

# THE WEEKLY E-PISTLE

## news & updates



September 20, 2020 | This Week at Christ Church

### In Today's Service

Acolyte - Annie Pflaum  
The Lesson - Mary Hufty  
The Psalm - Mary Paine  
The Epistle - Sarah Halsey  
Nicene Creed - Catherine Aragon  
Prayers of the People/ Intercessions -  
Vinie Miller

Readings for Sunday's Service are  
here: [click here](#) for the readings/  
bulletin

### Celebrations

#### Birthdays

Vinie Miller, Suzanne Redfern-West,  
Benjamin Zdasiuk, Sara Gandy

#### Anniversaries

Stu and Kaethe Langs



## The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Together at **9 a.m. ONLINE**

- For an interactive experience, you can join on **Zoom**. (Here is the actual code: <https://zoom.us/j/97649227080>) Note - the code is the same every week.
- The other option is to simply watch us as we livestream on Sunday at 9 a.m. on our **YouTube** channel. You can find our channel [here](#).
- Or watch the recording later at your leisure on our website or on YouTube.

## A Note From Your Rector

Dear Christ Church Family and Friends:

**This Sunday, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Andrus, the Bishop of the Diocese of California, will be joining us** for our online service via Zoom. Usually when a Bishop visits a parish it is *avery* big deal and all the bells and whistles are pulled out. Let's still do that online and give him a great turn out! He is an outstanding preacher and will be preaching this Sunday. He will then hang out with us for Coffee Hour after the service to answer whatever burning questions you may have. Please join us, and don't forget that we start at 9 a.m. The zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/97649227080>

In other news, the Diocese is now (apparently as of yesterday) permitting Youth Groups to meet outside! Lauren and I will be leading CCPVW's youth group, and we are excited! Our **first Youth Group meeting** will be on Friday, **October 2 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.** All junior high and senior high school age people are welcome. You do not need to be a member of CCPVW to attend so friends and neighbors who are of junior high and senior high school age are welcome. Our first meeting will only be an hour. We will gauge interest and direction for future meetings. To attend you must:

1. Make a reservation by emailing [beth@ccpvw.org](mailto:beth@ccpvw.org)
2. Wear a mask at all times!
3. Socially distance at all times!
4. Dress appropriately for weather as we will be outside.

The day after our first Youth Group meeting, we will have a "drive-by"**Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4, at 10:30 a.m.** following the service.

Then, on **October 11 at 9 .m.**, we will have our first "**Presanctified Eucharist Service**" on Zoom! Yes - eucharist! With pre-sanctified hosts - at your home - on Zoom!

If you missed the **Good to Go - End of THIS Life Planning Workshop** - the documents are available on our website [ccpvw.org](http://ccpvw.org) on the documents page or you may simply **click here**. There were some things that stuck out for me, some of which I had never considered.

In the first document that is published by the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF's), pages 5-11 are a detailed medical directive. As a former law clerk on the Missouri Supreme Court when the Nancy Cruzan case, the very first "right-to-die" in the United States was being heard, I can specifically speak to how important it is to have a medical directive. What I found most interesting and potentially could end up being most helpful is p. 12. Page 12 provides for a personal statement to explain the reasoning behind your decisions in the previous pages, as it is impossible to anticipate every potential medical situation. The personal statement will help your family and, in the worst case scenario, the courts, determine how you would decide if you were able. Danny Alegria also provides a medical directive form that Stanford uses that is particular to California and the third document on our website is particular for COVID. The ECF document emphasizes making your funeral and your will reflect your values. With two attorney parents, of course I have a will! However, I never considered including a Christian preamble in my will so share my values with the beneficiaries as the SCF suggests.

Mary Soubirous, a church member and professional in the industry, also provided several documents. The last one is an extremely detailed planning guide that includes many things that I have never actually considered: for example, whether you want to be buried with your wedding ring, what you would like to be wearing, who you would like to give a eulogy. Thank you Mary and Rev. Richard Schaper for helping us plan.

