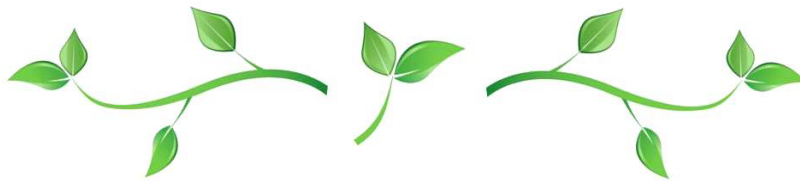


June @ Bethany

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.



Do you love to read aloud?

I do! I have been enjoying reading books into my audio recorder on my phone, one chapter at a time, and sending the recording to my family. My family sometimes has done this over the years. My brother is the one with an “Audible” quality voice! I had the idea of maybe reading all of the Psalms onto a CD as a way of offering pastoral care. But then I had a better idea!

What if anyone who wanted to read a psalm, and sent their recording to me? Then I could compile all 150 Psalms onto a CD and we could each hear our friends’ voices. A professional recording wouldn’t be the goal. A child could read, an old person could read, a family could read one psalm alternating lines maybe. It would be a really creative endeavor that we could all share in even from a distance! I would love to hear the voices of everyone who has been a part of Bethany who wants to read. It would be like a yearbook in a way, with our voices being the signatures.

Let me know if you’d like to participate!
Don’t make me call you!



-Pastor Deb



Something fun for Pentecost as we shelter in place!

Pastor Deb has found this pretty coloring page, and the idea is for anyone and everyone to print and color one (or many) of these for Pentecost!

Once you've finished, you can mail yours to the church and Deb will decorate the sanctuary on **May 31**, for Pentecost!

[Click here](#) to download your [Pentecost Coloring Page](#), and enjoy! (The link has pages both to color and already colored in.)

A New Way to Worship

Until restrictions on gatherings are safely lifted, we will continue to worship in our own homes via Facebook Live at 10:00 on Sunday mornings. The live broadcast will begin 5-10 minutes before the hour, and you, your friends, family and neighbors are all welcome to join the live session before worship begins, greet one another, and let us know of your presence.

After worship, we will celebrate a virtual coffee hour via Zoom. Those who have participated in zoom coffee hour are finding a much-needed sense of connection and community with our church family! If you do not automatically receive and email invitation to coffee hour, definitely contact us so that we can add you to the list!

The worship committee and the session are working very hard to find the best way to bring all of us together to virtually worship each Sunday. Right now we are set with Jessica and Pastor Deb, and we have a liturgist for May. But we would like to know who is comfortable coming to be liturgist on various Sundays going forward. We can't have too many people in the room, and not everyone is or should be coming around others even with a mask. But if we could have a short list of people who would be willing to rotate, we're looking for you! We also will need someone to aim the camera on occasion when George is away, as well as someone who is willing to lead hymns.

If you feel as if you are able to help out either as 1) liturgist, 2) leading hymns or 3) camera work, please let us know. You can leave a message on the church voicemail, or email the church office

5/19/20 SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

(by Zoom conference call 7:19 PM- 8:25 PM)

Meeting was opened by Pastor Debra McGuire, in prayer and reflection on Quiet Mind: One Minute Mindfulness by David Kundst.

During the Pastor's Report time we discussed the difficulty in keeping Deb's work schedule to 24 hours per week as she feels called to fulfilling the needs of our Congregation especially during pandemic times. Deb is working with the Worship Committee on how and when to handle the reopening of BPC. She also attended a 3 hour Zoom Presbytery meeting on 5/12/20.

Deb will start a Prayer Meeting on Zoom for any interested party, beginning Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. (Email Deb (dmcguire@bethanypcusa.org) for an invitation.

Financial Trustees report BPC is solvent at this time and are researching replacing stoves in the kitchen.

SF Presbytery reports that 4-6 churches have 50-90% of their congregations out of work. BPC will start sending \$50 per month to assist these congregations. Information about where people can send additional funds will be added to BPC website, Wednesdays@BPC and announced during Sunday service.

