

# THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE

## news & updates



September 26, 2021 | This Week at Christ Church



### CELEBRATIONS

#### Birthdays

Courtney Kingston Pflaum, Stannye Llewellyn,  
Elsie Kruberg, William Holthaus

#### Anniversaries

Trask & Diane Leonard

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### TODAY'S SERVICE

**Greeter** - Paul Lovoi

**Usher** - Norma Cance

**Altar Guild** - Betsy Alexander

**Lesson** - Danny Alegria

**Epistle** - Vinie Miller

**Intercessions** - Louise Delafield

**Coffee Hour Host** - Jim Szewczak

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:

I have a few things to which I want to draw your attention:

First, we have some great things planned for our younger parishioners in the coming week. This Sunday, September 26, our first meeting for this year's **Confirmation Class** will be at 5 p.m. in the library. If you would like to join - let me know via [email](#). Then on Friday, October 1, we will have our first **Youth Group** meeting at 5 p.m. in the library. For youth group, you need to have been confirmed or be in the current confirmation class. Friends are welcome to come to youth group and from time to time we will invite younger youth as well.

Second, next week, Sunday, October 3, is my personal favorite day of the church calendar year. It is the **Blessing of the Animals** in commemoration of St. Francis the patron saint of all creatures and creation. CCPVW has a wonderful reputation for having a host of animals show up to be blessed, ranging from cats, dogs, stuffed animals, to Mary and Danny's amazing horses. In year's past the Lynne family has brought an exotic chicken and a baby cow. Who knows what animals will show up to be blessed this year! This is the perfect opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors and their pets to be blessed outside on the patio at 10 a.m.

Third, we have been invited to join celebrating **el Día de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead)** by Trask and Diane Leonard's friend, Joseph Villa, of Transfiguration Episcopal Church where he has been a member for 20 years. He 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 to join in the celebration. To learn more about this tradition [click here](#).

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.

I hope to see you in-person at 10 a.m. this Sunday on the patio (or in the sanctuary if it rains).

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](mailto:michele@transfig-sm.org)
- Joseph Villa at [joseph@bigbeelabs.com](mailto:joseph@bigbeelabs.com)

## NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM







**Groceries for Homeless Families:** On Sunday September 26th Christ Church will provide a week of groceries for four homeless “Home & Hope” families (4 adults and 8 children) who are currently staying in a local motel. Can you help? There are still some items needed. Click on the Signup Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AE2DA13-groceries3> and select specific items you are able to donate. Bring your items (marked with the family name) to the parish hall by noon on Sunday 9/26 and they will be delivered directly to the families that afternoon. Outreach will even buy items you designate on your behalf. Questions, call/text Kathy at 650-291-9678 or e-mail [kennedyiti@aol.com](mailto:kennedyiti@aol.com).

**Linen Drive for Homeless Families:** beginning in September 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: twin and full sized

Bring donations to the bench in the church breezeway. This is a BIG ask and Outreach is locating well-made but reasonably priced options. Plus we are reaching out to the larger community and could use your help with communication. Contact Kathy Kennedy at [kennedyiti@aol.com](mailto:kennedyiti@aol.com) or 650-291-9678 for more information.

On Saturday September 11th we had an old-fashioned fleece blanket making party 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. On Saturday October 9th from 4-6 PM teens are needed on the patio behind the parish hall to make blankets for homeless teens. If you can tie a knot, we need your help. We will be socially distanced and masked but near enough to chat. Snacks will be available.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 [cwucke@mindspring.com](mailto:cwucke@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.

**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](mailto:penny.j.mcculloch@gmail.com)

**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.

## CARILLON SCHOOL



**CARILLON**  
SCHOOL

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