

May@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.

My Dear Bethany family,



Welcome to May – already! As I received my second dose of the vaccine today, I felt a stronger sense of hope than I have felt for a while. A bunch of us took a group photo today on my patio at home and laughed about how sincerely we were all smiling but no one would be able to tell by looking at the photo! It will be nice to see people’s faces from chin to forehead someday.

As the church leadership continues discussions about exactly when we will see each other’s full face in person at services, we have decided to begin with plans for outdoor services first. On May 30th, June 27th, and August 1st we will have our 10am Sunday worship services outdoors. This way we will all be able to see each other in person, and be able to experience the joy of three-dimensional fellowship a few times in a row, so we can offer each of you to choose one date or all three to test out your own feelings about gathering in person. It seems ironic to be welcoming a return to some kind of normalcy and at the same time be even more anxious about re-entering the world. It may be ironic but it is to be expected. Getting out of a rabbit hole is just as difficult as having gotten into the rabbit hole! I can appreciate any struggles each of us experiences to take steps at our own pace. Having three chances to come to church in person gives us a chance to put a toe in the water without pressure to dive right in.

Keep the faith! I feel sure that soon we will be saying “Come on in, the water’s fine!”

*Blessings,
Pastor Deb*



APRIL 20, 2021 SESSION MEETING

(by Zoom conference call 7:05 PM - 8:28 PM)

Pastor Deb opened the meeting in prayer, lit the Christ Candle, followed by reflections on the grace and goodness of others.

Continued discussion about safely reopening the church. Deacons will be asked to take an informal poll of BPC Family and Friends about under what circumstances they would return to indoor Worship. San Mateo County has protocol for reopening which will be adhered to, also. 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 the possibility of an indoor service on Sept. 12.

Our next Session Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 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

March and YTD 2021 Financial Summary

March

\$ 14,717.50 Income
\$(18,603.94) Expense
\$(3,886.44) Difference

YTD

\$48,492.50 Income 92.546%
\$(47,278.11) Expense (95.931)%
\$ 1,214.39 Difference (3.385)%

Our thanks for mailing or bringing your offerings to the church. We are blessed to have your ongoing support, faithfulness, and generosity.

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. Ongoing 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 welcome items.. Other items needed are toiletries, blankets, and paper products.
 - For Mother’s Day, we honored the Iglesias Brasiliana mothers by providing 37 cosmetic bags filled with Mary Kay makeup, nail polish, makeup brushes, candles, hand cream, and either a necklace or bracelet.. Many thanks to Patty Hughes for her help in assembling the Mother’s Day bags.
 - We plan to provide Father’s Day bags for 29 men at Iglesias Brasiliana near the end of May. If you have items for these bags or would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Lyn Hughes at Lhughes91207@gmail.com or (650) 867-0667,
 - 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. Also please pray for those in need in our community and how we may continue to help CWHH assist with issues in San Bruno.

“Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.”

— A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*



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/>

Happy Birthday to these wonderful folks born in May!

- 3 Richard Pyke
- 5 Steve Cady
- 5 Kimberly Elliot
- 8 David Cady
- 13 George Lynch
- 15 Robin Crawford
- 15 Barbara Lucas
- 16 Justin Wales
- 24 Dave Wales
- 29 Stephanie May Knox
- 30 Norma (Skip) Quickert



May Anniversaries

- 26 Joe & Elizabeth Falejczyk
- 27 Paul & Kathleen Delander
- 27 Aaron & Jean Jones
- 27 Janine & Cory Valine
- 30 Frank & Donna Goodwin

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

- 13 Bee Parker
- 15 Dave Fogle



Due Dates

For W@B: Tuesday morning.

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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