



# February @ 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.

February 2020

Hello everyone!

I am really thrilled to be Transitional Pastor at Bethany! In mid-August of last year, George Lynch from the Personnel Committee called me to ask if I would be available to be a guest preacher for one Sunday. I had to decline because I really wasn't able to work outside of San Francisco. The transportation was just too complicated. I even had tickets to a Giants game that day that made transportation planning much more complicated.

Not only did the Giants win that day, but my heart was also burst open with "visions" so startling in their opposition to my plans, that I didn't talk to anyone about them. I promised God that if they didn't go away on their own, I would pay closer attention. I had no idea then that in just a few short months I would have a new job in San Bruno and a new home in South San Francisco. Today, one month in, I am settled in an apartment, and office, and have transportation much earlier than I thought would be possible. I feel fully ready to enter Lent and Easter with all of my energy, imagination and love. There are so many individuals to thank for all the work and help that has happened in order to make all of this happen for me and for us together. The energy of Bethany is strong!

Wherever you stand on the membership spectrum – lifetime, 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, regular member, visitor, lapsed, out the door, or a friend of Bethany – I look forward to meeting you. I hope to make the time to meet everyone who wants to be met, one on one, in the next six months. I encourage you to contact me anytime at [dmcguire@bethanypcusa.org](mailto:dmcguire@bethanypcusa.org) for any reason. I want to know what you love, what you are interested in, what bothers you, where you are in pain, as well as anything else that comes to mind. Keep in mind that none of us knows what we don't know. Help me be your pastor by sharing any joys or concerns as you are comfortable. Meeting each of you is very important to me.

Finally, this is a half-time pastor position. That will be something all of us will have to keep in mind. I will have office hours on Tuesdays and Fridays, rescheduling as other appointments come up. I am also in the office on other days, so do email or call me at any time. I'm excited to be your pastor! I look forward to learning from you!

Blessings,  
Pastor Deb

## **1/7/20 SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (7:05pm- 8:26pm)**

Meeting moderated by Rev. Debra McGuire.

- G. Lynch led the Devotion reflecting on Winter Solstice, "I am the Light of the World".
- Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after Worship on 2/9/20 with Annual Reports due to Berta by 1/31/20.
- Rev. Deb is getting to know us and our BPC committees - what they do, how they run, when they meet and who participates. She will be meeting with everyone, individually or in small groups to find out what we like to do and how we go about making Bethany work for everyone.
- 2020 Budget will be presented at the February 9 Congregational Meeting.
- December storm brought some skylight leaking. Thank you, Dave & Ken for fixing it.
- Community Action Committee is busy planning the Spring Tea and some Summer Movie Nights.
- Thanks to George and the Personnel Committee for leading the 2019 successful search for a new Music Director(Jessica) and Part-time Interim Pastor(Debra).
- Thank you to the Worship Committee for planning and executing meaningful services during our time without a pastor. Beginning January 2020 P. Matthews will chair the Worship Committee.

Next Session meeting - Tuesday, 2/18/20 at 7 PM.

**Next Session Q&A - 2/23/20.**

-R.Wales, Clerk of Session

## **FINANCIAL TRUSTEES**

### **December Financial Summary**

Income \$33,487.00  
Expense (\$26,128.51)  
Net \$ 7,358.49

### **YTD**

Income	\$231,110.13	112.44%
Expense	(\$225,906.45)	(109.90%)
Net	\$ 5,203.68	2.54%

Reminder: Should you have any questions about our tenant, the Sikh Association, please either contact the Financial Trustees (Lyn Hughes , Ken Henry or Dave Wales) or Buildings and Grounds (Dave Wales)

The Financial Trustees are finalizing the 2020 budget and plan to review the recommendations with Session before the Annual Congregational meeting.

**Annual Reports:** Our 2019 Annual Report will be distributed at the annual congregational meeting on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Committee chairs and group leaders are asked to submit their reports to the secretary no later than Friday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. (Due to the short time frame, it is unlikely the reports will be available before the meeting.)



### **COMMUNITY ACTION/LIFE COMMITTEE**

Bethany Spring Tea – please mark your calendars to join us for the annual tea on Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 1pm to 3:30pm; more details to come

More information to come about 2020 soon!

### **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. Current items needed include:

- coffee
- creamer
- sugar (white & brown)
- oatmeal
- canned fruits
- soup spoons
- trash bags (8 gal, 13 gal, 39 gal)
- sleeping bags
- blankets
- socks
- underwear
- paper products (napkins, paper towels, toilet paper)
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The full list can be found on our website: [bethanypcusa.org](http://bethanypcusa.org)



## February Birthdays

- 4 Kenny Parker
- 5 Aaron Jones
- 5 Susan Gartner May
- 6 Thomas Abbott
- 7 Kathryn Pyke
- 8 William Warfield
- 10 Tyler Bray
- 11 Amy & Mia Kumimoto
- 12 Gary Bullis
- 15 Robin Parker
- 17 Jack Parker Ellefson
- 20 Mitchell Gruner
- 21 Rina Ranahan
- 22 Janet Bower
- 23 Fred Matthews
- 26 Beverly Bristow
- 26 Sarah Henry

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

- 4 George DeWeese
- 9 Bill Quickert
- 12 Greg Bullis
- 24 Rose Golobic

### **Happy Anniversary!**

- 27 Tom & Barbara Jessee

**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.



**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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