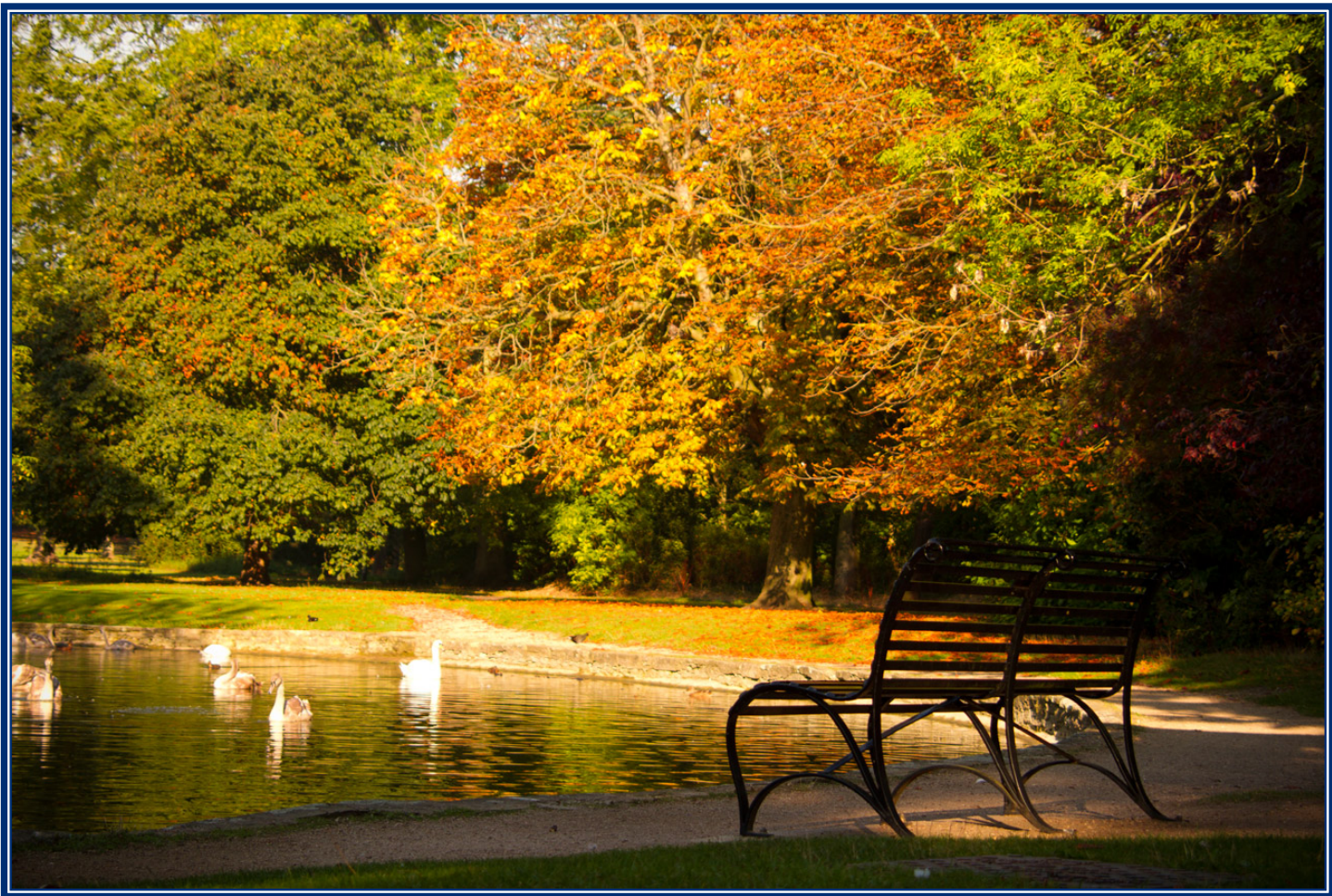




2021

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.



