



SHARE A POWERFUL WORD

RESCUE US MISSION IS HOSTING SPEAKERS

Come to the Walk/Run event to hear two powerful speakers on the issue of human trafficking.

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LADIES LUNCH DAY

Join the ladies on a lunch outing. Learn how they support our mission partners. Shopping may be involved!

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DIAPER DRIVE COMING

Supple drive for diapers, wipes, and other items is coming soon.

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Have you ever felt the need to explain yourself when you so badly want to witness to someone about The Gospel? Do you ever hesitate to witness to someone because you don't want to "offend" them? Why do you think that is? Don't feel bad - even Paul felt the need to explain that he wasn't ashamed of The Gospel, but that his timeline took him to preach to the Jews first, and then to the Gentiles. Paul was not snubbing Rome, he was merely keeping God's timeline and honoring the covenant with Abraham that promised redemption for the world through Abraham. (The New Bible Companion) Paul used many references to The Old Testament when witnessing to the Jews, because he knew they would be familiar with the scripture. Paul also reminded people that the message was for All People - the saved and the unsaved.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

What about us? How do we approach witnessing to the unchurched or to people from a different faith background? I so admire people who witness to others with ease. I recently have discovered that I am really good with the Action part of witnessing, but I am not so good with the words. Ya'll know I am a talker, so I have been praying on this and discussing it with others. I've made another discovery - many of us have literally been "brainwashed" into Not witnessing by word because we've been told over and over again that we should not "force our religion on others". I didn't come to that realization lightly or quickly. I've been watching people everywhere I go to do ministry. I thought surely the people I do mission work with will also be good witnesses for Christ. They are! Like me, they are really good at the Action, but the words are sadly not being spoken. I decided that I've just got to do better. I prayed about it for days and then during street ministry this last Friday night, I asked several ladies if they had prayer requests. We do that on the reg, but lately, we had been distracted. I got to pray with and for several ladies and they were so very receptive and truly grateful. I got some good hugs! They didn't even realize that the

one who was truly blessed, was me.

It is time to be bold in our witnessing. The world is a mess and the only One who can save and redeem it is God. Pastor Dan made an incredible statement in the LA 70 notes the other day - "our job is to share the Good News, but we are not responsible for the result". What a relief that was for me! Bet I'm not the only one! Our whole group appreciated the reminder! Still, the time for Boldness is here, friends. We don't know how our days are numbered and let's not waste them. What a commission we have - to share the Love, Forgiveness, Hope, Deliverance, the Fruitful Life and the Way To Heaven through Christ Our Lord and Savior ! Jesus told the disciples to "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation". And who are the disciples today - We Are! Let us lift up this commission and waste no time in finding new and meaningful ways to Share The Love Of Jesus To Everyone Everywhere!

Pam Bluestein

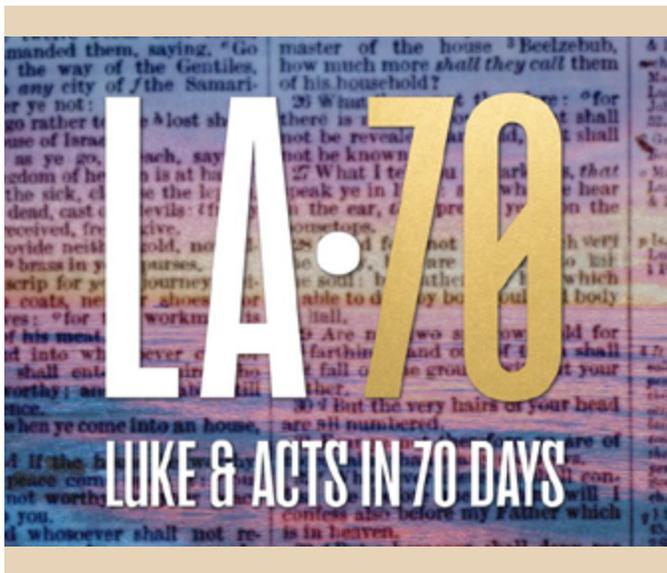


VERSE OF THE MONTH

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

-Romans 1: 16-17 NIV

LA70 STUDY WAS THE BEST!



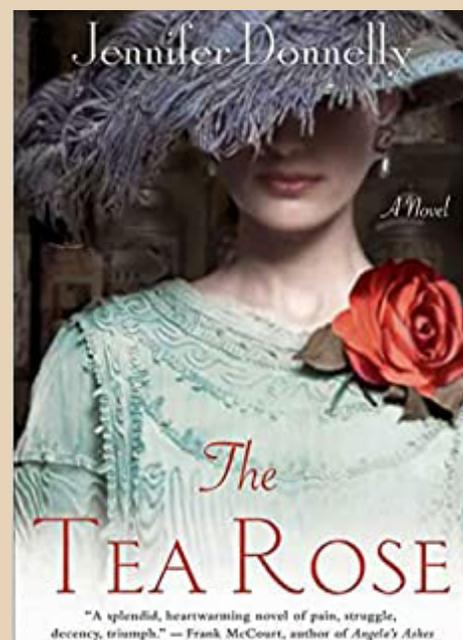
We want to give a **huge shoutout** to our own Pastor Dan Conway for the blessing that was the LA 70 Bible Study! It was the first time our group ever sponsored a study and this was a Great One for first timers! All the questions were already written out for us, the reading plan in place and the videos! We looked forward to the pastor videos each and every week and to our gatherings.

Thank you to Dean Seime and Debbie Grenier for taking turns leading the group discussions. We had many outstanding conversations, prayers, laughter and discoveries. Looking forward to doing it again!

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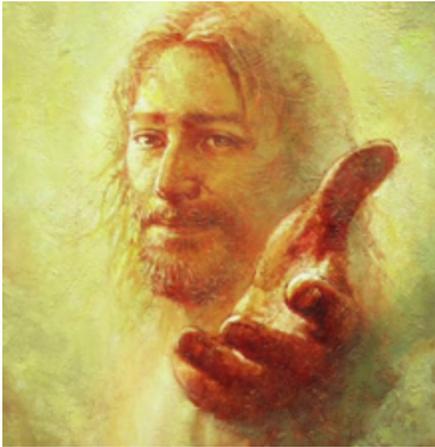
BOOK REVIEW

Even in the darkest of circumstances, never give up on love & decency. This 544 page novel, set in the late 1800's is a page turner! It's the first of a 3 book series and I can't wait to start the second book. This book, set against the backdrop of the working class East London and later in the young New York City, weaves a beautiful tale of love, hard work, family, loyalty and perseverance. This is one of those books that will keep you up reading late into the night! Enjoy!



