

MARCH @ BETHANY



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to our new 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.



Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 10th – remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed on Saturday night!

Members Page on the Bethany website

NEW! 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

Try it out at home. Kathy Quickert will be demonstrating this new feature during the announcements in the near future.

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A More Light Congregation

Home Welcome We Are We Pray We Do Music Photos **Members**

Bethany Members & Friends Password:

ENTER

If you wish to access the private information meant only for the Members and Friends of Bethany, and do not have the password, please contact us at bethanypres@bethanypcusa.org. Thank you!

2018 Giving Statements are available to be picked up at the church. If you would like yours mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Worship Committee Announcements

Ash Sunday - March 10: This year, the Worship Committee has decided to try something a little different. Instead of Ash Wednesday, which is traditionally marked on the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent, we will be starting our Lenten Journey with the disposition of ashes as part of our worship service on Sunday, March 10. The ashes are prepared each year using several of the palm branches that were waved in church during the previous year's Palm Sunday, and those ashes will be used to mark us a children of God and followers of Christ.

Fresh Fruit for March 10: For this first Sunday in Lent, we are asking the congregation to bring fresh fruit - oranges, apples, bananas, grapes, kiwis, etc - to adorn the communion table as a symbol of abundance and delight. All the fruit will then be taken to the Shelter to be used during the breakfasts served on weekdays. Please bring any fresh fruit to the sanctuary for worship on Sunday, March 10, and thank you in advance!

Food Collection for San Bruno Shelter: Sunday, March 10 also marks the start of our food and supplies collection for the San Bruno Shelter. Please bring non perishable food items and any other supplies as requested by the Shelter Ministry Committee. Those items will be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 14, and sent to the shelter to help our sisters and brothers in need.

Lenten Liturgical Art: The sanctuary will be reconfigured during the season of Lent as a way to mark the sacredness of the season. There will be banners and other items on the communion table that also will reflect a lenten theme.

From the Community Action Committee

Ceili – Dinner and Music from The Bethany Brawlers on Saturday, March 16, 2019 @ 6pm;
Location: Bethany Presbyterian Church

Join us for dinner and lively music from our very own Bethany Brawlers. There is no charge for this event but signups are encouraged. Please invite your family and friends.

Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing Event on Saturday, April 6, 2019 @ 10am – Noon; Location: Bethany Presbyterian Church

Please plan to help us pack over 10,000 meals in just two hours. We need to have about 40 individuals helping to make the event run smoothly. Signups are encouraged and your family and friends are always welcome.

Bethany Spring Tea, Saturday, April 27, 2019 @ 1pm – 3:30pm here at Bethany Presbyterian Church. Details to come about who the Tea will benefit. We will publish more details as soon as we finalize our arrangements. Tickets will be \$20 and there will be a basket raffle.

Elder Visits to Congregation: On February 3, the congregational meeting brought to light that there are a lot of feelings and concerns about Bethany. Session discussed this at length at our February meeting, and it was decided that we need to get in touch with the congregation, to check in and to hear from you. Six elders - Lyn Hughes, Tamra Hollenbeck, George Lynch, Pam Matthews, Kathleen Mitchell, and Roxane Wales - have agreed to call upon members and friends of Bethany, to offer an opportunity for honest sharing of your hopes and vision for the future of our church. We hope to make visits to most of you during the month of March, and if you haven't heard from us and want to share your thoughts, please contact one of us or let Rev. Kathryn know, and we'll schedule a visit. The goal is to bring about some reconciliation and healing so we can move forward, open and ready to continue doing the work of God in the world. Thank you in advance for allowing us to visit, and may the peace of Christ be with you each and every moment.

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

Other needs:

Old fashioned oatmeal and cereal

Chili, stew, raviolis, and applesauce

Coffee, cocoa, tea, white sugar, and brown sugar

Bread, milk, and margarine

Pasta and pasta sauce

Peanut butter and jam

Travel-size toiletries

Soup bowls and coffee mugs

New or clean, used bath towels and blankets

33 gal trash bags, sandwich bags, and brown paper lunch bags

Cleaning products: dishwashing liquid, household cleaners, cleanser, laundry soap, and bleach

Paper goods: paper towels and Kleenex

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and razors

Small to medium-sized plastic storage ware

Sweatshirts, hats, gloves, and socks

January 2019 Financial information:

January and YTD – 2019

Income \$14,307.00

Expense (\$15,863.43)

Net (\$ 1,556.43)

Save the Date – Spring Events

- **Sat. March 16**, 6 p.m.: Ceili – dinner and music from The Bethany Brawlers
- **Sat. April 6**, 10 a.m. – noon – Rise Against Hunger
- **Sat. April 27**, 1 – 3:30 p.m. – Bethany Spring Tea

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.

2/15/19 Session Meeting Highlights: Detailed discussion about ideas of ways to implement healing practices at BPC. Rina reported on her assisting with the San Mateo County Homeless Count. She also assists with shelter meals weekly, along with Bonnie Morgan, Roberta Franchini and Leslie Olson.

Happy Birthday to these wonderful folks born in March!

9	Roberta Henry
13	Linden Cady
13	Robyn Cox
17	Barbara Liedtke
21	Bethany Delander
23	Paulette Emfinger
25	Monica Fontaine
27	Eddy Bray
29	Kelsy Parker

Happy Anniversary!

2	David & Elizabeth Parker
27	John Lee & Evelyn Orr

We remember these much beloved "Saints of Bethany" who were born this month:

12 Helen Liedtke
12 Donna Gartner
21 Barbara DeLand
27 Clarene Broad

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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