



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

# THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE

## news & update



### TODAY'S SERVICE

**Flowers:** Andi Mallinckrodt  
**Greeter:** Louise Delafield  
**Altar Guild:** Mary Soubirous  
**Acolyte:** Louise Delafield  
**Usher:** Betsy Alexander  
**The Lesson:** Vinie Miller  
**The Epistle:** Mary Soubirous  
**Intercessions:** Anne Bertenthal  
**Coffee Hour:** Jim Szewczak



### CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

#### Birthdays

Arlo Bakken, Sally Fenton, Andy Pflaum

### THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

#### Sunday, November 13

10 a.m. Service  
11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting

#### Wednesday, November 16

10 a.m. Women's Spirituality Group



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### A Note From Your Music Director

Dear Christ Church Community,

While Beth is away, she suggested that I might offer you notes or reflections in our weekly email, particularly focusing on music for the following Sunday!

You may have noticed that we switched up the Gloria a few weeks ago. This new Gloria comes from the Taizé tradition. Taizé music is typically repetitive—small sections are sung again and again, sometimes with a solo performed in harmony with them. This can have a very calming or prayerful effect, allowing each person to focus on personal prayer, rather than on executing a complicated musical passage.

Taizé is the name of a town in France from which this music originates. The faithful community there is very inclusive; their worship often features bible readings, songs, and prayers in many languages. The repetition in the music is also an element of this inclusivity. New participants are able to quickly learn the music by ear, even if the language is unfamiliar or they cannot read music. This makes sung prayer accessible to everyone!

You can see some of these characteristics in our new Gloria—a repeating phrase that

helps new listeners learn the material, a mix of languages (in this case, Latin and English), and soloists singing a more complicated melody line.

The congregation is invited to sing with the choir on the refrain, which can be found in your bulletins. The Latin text, "Gloria in excelsis Deo!" translates to "Glory to God in the Highest!" I hope you will join your voice with ours in prayerfully glorifying God this Sunday.

Blessings,  
Lauren Wittine

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### Video for the Week

This week, we are concluding our study of Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians (you may have noticed we have been slowly working our way through this book in our Epistle readings!). This video is a great resource to review Paul's message to us and the people of Thessalonica, and to learn more of the historical context behind his writings.



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### Stewardship Campaign 2023

Our 2023 Stewardship Campaign is officially launched! We have a goal of raising \$4000,000 from 70 donors. The Vestry along with the Finance Committee has worked hard to determine a campaign goal that is needed and we ask each of you to consider how you can support the financial health of our parish.

Pledge cards were mailed this week. Please return the pledge card via mail or send an email with your pledge to [wendymcadam@mac.com](mailto:wendymcadam@mac.com) or [admin@ccpvw.org](mailto:admin@ccpvw.org). Payment can be made anytime between now and 12/31/2023.

We are immensely grateful for everyone's participation in past campaigns and hope you will join us again in this important effort.

It was fabulous to see so many of you at our Fall Carnival and we look forward to celebrating another successful campaign in 2023.

### NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM

**Linen Drive for Homeless San Mateo County Families:** The end is in sight!! The Christ Church Outreach Committee linen drive for San Mateo County homeless families staying in Life Moves shelters will end on **Sunday November 13th**. Thanks to all the many very generous donors, we have commitments for all 738 blankets, sheet sets, pillows and bathroom towel sets. Linens are being dropped off right now at our church breezeway in Portola Valley (815 Portola Road) MANY times a day. Hurrah! Linens can also be taken to the drop-off box at the Kings Mountain Community Center until Saturday.

Wednesday we did our third delivery of pillows, blankets and sheets to the Life Moves admin offices in Menlo Park; it required 4 large vehicles to deliver 292 items. I learned that my van can carry 115 pillows at a time. Who knew? Thanks to Betsy Alexander, Kathy Kennedy, Judy Massey, Dave Miller, Erin Miller and Bob Wrucke for the help on Wednesday bagging a mountain of pillows, sorting then boxing a daunting pile of blankets and sheets then loading and delivering the neatly boxed linens to the very appreciative Life Moves staff. The linens are being shared among the San Mateo County family shelters in Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Mateo and Daly City along with families at the "safe parking" RV lot in Redwood City. On **Friday November 11th, 10AM** we will gather in the Narthex to turn towels into sets, ribbon them together and box them for delivery. Contact Kathy Kennedy at [kennedyiti@aol.com](mailto:kennedyiti@aol.com) or 650-291-9678 if you can help.

