

THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE

news & update



May 8, 2022 | This Week at Christ Church

THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

Sunday, May 8 at 10 a.m. Service with choir (NURSERY open)

Sunday, May 8 at 10 a.m. Sunday School

- Zoom (Meeting ID: 864 5095 0391 Passcode: 420960)
- *in person only with RSVP* in advance to michel.hardbarger@gmail.com

Sunday, May 8 at 4:30 p.m. Vespers at the Sequoias

Tuesday, May 10 at 9:30 Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 10 a.m. Women's Spirituality Class

Thursday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study

TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeter: Paul & Lenore Lovoi

Altar Guild: Betsy Alexander

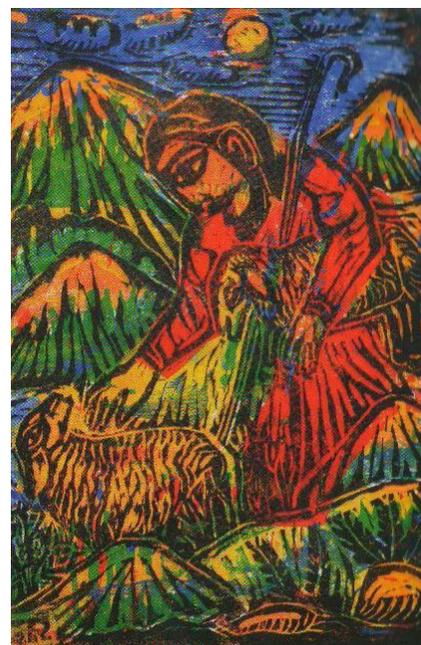
Usher: Betsy Alexander

The Lesson: Andy Pflaum

The Epistle:

Intercessions:

Coffee Hour Host: Kathy Kennedy



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[Click Here for Bulletin/Order of Service](#)

[CLICK HERE to join on Zoom](#)

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

Jane Morton, Catherine Aragon, Karen Hill, Claiborne Jones, Sue Beekley

Anniversaries

Jack & Libby Lucas

A Note From Your Rector

Dear Christ Church Family and Friends:

We continue this Sunday in the season of resurrection with Good Shepherd Sunday. It is filled with great readings. We will read about the lesser known resurrection of Tabitha, followed by the famous Psalm 23 *The Lord Is My Shepherd*, and then the gospel, which mentions . . . sheep! It is also Mother's Day. Meister Eckhart preaches, "*We are all meant to be mothers of God, for God is always needing to be born.*" Lord, isn't this the truth? For some Mother's Day is difficult, for others it is joyful. However, most of us have needed God to be born in our lives and have had spiritual mother's at various points in our journeys of faith make that happen. It is going to be a great Sunday so please join us.

There is **nursery for children under 5 this Sunday**, and **Sunday School** for youth 5-11 on Zoom Meeting ID: 864 5095 0391 Passcode: 420960. It only meets in person on the **Second Sunday of the month if you RSVP TO MICHEL** at michel.hardbarger@gmail.com. Otherwise, Sunday School meets online. We hope that as families with children return to in-person worship we can return to our weekly Sunday School programming.

Three things that I would like to direct your attention to happening in the near future:

- The Diocese is starting a program called **Vital +Thriving Congregations**. A year-long (or more) program that helps parish leaders lead their parish in renewal. It is an opportunity for parish leaders to dream big, grow together, and strengthen their parish. It costs us nothing and is funded by donations to the Diocese (not by parish assessments). Each participating parish receives \$5,000 to support ministry innovation efforts with opportunities to apply for grants of \$25,000 to support parish mission and ministry growth. We must apply to be included. The Diocese will select a cohort of 10 parishes in the Fall. The Diocese is hosting three informational meetings to share more about the process and goals of this initiative. To register for a session below:

[May 10, 6:00pm-7:00pm PT](#)

[May 12, 12:00pm-1:00pm PT](#)

[May 18, 4:00-5:00pm PT](#)

- **Dinner for Families with school-age kids on Friday, June 3, 2022, at 5 p.m.** This is intended to create space for busy families at the end of the week to unwind and connect with other families with kids in our parish and our preschool and beyond. RSVP to nicole@ccpvw.org
- **Free at Last – Wednesday, May 11 at 5 p.m. online and in person forum at Grace Cathedral with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry joining (online) and Diocesan Bishop Marc Handley Andrus on the Movement to End Slavery for Good**, followed by The Vine with Bishop Marc. Over the next 12 months, there will be opportunities to learn the issues, frame them in light of Anglican Christian ethics, develop meaningful relationships and advocate with elected officials. An issue of this magnitude invites the active participation of the whole community, and has a place for everyone, including you. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Grace and Peace,
Beth+

DINNER FOR FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL-AGE KIDS



Friday, June 3
5-7 p.m.

