



November @ 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.

10/17/19 SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (7:12pm- 9:10pm)

Meeting moderated by Rev. Janet Bower.

P. Mathews led a Meditation reflecting on mindful Communications.

Rev. Bower shared printed information on Presbyterianism (Definition of Elder, How Presbyterians Make Decisions, etc) which led to a discussion on how to best present this to our Congregation. Research to continue.

Discussion of updating our member list. R.Wales will prepare active/inactive member lists for review at the next meeting.

L. Hughes reported on BPC financial matters and leasing agreement update...See Financial Trustees report herein for details.

G.Lynch reported on Session holding meetings with three Interim Pastor candidates by the end of November.

K.Quickert reported on Outreach Committee's showing of the film Trigger on Nov. 2.

T. Hollenbeck reported on the Nominating Committee's quest for new officers.

Tamra also reported on the Worship Committee's plan for a 11/10 Healing Service which will be led by Rev. Janet Bower.

Thank you to G.Lynch for securing upcoming pulpit supply.

Next Session Meeting - Thursday, November 21, 2019 @ 7 pm.

-R.Wales, Clerk of Session

FINANCIAL TRUSTEES

September Financial Summary

Income	\$11,403.36
Expense	(\$16,792.23)
Net	(\$ 5,388.87)

YTD

Income	\$161,191.06	104.56%
Expense	(\$159,521.78)	(103.48%)
Net	\$ 1,669.28	1.08%

Good News! – A Lease Has been Signed with the Sikh Association

On October 15, 2019, the Financial Trustees, with assistance from our commercial leasing agent Jeff Rohn from Keller Williams in Burlingame, were successful in executing the signing of a 3-year lease November 1, 2019 with building occupation expected by December 1, 2019. Our new tenant, The Sikh Association, will use the month of November to make modifications to the downstairs classrooms, etc. as noted in the lease. All modifications will be at the tenant's expense. The lease calls for a 5% rent increase year over year and also has an option to renew the lease at the end of three years, should the Sikh Association wish to do so.

Our new tenant is very excited about their new San Bruno location and they look forward to meeting with everyone and working together in our joint location.

Former Pastor Information Update:

In October, our former pastor, Kathryn Pyke, was paid the third of six possible monthly severance payments due to her. These payments will continue through January 2020 unless Rev. Pyke finds a pastoral job in the Grand Canyon Presbytery in Arizona. All funds have been received from the Presbytery of San Francisco in order to complete the payment of the severance payments.

Other Trustee or Committee Updates Involving the Trustees:

- George Lynch from the Personnel Committee has secured pulpit supply for November. The Session has met with three possible interim pastor candidates. Session will next meet to discuss the information from the candidates and to make further decisions
- The Session continues to work on an Interim Pastor job description, a policy and contract agreement, an offer letter and review a process list. All this work continues with the assistance of Rev. Janet Bower and Rev. Inho Kim from the Committee on Ministries
- A draft 2020 budget will soon be created for the Financial Trustees' review
- The Peacemaking Offering was taken in October 2019. We will share the final amount collected as soon as the information is available

COMMUNITY ACTION/LIFE COMMITTEE

Rise Against Hunger – New Faces, New Friends, A Wonderful Morning!

Under the leadership of a new Rise Against Hunger event manager, Terry Lewis, 43 people helped pack 10,152 meals at our event on Saturday, October 5, 2019. We had help from a wonderful Scout troop and the troop leaders, along with parents who pitched in to help. All expenses were paid upfront. The packers also included people from St. Andrew Presbyterian in Pacifica as well as Broadmoor Presbyterian in Daly City. We were also fortunate to have those two churches and our very own Deacons contribute to the expenses for the event.

Many thanks to all of you that attended this very successful event which was completed in record time and/or made a contribution for our expenses.

OUR ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE INCLUDES YOUR 2020 PLEDGES and MORE.....

The Annual Stewardship Drive and Non-Perishable Food and Supply Collection for the Catholic Worker Hospital House (the San Bruno Shelter) will start on Sunday, November 3, 2019 and run through the end of November. Please start to think about your 2020 pledge commitment to the church. There is definitely a need, as in years past, for new or gently used blankets and other items to keep people warm, such as hats, gloves, and scarves.

On November 17, 2019, we will also pack 50 toiletry bags for the Shelter; please plan to come and help after the service is over that day

DATES THAT SHOULD BE ON YOUR CALENDAR:

- Annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner and Talent Revue – Saturday, November 23, 2019 @ 6pm. The church will provide the turkey, dressing, gravy, rolls and drinks. Please plan to bring a dish to share such as potatoes, salad, vegetables, cranberry sauce, or dessert. Family favorites are always welcome. Signup sheets will be at the church starting November 10.
- Christmas Project with the Deacons – December 2019 (details to come)
- Christmas Eve Service – Tuesday, December 24, 2019 @ 7pm

Other Hunger Projects

The Presbytery's grant procedure is nearly in place. We will share information as soon as it is available.



Dinner & a Movie: Please join us on **Saturday, November 2 at 5 p.m.**, for dinner before, and discussion after viewing the documentary ***Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence***, by award-winning filmmaker David Barnhart. As part of Bethany's Peacemaking Ministry we are offering this event to the entire community as a forum for information, reflection and discussion. About the film: "This documentary frames gun violence as both a disaster and a public health issue through the eyes of its victims. It addresses the critical issue of gun violence prevention by moving the conversation away from the polarizing extremes that have long dominated the debate and lifting up the voice and experiences of those who seek common ground and a new way forward."

We will provide the main course (veggies lasagna) and sides, and invite you to bring a dessert to share. You can sign up in the Narthex, or RSVP via email or call to the church office.

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.

Food, particularly non-perishable and perishable foods such as

- canned fruit, canned soup, milk, butter, sliced bread

Toiletries and supplies such as

- napkins, toilet paper, new and unused shampoo, new and unopened razors, new socks, new underwear

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

Upcoming Worship Services

Nov. 3 – All Saints' Day/Remembrance
Worship led by Rev. Garry Cox

Nov. 10 – Service of Healing
Worship led by Rev. Janet Bower



World Communion and Peacemaking: We will be celebrating World Communion & Peacemaking on Sunday, October 6. Rev. Geoff Browning, Peace Advocate of PCUSA, will be leading us in worship, and we will share different breads from around the world and we honor the diversity and oneness with Christians from all walks of life. This Sunday will also be the kick-off of our Peacemaking Offering, an offering used to support the efforts of peace throughout the world, in our nation, and in our own community. Please plan to join us for this wonderful time of worship as we once again acknowledge our commitment to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Pastor on Call: Until we have an interim pastor in place, Rev. Janet Bower will be our pastor on call, with assistance from Rev. Inho Kim and Rev. Dr. Robin Crawford. If you have an emergency requiring a pastor, please contact Rev. Bower at 650-483-2136. You can also email her at janetkbower@gmail.com



Fall Back: *Sunday, Nov. 3rd marks the end of Daylight Saving Time – turn your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!*



Happy Birthday to all those born in November

- 4 Laura Henry
- 11 Ken Henry
- 15 Freda Lutz
- 16 Liz Falejczyk
- 17 Piper Hollenbeck-Nicolosi
- 22 Andy Jones
- 26 Sharyl Weinshilbaum
- 26 Hannah Warfield

November Anniversaries

- 24 Robin & Nancy Crawford

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

- 4 John Vanderby
- 8 Betty Sweetman
- 17 Fallon Herndon

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, Nov. 2, 5:30 p.m. – Dinner and a movie: “Trigger”

Saturday, Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Dinner & Talent Revue



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.

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