

# August@Bethany

Bethany Presbyterian Church

2021

**Welcome to our 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.



*This is a photo of the labyrinth on the grounds of the Mercy Center, in Burlingame. The last time I was there for a private retreat, they were just beginning to build this. It is with great joy that I will be back there for study leave beginning July 25<sup>th</sup>. I will return on August 1<sup>st</sup>. I am looking forward to this time of return to a place that helped birth my spiritual journey.*

*-- Pastor Deb*

(Pastor Deb's letter to the congregation will be in the W@B on August 4<sup>th</sup>.)



**T-shirts:** We plan to make our Opening Day (Sept 12) worship celebration very special. In fact, we are SO excited about this day, we're creating t-shirts! Would you like one? Shirts will be \$17.50 each, and come in sizes small through 3XL. Please contact us to place your t-shirt order. Ordering will close on August 15!



**We have one more outdoor, in-person worship serviced planned for August 1<sup>st</sup>!**

The services will be held on the patio right outside the church doors, and we will be requesting people to be socially distant and wear masks. The services will also be streamed live on Facebook, as they are now.

There will be a couple of shade canopies and some chairs, and you are welcome to bring your own chair if you wish. Hymnals and copies of the worship liturgy will be available.

Please join us as we gather together to worship in person as a congregation! Hope to see you there!

**Financial Trustees**

**June**

\$ 15,741.00 Income  
\$(17,179.43) Expense  
\$ (1,438.43) Difference

**YTD**

\$ 92,283.50 Income 102.816%  
\$(91,637.67) Expense (101.024)%  
\$ 645.83 Difference 1.792%

Our heartfelt thanks for mailing or bringing your offerings to the church. We are blessed to have such a faithful congregation.

Questions about the BPC budget: Contact Lyn Hughes, Ken Henry, Dave Wales, or Bonnie Morgan.

Questions about our tenant, the Sikh Association: Contact either the Financial Trustees (Lyn Hughes, Ken Henry, Dave Wales or Bonnie Morgan) or Buildings and Grounds (Dave Wales)



It's about time for another great **Bethany Picnic!** Save the date and mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 26!**

We'll gather at beautiful Junipero Serra County Park, in San Bruno (1801 Crystal Springs Road) after worship (noonish). We will settle in at the Buckeye Picnic Area, which is near the top of the hill, next to the Ranger station. There is easy parking, and access to the picnic area for all abilities, and restrooms are close by. Admission to the park is \$6 per car.

Faith potluck: bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverages and a dish to share! We'll have some coals going if you'd like to bring something to grill, and will provide plates, cutlery and napkins. Everyone is welcome to the picnic: bring a friend, your family members, and neighbors!

If you are interested in helping out with set-up, clean-up, or grilling, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Please [contact the church office](#) to volunteer, or for any additional information. See you at the Picnic!

# Do you know?

The cartons we buy with our favorite foods (juice boxes, soups, almond milk, etc.) have long seemed to be a great way to stock our pantries, save space, and decrease waste. But so many of these cartons are not, alas, recyclable. There is a movement to address this problem but it's perhaps better to choose a refrigerated carton when possible because it can go in the compost bin. Does your recycling service now take cartons? If not, call them and encourage the change! Read up on food packaging dilemmas and make responsible decisions for our environment. Share information with friends! Here's a great site to help us be more informed: [https://foodprint.org/reports/the-foodprint-of-food-packaging/#section\\_8](https://foodprint.org/reports/the-foodprint-of-food-packaging/#section_8)



**It is with heavy hearts** that we share the news of the passing of Susan Jessee, daughter of Barbara and Tom Jessee. Susan passed on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, after a long battle with cancer. A memorial service for Susan will be held at Skylawn Memorial Park at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Skylawn is located at Hwy 92 at Skyline Blvd. in San Mateo.

## **JULY 20, 2021 SESSION MEETING**

(by Zoom video conference 7:05 PM - 9:24 PM)

Pastor Deb opened the meeting in prayer, followed by a group meditation reflecting on noticing beauty in the moment.

Session approved Pastor Deb's request to be off the following dates:  
Nov. 26 - Dec. 2 and Dec. 26 - Jan. 2.

