

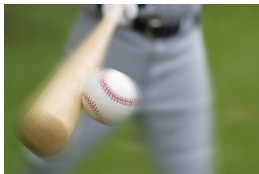
June@Bethany

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.

Welcome to June!



To some, summer is baseball!! To some, summer is daisies!! The beach, a road trip, time away from the every day routine. Weddings, travel, long warm nights, people making plans! Here at Bethany we will spend the summer months planning for our opening for in-person worship in September. Memorial Day weekend coming up will be our first of three in-person outdoor worship services. I am so excited to see people in person. We won't know the vaccination status of everyone there so we will remain masked and distanced. But we hope more and more people are comfortable coming to worship with us in the safety of outdoors. We on the broadcast team will be so happy to see more faces and a live group to present worship with. If you have been worshipping online with us, you can tell how much fun we are having. The only thing missing is the rest of you.



My hope for the summer is that I will be able to have some face to face visits with people as outdoors becomes an option. Let's find some creative ways to be together. Do you miss church? Come on up to the building and we can sit in the garden. Do you have a great outdoor area near home? Let's sit out and have a chat. Do you need to talk about anything of concern, of joy, something on your mind. How are you? Let's talk!



*What is the church's phone number anyway?
Here you are: 650-589-3711.*

Pastor Deb

How do we look?



Leadership at Bethany has been having conversations about what Bethany looks like from the street. How is our curb appeal? This matters because our building is far back on our lot so often people passing by don't recognize that there is a wonderful community here. Our garden, our mural, our hill and our trees are beautiful to experience as people come to find solace and peace in our neighborhood. Our new Little Library is a strong addition to that effort.

Selling the container was a great help. Outreach has had ideas recently and in the past; Buildings and Grounds do lots of upkeep; Trustees finance efforts; individuals help keep up the garden by the mural. Instead of many committees, leadership would like to set up one group tasked specifically with achieving a well-marked, well-identified and welcoming location. To that end, Bethany will be setting up a Beautification and Clean Up Task Force (BCTF) made up of anyone interested in making Bethany look inviting and thriving. Some of this conversation has begun. Before we go further we want to clarify who is interested in being on this task force and set up clear communication expectations.

My view is that BCTF make decisions about priorities, etc. not as a single person or single entity, but in conjunction with Finance for questions about affordability and accounting, and Outreach for questions about touch points between outreach and beautification/cleanup. The committee will meet in person or on zoom and keep minutes or at least notes for the pastor and committee members.

This is an exciting time for us! Contact Pastor Deb by June 1st if you are interested.

*Faithfully yours,
Pastor Deb*



We have three outdoor, in-person worship serviced planned! The dates are May 30th, June 27th, and August 1st. That means the first one is **THIS SUNDAY!**

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.

A couple of shade canopies and some chairs will be available, and you are welcome to bring your own chair if you wish.

Please join us as we gather together to worship in person as a congregation for the first time in many months! Hope to see you there!

Each month, in the newsletter, the Outreach Committee will draw attention to the PCUSA's and Bethany's concern about our environment and the climate changes we are experiencing. "Do You Know" will focus on recommendations and actions that we all can take that will make a difference, even in small ways, to care for our world. Your ideas for this monthly entry are welcome, via email to Pam or any member of Outreach: Kathryn Quickert, Ken Henry, Berta Henry, Tamra Hollenbeck, Chris Angeles, Steve Cady.



Have you been holding on to old VCR tapes and CDs that you no longer want? Of course, you can see if you can donate them to a used record store but consider this: these are not recyclable and we definitely don't want to throw them away, to go into the landfill where they will never break down! Do you know about [Green Citizen](#) in Burlingame (click the link to check out their website!)? They primarily take discarded electronic media (like old phones and computers, TV's and the like) but YES they take tapes and CDs. They will properly break these down and dispose of them as safely as possible. There is a charge but it is a small cost to do the right thing! \$1 a pound. If you would like help getting them there, call one of our committee folks or the church!



Ruth Covenant Group: The Ruth Women will gather at the church on Monday, June 14 at 6:00 pm. We plan to meet on the church patio, however will move inside the narthex if the weather demands it! We plan to follow CDC guidelines regarding masks and social distancing, so please do bring a mask along.

We have been reading the book *Love Is The Way - Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry. We are hoping to discuss the chapters up to #6, and we are encouraged to share what parts of the book resonate with us. There's always a check in time to share what's going on in our lives and time for prayer, and you are welcome to join in! If you don't have a copy of the book or haven't had time to read it, no worries! You are still encouraged to come! If you have any questions, contact Pam Matthews or Tamra Hollenbeck. Many blessings to you!

MAY 18, 2021 SESSION MEETING

(by Zoom conference call 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

Pastor Deb opened the meeting in PRAYER, LIT THE CHRIST CANDLE, followed by reflections on using our presence as a present.

Continued detailed discussion about safely reopening the church.

There were some replies to Deacon’s invitation TO VOICE YOUR OPINION ABOUT reopening. These are being considered along with following guidelines and recommendations from the National CDC and San Mateo County. At this time the plan is to continue with Facebook Live and have masked/distanced outdoor services (with Facebook Live) on May 30, June 27, Aug. 1, and an indoor service on Sept. 12.

The BPC Beautification & Cleanup Task Force will be working in conjunction with the Outreach Committee to update the curb appeal and parking lot markers and signage.

Pam Matthews (Outreach) will be contributing to the monthly newsletter with information regarding our environmental stewardship of Earth.

Our next Session Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom. If you have any questions before then, please contact Roxane Wales at 650-303-2070 or roxanewales@gmail.com.

-R.Wales, Clerk of Session

FINANCIAL TRUSTEES

April

\$ 11,565.00 Income
\$(13,907.27) Expense
\$(2,342.27) Difference

YTD

\$60,057.50 Income 100.368%
\$(60,472.44) Expense (101.179)%
\$(635.08) Difference (.811)%

Continued thanks for mailing or bringing your offerings to the church. We are blessed to have your ongoing support and constant faithfulness.

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)

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. Updated “needs” include: Non-perishable food items, especially rice and pinto beans. Cans of soup, chili, or canned vegetables are also needed. Other useful items are toiletries, blankets, and paper products. For Father’s Day, we honored the Iglesias Brasiliana fathers by providing 30 large snack bags filled with many yummy treats for their enjoyment. Many thanks to Donna Goodwin for her help in assembling the Father’s Day bags. Please continue to prayer for this congregation and consider how you might be able to help.
We are currently in discussion about our role as a partner over the next six months.
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. At this time, the greatest needs are for food, toiletries, and blankets. We also delivered 25 toiletry bags to CWHH during May which are very useful to the participants. Please pray for our community and how we may continue to help CWHH.

In Remembrance: It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of Patti Grant, just nine months after the passing of her beloved husband John. Patti and John were long time members of Bethany, along with their daughters Kim (Grant) James, Valerie (Grant) Brimble, and Kelly. They sang in the choir, participated in Christmas Pageants and numerous other dramatic and musical events, and served on session and the board of deacons. Condolences may be sent to their daughter Kim (Grant) James and her husband Curt at: 2225 Botany Bay Dr., Pittsburgh, CA, 94563.

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/>



Extras! This month, there are two additional PDFs attached to your email. One is a Bible word search game, which Deb mentioned in her sermon on May 9th. The second is the home sharing flyer from [HIP Housing](#): “For more than 40 years, HIP Housing has empowered families and individuals in San Mateo County to live happier, more independent lives by investing in their human potential and providing access to an affordable, safe place to call home.” Check them out!

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 Viviann 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

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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