On **Sunday November 13th** join us during coffee hour and help tie a few knots to complete a fleece blanket for a kid or teen living in a Life Moves shelter. The last one!

**Night of Light:** The Episcopal Impact Fund is holding a fund-raiser on **Friday November 11th** at 6PM. Enjoy an elegant evening at the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco while helping raise money for Bay Area children and families living in poverty. Enjoy "community, inspiration and a special conversation" between Episcopal luminaries Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Bishop Marc Handley Andrus. Buy tickets at [episcopalimpact.ejoinme.org](http://episcopalimpact.ejoinme.org) A 2023 recipient of the Episcopal Impact Funds is the Christ Church's own Outreach Committee which will use the grant for a spring 2023 linen drive benefiting San Mateo families staying in Life Moves family shelters. Questions, contact Tricia Christensen at 650-207-2092 or [triciahc@yahoo.com](mailto:triciahc@yahoo.com)

**Zoom Outreach Planning Meeting:** On **Tuesday November 15th at 9:30** join us for an Outreach Planning Meeting. All are welcome. Questions or agenda items, contact Kathy Kennedy at 650-291-9678 or [kennedyiti@aol.com](mailto:kennedyiti@aol.com) Zoom code: <https://zoom.us/j/97649227080>

**SpiritCare Thanksgiving at Silver Oaks:** On **Sunday November 20th at 1:30** Christ Church will return to Silver Oaks Memory Care in Menlo Park for an early Thanksgiving celebration. Can you help? We need readers and singers. Contact Angela Hey at 650-796-2377 or [amhey@heymash.com](mailto:amhey@heymash.com) 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 in this important ministry with Silver Oaks which supports 46 seniors. SpiritCare and Silver Oaks were just featured in an October 12th **Christianity Today** article entitled "Nursing Homes Still Haven't Recovered From Pandemic Loneliness" and it includes an interview with our own Angela Hey. You can read the article here: <https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2022/october/nursing-homes-elderly-ministry-pandemic-lockdowns.html>

**Bag Lunches for the Coastside Homeless** - On Friday November 4th the young and young at heart gathered to make bag lunches for 50 people staying at the Coast House homeless shelter in Half Moon Bay. Zesty chicken pasta salad, autumn fruit cups, finger vegetables and a homemade cookie were on the menu thanks to Bea Bakken, Alex Carlson, Kathy Kennedy, Erin Miller and Ruth Ann Wrucke. An extra couple of snacks were added since no other food was being delivered to Coast House on Saturday. Coast House is one of Life Moves newest shelters and one that has among the fewest numbers of volunteers. It provides shelter for single adults, couples and a few families in 52 former motel rooms.

**Spooky Maple Street Shelter Dinner:** On Sunday October 30th Ruth Ann Wrucke and her team Annie Wrucke and Charlie Mabie made dinner for 100 adults at Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. A barbecued pork dinner with a corn/broccoli/chile-cheese casserole, spoon bread, green salad and rolls was served. Yum! Spooky desserts were provided by Claiborne Jones, Erin Miller Mary Soubirous and Carol Wentworth. To volunteer in the future, contact Ruth Ann Wrucke at 650-851-8435. Maple Street Shelter is part of Life Moves and provides a warm bed and a hot meal

every day for a hundred homeless adults. In late December Maple Street will be expanding, a lot, and will provide a bed each night for 240 adults.

**Seeking Hotel-sized Toiletries:** Are you still on vacation or going on one soon? If you picked up any travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap or lotion 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. Items best used by families or children (diapers, children's toothpaste, etc) will be delivered to Redwood Family Shelter in Redwood City which provides housing for 10 families each night.





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