

THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE

news & updates



January 10, 2021 | This Week at Christ Church

We gather every Sunday at 9 a.m. ONLINE!

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Today's Service

Acolyte - Charlotte Hill
The Lesson - Jeffrey Rainey
The Psalm - Mary Hufty
The Epistle - Catherine Aragon
Nicene Creed - Robert Redfern-West
Prayers of the People/ Intercessions - Vinie Miller

Celebrations

Birthdays

Lori Hunter, Daniel Lopez, Nancy Kruberg, Adellyn Geenen

**JANUARY 31
9 A.M.**

WORSHIP SERVICE & ANNUAL MEETING

- We will reflect on the past year
- We will take a look at what is ahead
- We will elect new vestry members
- We will present the budget for 2021

Heads of our various ministries are asked to turn in a brief report of the past year by January 22 for the annual report. Please email to beth@ccpvw.org. This includes: Senior Warden, Buildings & Grounds, Carillon School, Church Yard/ Columbarium, Fellowship, Finance, Outreach, Stewardship, Youth & Children Ministries, and any one else I may have forgotten!

2021 STEWARDSHIP



CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PLEDGED SUPPORT
FOR THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH FOR 2021!**

Danny Alegria & Mary Hufty

Betsy Alexander

Forrest & Alice Anderson

Catherine Aragon

Bruce Beekley

Anne Bertenthal

Candida Burnap

Norma Cance

Carl Cheney & Sherry Lund

Gavin & Tricia Christensen

James Coker

Chris & Barbara Creed

Anne Dauer

Louise Delafield

Michel & Peggy Dubes

Noel & Sally Fenton

Andrew & Carrie Friedberg

John & Ellie Gardner

Joan Gray

Sarah Halsey

Angela Hey & John Mashey

Greg & Rosemary Hintz

Deke Hunter

Dede & Rex Jamison

Ed & Mary Jennings

Claiborne & Bob Jones

Andy & Courtney Kingston Pflaum

Stu & Kaethe Langs

Bill & Suzy Lattin

Trask & Diane Leonard

Belinda Lipa

Juan Loaiza & Donna Howe

Lenore & Paul Lovoi

Tim & Wendy McAdam

Steve & Linda Millard

Kathy & Dave Miller

Elizabeth Morgenthaler

Ward & Mary Paine

Wil & Sandy Patterson

Beth Phillips

Jeffrey Rainey

Chris Ramming & Kiran Kamboj

Robert & Suzy Redfern-West

David & Susan Riggs

Marcy & Young Sohn

Ross & Mary Soubirous

Tricia Suvari

Jim & Pam Szewczak

Carol Wentworth

George Zdasiuk & Julie Fouquet

2021 Stewardship Campaign

Happy Holidays on behalf of your Stewardship Committee! You should have received your pledge card for our 2021 Campaign earlier this week. We are seeking to raise \$375,000 to keep our Parish in financial balance. This translates to an average gift of \$5,000 per family. Every single gift is deeply appreciated regardless of its size, so please give an amount that works for you. And, if you can make your gift or pledge

before the end of 2020, it will trigger a \$500 donation to our Carillon Bell Restoration Project. Your commitment will go a long way towards helping our community both through the work of Christ Church and the Carillon restoration. And, enjoy the bell ornament on your Christmas tree or other holiday decoration as a thank you from our committee.

If you have any questions please reach out to Wendy McAdam (wendymcadam@mac.com).



A Note From Your Rector

Dear Christ Church Family and Friends:

This past Wednesday was the day that the Church celebrates Epiphany. It is the day that wise people from the east arrived with gifts for the Prince of Peace. Unfortunately, the joy of Epiphany was overshadowed as we watched live footage of a mob ransacking our legislative buildings and terrorizing our nation's capital. I managed to find solace and encouragement in the words from our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus who wrote:

Watching the chaos erupting at the U.S. Capitol we may find our spirits being quelled. Do not be overcome; these are both the death throes of what has been, and the birth pangs of what is struggling to be born. Our democracy will hold, the Beloved Community is being healed, despite the appearance now.

Additionally, I found solace and hope in a video message from our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, which I post on our church FB page. ([Click here for link to video](#)). Our Book of Common Prayer also has prayers for all sorts of things, including prayers for the human family, for our country and for peace. It can be found online. ([Click here for a link](#)). I encourage you to take a look. There is more than likely a prayer that will speak you there. Here are some prayers I found applicable for a time such as this:

3. For the Human Family (p. 815)

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

18. For our Country (p. 820)

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

19. For the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority (p. 820)

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that, being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President, Vice President, President-Elect, and Vice President-Elect of the United States, the Congress of the United States and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

So much is uncertain in this moment. But what is sure is that, as the prophet Isaiah once wrote, God is “doing a new thing. . . Now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:19). As members of this particular community of faith, we will be part of the new work Spirit is unfolding even though we may only feel the birth pangs at this moment.

Be safe, stay well, and may God bless and protect you, and may we walk forward together side by side.

With love,
Beth

OUTREACH NEWS



Lunches for the Frail Elderly at Maple Street Shelter: Calling all teens and college students. We will be making a chili and cornbread lunch complete with finger vegetables, cuties and cookies plus a snack for 40 frail elderly homeless residents of Maple Street Shelter currently housed in motel rooms. Join us on Friday January 8th at 5PM on the parish hall patio. In addition to warm clothes, please bring masks. Motivational pizza will be provided. Contact Kathy at kennedyiti@aol.com or 650-291-9678 with questions. Use the Signup Genius to RSVP.

Grocery Drive for 4 local Homeless Families: On Sunday December 27th the Christ Church community provided a weeks worth of groceries for four homeless Home & Hope families (6 adults and 7 children including 2 babies). It is so appreciated! Thank you Louise Delafield, Julie Fouquet, Ed Jennings, Kathy Kennedy & Dave Miller, Diane Leonard, the Levois, Eda Lim & Andy Carlson, Dan Lopez and family, Sherry Lund & Carl Cheney, Penny McCulloch, Sue Riggs, Carol Wentworth, Ruth Ann Wrucke.

Dinners for Maple Street Shelter: Also on December 27th a small team of cooks led by Ruth Ann Wrucke and Carol Wentworth made dinner for 120 people at the Maple Street Shelter. A fabulous chicken dinner was served. Pineapple Crisp, Santa Maria Spicy Spinach, BBQ Chicken legs, Chicken Breasts in Mushroom Wine gravy, Baked sweet potatoes, Green Salad and Cookies. Yum. Special thanks to cookie baker Duane Soubirous. We will shortly be announcing new dates in January and will be looking for sous chefs and cookie bakers. Contact Ruth Ann at cwrucke@mindspring.com to volunteer.

Warm Clothing Drive: The Christ Church community is winding up our warm outerwear for the Maple Street Shelter. On December 27th we delivered 60 pairs of warm new washable socks, 29 hats, 32 pairs of gloves plus 18 scarves. 15 gently worn coats were also provided. Thank you SO much for all who have participated!! If you still have items you want to donate, bring them to the red Christmas box in the breezeway. No human contact required. Or contact Kathy at kennedyiti@aol.com if you want to have someone shop for you. For other questions, contact Ruth Ann at cwrucke@mindspring.com

Toiletries for the Homeless: Remember travel and those cute little toiletries that hotels used to give

out? If you have any or know anyone who does, we are still collecting them for the Maple Street Adult Homeless Shelter. Bring them to the church breezeway and drop them off in the green Christmas box. No human contact required.

Next Zoom Outreach Planning Meeting will be held on Tuesday January 12th, 9:30 AM. All are invited to participate. Click on the regular church service zoom link.

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