THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

-Sunday, Service at 10 a.m. inside at Church (with masks)
-Sunday 11:15 a.m. Vestry Meeting
-Sunday March 13, 4pm Evensong
This service will highlight music from the Ephrata Cloister, a faith community from 18th century Pennsylvania. The women of the Ephrata Cloister wrote the earliest extant music by female composers in America. The Christ Church choir will be singing some of this early American music, in addition to Lenten hymns and psalms.

-Tuesday, March 15, 5:45 Lenten Soup Group in the Parish Hall
We will be starting Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Road by Walking* (We start at page 126 because the book follows the liturgical year). Click here to read the chapter. (It is just five pages!). Click here to RSVP so we set a place for you at the table!

-Wednesday, March 9, 10 a.m.
Women's Spirituality Group via Zoom

-Thursday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. The Lenten Book Study will meet in the Library. We will be reading *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine. Please RSVP to Rev. Beth if you are interested in participating in this group. Click here to read the book Introduction and Chapter 1.

CELEBRATIONS
Birthdays
Quinn Holmes, Peggy Dubes, Linda Millard, Harlan Halsey

TODAY'S SERVICE
Greeter: Ross Soubirous
Altar Guild: Betsy Alexander
Usher: Betsy Alexander
The Lesson: Vinie Miller
The Epistle: Danny Alegria
Intercessions: Trask Leonard
Coffee Hour: Jim Szewczak & Pam Padilla
Years ago, a scholarly lady named Paula Zurcher in Christ Church led discussions of church concepts. In one of her classes, she asked us to write a definition of God in no more than 50 words. This was my contribution to which I have added a few words. I share it with you in hopes that it may add a measure of substance as we enter Lent.

God to many may be a human concept, devoid of substantive meaning. Yet, our deep sense of thankfulness, hope, and kindness; a profound appreciation of beauty; an incredible search for knowledge; a strong desire for love; and a longing for peace could be God calling, reminding us of the mystery of creation.

FILM SCREENING - SUNDAY, APRIL 3
Humane Prison Hospice Project
In partnership with Trinity Church, Humane Prison Hospice Project presents a screening of the Oscar-nominated documentary Prison Terminal: The Last Days of Private Jack Hall, followed by a panel discussion with activists who are working to improve the way people die in prisons across the U.S.

Prison Terminal: The Last Days of Private Jack Hall breaks through the walls of one of America’s oldest maximum security prisons to tell the story of the final months in the life of a terminally ill prisoner, and the hospice volunteers, they themselves prisoners, who care for him.

This is a FREE event, offering light snacks, sparkling water, beer & wine, ID required. Proof of vaccination and booster are required for admission, per the Trinity Church Safety guidance. Tax deductible donations are always welcome for the Humane Prison Hospice Project, a 501C3 organization dedicated to advocating for compassionate end-of-life care in our nation’s prisons.

MARVIN MUTC
Co-Founder/Senior Advisor--Public Information/Policy Advocate

LADYBIRD MORGAN
RN, MSW, Co-Founder/Program Director

EDGAR BARENS
MFA, Filmmaker, Correctional Healthcare Activist

TRINITY CHURCH
330 Ravenswood
Menlo Park, CA

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022
TIME: 2PM - 4PM
INFO: tinyurl.com/HumanePrisonTrinityChurch
LENTEN MUSIC AND CONCERTS

Sunday, March 13, 4pm
Join our choir for sung prayer by candlelight. This service will highlight music from the Ephrata Cloister, a faith community from 18th century Pennsylvania. The women of the Ephrata Cloister wrote the earliest extant music by female composers in America. The Christ Church choir will be singing some of this early American music, in addition to Lenten hymns and psalms.

Saturday, March 26, 2pm and 7:30pm
On March 26th, children who placed in the Junior Bach competition will be performing in two concerts at our church. It is always a delight to see their hard work, talent, and creativity in this showcase of Bach’s music!

Sunday, April 3, 3pm
The American Guild of Organists will be presenting their spring member’s recital at Christ Church this year. Join us to hear many skilled organists from our community!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Please make a pledge to support our ministry here at Christ Church. You are welcome to donate now towards the 2022 Stewardship campaign or make a pledge to be paid at your convenience by the end of this year - December 31, 2022. Thank you for keeping Christ Church Portola Valley strong.

For those with outstanding pledges from 2021, please let us know if you need an invoice to know if your pledge was met. Please reach out to wendymcadam@mac.com or admin@ccpvw.org with any questions or concerns.

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM

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 120 homeless adults each night.

Dinner for Maple Street Shelter: Bakers and sous chefs are needed on Saturday March 12th to help make dinner for the 120 residents of Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. Contact Ruth Ann Wrucke at 650-851-8435 to volunteer. On Saturday February 19th Outreach volunteers provided dinner for 60 at Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City which was undergoing a COVID outbreak (so many were quarantined in motel rooms). The Italian dinner consisted of Lasagna or Italian pasta, Cole Slaw, grilled vegetables and cake or cookies for dessert. It was much appreciated. Thank you Norma Cance, Sarah Halsey, Linda Millard, Suzie Redfern-West, Mary Soubirous, Carol Wentworth and Ruth Ann Wrucke. Maple Street Shelter is part of Life Moves which provides 1350+ beds and a meal each night to otherwise homeless adults and families in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

SpiritCare visit: Fully vaccinated singers and readers are needed in Menlo Park for a half hour on Sunday March 20. Contact Penny McCulloch at 415-713-9002 or penny.j.mcculloch@gmail.com for more information. In February Parish members made Valentines cards for the residents of Silver Oaks Memory Care unit and Outreach delivered them in time for Valentines Day. Then we went back a week later sing spirituals. SpiritCare provides spiritual and emotional support for “forgotten” elderly and disabled residents at over 60 care centers in the Bay Area. There are 43 memory care residents at Silver Oaks in Menlo Park, the facility with which Christ
Church has partnered.

**Diaper and Toiletry Drive for Home & Hope families:** H&H asked for our help providing toiletries and diapers/wipes for the families with babies, and you really came through! Our thanks to Sherry Lund & Carl Cheney, James Coker, Kathy Kennedy, Jenny Lebsack, Diane Leonard, Dan Lopez, Pam Padilla, Mary Soubirous and Anne Van Der Staay. Thank you so much!! Happily several of the current H&H families are moving into permanent housing but new ones will soon take their place. We plan to do a grocery drive for the new families on **Sunday April 3**. Contact Kathy Kennedy at 650-291-9678 or kennedyiti@aol.com for more information. Home & Hope provides shelter for four otherwise homeless San Mateo County families.

**GAIA Healthcare:** Normally GAIA in Malawi focuses on eradicating AIDS and Malaria in one of the poorest countries in Africa. But when Tropical Storm Ana struck the southern districts of Nsanje, Phalombe, Mulanje and Chikwawa two weeks ago GAIA used their mobile health care clinics to help assist the 188,000 people who were displaced and the 30,000 households of people who are now homeless. A third of the country's electrical capacity was also destroyed in the storm. The Outreach Committee quickly sent a check to help provide health care assistance.

**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) on the Polish (9 kitchens), Romanian (1 kitchen) and Moldova borders (1 kitchen) as well as inside western Ukraine (5 kitchens) to help feed the 2 million fleeing Ukrainian refugees. Mostly women and kids are coming across the border in freezing conditions. They are currently providing 150,000 meals a day to refugees. WCK will be setting up kitchens in Slovenia and Hungary in the next few days. If you want to help, this organization is worth your consideration. wck.org/benevolentspirits. The TripAdvisor Foundation has announced they will match any donations.