



August @ Bethany

Bethany Presbyterian Church

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.

FINANCIAL TRUSTEES

June Financial Summary

Income	\$15,403.50
Expense	(\$16,500.93)
Net	(\$ 1,097.43)

YTD

Income	\$ 91,474.70	89.01%
Expense	(\$ 94,259.02)	(91.72%)
Net	(\$ 2,784.32)	(2.71%)

Lease Update: Keller Williams, our commercial leasing agent, brought a proposal to the Trustees for leasing a portion of the downstairs. The Trustees created a lease, had that lease reviewed by Legal counsel at the Presbytery of San Francisco, updated Session, and then forwarded the draft lease to Keller Williams. We have heard back from the prospective tenant and are now answering some resulting questions. We are hopeful we will soon have a new tenant at Bethany.

Kathryn Pyke's Resignation Update: A congregational meeting was held after the service on June 28 for the members to vote on the Dissolution of the Terms of Pastor Kathryn Pyke's call and her severance package. The meeting was moderated by Rev. Janet Bower from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministries. The vote was a simple majority in favor of accepting the Dissolution of Pastor Kathryn Pyke's call and her severance package. Kathryn's last day in the pulpit was July 28, with her last official day with Bethany Church on July 31, 2019. Severance payments will begin in August, 2019.

Other Trustee Updates: George Lynch from the Personnel Committee has secured pulpit supply for August and September. The Trustees, along with Session, will be reviewing and assisting in a further draft statement of Interim Pastor job requirements. The Presbytery's Committee on Ministries will assist Bethany after Pastor Kathryn's departure and the Rev. Janet Bower has committed to being available for any questions. Assistance on other items needing attention will be provided by the Session and various Session committees, such as Personnel and Worship.

7/25/19 SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (7:05pm- 8:45pm)

Meeting moderated by Rev. Janet Bower.

K. Mitchell led the Devotion reflecting on the words of Be Thou My Vision.

Rev. Bower explained the Presbytery's outline for Exit Interview which has been completed with Rev. K. Pyke and will be conducted with BPC Elders at the next meeting.

This interview will present the Session with an opportunity to discuss:

- *where the congregation has been and where it is today.
- *the relationship between the departing pastor and the congregation.
- *the strengths and weaknesses of the congregation.
- *challenges the congregation is facing or will face during the transition.

BPC Elders & Deacons will complete a 6 hour Communication Training on Saturday, August 24, 2019.

L. Hughes reported for Financial Trustees that at ½ year faithful giving is continuing.

Draft lease proposal for a portion of our downstairs to a Sikh congregation has been approved by Presbytery and will possibly be implemented as soon as Sept. 1, 2019.

G. Lynch has secured Pulpit Supply Pastors for BPC through Sept. 2019 with the hope an Interim Pastor will be named by October.

K. Mitchell and Rev. Bower will research possibilities of ways to employ a Pastor or Seminarian to lead Bible Study classes.

Community Life will host August 1st Saturday Dinner with Summer Movie Night on 8/3/19 with pizza, salad & make-your-own-sundaes.

K. Quickert will host the October 1st Saturday event (10/5/19) with a Potluck Picnic at Junipero Serra Park, complete with beloved BPC Sno-Cones!

Rev. Janet Bower will provide Pastoral Care for BPC, with assistance from Rev. InHo Kim and Rev. Robin Crawford, until an Interim Pastor is secured.

Rev. Bower's contact info:
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Next Q&A - 8/4/19

Next Session Meeting (moderated by Rev. InHo Kim) - Thursday, August 22, 2019.

-R.Wales, Clerk of Session

COMMUNITY ACTION/LIFE COMMITTEE

Rise Against Hunger

The Rise Against Hunger event has been re-scheduled to **Saturday, October 5, 2019, from 10am to noon** at Bethany Presbyterian. Please be sure to update your calendars.

Also, please note that we are currently halfway to our expense goal. It now costs **\$3,451.68** to pack 10,152 meals and we have collected \$1,750.00 which leaves \$1,701.68 to be raised by October 5th.

Here is a link for individuals to register as well as donate for our upcoming event:

<https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=701f1000002zYpxAAE>



Dinner and a Movie Night – Saturday, August 3rd – 5pm

Community Life will sponsor a pizza, salad, and ice cream sundae dinner on **Saturday, August 3rd at 5pm at Bethany Church**. The movie is "Best in Show." If you would like to join us but did not indicate so on the signup sheet, please contact the church office.

Looking Ahead

Peacemaking Offering – October 2019

Annual Stewardship Drive and Non-Perishable Food and Supply Collection for Catholic Worker Hospital House (the San Bruno Shelter) – November 2019 (we are also hoping to schedule a Sunday after church to put together toiletry bags for the Shelter)

Annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner – Saturday, November 23, 2019 @ 6pm (mark your calendars)

Possible Christmas project with the Deacons – December 2019

Other Hunger Projects

We are currently looking into the Presbytery of San Francisco's grant procedures for possible future funding of other hunger projects. More information to come on this topic.



Save the Date – Summer Events

- Sat. August 3, 5 p.m.: Dinner and a Movie (movie TBA)

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.

The full list can be found on our website: bethanypcusa.org



Pastor on Call: Until we have an interim pastor in place, Rev. Janet Bower will be our pastor on call, with assistance from Rev. Inho Kim and Rev. Dr. Robin Crawford. If you have an emergency requiring a pastor, please contact Rev. Bower at 650-483-2136. You can also email her at janetkbower@gmail.com

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.

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



Happy Birthday to these wonderful folks born in August!

- 1 Claire DeLand
- 5 Leslie Olson
- 5 Leroy Don Smith
- 8 Randy Johansen
- 23 Jeff Wu
- 30 Kathleen Delander
- 31 Jenna Fontaine



August Anniversaries

- 2 Brad & Robin Parker
- 10 Richard & Kathryn Pyke
- 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 July:

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

Members Page on the Bethany website

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

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.

Bethany Presbyterian Church is a member of More Light Presbyterians
<https://mlp.org>

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