Pam Bluestein

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?



Christianity is supposed to be action oriented! If we love God sacrificially and radically, then it naturally leads to all sorts of practical actions that help people! Are you looking to step out in faith and help people? Join our Lamplighter Team! We are 100% Team Jesus and we would welcome your love, thoughts and work for The Kingdom! Here are a couple of open spots:

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Do you have a heart for Restorative Justice? Love babies? We have just the spot for you! We are looking for someone to be on our BAMBI/WHO Committee to help coordinate visits and gifts.

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We could really use an official Secretary. This person takes and distributes notes for our Team Meetings and also organizes and manages our document storage.

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Child Advocates has a great Treasure Room for the children. We are in need of someone to coordinate dates and times for a group to go over and organize the cabinets and drawers as donations come into the center.

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We work as a team, so you will

never be without help or support! We are rapidly expanding our footprint in the community and within the church to love and nurture women and children any way we can. And - We Are Fun!! Let us know if you have an interest in getting involved as we

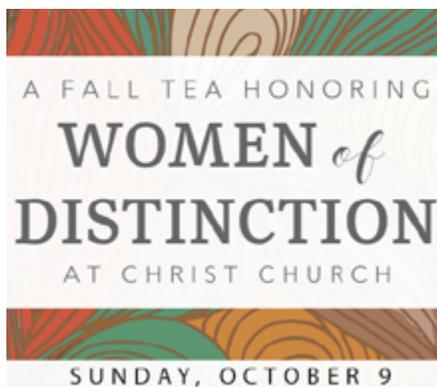
Grow Together
Serve Together
Fellowship Together!

This is not a complete list. We have lots and lots of opportunities for you to work out your sanctification; and we are very flexible. If you feel the Lord calling you in a specific area or way, come talk to us. We are here to walk along side you.

Email us at lamplighters@christchurchsl.org

Pam Bluestein

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION NOMINATIONS OPEN!



Since 2018 we have been honoring our own women from

Christ Church and their "behind the scenes" work for The Kingdom. We have been blessed to lift up women from so many areas of ministry in our church. Nominations for our upcoming Women of Distinction Tea are now open. If you would like to offer a confidential nomination of a laywoman here at Christ Church, please email us at lamplighters@christchurchsl.org with her name and why she should be considered for a WOD nomination.

This year, our Annual WOD Tea will be on Sunday, Oct. 9th. It's not too early to mark your calendar!

Oct. 9
Save the Date!

Pam Bluestein

SURPRISE GUEST SPEAKER COMING TO WOMEN OF DISTINCTION TEA



Gaston Warner, CEO Zoe Empowers

The Women of Distinction Tea is coming up in October, and we have a very distinguished speaker coming to speak at our event. Yes, we have the CEO of Zoe Empowers, Gaston Warner, coming to talk about the wonderful 3-year Empowerment Program in Africa and India.

As you may know, Lamplighters supports an Empowerment Group of 86 orphaned girls and boys in Zimbabwe. Their group name is Mushandirapamwe, which means Working Together.

I'll give you a hint that in 3 years, these children become very successful entrepreneurs, business owners, family breadwinners, and recognized community members. Mr. Warner will be speaking about how these orphaned children become so successful in just 3 years. Sound AMAZING? Yes, it is!

Now, if you missed our last newsletter or our Lamplighters Launch Event, here is a picture of our Mushandirapamwe Empowerment Group in Zimbabwe, which is comprised of 26 households and 18 of them are female run households. Amazing young and beautiful girls!

Who is Gaston Warner, CEO of Zoe Empowers? Here is Mr. Warner's bio that he provided me, pretty amazing...

Rev. Gaston Warner is CEO of Zoe Empowers, Global North (ZoeEmpowers.org), a global network of local organizations equipping orphaned children and youth led families to move beyond charity. Zoe

has empowered over 150,000 children and youth across six African countries and India, and was selected as the 2021 International .Org Impact Award winner for Fighting Hunger and Poverty.

Gaston is a United Methodist pastor and has served organizations including Duke University Divinity School, Duke Chapel, and Habitat for Humanity. He lives on a ranch in Texas with his spouse, author and Duke Divinity School faculty the Rev. Dr. Lacey Warner, his daughter Clare, and various pets and livestock. Gaston co-authored "From Relief to Empowerment: How Your Church Can Cultivate Sustainable Mission."

So mark your calendars for October 9th because you won't want to miss this annual event, not only honoring our distinguished women, but also hearing about Zoe Empowers from Rev. Gaston Warner. Don't miss it!

Diane Sindelar



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHURCH COUNCIL

Our church has an important vote coming up! I asked Jeff Thomas, Christ Church Council Chair to clarify what was going to happen at the upcoming Sept. 25th Church Council meeting. Below is the response. **I hope everyone comes to vote!**

Be sure to check out the Jeremiah 29 Taskforce webpage for information concerning the Discernment Process. <https://www.christchurchsl.org/future-of-our-church/>

It's so important to have grace-filled conversations and to decide how as a **Church Family** we want to move forward. Let's not let apathy determine that path for us.

Debbie Grenier

Thank you for your inquiry. We appreciate your efforts to keep the Lamplighters informed. I believe I am now able to respond to your questions for the Lamplighters newsletter.

The Church Council meeting on **September 25 at 5pm in the Sanctuary**, is the regularly scheduled Church Council meeting that has been on the church calendar all year. Like earlier Church Council meetings we have had this year, this will be an opportunity for attendees to learn about the latest developments in ministry areas, receive reports from Trustee, SPR, and Finance committee leaders, and hear updates from our pastors.

Also on this meeting's agenda

will be a report from the Jeremiah 29 Task Force with a motion to be voted on by the Church Council. The issue to be decided at this meeting is whether to have a formal vote on Christ Church affiliation or not to have such a vote. Essentially a vote to have a vote. Refer your readers to our website to learn more about the affiliation issue.