Last but certainly not least - **A HUGE SHOUT OUT - to our fellowship/special events committee** who have organized the **Drive-In Movie Night - Zootopia** for us on Saturday night. This has required a lot of coordination to comply with the state, county and diocesan rules for physical gathering. Thank you Sherry Lund, Lenore Lovoi, Carol Wentworth and Carly Cheney!

Be safe and may God bless and protect you,  
Beth

## Looking even further ahead...

### Mark your calendar for these FALL FELLOWSHIP EVENTS!

In support of parish community fun, Christ Church is planning three Fall Fellowship Events. As conditions allow, these events will occur either on Zoom or campus. Please mark your calendars. More details to come.

**Saturday, October 17.** Adult Small-Group Dinners! Short Zoom dinner meetings, each for a maximum of 4-5 people; for adult members of Christ Church, past and present.

**Saturday, November 14. Family Holiday Traditions!** A one-hour facilitated Zoom meeting for all ages, featuring content shared by parish members, including recipes, art, music, and holiday stories.

If you and your family have ideas, questions, or offers to help with any of these events, please let our Fellowship Team hear from you: **Sherry Lund**, **Lenore Lovoi**, **Carol Wentworth**, and **Carl Cheney**.

## News From Outreach:

**Filling the Backpacks for Homeless Kids:** Again, thank you so much to all the parishioners that helped fill 15 backpacks for homeless kids at the Redwood Family Shelter in Redwood City (Life Moves) and for the school-aged kids with Home & Hope. We spoke this week with Nicole Barth-Ellis from Life Moves and overall their backpack drive came up a little short but they were especially in need of headsets so the kids can attend their virtual classes. Thanks to the generosity of Christ Church parishioners, we were able to order the needed headsets and they will be delivered next week.

**Linen Drive for Homeless Families:** through the end of October we will be conducting a linen drive on behalf of Life Moves for the 23 homeless families living in Haven House in Redwood City and the 10 homeless families living at the Redwood Family Shelter. We need sets of towels (2 bath towels, 2 hand towels and 2 wash cloths) plus warm blankets. We plan to make "No-Sew" fleece blankets which take 1 - 2 hours each to complete. If you can help make blankets, contact Diane Leonard at [dianepleonard@gmail.com](mailto:dianepleonard@gmail.com) If you can provide towels, bring them to the marked box in the breezeway. No human contact needed. Or contact Kathy Kennedy at [kennedyiti@aol.com](mailto:kennedyiti@aol.com) and she can buy towels on your behalf.

**Dinners for Maple Street Shelter:** We will be providing dinner for 140 homeless adults at the Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City on Saturday September 26th and again on Saturday October 17th. Volunteers are needed to help make the meals but are especially needed in October. Contact Ruth Ann Wrucke at [cwrucke@mindspring.com](mailto:cwrucke@mindspring.com) or 650-851-8435 to volunteer.

**Lunches for the frail homeless:** On Friday evening October 23rd we need *high school and college students* to prepare 40 sack lunches for frail homeless adults who are currently housed in motel rooms. Socially distanced lunch preparation will take place on the patio behind the parish hall at 5:30PM. We also need one person to deliver the lunches to Maple Street shelter on Saturday morning October 24th. Contact Penny McCulloch at [penny.j.mcculloch@gmail.com](mailto:penny.j.mcculloch@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**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 Shelter. Bring them to the church breezeway. No human contact required.

**Key Messages from Life Moves:** Life Moves is one of the three charities currently supported by the Christ Church Outreach Committee. Last week Life Moves had their annual fund-raising breakfast. Life Moves provides solutions to homelessness in the Silicon Valley and each night provides shelter, food, services and clothing for 950 people. In the past year, 2127 of their clients moved back into stable housing which is their goal for all their clients. That is the good news. But with economic turbulence leading to job losses, the eventual rescinding of the eviction moratorium for renters and the sudden loss of housing by fire victims, Life Moves expects the need for its services to GREATLY increase over the next 18 months. In the near term, they will be supporting a new RV parking shelter in Redwood City and are experimenting with "pop-up" shelters in areas of need.