



# *April @ Bethany*

Bethany Presbyterian Church

**Welcome to our new monthly newsletter!** Each month, the newsletter will feature more articles about the goings-on at Bethany, committee reports, and other items of interest. Ongoing announcements can be seen on the website.

**The season of lent continues!** On March 31, we'll hear the story of "The Prodigal Son" from a different point of view. April 7 shares the story of the woman who anointed the feet of Jesus. During this service, we will have the opportunity to share communion, and anoint and pray for each other.

**Palm Sunday - April 14:** Come join in the celebration as we open the service, waving palm branches and singing "Hosanna!" During the service, we will begin the journey toward the passion as we hear the story of Holy Week as presented in the book of Mark. As the service progresses, the story will be heard, and the sanctuary will be stripped of all adornments. The congregation will be asked to leave in silence at the end of the service. Coffee and refreshments will be served out on the patio that morning.

**Good Friday - April 19:** The church sanctuary will be opened from 12:00 - 3:00 pm, and there will be scripture readings and prayerful meditations available for any who would like to come and spend some time reflecting on this powerful, poignant part of the story of the death of Jesus. Members of the Worship Committee will be at the church to make sure the doors are open, and all are welcome to come and spend some time in quiet meditation.

## **Easter, April 21**

**Sunrise Service - 6:15 am:** Greet the dawn of this Easter morning as we gather to worship up in the Sunrise Area at 6:15 am. Plan to dress warmly and bring a blanket to sit on, and join with others as we once again hear the miraculous story of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ! Following the service, there will be an Easter Sunday brunch served in the sanctuary, with hot coffee, tea, and cocoa, cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice, and other treats. Signup sheets for that gathering will be out soon!

**Easter Worship - 10:00 am:** All are welcome to join in the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord at the 10:00 am worship service. Join us for wonderful music, stirring hymns, and joy filled proclamations of "He is risen! He is risen indeed!" Invite your friends, neighbors, and families to this service of hope and excitement! The Community Life/Action Committee will be providing the reception after church on this morning, and there will be an Easter "Goody Table" provided by Worship Committee.

### **3/19/19 SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (7:04pm- 9:00pm)**

- K. Quickert led the Devotion using Visio Divina and Psalm 23.
- Rev. Richard Pyke will preach 4/28/19.
- Rev. K. Pyke request for vacation 4/29/19 - 5/24/19 approved with the following Sunday preaching coverage:
  - Rev. Robin Crawford - 5/5/19 & 5/12/19
  - Rev. Geoff Browning - 5/19/19
- L. Hughes and P. Mathews will attend a special Presbytery Meeting to offer input from
- BPC on how to allocate \$1,000,000 in grant money to churches within our Presbytery.
- At this time the Financial Trustees have not had a response to any Letter of Intent regarding the leasing of our building.
- Buildings & Grounds will lead a Church-wide work day on April 13, 2019 9 am - 12 noon.
- Personnel has posted the job of Bethany Music Leader.
- Congregant Interviews by Elders have begun. Detailed discussion of how to use/disseminate information being received.

### **Members Page on the Bethany website**

NEW! Wednesdays @ Bethany is now viewable on our website! Because we care about your privacy and to protect your personal information, W@B will be password protected, so that your phone numbers, addresses, birthdates, etc. will not be out in the open on the internet, but still be available to those who are part of the Bethany community.

To access the Members section of the site, follow these easy steps:

#1 Go to the "MEMBERS" drop down menu at the top right of the page, and click on it.

#2 Enter the password, "rosewood" (all lower case, no quotation marks) in the password box.

#3 Click enter

Try it out at home. Kathy Quickert will be demonstrating this new feature during the announcements in the near future.

**Food Collection for San Bruno Shelter:** Sunday, March 10 also marks the start of our food and supplies collection for the San Bruno Shelter. Please bring non perishable food items and any other supplies as requested by the Shelter Ministry Committee. Those items will be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 14, and sent to the shelter to help our sisters and brothers in need.

**Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing:** The April event has been postponed, and is now scheduled for Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. More information will be available closer to the event.

**Bethany Spring Tea, Saturday, April 27, 2019 @ 1pm – 3:30pm** here at Bethany Presbyterian Church. Details to come about who the Tea will benefit. We will publish more details as soon as we finalize our arrangements. Tickets will be \$20 and there will be a basket raffle.

### **Catholic Worker Hospitality House (the San Bruno Shelter)**

Rina Ranahan is Bethany's representative to the San Bruno Shelter. Please call her at 650-291-6979, if you are interested in serving on this committee.

### **Urgent Items Needed: Canned fruit, jelly, napkins, toilet paper, coffee creamer**

**Food:** canned fruit, canned soup, milk, butter, sliced bread

**Toiletries and supplies:** napkins, toilet paper, new and unused shampoo, new and unopened razors, new socks, new underwear

### **Save the Date – Spring Events**

- **Sat. April 6**, 10 a.m. – noon – Rise Against Hunger
- **Sat. April 27**, 1 – 3:30 p.m. – Bethany Spring Tea

### **Due Dates**

**For W@B:** Tuesday morning.

**For Sunday announcements:** Wednesday morning. Email them to the church office or leave them in the mailbox on the outside of the office door.

**Happy Birthday to these wonderful folks born in March!**

1	Donna Goodwin
1	Danielle Fontaine
2	Aaron Schurk
3	Benjamin Kumimoto
5	Kelly Underwood Rozmus
14	Berit Potter
16	Matthew Jones
18	Claire Hollenbeck
20	Amber Wales
20	Jorie Abbott
22	Pam Matthews

**We remember these Saints of Bethany who were born in March:**

6	Katie West
11	Alice Oaks

**Bethany's Purpose Statement:**

Bethany's purpose is to provide a nurturing and energizing environment to feed the soul so we can go out into the world and reflect the glory of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Bethany's Welcoming Statement:**

We don't yet know who you are,  
but we do know that you are a dearly beloved child of God,  
and you're already welcome here.  
We invite you, on your unique spiritual journey,  
to join us in the life and ministry at Bethany.



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