Regarding the voting process at this September 25 Church Council meeting, written ballots will be used that will be collected in an orderly fashion and counted. The Church Council members have agreed to allow this vote to be open to all MEMBERS of Christ Church IN ATTENDANCE at this Church Council meeting. The meeting will be livestreamed, but only Christ Church members physically present will vote.

What happens based on the outcome of this vote?

If the majority vote NO, to not have a future vote on Christ Church affiliation, then Christ Church will remain affiliated with the United Methodist Church and no further action will be necessary by the Task Force.

If the majority vote YES, to hold a vote on Christ Church affiliation, then that vote is scheduled to be held on October 13 at a called Church Conference in the presence of our District Superintendent. In this scenario, the Task Force will continue in its role of providing information and responding to inquiries from church members until this vote on October 13.



*Church Council
Sept. 25, 2022
5:00pm*



I hope this has clarified what you want to share with your newsletter readers. Feel free to contact Task Force members or me personally if you have further questions.

Many blessings to you and the Lamplighters as you work to spread the good news and love of Jesus Christ to all that you encounter.

In His Service,
Jeff
713-899-1035

LADIES FELLOWSHIP



TUESDAY, SEPT. 20

*Join us for Ladies
Bunco in September!*

BUNCO TIME!

6:30-8:30pm Gathering Hall

What a ball we had in July playing Bingo! We had a big crowd, great prizes and it's always great when moms and dads bring the kids to play! It does make for a great family night!

If you have never come to play Bingo, or Bunco, we invite you to give it a try! Not a game player? Just come for the food and fellowship! It is a sweet time! We will be playing **Bunco on Tuesday evening, Sept. 20th,**

so mark your calendars now!

Thank you to Pat Stone for coordinating all our food and drinks and to Sandra Vautrain and Debbie Grenier for coming early to help set up!

Pam Bluestein



BLANKET MINISTRY

The blanket ministry is an easy, fun and rewarding mission. There is something for everyone to do.

This summer has been an exciting and rewarding time for the blanket ministry. We have had new volunteers working on blankets from their home. Louise McElvoy and MaryKay Garrett both offered to help us make blankets. Billie Blair and Ann Finley are long time team members helping finish the blankets in their home. It takes a

team to accomplish our mission!

Having so much help enables us to make many blankets for the children in our area. CAFB hands out 10 blankets a day to children and teens. If you can help, please contact Janis Hodgson at 281-948-2419 or lamplighters@christchurchsl.org.

THANK YOU!!

Janis Hodgson

*Fun!
Fellowship!
Service!*



CHILD ADVOCATES OF FORT BEND



This summer the Lamplighter group began two new ministries with *Child Advocates of Fort Bend*. The first is to maintain the Treasure Room where toys, games, balls and other gift items are stored. CASA volunteers, CAFB staff and children served by CAFB select gifts from the room on special occasions. Lamplighters visit as a group once per month to restock and organize the Treasure Room so that items can be easily found. If you are interested in this mission, please let a board member know or email [lamplighters@](mailto:lamplighters@christchurchsl.org)

christchurchsl.org. It only takes a couple of hours and there is no requirement to go every month. We will be needing extra help especially in early December when the CAFB staff are collecting Christmas gifts for client families.

The second new ministry undertaken by Lamplighters this summer is to provide "Graduation Kits" to the *Children's Advocacy Center* (CAC). The kits are given to children to celebrate graduation from therapy. Each kit consists of miscellaneous small toys, manipulatives, bubbles, a notepad and pencils packed in a colorful drawstring backpack. Last week during a routine visit to the center, a therapist expressed her gratitude for the kits indicating how much she appreciated having the kits as a surprise treat to her graduating child clients. She also asked if we might provide journals to the teenagers she serves so that they might continue journaling after

they finish therapy. Of course, Lamplighters will discuss this opportunity as soon as possible! We might even provide journals along with a few other items to make a "Teen Graduation Kit". Supporting CAFB in serving children and teens is high on the priority list with Lamplighters. Thank you so much to the entire Christ Church family for helping to make the support of CAFB and the CAC possible.



Tara Velasco



Sept. 12

CHIA will meet on **September 12, 2022** in the Gathering Hall. We will have a devotional from Joyce Rups Cup of life. We will work on blankets or sacks for Lunches of Love. We will meet from **10:00- 11:30**. Members please bring scissors to cut and get material for blankets ready to sew. Also remember to bring your cup for the devotional. We

are a very friendly group and invite anyone interested to join us for fellowship and christian love. For more information about this small group please get in contact with Billie Blair at Lamplighters@christchurchsl.org

Billie Blair



OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness month. This is a special month for me, as I am the daughter of an ovarian cancer survivor as well as a gynecologic oncology nurse. The American Cancer Society reports that ovarian cancer ranks fifth in cancer deaths for women and the average lifetime risk (for those who do not have a genetic mutation predisposing them to higher risk) to develop ovarian cancer is about 2%. Risk factors for developing ovarian cancer include age (about half the cases are in women over the age of 60), family history of ovarian cancer, genetic factors (10-15% of ovarian cancers are caused by genetic mutations), being overweight or obese, taking hormonal therapy after menopause, and never having children. Factors thought to be preventative include having multiple full-term pregnancies, breastfeeding, and taking oral contraceptives (risk seems to lessen the longer the pills are used).

There is not an ideal test to screen for ovarian cancer. A common misconception is that a Pap test screens for ovarian cancer, but Pap tests are designed to detect only cervical cancer, not ovarian. When you go to your gynecologist for your yearly Well Woman appointment (hint, hint – time to schedule that appointment!), your doctor will

do a pelvic exam to check for any changes in size or shape of your uterus or ovaries. There is also a blood test that measures the level of CA-125 (Cancer Antigen 125) in the body. It is considered a tumor marker for ovarian cancer but is not a perfect test because other conditions that cause inflammation in the body can also increase the CA-125 level. Some examples are endometriosis, menstrual periods, and fibroids, as well as other gynecologic cancers such as fallopian tube, peritoneal, and endometrial. This means that an elevated CA-125 level needs to be interpreted with care and other tests will need to be ordered to find the source of the inflammation. A transvaginal ultrasound can also be performed for the doctor to get a better look inside your abdomen.

