO CHURCH FOR SOME OF OUR SENIORS

If you are available to provide a ride either to or from church on Sundays for some of our senior parishioners who are no longer driving please contact nicole [here](#). Anne Dauer lives in Palo Alto at the Vi, and Joan Gray is at the Sequoias. Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM



Thank you Penny McCulloch: Penny McCulloch led the Christ Church Outreach Committee for 9 years and more recently has led our work with overlooked seniors through SpiritCare. She and Ruth Ann Wrucke have been leading our congregation in making meals for the homeless for at least 25 years. When one of our homeless families faced challenges with their newly diagnosed autistic daughter's Type 1 diabetes, Penny put her nursing skills to work and taught the mother the dietary changes she would have to make then followed up with her for months. Because, of course she did. So

to say the Outreach Committee will miss Penny and Laird McCulloch would be a tremendous understatement. We are grateful for Penny's leadership and compassion over all these years. And we wish the McCulloch family nothing but joy in their new home in Bellingham, WA.

Snack Bags for Homeless Kids Summer Camp: from **Sunday June 19th to Sunday July 31st** (7 weeks): For the 6th of 7 weeks Christ Church will be providing snack bags to support the Life Moves Summer Adventure Camp program for local homeless kids. We are making 100 bags each week, for the camps at Haven House (23 families) in Menlo Park plus Redwood Family House (10 families) and the Safe Parking camp (for people living in RVs) in Redwood City. This week's theme is "Mad Science." We need volunteers to help assemble the bags **after church each Sunday**. Contact Kathy Kennedy at kennedyiti@aol.com or 650-291-9678. Or just show up. Special thanks to "buyers" Angela Hey and Kathy Kennedy (raisins, goldfish, water bottles, Rice Crispy treats and fruit gummies) for their help last week during "Under the Sea" week. We couldn't have done it without many efficient snack bag stuffers. The camp counselors were all smiles when they saw the snack bags arrive.

You Filled the Backpacks for Homeless Kids/Teens!: This year, with your help, Christ Church filled backpacks with needed school supplies for local kids, currently living in interim housing in Life Moves shelters. We filled 20 backpacks for 3rd to 5th graders. Tricia and Caroline Christensen spent this week stuffing the backpacks with all your donated school supplies. With your help Christ Church families also provided 30 unfilled backpacks for homeless college kids, 10 more than we planned on but they were a few short. Many of the college kids have "graduated" from foster care, so are now living in shelters. Some college students are simply trying to gain needed skills to become self-supporting. Our thanks to Betsy Alexander, Tricia Christensen, Lisa Hill, Mary Jennings, Claiborne Jones, Kathy Kennedy, Diane Leonard, Lenore Lovoi, Wendy McAdam, Courtney & Andy Pflaum, Carol Wentworth and the Outreach Committee for making it possible. Sometimes it takes our Christ Church village to make educating "challenged" kids possible. Questions, contact Tricia Christensen at triciahc@yahoo.com or 650-207-2092.

SpiritCare visit: On Sunday July 17th Angela Hey and Kathy Kennedy visited with 22 seniors at Silver Oaks Memory Care. Though it was a little past July 4th, we sang patriotic songs with them like *God Bless America*. We also shared slides from around the Sea of Galilee in Israel showing archaeology finds of the last 50 years. St Peter's and St. Andrew's house in Capernaum was located in 1968, a fishing boat like one the disciples used was found in 1986 by brothers at Kibbutz Gonasaur and the entire town of Magdala, Mary Magdalene's home town, was discovered in 2009. We said The Beatitudes together as we looked at the "mount" where Jesus taught that radical sermon. We need singers and readers on **Sunday August 21st at 1:30** for our next visit. Contact Penny McCulloch at 425-713-9002 or penny.j.mcculloch@gmail.com for more information. 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 with Silver Oaks Memory Care which supports 46 seniors for this important ministry.

Rise Against Hunger Registration is now open: The UN says worldwide starvation driven by the spike in food, fuel and fertilizer prices is being sparked by the war in Ukraine. 345 million acutely hungry people are marching towards starvation, a 25% increase from last year. On **Sunday September 25th** from 11:30 - 1:30 the Christ Church Community will be making 10,000 meals in just two hours. Our food kits will be sent to the hungry worldwide. Registration is now open and yes, you can bring friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives. We will even feed everyone lunch. Click here to Register. <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/CCPVW2022> To learn more about Rise Against Hunger watch this 2 1/2 minute video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TI9LOljt1RU&t=4s>. Contact Mary Soubirous at msoubirou@aol.com or 650-224-0277 for more information.

Dinner for Maple Street Shelter: On Sunday July 3rd Outreach volunteers prepared Turkey salad, Three Bean Salad, Creamed Corn Spoon Bread, Red Velvet Cake and Berry Cobbler for 100 homeless adults temporarily housed at Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. Our sincere thanks to volunteers Diane Leonard, Penny McCulloch, Carol Wentworth and Ruth Ann Wrucke. We will do it again in August. Contact Ruth Ann Wrucke at 650-851-8435 to volunteer. Maple Street Shelter is part of Life Moves which provides 1549 beds and a hot meal each night for otherwise homeless adults and families in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. They also provide the counseling needed to rapidly help our unhoused neighbors move into stable homes.

Seeking Toiletries: Remember travel? If you have any travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap or lotion you picked up 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.

Ukraine: World Central Kitchens (WCK) has now delivered 100 million meals in Ukraine and seven neighboring countries in the 5 months since the Russian invasion. One quarter of all Ukrainians and two-thirds of all Ukrainian kids are currently refugees. making this the worst European humanitarian crisis since WWII. Outreach does not have a program in Ukraine but WCK, which was founded by Spanish-American Chef Jose Andres, provides 1.7 million meals a day, even on the front-lines. If you want to help, this organization is worth your consideration. wck.org/benevolentspirits. The Bentivoglio Family Fund is currently matching donations dollar for dollar up to \$1 million. TripAdvisor Foundation will also match donations up to \$5000. WCK is active wherever there is a catastrophe. As the ground was still shaking, WCK was setting up kitchens in Afghanistan for earthquake victims and is providing both food, clean water and baby formula; WCK is still the only source of freshly prepared hot meals in the June 22nd earthquake zone. They also are providing hot meals to refugee families arriving in DC after being bused from Texas and at the Texas and Arizona border crossing, ensuring that everyone "has a warm comforting meal."



