

# THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE

## news & updates



November 14, 2021 | This Week at Christ Church

**Service at 10 a.m. INSIDE**  
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### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

#### Sunday, November 14

- 10 a.m. Service
- 11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting
- 5 p.m. Harvest Dinner
- 5 p.m. Confirmation Class

#### Tuesday, November 16

- 9 a.m. Morning Prayer ([Zoom](#) and FB)
- 10:30 a.m. Ladybug Chapel
- 11 a.m. Honeybee Chapel
- 1:15 p.m. Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, November 17

- 9 a.m. Morning Prayer ([Zoom](#) and FB)
- 10 a.m. Women's Spirituality

#### Thursday, November 18

- 9 a.m. Morning Prayer ([Zoom](#) and FB)

#### Friday, November 19

- 9 a.m. Morning Prayer ([Zoom](#) and FB)

[CLICK HERE to join on Zoom](#)

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### TODAY'S SERVICE

- Flowers-** Tricia Christensen
- Greeter -** Mary Hufty
- Usher -** Ross Soubirous
- Altar Guild -** Betsy Alexander
- Lesson -** Danny Alegria
- Epistle -** Catherine Aragon
- Intercessions -** Andy Pflaum
- Coffee Hour Host -** Penny McCulloch

### CELEBRATIONS

#### Birthdays

Sally Fenton, Andy Pflaum, David Gorsulowsky

## HARVEST DINNER

### The Chili Cook off is back!

Please join us on **November 14th** for a fun evening. Come celebrate the continued generosity of our parish as we crown a new chili champion and enjoy each other's company.

Please reach out to [Wendymcadam@mac.com](mailto:Wendymcadam@mac.com) or [triciahc@yahoo.com](mailto:triciahc@yahoo.com) with questions or if you would like to help.

Coming soon from your Stewardship team:

- A Sign-Up genius for those who want to bring chili
- Invoices for outstanding 2021 pledges
- 2022 Pledge Card...Let's do this



## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of so many of you, we were able to reach our goals for the 2021 Stewardship Campaign. We raised \$353,000 from 74 donors and are so thankful for each donation. Stewardship is the lifeblood of our parish and is what enables us to have an enduring impact in our community and beyond.

As your know, our work is never ending and we are now getting ready to kick-off our Stewardship Campaign 2022, We will be reaching out to you with 2022 pledge cards shortly. You are welcome to donate now towards the 2022 campaign or make a pledge to be paid at your convenience by December 31, 2022. Thank you for keeping Christ Church Portola Valley strong.

For those with outstanding pledges from 2021, you will be receiving an invoice from us shortly. Please reach out to [wendymcadam@mac.com](mailto:wendymcadam@mac.com) or [admin@ccpvw.org](mailto:admin@ccpvw.org) with any questions or concerns.

## A NOTE FROM YOUR RECTOR



Dear Christ Church Family and Friends:

Well it has been quite a week. Sadly we lost Anne Seipp this week. I like to imagine her with the cloud of saints that we celebrated last week. I have spoken to her son, Paul, and details of a service have yet to be determined. We will let you know as they become available.

The joy of the week was receiving pictures from Bertha of her daughter's wedding in Zimbabwe. She is thrilled.

In other news, Jeffrey Rainey and I headed up to the Bishop's Ranch after last Sunday's service for the annual vocations conference. We met with people discerning a call to ordained ministry. The Ranch was ridiculously beautiful as usual, but we had little time enjoy it as we worked 12 hours days, starting with Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m. All those particular people were discerning a call to ordained ministry, I was reminded of how we are all called - all called to a vocation - in the church and in our

communities. We are a priesthood of all believers. As we gather this Sunday evening for our Annual Harvest Dinner (and chili cook off) we pray for all of God's children, each one of our vocations, and give thanks for the Harvest:

