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October 3, 2021 | This Week at Christ Church



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CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Forrest Anderson, Michel Dubes, Mary Jennings, Claire Suvari

Anniversaries

Carl Cheney & Sherry Lund, Carl & Carol Wentworth, Wil & Sandy Patterson, Dave Miller & Kathy Kennedy, Andy & Karen Hill, Paul & Lenore Lovoi

TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeter - Paul Lovoi

Usher - Tim McAdam

Altar Guild - Carol Wentworth

Lesson - Mary Hufty

Epistle - Danny Alegria

Intercessions - Andy Pflaum

Coffee Hour Host - Penny McCulloch

THE FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 3
10 A.M.**

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

All of God's creatures are welcome!

Come be blessed.

Get a St. Francis medal!



A NOTE FROM YOUR RECTOR

Dear Christ Church Family and Friends:

Blessing of the Animals is this Sunday! This is always so fun. Please join us on the patio at 10 a.m. (we will also be on Zoom and YouTube).

Also we will be celebrating *el Día de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead)* for the first time. To learn more about this tradition [click here](#). Trask and Diane Leonard's friend, Joseph Villa, of Transfiguration Episcopal Church brought *el Día* to Transfiguration as part of his my Mexican heritage. Last year, with the pandemic, the church took the celebration online so now they are inviting other communities like us to join in the celebration.

There will be four sessions (all zoom) each of which lasts one hour. Two of the sessions involve things people can do at home (make paper crafts, bake, etc.). People can come for any number of sessions - whatever fits their schedule. So show up for one or all four sessions. For the crafts and baking, material lists and recipes are provided and everything you need is easy to get at a craft or grocery store. See dates and more details below. I am particularly excited to learn more about this tradition, it is a wonderful way to remember and honor our loved ones.

Blessings,
Beth

With love,
Beth+

El Día de Muertos!

¡el Día de los Muertos!

Join us on Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85106971038pwd=d29TSzRNTmF6MjJLbHZvMWxmcGFKZz09>

All sessions will take place on zoom at 4:00PM Pacific Time and will last one hour.



October 10th

Learn about the history and traditions of el Día de los Muertos

October 17th

Make papel picado and tissue paper cempasúchitl for your ofrenda ([see the supplies list](#))

October 24th

Share your experiences baking traditional breads and cookies ([click here for recipes](#))

October 31st

Share your ofrenda and stories of your dead in small group settings

For more information, contact:

- Michele Maia at michele@transfig-sm.org
- Joseph Villa at joseph@bigbeelabs.com

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM



Linen Drive for Homeless Families: The Outreach Committee is running a linen drive for homeless families temporarily staying at Haven Family House in Menlo Park (23 families) and the Redwood Family Shelter (10 families) in Redwood City. The families use the linens while they are housed at the shelter and to establish their permanent homes after they leave the shelter. What is needed?

- 141 bed sheet sets (new fitted bottom sheet, top sheet plus pillow cases): 92 twin sized, 46 full size and 3 queen sets.
- 100 towel sets: 100 new towel sets are needed consisting of 2 bath towels, 2 hand towels and 2 wash cloths
- 75 kitchen towels
- 150 new standard sized pillows
- Blankets: 60 twin, 50 full sized and a few queen-sized

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AE2DA13-linen> Bring donations to the bench in the church breezeway by November 1st (All Saints Day) and they will be delivered. This is a BIG ask and Outreach is locating well-made but reasonably priced options. We are reaching out to the larger community and could use your help with communication. Contact Kathy Kennedy at kennedyiti@aol.com or 650-291-9678 for more information.

On Friday October 1 from 5 - 7:30 PM teens and college students are needed on the patio behind the parish hall when the Christ Church Youth Group makes fleece blankets for homeless teens. If you can tie a knot or cut a straight line we need your help. Snacks will be available. Teens are also welcome to work on a blanket at home. Text Kathy at 650-291-9678. And yes, Outreach will gladly sign-off on volunteer hours.

On Saturday September 11th Outreach had an old-fashioned fleece blanket making party for adults where we made 6 no-sew blankets for the linen drive. Thank you Betsy Alexander, Norma Cance, Julie Fouquet, Mary & Ed Jennings, Kathy Kennedy, Penny McCulloch and Ruth Ann Wrucke.

Hotel De Zink: Life Moves was started by a pastor who was concerned about the homeless and set up a rotating shelter in local churches. It still exists and is called Hotel De Zink. In October All Saints Episcopal Church in Palo Alto is hosting for a month and has asked the Christ Church community to provide a couple of dinners (entree, vegetable and dessert) for 15 people. We need volunteers to make part of an evening meal on Thursday October 21st and Wednesday October 27th. Contact Mary Soubirous at msoubiorou@aol.com for more information.

Dinners for Maple Street Shelter: We need your help for our next Maple Street Shelter dinner for 110 adults on Saturday October 30th. Contact Ruth Ann at cwrucke@mindspring.com or call her at (650) 851-8435. 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.

Spirit Care for Lonely Institutionalized Seniors: On Sunday September 19th Christ Church volunteers made the day a little brighter for residents of the Silver Oaks Memory Care unit in Menlo Park. They took flower bouquets and sang hymns on the patio with the residents. Thank you Stella Coker, Angela Hey, Kathy Kennedy, Penny McCulloch, Carol Wentworth for providing flowers and your musical talent. Volunteer for this joyful Outreach program on Sunday October 17th by contacting Penny McCulloch at 415-713-9002 or penny.j.mcculloch@gmail.com

Groceries for Homeless Families: On Sunday September 26th Christ Church provided a week of groceries for four homeless "Home & Hope" families (4 adults and 8 children) who are currently staying in a local motel. Our thanks to Betsy Alexander, Lisa Hill, Mary Hufty, Kathy Kennedy, Diane Leonard, Eda Lim, Dan Lopez Lenore Lovoi, Penny McCulloch, Carol Wentworth and Ruth Ann Wrucke plus Mother Beth who blessed your gifts. Maria, one of the H&H moms says "Thank you for your help. God, sell it and multiply it."

GAIA Health Care Update: GAIA is successfully working to eradicate AIDS in Malawi, Africa, a program our Christ Church community has supported for more than 20 years. GAIA scholarships have trained hundreds of nurses who staff GAIA mobile health clinics. Two more mobile clinics were just added in Mongochi Province. COVID has arrived in Malawi, where only 2% of the population are currently vaccinated, and the mobile clinics are being used to administer the J&J and AstraZeneca vaccines.

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We are now open for enrollment!

Call to schedule your tour.

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