We at Carillon Preschool and Christ Church know how busy families with kids are these days. We get it! So we want to create some space for you to relax and slow down at the end of the week. Bring the kids and enjoy a casual dinner on our gorgeous patio (with a fun adjoining playground) while you get to know other families in the area. RSVP by Friday, May 27th to nicole@ccpvw.org or call 650-851-0224.



[RSVP FOR FAMILY DINNER HERE](#)

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM



Dinner for Maple Street Shelter: On **Saturday May 14th** Christ Church will make dinner for the 120 residents of Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. Contact Ruth Ann Wrucke at 650-851-8435 to volunteer. We also **need volunteers to spruce up the garden** at the shelter so if you know how to use clippers or a trowel, we could use your help. Again, contact Ruth Ann. Maple Street Shelter is part of Life Moves which provides 1549 beds and a meal each night to otherwise homeless adults and families in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

Outreach Zoom Planning Meeting: Tuesday May 10 at 9:30 AM. All are welcome. Click here to join the meeting: Zoom code: <https://zoom.us/j/97649227080>

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SpiritCare visit: At Silver Oaks Memory Care in Menlo Park the 43 residents hadn't had communion in over two years and on Easter Sunday (April 17th) we changed that. While Angela Hey led the service and played guitar, Kathy Kennedy and Ruth Ann Wrucke read from the liturgy and sang. Mother Beth pre-blessed the wafers and juice for Communion. 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 for this important ministry. Contact Penny McCulloch at 415-713-9002 or penny.j.mcculloch@gmail.com to volunteer on Sunday May 22nd.

Redwood Family House Needs a Few Things: Redwood Family shelter provides interim shelter for 10 otherwise homeless families in Redwood City. The shelter needs new or gently used blankets, pots & pans and children's clothes so if you have a surplus let us know or bring items to the large box in the breezeway. Contact Kathy Kennedy at 650-291-9678 or kennedyiti@aol.com for more information. On Sunday May 29th we will be collecting needed new children's underwear, children's socks and some toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, baby wipes) for Redwood Family House.

Rise Against Hunger: On Sunday June 12 at 11:30 the Christ Church community will gather in the Parish Hall to make 10,000 pre-packaged meals (rice, soy and vegetables) in two hours which will be sent to those in need in one of 34 countries around the globe. We need 30 - 50 volunteers. Snacks will be available and lunch will be served afterwards. Almost 193 million people in 53 countries suffered acute hunger in 2021, a record. The war in Ukraine will further drive worldwide famine this year especially among African countries which import agricultural products from Russia (due to shipping bans) and Ukraine, where the war is making it difficult to plant crops. Kenya and Somalia have already declared national emergencies and more will follow shortly. Contact Mary Soubirou 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 120 homeless adults each night.

Celebration and Thank you: on a perfect sunny afternoon on Saturday April 23 Outreach celebrated your incredible generosity to our charities over these last two hard pandemic years, and the 20 years proceeding that. We enjoyed a potluck of hors d'oeuvres & desserts, beautiful flowers, "trucking music," plus each others company. We are grateful for the thousands of dinners and bag lunches plus groceries and linens provided to local homeless shelters, the spiritual support for forgotten seniors and ongoing support for eradicating AIDS in Malawi. All done by this amazing congregation, plus a few generous friends.

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. From 2000+ distribution points they have served 18+ million meals in the three months since the war began, currently serving 320,000+ meals per day. WCK has also distributed 8.5+ million pounds of

food to chefs in Ukrainian communities on the front lines. They support chefs in 450+ locations in Ukraine including Kiev, Odessa, Kharkiv, newly liberated towns on the front-lines and are currently getting as much food as possible to villages in the next battle front in the Donbas. WCK is helping feed the 5.7 million Ukrainian refugees who have left the country (90% are women and kids) plus the 7.7 million displaced in-country Ukrainians. One quarter of all Ukrainians and half of all Ukrainian kids are currently refugees. In newly liberated areas, which have no electricity, water or roads they are delivering hot meals and 30 lb. food bags. They are also providing food for animals. 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. Ron Howard has a new Documentary coming out May 27th on Disney+ about Chef Andres and WCK called **We Feed People**. The Outreach Committee plans to screen it at the church in early June.

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