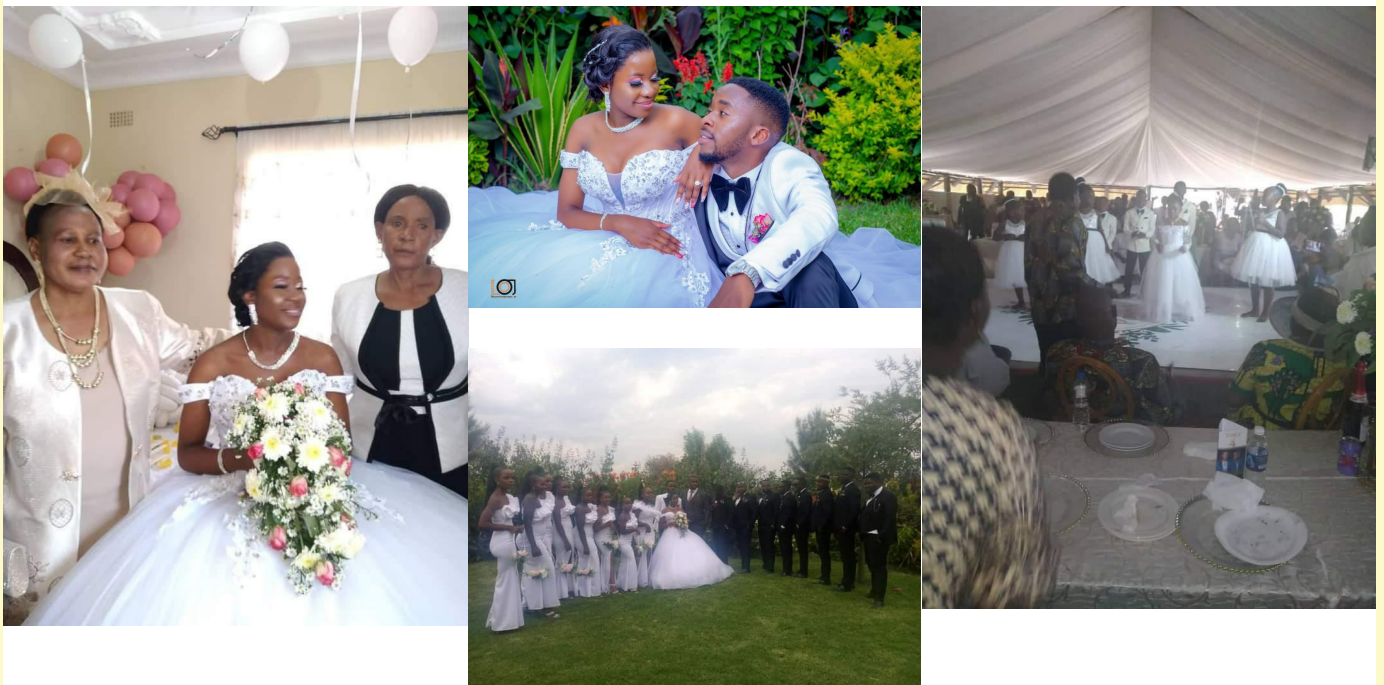
*O God, Father of all mercies,  
Provider of a bountiful harvest,*

*Send your graces upon those  
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;  
Preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.*

*Open the hearts of your children  
that we may discern your holy will;  
inspire in us a love and desire to surrender ourselves  
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.*

*Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life  
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.  
Through the intercession of the saints like Anne Seipp,  
and all the Angels, humbly hear our prayers  
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Blessings and see you Sunday!  
Beth



**NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM**



**Change for GAIA Global Health:** Throughout November we will be collecting “**Change for GAIA.**” Your loose change in November can help fund medical supplies and fuel for the mobile medical vans in Malawi, Africa. Each van provides care for 3000 people each month. These mobile units are helping eradicate AIDS, treat malaria and right now are vaccinating for COVID. They also provide health care for 500K AIDS orphans. After church, get a mason jar and toss your loose change in it for the month of November. A little goes a long way in Malawi.