Since there is not a perfect test, it is crucial to know the symptoms of ovarian cancer, and to call your doctor immediately if you notice any of them. A good acronym to help remember the symptoms is BEACH:

- B: Bloating
- E: Early Satiety (feeling full quickly when eating)
- A: Abdominal or pelvic pain
- C: Change in bowel or bladder habits
- H: Heightened fatigue

Other symptoms could include unexplained weight loss or gain, abnormal vaginal bleeding, painful intercourse, back pain, loss of appetite, nausea, or changes with your period. Unfortunately, these symptoms can be somewhat vague, leading to ovarian cancer's reputation as a "silent" disease. That's not totally true...the symptoms are there, but you just need to listen harder. All women lead busy lives, and it is easy to explain away symptoms: you're tired because you are being pulled in all directions to fulfill your roles as a wife/mother/grandmother/daughter/caregiver/employee/friend/etc; your stomach hurts or bowel habits have changed because you changed your diet or ate something that didn't agree with you, or your back hurts because you pulled a muscle at

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OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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the gym. However, if one or more of these symptoms persist for longer than a few weeks or occur more than 12 times in a month, please visit your doctor and insist that they take your concerns seriously and examine you thoroughly - it could save your life! The five year survival rate if ovarian cancer is found in early stages is 93%; however, only about 20% of ovarian cancer cases are found in stage I or II...that means that the vast majority of cases are already in advanced stages before diagnosis and the survival rates decrease significantly.

About 10-15% of ovarian cancers are due to genetic mutations. There are a variety of mutations that have been linked to an increased risk of ovarian cancer. The most common syndromes linked to some of these mutations include Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome (HBOC), linked to BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations, and Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer Syndrome (HNPCC), also called Lynch Syndrome, which is linked to MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2 and EPCAM mutations. Mutations in BRCA1 and BRCA2 are almost 10 times more common in Ashkenazi Jewish people than in the average population and can be found in both men and women. HBOC increases the lifetime risk to develop ovarian, breast, fallopian tube, primary peritoneal, pancreatic and prostate cancers. The lifetime ovarian cancer risk for women with a BRCA1 mutation is estimated to be between 35% and 70%, and for women with a BRCA2 mutation, 10-30% by age 70. The lifetime risk for women with Lynch syndrome developing ovarian cancer is 10%. Keep in mind that an average lifetime risk is about 2%. If you have a significant family history of cancer, complete a family tree diagram, detailing the types of cancer and approximate age of diagnosis for each family member, and show it to your doctor. This will help start a conversation about whether you are at increased risk and whether more frequent screening might be recommended. Remember that gene mutations can be inherited from both mom's and dad's side of the family, so it is important to look at both sides, and patterns may not be as obvious in families with mostly males. First degree family members (parents, siblings, children) with breast or ovarian cancer are very important to note.

Thank you and remember to wear teal during



September to support your friends and family members who are ovarian cancer survivors!

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"Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security"

Jeremiah 33:6 ESV

Kristin Johnson, RN, MSN, OCN

40 DAYS OF PRAYER



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



September 1, began our **40 Days of Prayer.**

One of the foundational steps in the Discernment process is ensuring we, as a congregation, are intentional about seeking God and hearing from God. Acknowledging that, we are

inviting members to join in this dedicated journey of prayer. We encourage all members to participate in the following three opportunities to pray and listen for God's will.

1. Sign up for our Daily Prayer Walk. You, your family, and your small group are invited to participate in covering Christ Church in prayer. Signup at <https://www.christchurchsl.org/prayerwalk>.
2. Pray Down at 12:29pm every day, wherever you are. Members are encouraged to pause and pray for the future of our Church.

3. We are called to pray and listen for God's Holy Word, Pastor Michelle Hall, and some members of the J29 Task Force, have contributed to a **Daily Devotional booklet** to aid in your prayer time that will be available in-person and online [Sunday, Aug. 28th.] You can find a digital version at <https://www.christchurchsl.org/daily>.

Excerpt from "Coming Up At Christ Church" Aug. 24, 2022

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV



You are invited to an exciting evening filled with wonder and stories of hope, benefiting survivors of human trafficking. Gala is at the **Houston Museum of Natural Science - Hall of Paleontology**

Tickets sales begin October 5th. For more details go to: <https://thelanding.org/2022-gala/>

CHANGE IS DIFFICULT GOD'S GRACE IS ENOUGH

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Not many of us like change. Often times change goes against our rhythm of doing things, our set habits and rituals; and those always take effort to adjust. You would think as Christians we would be good at it. After all, Jesus called us to repent (change direction) and brought a NEW way. But we know that living the change Jesus brought is a daily struggle, something we can only do with the grace of God.

Now our church is facing change. Many of us might think that we can just ignore it and continue the way we always have. However, I don't think we have that option. Sadly, changes are coming and can not be avoided.

Our church leadership is changing, or has changed. Those changes will affect our church. I read a recent article from the Central Texas Conference that "Four South Central Jurisdictional Conference (SCJ) bishops are retired or have requested retirement. Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe (Northwest Texas-New Mexico) and Bishop Mike Lowry (Central Texas) retired earlier this year. Bishop Michael McKee (North Texas) and Bishop Scott J. Jones (Texas) will retire effective January 1, 2023." This



Jurisdiction includes Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. Elections for 3 new bishops will be held on Nov. 2-4 in Houston, Texas at the SCJ Conference meeting. There are 9 bishops in the SCJ. The 4 bishops leaving represents **almost half the bishops in the SCJ!**

The Texas Annual Conference,



which we are a part of, is changing. Not only is the Conference going to be affected with the retirement of Bishop Jones, but there are hundreds of local churches that may, or may not, stay in the conference. As of Aug. 9th, about **240 of the 609 churches in the TAC** have entered into a period of discernment. That's almost 40% of TAC churches that could be leaving by the end of this year. The Special Annual Conference called for Dec 3 will give a better idea of how many of those will be remaining in the TAC. It's expected that more may consider a discernment period if/when the 2024 General Conference provides a new path for disaffiliation. No matter what local churches decided, that's a lot of change for our Annual Conference.

And what about our own church leadership? Pastor DeAndre has moved on. We have a new Minister of Traditional Music, David Lee; and a new Pastor of Contemporary Worship & Young Adults, Marquice Hobbs. And how will things shift and change, possibly around the end of this year, when **Pastor Chap Temple retires**? His leadership has been such a blessing, especially during these times of change. What changes will Christ Church be maneuvering next year?



