



CHRIST CHURCH

PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE

news & update



TODAY'S SERVICE

Flowers: Diane Leonard
Greeter: Ross Soubirous
Altar Guild: Mary Soubirous
Acolyte: Louise Delafield
Usher: Mary Hufty
The Lesson: Danny Alegria
The Epistle: James Coker
Intercessions: Louise Delafield
Coffee Hour Host: Jim Szewczak

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

Bea Bakken, Lucas Loaiza, Elisabeth Livingston

Anniversaries

Andrew Stoller & Catherine Aragon

THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

Sunday, July 31

10 a.m. Service (No Nursery)

Wednesday, August 3

10 a.m. Women's Spirituality Group

Thursday, August 4

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



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A Note From Your Rector



Dear Christ Church Family and Friends:

We celebrated Penny and Laird this past Sunday before they move to Bellingham, WA. They have been an integral part of our Christ Church community for the last thirty years. To say that they will be sorely missed is an understatement. However, Ruth Ann Wrucke said to me last week, "We love them so much that we let them go." Ruth Ann is a wise woman indeed. As they embark on this new chapter, we gave them a parting gift of encouragement, support and love – an icon by Ukrainian artist Ivanka Demchuk. The icon depicts the first eyewitnesses encountering the resurrected Jesus on Easter morning according to Luke 24:1-49. Luke reports that Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and others with them went to the tomb. May the icon of the resurrection remind them of how Jesus cares for them on their new chapter and new life in a new

place.

We will also be saying goodbye to our Bishop, but not nearly so soon. Last Friday, Bishop

Marc Andrus announced his retirement two years from now in July, 2024. In case you missed it you can view [Friday's announcement to the Episcopal Diocese of California, from Bishop Marc here](#). The Standing Committee sent out a follow-up announcement giving a brief outline and timeline of what the process will look like. You can view that [here](#). Finally, the Diocese has set up a special web page to follow and track the [Bishop search process](#). It will be an exciting process.

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

Snack Bags for Homeless Kids Summer Camp: from **Sunday June 19th to Sunday July 31st** (7 weeks): For the 7th 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. Last week's theme was "Mad Science" and this week is "Wild and Wonky." 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" Kathy Kennedy (fruit juice, bubble wands) and Carol Wentworth (apples, cheese crackers). And our thanks to Christa Enns and Carol Wentworth for the homemade cookies. Yum! Of course, we couldn't have done it without many efficient snack bag stuffers. The camp counselors are excited each week to see what is in the snack bags.

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=TI9LOljtiRU&t=4s>. Contact Mary Soubirous at msoubirou@aol.com or 650-224-0277 for more information.

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 local financially-challenged kids possible. Special thanks to Tricia Christensen for leading this important program.

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 Angela Hey at 650-796-2377 or amhey@heymash.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.

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. They

are especially concerned about feeding seniors who are trapped at the front and can't leave. One of the WCK volunteers, Sardor, in Chuhuiiv, Ukraine was killed this week by Russian missiles. If you want to help, this organization is worth your consideration. wck.org/benevolentspirits. The Bentivaglio 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 5000 meals a day, 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 evacuees from the Oak Fire near Yosemite. Outreach will show a documentary in September about WCK and the spirit of volunteerism they inspire.

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