And great news, GAIA has been helping to build a medical infrastructure in Malawi for the last 20 years. In September, US AID granted funds for nurse training. In October 50 nurse/midwife “scholars” began their studies at Kamuzu University and at Nkhoma College of Nursing and Midwifery. 40 more begin their studies in November.

**Linen Drive for Homeless Families:** Join us on **Friday November 12th at 11AM - 2PM** to “knot” the last no-sew fleece twin blankets for the linen drive. help turn donated towels into “sets” for delivery and anything else that is needed to get things ready for delivery. If you have cloth ribbon and scissors, bring them. Please bring your masks. Questions, call/text Kathy at 650-291-9678.

The linen drive ended November 1st but items are still arriving. Thanks to our incredibly generous parishioners plus our larger community, we have delivered over 500 sheet sets, towel sets, kitchen towels, pillows and blankets to Life Moves Family Shelters. And there is more to come. Our thanks to Betsy Alexander, Hayley Baaken, Aimee Blum, Christ Church teens, Tricia Christensen, Debbie Dalzall, Louise Delafield, Linda DreyNightengale, Karen Fisher, Julie Fouquet, Laura Galousin, Sarah Halsey, Dr. Herbert Hurwitz, Claiborne Jones, Kathy Kennedy, members of the Ladera Community Church, Kaethe & Stu Langs, Jenny Lebsack, Eda Lim, Diane Leonard, Lenore Levoi, Martha Lumers, Sheena Mawson, Wendy and Sarah McAdam, Penny McCulloch, Linda Millard, Denise Moriarty, Suzy Redfern-West, Jan Ruby, Marcy Sohn, Mary Souborous, Jim Szewczak, Jami Worthington and many more anonymous donors. WOW, just wow! Also, thanks to Tricia Christensen, Kathy Kennedy, Penny McCulloch, Mary Souborous, and Bob Wrucke who helped box up and deliver it all along with towel set maker Norma Cance and fleece blanket cutter Ruth Ann Wrucke.

**Spirit Care for Lonely Institutionalized Seniors:** After church on Sunday November 14th stop and make a card to cheer up the day of a lonely senior at the Silver Oaks Memory Care unit in Menlo Park. Contact Penny McCulloch at 415-713-9002 or [penny.j.mcculloch@gmail.com](mailto:penny.j.mcculloch@gmail.com) to volunteer to sing or shake a tambourine on **Sunday November 21, 1:30PM** plus deliver the cards, just in time for Thanksgiving.

**Grocery Drive for Homeless Families:** Home & Hope is one of two organizations in San Mateo County that shelters families in need. Right now four families are staying in a local motel which, thankfully, sort of has a kitchen (microwave, fridge, stovetop). Just ahead of Thanksgiving, we will be holding a grocery drive for four families on **Sunday November 21st**. A signup genius will be posted shortly.

**Dinners for Maple Street Shelter:** On **Sunday November 28th** Christ Church will be making dinner for 120 people at Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. We are in need of pumpkin bread makers and pumpkin cookie bakers. If you can toss together a corn and zucchini casserole or make cole slaw we would be thrilled. Contact Contact Ruth Ann at [cwrucke@mindspring.com](mailto:cwrucke@mindspring.com) or call her at (650) 851-8435 to volunteer. The Maple Street Shelter is part of the Life Moves program which provides a warm bed to over 1300 homeless people on the Peninsula every night. Toiletries for the Homeless: Remember travel and those cute mini toiletries that hotels give out? We are still collecting

them (mini shampoos, conditioner, soap, lotion, sewing kits and more) for the Maple Street Adult Homeless Shelter. Bring them to the church breezeway and drop them off in the green box. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors and shower shoes are also needed. For those of you living at The Sequoias a collection box is there too. Contact James Coker who is managing it

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## CARILLON SCHOOL



**CARILLON**  
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# We are now open for enrollment!

Call to schedule your tour.

**(650) 529-1335**

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