No matter what Christ Church decides to do after completing its discernment process, **There are changes coming that can not be avoided.** The changes seem uncertain and maybe a little scary. However, we are God's people. Jesus Christ, our Lord, has taught us how to change. We do it daily with the grace God blesses us with. So let's put on our walking boots and step boldly into this season. Let's pray daily and respond with the grace that God so lavishly provides us through His precious Son.

Debbie Grenier



Here is a message from Haley Kosel, Volunteer Manager at LifeHouse:

Attached are some photos from the LifeHouse Back to School event! We had a wonderful time with the women and children! The moms got to play some games, eat good food, and socialize with one another.

The kiddos got to play on the playground, enjoy a bible

lesson and craft, and receive their backpacks filled with lots of school supplies! We were able to provide 55 children with backpacks this year.

We are so grateful for Christ Church's faithfulness to support LifeHouse in a variety of ways. You are a true blessing to us!

Ida Fulbright



GET INVOLVED IN ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

We have so many great ways to be more involved in the Anti-Human Trafficking movement. We have expanded our footprint in the arena every year. When God Calls Us - We Are There! There are many ways to help - make phone calls, volunteer at The Landing, answering phones and checking clients in, street ministry, furniture and collection ministry and our famous, Lunch At The Landing. But first, ya just know More. Women and

Children who are trafficked suffer trauma in a way that we don't understand until we actually sit down and research it. Hear it from those who have traveled the journey and come out on the other side. The Landing will be hosting a Volunteer Training on Saturday, Sept 10th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. They are located at 9894 Bissonnet Street, right off the SW Freeway. We Highly Recommend this training for Anyone, man or woman, who

wants to know more and help in a variety of ways. There are 2 ways to register: you may email Erika Martinez at erika@thelanding.org or you may sign up Volunteer Training/VOMO

Questions?? Please reach out to Pam Bluestein at lamplighters@christchurchsl.org

Pam Bluestein

GROW WITH US

Psalm 1:1 GNT

"Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people, who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God."

Psalm 42:1 GNT

"As a deer longs for a stream of cool water, so I long for you, O God."

Psalm 51:12 GNT

"Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation, and make me willing to obey you."

Psalm 75:1 GNT

"We give thanks to you, O God, we give thanks to you! We proclaim how great you are and tell of the wonderful things you have done."



SING THE PSALMS

We all love music, all people respond to music, even babies in the womb react to music when their parents play music for them. It makes us happy, sad, want to dance!!

The book of Psalms is a hymnbook of the Bible. There are hymns of praise, and worship, prayers for help, songs of thanksgiving and even punishment for enemies. These prayers are personal and national.

They show us the intense feelings of the composer, and some represent the needs and feelings of all the people of God.

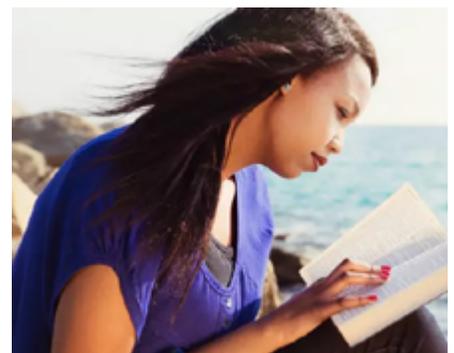
We have our own personal music book that we can go to any time and follow the music, written just for us.

Tomi Belgard

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

I try to read the scripture references after the Sunday sermon, but they always seem a bit anticlimactic. It's kind of like reading the book after seeing the movie. I thought, how much more could I get out of the Sunday sermon if I read the bible scripture BEFORE Sunday? What do I see in the text? How many messages/themes are there? Can I guess what the pastors are going to say? Want to try this with me? We can compare notes. 😊

- Sept. 4 Matthew 5:21-24 "Learn How To Say You're Sorry"
- Sept. 11 Philippians 2:1-4 "Don't Hurt People"



Debbie Grenier

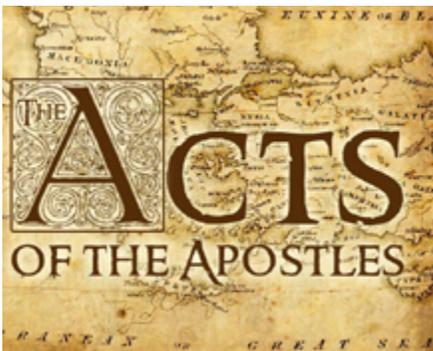
GROW WITH US

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CHRIST CHURCH



MONDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The Monday Bible Study Class is starting a study called "**Psalm 23: The Shepherd With Me**" by Jennifer Rothschild on Sept. 19 in room 11/12. The class will meet in-person only from 9:30-11:30. They will also try to incorporate one, or two, mission projects in their time together. This is a seven week study that includes in-class videos. You can register on the Christ Church website under Women's Ministries-Studies, or by contacting Kim Ripley at kimr@christchurchsl.org. Kim can also help with the ordering of books. For more details, contact Evelyn Smith at evelynasmith@hotmail.com.



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Do you want to read and understand your Bible better? The Precepts Bible Study class is for you. We read through one book of the bible in each study and really examine its content using the Inductive Study Method- Observe, Interpret, Apply. There will be no classes in September. The Fall study will start on Tuesday **Oct. 4th**. We will begin a 2 part, 16 week, examination of the **Book of Acts**. Studies include homework and in-class videos. The class meets from 9:30-12:00 in the Library. You can also join via Zoom. All women are welcome! Come dive into God's precious Word with us! For more information, or to sign up, contact Debbie Grenier at debgrenier@comcast.net



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The Thursday Bible Study Class will begin their Fall study on Sept. 22, 2022 and continue until Oct 29th. Detailed information about the study will be available after Sept. 2, 2022. Class begins at 9:30am in the Faith Corner. There is also an option to Zoom. Books can be ordered through Amazon or by contacting Kim Ripley at kimr@christchurchsl.org. Free childcare is always available by reservation to Sarah Stewart at sarahs@christchurchsl.org. For more information and to sign up, contact Debe Fannin at dfannin78@gmail.com.

THE KEY TO GENDER EQUALITY

by Zoe Empowers



When you sat down at your computer this morning, you didn't think twice about typing in the Web address you wished to visit: email, news, social media, Zoe Empower's blog. You simply typed it in, and within a few seconds, you were there reading, scrolling, clicking your way around.