The Worship Committee is collecting data about how Worship on Facebook Live is working for people. Their next meeting is 6/7/20.

A bin will be located outside BPC front door to collect any items for the Catholic Worker Hospitality House. George will make deliveries.

Dave and Roxane will work on additional signage at Rosewood entrance designating BPC Worship status.

All Committee Chairs are reimagining use of Zoom (or Zoom-like services) for fundraising/get-togethers/meetings.

Next Zoom Session meeting - Tuesday, 6/16/20 @ 7 PM.

If you have any Session questions please, contact Roxane Wales at 650-303-2070 or roxanewales@gmail.com.

-R.Wales, Clerk of Session

Calling All Graduates!

This year our graduates will either be going without a graduation ceremony, or it will be very different from what they expected. This does not diminish their accomplishments, and we want to celebrate!

If you or a family member are graduating or being promoted, and would like to be recognized in the June@Bethany, please send the information to the church office.

You can include:

- Graduate's name
- School
- Degree/certification earned
- Future plans



Donations for San Bruno Hospitality House: There will be a plastic bin outside the door closest to the lower parking lot at Bethany for Peter Stiehler's shelter donations so people can continue to donate for the shelter. The box will be periodically checked and items taken down to Peter's Second Ave. shelter. Any questions about this please contact George Lynch: cell phone @ 650-580-4123. Thank you.

COMMUNITY ACTION/LIFE COMMITTEE

Bethany Spring Tea – Postponed Until Further Notice

The Bethany Tea has been postponed until further notice.



FINANCIAL TRUSTEES

April and YTD Financial Summary

April Income	\$14,330.00
April Expense	(\$13,027.80)
Net	\$1,301.20

YTD Income	\$57,444.07	94.2%
YTD Expense	(\$59,611.70)	(97.8%)
Net	(\$ 2,167.63	(3.6%)

Please mail your offering to the church as we are making weekly deposits to ensure our staff is paid and bills are kept current. We thank you in advance for your faithful giving during this unusual time.

In May, Lyn Hughes presented information to the Session from the Presbytery of San Francisco's Finance and Operations Committee regarding small churches who are struggling due to high unemployment rates in their congregation, offerings that have dropped to 10% of what was previously being given, and lack of resources for their food banks and other church services both to their congregants and families in the neighborhood. The Session voted to send \$150 each to two Presbyterian churches in San Mateo which were Latinos Unidos en Cristo and Iglesia Braziliana. Checks were prepared for a total of \$300 and information was posted to our Facebook page as well as in Wednesdays@Bethany in case others in our congregation or the community would like to also send funds. Thanks for keeping our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers and please consider a small donation if possible. FPOC says even \$20 is helpful to a struggling congregation and when sent, it gives the congregation hope that others are thinking of them.

Questions about the 2020 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)

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

- 1 Bill Marsh
- 2 Steve Rozmus
- 4 Paul Feliciano
- 5 Jonathan May
- 5 Knox Parker
- 11 Graham Richards
- 12 Huy Lee
- 15 Ellen Kross
- 16 Vivianne Schlater
- 17 Ky Hollenbeck
- 19 Glenn Carlson
- 19 Orrin DeLand
- 19 Bonnie Morgan
- 22 Nancy Crawford
- 23 Harlan Falejczyk
- 26 Tom Knox
- 29 Jim Engvall
- 29 Tom Abbott
- 30 Elaine Lutz
- 30 Geoff Browning



Happy Anniversary to these wonderful couples married in the month of June -

- 2 Roberta & Ken Henry
- 2 Garry & Robyn Cox
- 11 Eric & Abby Huseh



We remember these Saints of Bethany who were born in June:

- 1 Ruth Herndon
- 5 Will Bullis

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. Items most needed right now are:

- hot cups with no lids
- canned fruit
- napkins
- toilet paper
- old fashioned oatmeal

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

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.

Bethany Presbyterian Church is a member of More Light Presbyterians
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