Dear friends,

It just does not seem fair that I begin another month's newsletter with sorrow for another loss of one of our beloved members. You may have heard from your deacon that our lovely Barb Lucas died on Sunday. As of this writing we don't have a lot of information and we know there is certainly more to say. All of our prayers are with Barb's family right now, as all of this is very raw.

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I'd like to try something a little different in this letter. I am going to invite us to a little bit of inner reflection about those we love. You may be reading this in the body of an email, where you are reading words, followed by more words, followed by more words. I have chosen a graphic for this month's letter, that I think is lovely. I invite you to gaze on the picture, maybe on a computer, or maybe get a printed copy of this month's NOV@Bethany. What draws you into the photo? Is there something there that is pleasing? See if you can imagine yourself in the photo. Where would you be? Are you standing or sitting? Maybe you're lying down on the grass. Are you in the sun? What might you be looking at? It would be great if you could take about five minutes to spend some time in your imagination, inside the photo here, and allow yourself to think of loved ones who are no longer with us on earth. Can you bring that person into the picture with you too? Spend some time together. Take a deep breath.

On the first Sunday in November we will be celebrating All Saints Day. It would be lovely if everyone who wants to, brings in a photo or something that reminds them of one of these saints who live in our hearts. We will collect them all on the communion table where they will be with us as we share the Lord's Supper together.

On that day, we will have just changed our clocks back. Just two weeks after that we will be enjoying our November 20th Donation Station drive-thru collection day. Followed by Thanksgiving, and then on the 28th we begin Advent already. It's a whirlwind month, so be gentle with yourselves. We have been through so much. Let each day come in its own time and we will be ready to begin the journey toward the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior at just the right time. Together.

*As always, let's talk.
650-589-3711*

Pastor Deb



Looking for Helping Hands: I'm looking for BPC member assistance with some Clerk of Session duties. If you think you might be interested in job sharing, please, contact me...Roxane Wales: 650-303-2070 call/text; roxanewales@gmail.com



In this time of COVID-19, we are still unable to have our annual Dinner and Talent Revue on the Saturday before Thanksgiving this year. However, we ARE expressing our gratitude to God for our many blessings that day!

Join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving 2021, with a drive through collection of items for the [San Bruno Catholic Worker Hospitality House](#). Come to 2400 Rosewood Drive, San Bruno, on Saturday, November 20, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., to drop off your donations of nonperishable food, blankets, and warm outerwear! See a list of suggested items here.

If you would like to participate, but are not available on November 20, please contact us to arrange for items to be picked up. No donation is too big or too small!

We hope to have a large turnout at the Donation Station for our local homeless shelter, and take joy in sharing our blessings with others!

Do you know?

Did You Know? Plastics are a huge source of our world pollution problem. Yes, you knew that! But it helps to take a look at this subject deeply and perhaps make small changes personally as well as support organizations working to address the problem. National Geographic says:

Every year, about 8 million tons of plastic waste escapes into the oceans from coastal nations. That's the equivalent of setting five garbage bags full of trash on every foot of coastline around the world"

That astounding bit of information can overwhelm us for sure. But then you read of such inspiring actions. Check out The Minderoo Foundation to see how we can put pressure on the main companies responsible for the manufacture and wanton disregard for our planet's future: <https://www.minderoo.org/plastic-waste-makers-index/news/revealed-businesses-and-banks-behind-global-plastic-waste-crisis/> Check out other great efforts as well: <https://www.onepercentfortheplanet.org/stories/nonprofits-fighting-plastic>. Meanwhile, Millbrae is encouraging sheet plastic donations (even bubble wrap) that will be recycled! https://nextdoor.com/p/LrP2S2ScFMtB?utm_source=share&extras=NTQ4MzUx We push forward! Keep up the good work everyone.