But, you would have noticed if every vowel on your keyboard was frozen in place. How frustrating to click 'a's' and 'e's' and 'o's' and 'i's' and 'u's' and have nothing appear on your screen but a blinking cursor. In a single moment, your entire keyboard became obsolete because its core function depends on the effective operation of every key.

If we compared extreme poverty to a computer keyboard, the eight areas of life addressed by the Zoe Empowers program can each be equated to a single key. If one key stops working, the

orphaned or vulnerable child is unable to get to where he or she is trying to go—out of poverty forever.

Individually, each letter (or area of poverty) holds significance, but the real value unfolds when keys are strung together to create meaningful words and sentences. One way Zoe Empowers has demonstrated this multi-faceted impact is through gender equality.

Gender equality falls under the Child Rights area of training that every empowerment group receives. Often times, women and girls are isolated from men in many empowerment programs around the world. Overwhelmingly, efforts are focused on helping women and girls gain equal access to health, economic, educational and other opportunities, without actively engaging men and boys as allies, or helping both genders understand the way they can



benefit from gender equality.

Zoe Empowers has opted to take a gender transformative approach, where young girls and women are not only provided equal access to every resource and training received by the young boys and men in their peer group, but both genders are educated on the benefits of forming and promoting equitable relationships.

A gender transformative approach leads to higher levels of collaboration, connectedness, and social and economic well-being within the empowerment group. And, as Zoe Empowers group members embed themselves into their community through businesses and leadership roles, their expanded view on gender equality inevitably spills into the broader population.

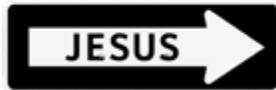
So, if Child Rights is one letter on a keyboard, gender equality becomes the 'shift' key. To capitalize and help young women stand tall and become empowered for the long haul, they need unwavering supportive equality from their male peers.

Diane Sindelar



STREET MINISTRY IN AUGUST

STREET MINISTRY



OTHELANDING

Praise God for the seeds being planted all along Bissonnett. The Street Ministry Team from The Landing is making good progress nurturing trusting relationships with the women, and a few men, who are living a dangerous and dark life. We were out several times this month, during the week and on Friday nights. We met lots of new women who were recently moved here from Arkansas, Mississippi, Miami and NOLA. We reported several instances of minors on the street and the HPD were very responsive, although shorthanded. We got to pray with some of the girls, we always pray for them, but we love it when they are open to having us pray with them and for them right there on the street. We handed out lots of snacks, drinks, cards with info on reaching us, and other supplies. Many of the girls now look for us, knowing that we are there for them and not to judge them. They like to call us "the church

ladies" or "our angels". We are humbled to be able to give voice to the often voiceless. We meet moms, who are desperate to feed and clothe children. When we tell them we can help - the relief of their faces is Beautiful. Praise Be To God. When we hand our card and reach out to a young woman who is new, we tell her we can help her get an ID, food, resources and medical treatment. She is soo happy to hear that someone cares. Sometimes, they're a little suspicious, but over time, they see us regularly and soon, trust begins to build. We Praise God for the folks who come out with us regularly to visit and nurture God's Children living in the shadows. I hope we can count on your continued prayers.

We were really pleased to have our own Pastor Michelle Hall with us one Friday evening. She was a great asset to the team as this was her first time out. It reminds each of us just how angry we should all be about having to be there in the first place. Seeing the street through the eyes of a new person reminds us all not to get comfortable with what is really happening. God wants us to Bold, Angry and Willing to Fight for His People. With God's Help, we will continue to battle this force of evil in our world, saving one life at a time and offering All Glory and Honor To Him.

Many people don't understand the difference between run of the mill prostitution and trafficking. "First, there is no such thing as prostitution when it comes to minors. Every transaction of money or drugs in exchange for sex with a minor is Trafficking and its illegal- with or without the exchange of money or other favors." (Fosterfocusmag.com) Second, with prostitution, the person offering services keeps all the money and are always in control, usually over 18 yrs old and can decline any client she/he chooses. This is Not the case for women/men who are trafficked. Women/Men/Minors who are trafficked have managers or "pimps" who are constantly watching them. There are quotas and the victims are often there due to force, fraud, or coercion. They do not keep most of the proceeds made from services. Even the clientele believe the victims are willing participants, but that is far from the truth. We believe all concerned citizens should learn the differences between prostitution and trafficking. It does get a little murky. For more information, please contact us or see the information about an upcoming training event at The Landing.

Pam Bluestein





RESCUE US MISSION

Rescue Us continues its mission to provide a faith-based, transitional housing program for female survivors of human trafficking. Lamplighter women are grateful to have walked with *Rescue Us* over the years, offering support as we were able. We have provided office furnishings, beds and linens, garage shelving, clothing, food, holiday decorations and gifts, patio furniture, kitchen items and help with fundraising events. Recently, a Lamplighters member undertook the role of facilitator in a Bible study with the *Rescue Us* residents. Residents took several weeks to fully engage since distrust is a common repercussion of being trafficked. With persistence, the loving facilitator has managed to win the hearts of the residents and they hers! What a joy!

RESCUE US MISSION

3K/5K WALK/RUN

Saturday Sept. 10
8:00-12:00pm
Sugar Land Memorial Park

God's hand can definitely be seen in this ministry! So far, the group has completed two studies from *The Joy of Living* series, Colossians and Philippians. A study of Ephesians is planned in the near future.

The staff of *Rescue Us* is currently focused on their upcoming awareness event and fundraiser scheduled for Sept. 10. They are hosting a walk/run at a local park and have engaged two speakers that are well-informed about human trafficking. The first speaker is Kathy McGibbon Givens of Houston, who was deceived at the age of 22 and trafficked for commercial sex for 9 months before finding a way out. She is now a member of the U.S. Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking. The second speaker is our own Pam Bluestein

Come hear
 Speakers
 about the Fight
 Against Human
 Trafficking!

who has been involved with UMW and Lamplighter anti-trafficking mission partners for many years. She currently volunteers at *The Landing*, a drop-in center for women "in the business", and participates in their Street Ministry program, reaching out to women where they work, building relationships and trust. If you would like to hear these women speak or learn more about the *Rescue Us* event, please go to the *Rescue Us* website, rescueusmission.org, or email lamplighters@christchurchsl.org for information.