Session approved Pastor Deb's request to move Communion from Aug. 1 to Aug. 8.

Financial Trustees will seek clarification from Presbytery regarding moving toward having a Called Pastor.

Community Action will be providing toiletry bags w/essentials, for Hospitality House by early August and school supplies to the Igreja Brasilia Church in San Mateo by early Sept.

A Bethany Picnic is approved and planned for Sept. 26 in Junipero Serra Park.

Discussion regarding the flying of flags at Bethany by BPC and the Sikh Association was started and will continue at the next meeting.

Our next Session Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at BPC in person. (Session will not meet in August 2021.)

If you have any questions before then, please contact Roxane Wales at 650-303-2070 or [roxanewales@gmail.com](mailto:roxanewales@gmail.com).

-R.Wales, Clerk of Session

***A quick message from the Deacons:*** We want to extend an offer to contribute to the deacons' fund to support our work in the community. We have been prayerfully diligent in looking to help good causes that address issues near and far of social justice, housebound seniors, safe housing, the SB Shelter, the Brazilian congregation, etc. But we also want to fine-tune our attention to the needs of our own community as well. Please consider supporting the deacons' efforts to spread messages of peace, joy, love, support and encouragement right in our neighborhood. We love to find new ways to lift you up. God bless you, and happy summer!

Your deacons, Kathy, Roxane, Tamra and Bonnie

## **COMMUNITY ACTION/LIFE COMMITTEE**

- 1. News about Our Partnership with Iglesias Brasiliana** – San Mateo: We continue to collect items for Iglesias Brasiliana, our partner in San Mateo. “Needs” include non-perishable food items, especially rice and pinto beans. Cans of soup, chili, or canned vegetables or fruit are also needed. Other useful items are toiletries, blankets, and paper products.  
Currently we are collecting school supplies for the children:  
Remaining items needed: 12” rulers, glue sticks, and small scissors (child size). Please bring any supplies to the church and place in the box labeled “School Supplies” in the Narthex under the coat rack. Donations are also welcome to help purchase these supplies. We plan to deliver the supplies by the end of August. Please continue to prayer for this congregation and consider how you might be able to help. We continue with discussions about how we might help our partner through the end of this year.
- 2. Ongoing we will be providing funds from our Fund-a-Vision grant to the Catholic Worker Hospitality House** (the San Bruno Shelter) for various needs. During July, we will make our third \$5,000 donation from the grant. At this time, the greatest physical needs are for food, toiletries, and blankets.
- 3. We also will assemble and deliver 40 toiletry bags for CWHH** by mid-August. Items still needed are disposable razors, small deodorants, small bottles of shampoo, combs, and 20 toothbrush/toothpaste kits. Items can be brought to the church and put in the box in the Narthex labeled “Toiletries.”
- 4. Please pray for our community and how we may continue to help CWHH.**



***Donations for San Bruno Hospitality House:*** There will be a plastic bin outside the door closest to the lower parking lot at Bethany for shelter donations so people can continue to donate for the shelter. The box will be periodically checked and items taken down to the shelter. Any questions about this please contact Rina Ranahan: (650) 291-6979.

**A current list of shelter needs is on our website:** <http://bethanypcusa.org/we-do/shelter-needs.html>

You can read more about the shelter on their website:  
<http://catholicworkerhospitalityhouse.org/>



**Happy Birthday to these wonderful folks born in the month of August!**

- 1 Claire DeLand
- 5 Leslie Olson
- 8 Randy Johansen
- 23 Jeff Wu
- 31 Jenna Fontaine

**August Anniversaries**

- 2 Brad & Robin Parker
- 12 Tom & Stephanie Knox
- 16 Andy & Melinda Jones
- 26 Clarie & Tamra Hollenbeck
- 31 Todd & Janet Bower



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

- 13 Milly Angeles
- 13 Arthur Kross
- 23 Dolores Dunning
- 25 Marjorie Beatty
- 30 Kathleen Delander



*Forever  
In Our  
Hearts*

Due Dates

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

**For the monthly newsletter:** the Tuesday before the last Wednesday of the month.



**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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<https://mlp.org>



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