OCTOBER 19, 2021 SESSION MEETING

- Mtg held in BPC narthex masked/distanced - 7:10 PM - 8:21 PM.
- Pastor Deb opened the meeting in prayer, followed by a Lectio Divina study using John 7:37-39.
- Financial Trustees are working on the 2022 budget and Stewardship letters will be sent soon.
- Detailed discussion about preparation of an updated Mission Study for Presbytery review for the purpose of calling a new pastor. A copy of the 2010 study will be sent to elders.
- Dave Wales (B&G) will be meeting with a tree expert to evaluate BPC property for tree viability.
- November 20 Thanksgiving food & coat collection will be extended to the San Bruno community.
- Pastor Deb's revised request for time off for 11/19/21- 12/4/21 is approved. During this time the pulpit will be filled as follows: 11/21-Peter Stiehler & 11/28-Cassie Carroll.
- Our next Session Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at BPC in person, masked/distanced.

If you have any questions before then, please contact Roxane Wales at 650-303-2070 or roxanewales@gmail.com.

-R.Wales, Clerk of Session

COMMUNITY ACTION/LIFECOMMITTEE

News about our Partnership with Iglesias Brasiliana – San Mateo

We continue to collect items for Iglesias Brasiliana, our partner in San Mateo. Here is an updated “needs” list from Pastor Jorge:

Bottled water
Rice and pinto beans
Canned tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, or tomato paste
Olive or avocado oil
Paper products

Please continue to pray for the IYB congregation and consider how you might help them.

On Friday, October 22, a delivery was made to IYB which included: 40 Halloween candy/treat bags, pinto beans, rice, canned diced tomatoes, peanut butter, strawberry jam, misc. toiletries, two cases of water, and fall dish towels and other kitchen goods.

Thanks to all who contributed items in October. Pastor Jorge and his wife Andrea were on hand to accept our collection and they were very thankful for our gifts. It is such a joy to deliver our gifts as the joy in their voices and faces is priceless!

In November, we will provide a Thanksgiving card for each family and a little something to go along with the card to let them know we are thinking of them and continue to pray for them.

For December we will collect toys for 40 children ages toddler to 10 years old. Ideas might include balls, dolls, trucks, puzzles, books, games, stuffed toys, etc. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex.

We also ask that you consider providing a \$25 Safeway or Target gift card(s). If you would rather provide money, the Community Action team will purchase the gift cards. We would like to make our delivery to IYB by December 17, so please make your planned purchases accordingly.

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. We expect to make our fifth payment of \$5,000 in December or January.

We will NOT have a Thanksgiving dinner at Bethany this year. However, we will have a “drive through” collection for the Catholic Worker Hospitality House (the San Bruno Shelter) on **Saturday, November 20, from 2 pm to 4pm** so you may drop off anything you wish to provide to the Shelter such as nonperishable food, blankets, coats, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. Boxes will also be available in the Narthex.



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/>



Financial Trustees September Report

September

\$ 10,247.50 Income
\$(14,400.80) Expense
\$ (4,153.30) Difference

YTD

\$131,231.00 Income 97.472%
\$(131,762.39) Expense (96.839)%
\$(531.39) Difference .633%

Our continued thanks for all offerings to the church, whether those be time, talents, offerings, energy, prayers, etc. We are blessed by your gifts and your presence.

November is Stewardship month. Your Stewardship letter should arrive shortly. Check Wednesdays@Bethany for further information and please consider how you might support Bethany Church in 2022.

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)

Sad News: Our dear friend and member of Bethany, Barbara Lucas, passed away on Sunday, October 24th. She had gone to Stanford for a stent procedure, but there were complications, and she passed. Our prayers of comfort, love, and support go out to her husband George, and to all her family and friends, who loved her dearly.

Happy Birthday to these wonderful folks born in the month of November!

- 4 Laura Henry
- 11 Ken Henry
- 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
- 15 Freda Lutz
- 17 Fallon Herndon



Daylight Saving Time ENDS on Sunday, November 7th. So remember to set your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday night!

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.

Bethany Presbyterian Church is a member of More Light Presbyterians
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