Tara Velasco

"JUST AND TRUE LIBERTY, EQUAL AND IMPARTIAL LIBERTY, IN MATTERS SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL, IS A THING THAT ALL MEN ARE CLEARLY ENTITLED TO BY THE ETERNAL AND IMMUTABLE LAWS OF GOD AND NATURE, AS WELL AS BY THE LAWS OF NATIONS AND ALL WELL-GROUNDED MUNICIPAL LAWS, WHICH MUST HAVE THEIR FOUNDATION IN THE FORMER."

- Samuel Adams

BAMBI COORDINATOR NEEDED!

BAMBI (Baby and Mother Bonding Initiative) is one of the *Lamplighters* most popular outreach programs. After being closed to volunteers for over 2 years, their doors reopened this past April. While BAMBI was unavailable, the *Lamplighters* became involved in WHO (Women Helping Ourselves) at the Bonita House of Santa Maria campus. In April and June, we hosted 2 separate parties for these women as they cannot comingle. In order for us to continue both programs an additional person is needed to coordinate BAMBI.

Things are already in place for the 3 parties a year- Easter, 4th of July, and Christmas. We need

a loyal servant to step up to work with a team to help coordinate and execute the party plans.

If a person cannot be found, we will have to discontinue helping one of these groups and miss out on the blessings bestowed upon us by doing so. Prayerfully consider helping with this worthwhile mission that helps mothers and babies remain together as a family. Reach out to us at lamplighters@christchurchsl.org for further details.

Sandra Vautrain



BAMBI

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

-2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

WAFFLE SANDWICH



- 1 large egg
- 1 green onion, chopped
- 2 frozen low-fat multigrain waffles
- 1 tablespoon shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese
- Sliced tomato, optional

Directions:

1. In a nonstick skillet, cook Canadian bacon over medium-high heat 1-2 minutes on each side or until lightly browned. Remove and keep warm.

2. In a small bowl, whisk egg and green onion; add to the same pan. Cook and stir until egg is thickened and no liquid egg remains.
3. Meanwhile, prepare waffles according to package directions. Place 1 waffle on a plate. Top with Canadian bacon, scrambled egg, cheese and, if desired, tomato. Top with remaining waffle.

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/waffle-sandwich/>

Back to school healthy breakfast.

Prep: 20 min / Makes 1 serving

Ingredients:

- 1 slice Canadian bacon

Diane Sindelar

LUNCH AT THE LANDING



Feed My Sheep!

Yes, Jesus Himself commanded that we help take care of others. And so, we will! Our next Lunch

At The Landing will be on Wednesday, Sept. 7th. We will be serving a yummy Tater Tot Casserole, Salad, Drinks and Dessert, and of course, our signature bag of fresh fruit! Lamplighters will provide all the paper goods, but we need volunteers to help with the food items. Food and drinks may be brought to the kitchen by Room 11/12 on Tuesday the 12th and left in the frig or on the counter. Otherwise, please plan to drop off your items by 11 a.m. on Wednesday. Please clearly mark for The Landing. Also, all food items should be in disposable containers as we don't stay until

the lunch is over.

The clients and staff are always so very appreciative and it makes the clients feel special - knowing that other women are praying for them and caring about them. This is one of our longest running ministries and the blessings have been Abundant! So, calling all Women of Christ Church! Please volunteer today at lamplighters@christchurchsl.org

Pam Bluestein

MAKEOVER TATER-TOPPED CASSEROLE



Make *Lunch at The Landing* special with this easy casserole!

Prep: Prep: 15 min. Bake: 55 min. 8 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)

- 1/2 pound extra-lean ground turkey
 - 1 package (16 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables, thawed and drained
 - 3/4 cup french-fried onions
 - 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) reduced-fat reduced-sodium condensed cream of celery soup, undiluted
 - 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) reduced-fat reduced-sodium condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
 - 1/2 cup fat-free milk
 - 4 cups frozen Tater Tots, thawed
1. In a large skillet, cook and crumble beef and turkey over medium heat until no longer pink. In a 13x9-in. baking dish coated with cooking spray, layer the meat mixture, vegetables and french-fried onions.
 2. In a small bowl, combine soups and milk; spread over onions. Top with Tater Tots. Bake, uncovered, at 350° until golden brown, 55-60 minutes. overnight. Tip any remaining purée into an ice cube tray and freeze it.

https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/makeover-tater-topped-casserole/?_cmp=stf

Pam Bluestein

YOUTH RESCUE WARDROBE



Youth Rescue Wardrobe has received several calls during August to serve new youth clients of *The Landing*, after a several month quiet spell. There has

been some turnover there with youth advocates, so I was able to reach out to the supervisor and ask him to be sure the new advocates were aware of our ability to help their clients, and had the form to complete. One of the calls brought us our youngest client yet, only 12 years old, needing clothing, toiletries and school supplies. As a mom of a young daughter, I had a hard time wrapping my mind around the concept of a girl that young being in such a terrible situation. This client received 2

large bags of donated clothing, as well as new shoes, toiletries, a fully stocked backpack and a soft blanket. I hope that the knowledge that someone cared enough to get these things for her will give her a boost as she starts her new life! Thank you for all your prayers.

Kristin Johnson

"FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY."

- Mark 10:45 ESV

LADIES LUNCH DAY



Wednesday Sept. 14

September Mission Morning Change!

In an effort to save resources and maximize our giving at Change The World Day in October, we

are doing something different on our usual Mission Morning Day. It does have to do with mission - Always!

We've decided to have a Ladies Lunch Day and tour the *Mercy Goods* Store in Richmond! We will meet for lunch on **Wednesday, Sept. 14th at Sandy McGee's in Richmond at 11:30 a.m.** After that, we do a little shopping in old Richmond and go to Mercy Goods to see their store and hear their story of mission and change in the lives of those who work for the store.

They have taken over the candle making from *Elijah Rising*, so if

you were a fan of ER candles, you will be sooo glad to find out that the wonderful candles we came to love are still being made and its still for a great cause!

