



CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE

news & update



TODAY'S SERVICE

Flowers: Tricia Christensen
Greeter: Paul & Lenore Lovoi
Altar Guild: Betsy Alexander
Usher: Betsy Alexander
Acolyte: Louise Delafield
The Lesson: Louise Delafield
The Epistle: Robert Redfern-West
Intercessions: Vinie Miller
Coffee Hour Host: Tricia Christensen

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays
 Rachel Bright, Ward Paine, Annika Crawford, John Lipa
Anniversaries
 Bill & Susie Lattin, Stephen & Liz Laderman, Greg & Rosemary Hintz, Chuck & Barbara Harwood, Steve & Linda Millard

THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

Sunday, June 19
 10 a.m. Service (No Nursery)
Wednesday, June 22
 10 a.m. Women's Spirituality Class
 11 a.m. Bible Studies Sequoias
Thursday, June 23
 9:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study



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A Note From Your Rector

Dear Christ Church Family and Friends:

One of my favorite prayers in the Book of Common Prayer is from Evening Prayer on page 124:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

I like it because it covers the gambit of the human condition, and this week seems to have particularly encompassed that broad spectrum. June is the perennial favorite month for weddings. Thus, we have a ton of anniversaries in our parish to celebrate. We also celebrate Juneteenth on Monday, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and the end of a sinful chapter in our nations history. Then of course June is PRIDE month. It commemorates the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in NYC, which was the tipping point for the LGBTQ+ community's movement for equal rights. These are all wonderful things to remember and celebrate. It reminds me of the progress that we have made, the trajectory toward

justice and freedom for all. Then today, I buried Donald Sweet, and today is the seven-year anniversary of the deadly shooting at Charleston's Emanuel AME church, and last night three people were shot and killed at a potluck dinner at an St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Alabama. We are having an epidemic of mass shootings among many other concerning things in our society. There is so much "us" and "them." When will we ever be "we." We are more alike than we are different, and our survival and the earth's survival is dependent on us getting along - not blowing each other up.

We have a balm to offer this world. We gather to remind ourselves of what really matters, of what kind of world we want to live, and to give each other courage and support to change things little by little in this place and time in which we live. Through it all, we lean into God and each other to give rest to the weary, to bless the dying, to soothe the suffering, and to shield the joyous - all for love's sake.

With love,
Beth

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS



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](#). Betsy Alexander lives in Menlo Park, Anne Dauer lives in Palo Alto at the Vi, and Joan Gray is at the Sequoias. Thank you!

The second annual Diocesan Juneteenth Celebration will take place in-person and online on Sunday, June 19 at Grace Cathedral at 6 p.m. Members of the local chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) will be participants. The liturgy will draw from the UBE recommendations from last year (see link below). [Click here](#) for the live stream page.

DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA HAS A NEW LOGO



THE DIOCESE OF
CALIFORNIA

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE BAY AREA

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM



Snack Bags for Life Moves Summer Adventure Camp: from **Sunday June 19th to Sunday July 31st** Christ Church will be providing snack bags to support the Life Moves summer camp program for homeless kids. We will make 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. We need volunteers to help assemble the bags **after church each Sunday**. Volunteer cookie bakers are also needed. Contact Kathy Kennedy at kennedyiti@aol.com or 650-291-9678. Or just show up. If you know of a vaccinated teen, age 14+, who is looking for a volunteer job this summer, there are still a few camp counselor positions available. Fill out the application form at <https://www.lifemoves.org/volunteers/summer-adventure-camp/> Life

Moves is also seeking one-on-one "Tap-in tutors", ages 16+ to tutor homeless kids (6th - 8th grade) in math and language arts.

SpiritCare visit: Singers and readers are needed **Sunday June 19th** (Father's Day), at 1:30 PM

at Silver Oaks Memory Care in Menlo Park. In honor of Father's Day and Mother's Day (which we missed last month due to COVID) we also ask everyone in the congregation to sign cards for the residents after the church service. 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. Contact Penny McCulloch at 425-713-9002 or penny.j.mcculloch@gmail.com for more information.

Dinner for Maple Street Shelter: Seeking sous chefs and bakers. On **Sunday July 3rd** Outreach will be making dinner for 100 homeless adults temporarily housed at Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. Much of the preparation will be done the day before. 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. In December the Maple Street shelter will expand to provide housing for 300 people, each night.

Fill the Backpacks for Homeless Kids/Teens: This year, with your help, Christ Church will be filling backpacks with needed school supplies for local kids, currently living in interim housing in Life Moves shelters. This year, we hope to provide and fill 20 backpacks for 3rd to 5th graders. We also need donations of 20 unfilled backpacks for homeless college kids many of whom have "graduated" from foster care. Can you help? Signup on the Signup Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4caca82e5-christ4> then deliver your items to church by **Sunday July 17th**. Questions, contact Tricia Christensen at triciahc@yahoo.com or 650-207-2092.

Rise Against Hunger Registration is now open: 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. 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

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: Outreach does not have a program to help in Ukraine but Spanish-American Chef Jose Andres has set up his "World Central Kitchens" (WCK) in 7 central European countries plus Ukraine. Russia invaded Ukraine 3 1/2 months ago and WCK started making meals for refugees the next day. This is the worst refugee crisis in Europe since WWII. One quarter of all Ukrainians and two-thirds of all Ukrainian kids are currently refugees. WCK is helping feed the 7.3 million Ukrainian refugees who have left the country (90% are women and kids), 53% of whom are in Poland, plus the 8 million displaced in-country Ukrainians. From 2000+ distribution points 4300 WCK "Food Fighters" have served 40+ million meals from over 3000 distribution sites in the months since the war began. They are currently serving a million meals per day. WCK has distributed 17+ million pounds of food to chefs in 260 Ukrainian communities including on the front lines. They are providing 30,000 30 pound food kits (600,000 meals) to families every day especially in newly freed areas. In some cases, on the front lines, volunteers take food bags in and refugees out. This week Russian missiles blew up a WCK food train but blessedly no one was hurt and only one car of food was fully lost. If you want to help, this organization is worth your consideration. wck.org/benevolentspirits. The TripAdvisor Foundation, Rosenthal Family Foundation and Salesforce have all announced they will match any donations.