



# May @ Bethany

## Bethany Presbyterian Church

2022

**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.

**Save the Date: Next COM Workshop:** we will continue our work to help us get to the goal of presenting a candidate for our next permanent pastor. The next workshop is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14, from 10 – 11:30 a.m.** You need not have attended the first workshop to attend this one! You also need not be a member to attend and engage in these workshops. Bethany is blessed with committed attendees who are encouraged to participate. The invitation is to those who are interested in asking and answering some deep questions, in the company of others who are interested in the same thing. Join us!

### **Ruth Covenant Group**

The Ruth Covenant Group will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, May 9 at 6:30 pm at the church. It will again be a hybrid meeting with some participants meeting in person in the sanctuary, and some meeting via zoom. If you would like to join by zoom, please let Tamra Hollenbeck know so we can send you the link. We are continuing with a book study of *A More Perfect Union: A New Vision for Building the Beloved Community* by Adam Russell Taylor. Because of the postponed meeting in April, this month we will be discussing Chapters 2-4, “Why America Must Be Reborn”, “E Pluribus Unum: Out of Many, One”, and “Reimagining the Beloved Community”. In addition to our discussion, there will be an opportunity for check-in, fellowship, and prayer. All are welcome to attend!

### **APRIL SESSION MEETING UPDATE**

Bethany Session meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7 PM. If you have any questions before then, please contact Roxane Wales at 650-303-2070 or [roxanewales@gmail.com](mailto:roxanewales@gmail.com).

-R.Wales, Clerk of Session

### *News from the Secretary*

**Vacation:** I will be on vacation starting April 25<sup>th</sup> and will be back at work on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Email and voicemail will be checked in my absence.

The monthly newsletter, May@Bethany, will be scheduled to be sent out. There will be no Wednesday@Bethany on May 4<sup>th</sup>, but the weekly newsletter will resume on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The liturgy for Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will be available on the website.

**Back in the Office:** Starting Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, I will be back working in the office at the church! My hours will be Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. We'll see how that goes, or if I need to make changes to my schedule.

– Roberta Henry, secretary



### **Community Action/Life Committee**

News about our Partnership with Iglesias Brasiliana – San Mateo:

At this time, we are not collecting **food items for IPB**. We will notify the congregation of further requests.

Pastor Jorge Abdala has asked us to collect our “change” (pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters) for the IPB congregation’s program “Multiplying Talents.” The fund helps those in need in the IPB congregation for various things.

No matter the number of coins you have to donate, please place your change in the “Coins for Iglesias Brasiliana” jar which is located right inside the door of the Sanctuary on the small table where you find the Sunday bulletins. Approximately \$350 has been delivered to Pastor Jorge and we can do more. We expect to collect coins through June and possibly throughout 2022. Your coins and continued prayers for the IPB congregation are very much appreciated.

## **Financial Trustees Report**

March

\$ 12,048.75	Income	
\$(17,967.15)	Expense	
\$( 5,918.40)	Difference	

YTD

\$ 48,792.25	Income	108.737%
\$(46,544.78)	Expense	(102.129)%
\$ 2,247.47	Difference	6.608%

Many thanks for your continued support through your generous offerings.

Questions about the BPC budget? Contact Ken Henry-Chair-Financial Trustees, Lyn Hughes-Treasurer, Dave Wales-Secretary or Bonnie Morgan-Member at Large.

Questions about our tenant, the Sikh Association? Contact either the Financial Trustees (Ken Henry, Lyn Hughes, Dave Wales, or Bonnie Morgan) or Buildings and Grounds (Dave Wales)



*Did you know?*

The war in Ukraine and the recent reports from the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) have sparked more conversations about how to get off fossil fuels more quickly as communities and individuals. One of the highest impact actions you can take is to swap out fossil fuel appliances for electric in your home. Many of our homes still have gas stoves but in addition to the climate impacts of gas there is increasing evidence of negative health impacts. A solution: induction stoves are becoming more widely available and cooks love them ( they are super efficient and safe). If you rent your home or can't afford a new appliance, there are inexpensive one or two burner induction cooktops that can be put right on top of your gas stove and help reduce your gas usage! (Thanks Abby Huseh for your help)

<https://www.rewiringamerica.org/electrify-home-guide>

**Donations for San Bruno Hospitality House:** Please continue to bring your donations for Hospitality House and put them in the marked basket in the Narthex. Any questions about this please contact Rina Ranahan: (650) 291-6979. Urgent needs right now are toilet paper, canned soup, jelly, syrup, and cereal.

**A current list of shelter needs is on our website:**

<http://bethanypcusa.org/we-do/shelter-needs.html>

**Weekly Prayer Time:** at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening we have a time to meet as the body of Christ and pray together, via Zoom. Shared readings, poetry, guided meditation, and, of course, the prayers of the people. Please contact us to be invited to the Zoom meeting: [bethanypres@bethanypcusa.org](mailto:bethanypres@bethanypcusa.org).



### **Bethany Story Time**

We have a collection of children's books on our Facebook page! Over the past year (and a bit more!), Pastor Deb and various members of the congregation have recorded readings of children's books, and then Pastor Deb added video of the illustrations. The videos are available any time for you to enjoy! Share them with your family, friends, and neighbors! Find them here:

<http://bethanypcusa.org/welcome/storytime.html>



The flower for the month of May is the lily of the valley. It has many dainty blossoms grouped together on one stem. Lily of the valley blossoms are white and often arranged with lush greenery to contrast the wildflower-like composition. This flower signifies sweetness, humility, and motherhood.

**We missed a few late-April birthdays! Happy Belated Birthday to:**

Cynthia Feliciano (April 26)

Debra McGuire (April 27)

Roberta Franchini (??)

**Happy Birthday to these wonderful folks born in May!**

- 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
- 15 Barbara Lucas



*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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