
August @ Bethany

Bethany Presbyterian Church

From the Pastor



Pastor Deb has been away at the Mother Ship of Sweden! She looks forward to writing her next Pastor's Letter in September.

Peace be with you.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

SCHOOL SUPPLY *Drive*

We will be collecting school supplies during August and September!

Please bring supplies such as crayons, colored pencils, regular pencils, glue or paste, colored paper, white paper, notebooks, scissors, etc to the church, and we will be sure that the supplies will be delivered.

Please contact Lyn for more information.



Monthly Activities

Sundays: Worship at 10:00 am
Coffee Hour 11:00 am
(rehearsals start 8:30 am)

Wednesdays: Prayz 5:00 pm
Prayer Group 6:30 pm

Submissions for W@B: Tuesday mornings

Submissions for the September newsletter:
Tuesday, August 20

1st Sunday: Communion at Worship Service

2nd Sunday: Worship Committee 11:00 am

2nd Monday: Ruth Covenant Group 6:30 pm

3rd Sunday: Deacons Meeting 11:30 am

Buildings & Grounds and
Community Action committees

- as scheduled



Birthdays

- 5 - Randy Johansen
- 5 - Leslie Olson
- 8 - Abby Cardoza

Anniversaries

- 16 - Andy and Melinda Jones
- 26 - Clarie and Tamra Hollenbeck

Ruth Covenant Group

The Bethany Ruth Covenant Group will be taking the month of August off as people travel and enjoy the delicious summertime relaxed moments! Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 pm at the church. The meeting will include our usual check-in time, fellowship, refreshments, prayers, and sharing. Judy Lozzi has agreed to share her story about who has inspired her along her life's journey. You are most welcome to join in for this wonderful time of sharing. Joining by Zoom is available if you are not able to attend in person. Please let Tamra Hollenbeck know if you would like to receive a Zoom invitation, and we'll send one to you. Summer blessings to everyone!



Community Action



Ongoing donations to Catholic Worker Hospitality House continued throughout the quarter. Please bring any CWHH donations to the church or call Lyn Hughes at 650-867-0667 for pickup.

Financial Trustees

Financial information through June 2024 will be reported in September 2024.

Financial Issues:

- In progress: replacement of our antiquated electrical panel for maximum efficiency. Next steps 1. Update electrical panel, 2. Decide on solar energy panels/installation, and 3. Install heat pump.
- In progress: Room 9 clean-up, work continues on this room.
- In progress: The Kitchen Update Committee cleanup and clean out. Another cleanup day is being scheduled. Lowe's could not provide any assistance as a consultant. We have started to look for kitchen remodel consultants in San Mateo County on the internet.
- Patio repair – on hold for now – suggestion was also made to extend patio to the edge of the west parking lot and possibly include a labyrinth.
- Upper Roof Repair – on hold for now.
- In progress: On-line giving opportunities. We have received steps to put information on-line from WFB, probably first through FaceBook.

Session Meeting Highlights: July 9, 2024

Pastor: Deb reported.

- Deb is getting ready for her two weeks away. She will be vacationing in Sweden with her mom for two weeks. There will be pulpit supply for July 21 and 28.
- Beverly Bristow, beloved longtime Bethany member, has entered into hospice care.
- Lyn will act as Elder on Call during Deb's time away.
- Bob Johansen will celebrate his 90th birthday on July 26.

Financial Trustees: Lyn reported.

- On-line giving as a way to make donations to Bethany is being pursued. Lyn has worked with Wells Fargo to get the system in place, and Deb will take the information from Lyn and work with Kathy Quickert to get the system up and running.
- Financially, Bethany continues to be in good shape. Most people remain faithful about keeping their pledges current.

Buildings and Grounds: Dave reported.

- Dave received a quote for solar array and battery backup from Sunrise Energy Solutions. He was told that the electrical panel does not need to be upgraded, however he will continue to look into that.
- The sanctuary has been uncomfortably warm the past few weeks. A suggestion was made to purchase a couple of fans to be placed by the outside doors to draw cool air into the sanctuary to circulate the air.
- The Parking Lot Chain Project is completed. Dave will talk to the Sikh community to check how it is working for them.

Community Action: Lyn reported.

- Next thing being planned is a school supply drive in the fall.

Personnel: George reported.

- Rev. Kristie Pierce will preach on Sunday, July 21, and Rev. Don Milford will preach on Sunday, July 28.

Worship: Deb reported.

- Deb has been choosing hymns, and she requests feedback about hymn choices.
- Liturgists have been confirmed through August.

Other Business

- **Next meeting date:** There will be no Session meeting in August. The next meeting date will be September 10 at 4:30 pm.
- **Questions to be addressed at next meeting:** How many people needed to serve on Session? Could we combine Deacons and Session? Names of possible additions to Session are being sought and considered.

Respectfully submitted by Tamra Hollenbeck, Acting Clerk



Our 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.

Our 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 are already welcome here.
We invite you, on your unique spiritual journey,
to join us in the life and ministry of Bethany Presbyterian Church.

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