Be Prompt! Sandy McGee's gets busy with a lunch crowd! Let us know you're coming, so we can give them a heads up! We are ready for an outing - how about You!?? Lunch and Mission! It's a great combo! Let us know at lamlighters@christchurchsl.org Need childcare? let Sarah know at sarabs@christchurchsl.org 24 hr notice is required for childcare

Pam Bluestein

CHANGE THE WORLD DAY



Join our Christ Church family in our annual weekend of service on Oct 1-2. We will come

together to be the servant hearts that Christ has called us to be. Opportunities are available on-site and off-site to help those in need.

This is a great opportunity to serve together as a family!

Filling Food bags, Constructing, Caroling, Crocheting, Coloring and who knows what else... Whatever your gifts, they can be put to use.

Teams can fill quickly, so register

starting September 11 at www.christchurchsl.org/ctw!

Be the hands and feet of Christ to the World!

Renee Teel

"CARE FOR THE FLOCK THAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO YOU. WATCH OVER IT WILLINGLY, NOT GRUDGINGLY—NOT FOR WHAT YOU WILL GET OUT OF IT, BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE EAGER TO SERVE GOD"

- 1 Peter 5:2 NLT

DIAPER & WIPES DRIVE COMING



We love Moms & Babies!

If you have been at Christ Church for any time at all, then you know our group loves moms & babies! We have several missions that cater to moms and babies. We know that **every life is precious** to God and so we want to make sure moms and babies get all the love and help they deserve! It is especially tough for survivor moms and single moms right now with the record inflation and shortages of diapers and formula.

We will be collecting diapers, wipes and pull-ups in all sizes for

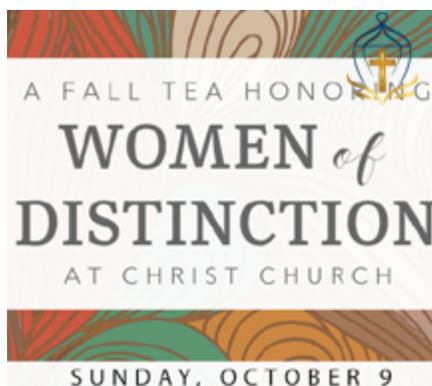
the week of **Oct. 16th - 23rd**. These diapers will go to missions like BAMBI, WHO, LifeHouse or Child Advocates. That 's alot of need, but We Serve A Big God, so we can do it!

Please drop off your donations in our *Lamplighters* bin down by Room 11/12. These moms are so grateful to know that other women in the community care about them and their sweet babies!

Pam Bluestein

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sept 7 11:00-1:00pm Lunch at The Landing
- Sept 10 8-12pm Rescue Us Mission Walk-a-Thon
- **Sept 14** **Cancelled** **Mission Morning**
- Sept 20 6:30-8:30pm Ladies Bunco Fellowship
- Sept 21 1:00-3:00pm CAFB Treasure Room
- Sept 25 5:00pm - Christ Church Council Meeting
- Daily 12:29pm Prayer Down
- Oct 1 8-12pm Change The World Day
- Oct 9 1:00-3:00pm Women of Distinction Tea
- Oct 13 7:00pm Possible Church Conference & Affiliation Vote
- Oct 16- Oct 23 All Day Diaper/Wipes Supply Drive



"She (my mother) became a warrior far superior to any epic hero. She became a giant on her knees. With a sword in one hand she battled the enemies of death and disease, and with her other hand stretched toward heaven she kept beseeching God's help and His mercy."

-Bishop T.D. Jakes



Prayers & Concerns

- **Billie Blair** - Healing and strength from ongoing health issues.
- **Pam Bluestein** - for caregivers and health of Boyd's aging parents.
- **Thomas** - (Pam Bluestein's nephew) as he battles cancer against all odds and his family as they struggle with him.
- **Leslie** - (Pam Bluestein's sister-in-law) who will be having another surgery in the near future.
- **Animal Shelters** - Many are at capacity. Please Foster, Adopt or Donate!
- **Teel Family** - Health, comfort, and healing for Bob. Healing for Renee's shoulder.
- **Christ Church/ Methodist Church**- Prayers lifted for the Methodist church and Christ Church in particular as it navigates time for discernment.
- **Ukraine Nation & NATO Neighbors**- End to the conflict. Protection from Russia's invading forces. Strength in God.
- **Ida Fulbright**- Healing and strength from back issues.
- **Debbie Meier**- Continued prayers for strength and healing.



Joys & Praises

- **Pam Bluestein**- My kids made it home safely from France and we are celebrating my mom's 83rd BD this week! My youngest daughter, Meagan & her friends got home safely from Thailand and Bali and Saved A Life while there!
- **Sandra Vautrain**- Susanne Grigsby (mother) is more stable now & has gotten into a routine at her new place.
- **Pam Bluestein**-Our congregation is blessed again with a very talented Choir Director, David Lee!
- **Pam Bluestein**- We had a most successful time with the LA 70 Study!

Sympathy & Condolences

- **Jo Anne Gregory**- A member of Christ Church since 2004 entered the Church Triumphant on August 1, 2022. Our prayers and condolences go to the family and friends of Jo which include her daughter Dana Rice and husband, Larry, and son, David Kennedy and wife Dallas along with five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren

*“The good life is one
inspired by love and
guided by knowledge.”*

- Bertrand Russell

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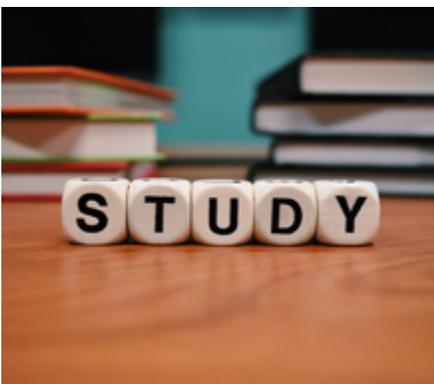
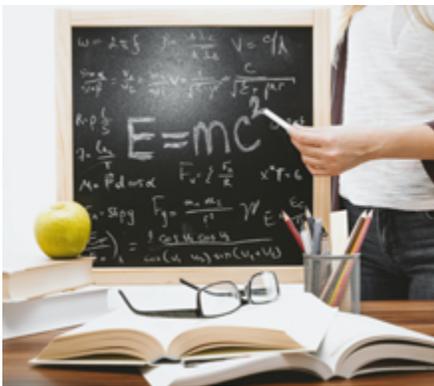
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"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

- Matthew 5:16 NIV

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We SERVE together.