



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.

8/22/19 SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (7:05pm- 9:25pm)

Meeting moderated by Rev. Janet Bower.

K. Mitchell led the Devotion reflecting on Psalm 46 - Be Still and Know That I Am.

Rev. Bower began working with Session to complete a questionnaire (Exit Interview) about the time spent with Rev. K. Pyke which will provide information to the Presbytery to assist with finding an Interim Pastor and ultimately a called Pastor.

Discussion about plans for the 8/25 Kathleen Delander Memorial Service.

Discussion about 8/24 Communication Class for Elders & Deacons with Teresa Rose.

T. Hollenbeck reported that the Ruth Covenant Group (Ruthies) will sponsor a Christian Education class using the Faces of Faith curriculum.

L. Hughes reported that Community Action will sponsor a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event and has raised 1/2 the funds needed and is working to sign up 40 workers for the event.

R. Ranahan provided information about shelter guests and the need for them to pre-register prior to securing a place at a shelter.

Next Congregational Q&A - 9/1/19 after Worship service.

Next Session Meeting - Thursday, September 19, 2019.

-R.Wales, Clerk of Session

FINANCIAL TRUSTEES

July Financial Summary

Income	\$33,878.00
Expense	(\$30,937.32)
Net	\$ 2,940.68

YTD		
Income	\$125,352.70	104.55%
Expense	(\$125,196.34)	(104.42%)
Net	\$ 156.36	.13%

Lease Update:

Keller Williams continues their work for us regarding the prospective tenant. The tenant has confirmed they are indeed interested in leasing our downstairs classroom space (please note Room 9 is not part of the lease). However, some building modifications may be needed and a structural engineer is being hired by the tenant with KW's assistance in order to ensure any modifications would work for our space. We are moving forward and hope to have the lease signed soon.

Kathryn Pyke Information Update:

On July 31, 2019, our former pastor, Kathryn Pyke, was paid one month's vacation pay, which was her accumulated vacation balance on our records, as well as the first severance payment due to her of a possible six payments. The vacation and severance payments were completed as separate direct deposits so as to not create any confusion or questions. We will continue to pay our former pastor severance payments from September 2019 through January 2020 (with assistance from the Presbytery of San Francisco) unless Rev. Pyke finds a job in the Grand Canyon Presbytery in Arizona.

Other Trustee or Committee Updates Involving the Trustees:

- George Lynch from the Personnel Committee has secured pulpit supply for September and is now working on October
- The Session has started a review of a draft for Interim/Transitional Pastor job requirements and qualities. Further work will continue in future Session meetings which are being moderated by Rev. Janet Bower
- George Lynch received a job application from Jessica Reddell, our current accompanist, for our Music Director/Leader position. The Trustees reviewed Ms. Reddell's application, which included salary and vacation requirements as well as a statement clarifying the position duties. George then presented the Trustees' response to Ms. Reddell's requirements and Ms. Reddell accepted and agreed to our terms and conditions. The first choir rehearsal is scheduled to be on Wednesday, September 4th.

COMMUNITY ACTION/LIFE COMMITTEE

Rise Against Hunger

The Rise Against Hunger event is scheduled for **Saturday, October 5, 2019, from 10am to noon** at Bethany Presbyterian. Please be sure to update your calendars. We are looking for 40 - 50 people; adults are needed to make the event run smoothly and children are always welcome.

Also, please note that we are currently halfway to our expense goal. It now costs **\$3,451.68** to pack 10,152 meals and we have collected \$1,770.00 which leaves \$1,681.68 to be raised by October 5th. If you are willing to help with the expense, please go the URL noted to make your donation by credit card or consider writing a check, payable to Rise Against Hunger, and give the check to Lyn Hughes.

We have also sent emails to Broadmoor Presbyterian Church in Daly City, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Pacifica and Sturgis Presbyterian Church in San Mateo asking their members to join us for the meal packing event.

Here is the URL for the event website should you wish to consider making a donation to offset the cost of the event.

http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/BethanyPres_October2019

A Fun Dinner and a Movie Night was Held on Saturday, August 3rd

Community Life sponsored a movie night with dinner of pizza, salad, and ice cream sundaes for dessert. We had 15 people attend and we watched "Best in Show." We hope you can join us for the next event.

Save the Date – The Will’s Dream Foundation Fundraiser is on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm at the Congressional Church of San Mateo

Mark your calendars for this fundraiser to help aspiring chefs realize their dream. Last year \$52,500 in scholarships was given to deserving students and we hope this year will be even better; please plan to join us.

Looking Ahead

Peacemaking Offering – October 2019

Annual Stewardship Drive and Non-Perishable Food and Supply Collection for Catholic Worker Hospital House (the San Bruno Shelter) – November 2019 (we are also hoping to schedule a Sunday after church to put together toiletry bags for the Shelter)

Annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner – Saturday, November 23, 2019 @ 6pm (mark your calendars, details to come)

Possible Christmas project with the Deacons – December 2019 (details to come)

Other Hunger Projects

The Presbytery’s grant procedure is progressing and should be open by the end of 2019 or early 2020. More information to come on this topic.

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

Time marches on, and October will be here before we know it. Bethany has a double-header, a Big Day on Saturday, October 5, so please mark your calendars now!

In the morning we will spend two hours, from **10-noon**, packing meals for **Rise Against Hunger**. Please plan to help us pack up over 10,000 meals in that brief time frame! We need to have about 40 individuals helping to make the event run smoothly. Signups are encouraged (remember, we need at least 40 to make this possible), and your family, friends, and coworkers are always welcome.

The Bethany church picnic will be held immediately after the Rise Against Hunger event, on **Saturday, October 5. Come any time after 12 noon!** We'll be celebrating at beautiful Junipero Serra County Park, in San Bruno (just off Crystal Springs Road). We'll settle in at the Buckeye Picnic Area, which is near the top of the hill, next to the ranger station. There is easy parking and access to the picnic area for all abilities, and restrooms close by. Admission to the park is \$6 per car.

Details about the menu will be announced soon, but of one thing we are 90% certain: there will be sno cones! Stay tuned for more details!

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

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.

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, Oct. 13 – Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Dinner & Talent Revue



Happy Birthday to our September “babies”!

- 2 Hannah Matthews
- 2 Sharon Gruner
- 2 Luna Mae Nicolosi
- 7 Tamra Hollenbeck
- 9 Janine Bullis
- 18 Paul Delander
- 19 Garry Cox
- 21 Elin Abbott
- 22 Aurora Nicolosi
- 23 Judi Richards
- 25 John Lee
- 26 Sue Bullis
- 27 Madeleine Gruner

September Anniversaries

- 9 Aaron Schurk & Jamie Golden
- 12 Piper & Billy Nicolosi
- 19 Graham & Judi Richards
- 22 Mitch & Mary Fontaine
- 27 Craig & Eddy Bray



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

- 3 Bill Anderson
- 8 Lavonne Bullis
- 14 Charlie Rice
- 14 Ethel Pollett
- 14 Kurt Liedtke
- 19 John Marsh
- 21 Peter Lawson

Members Page on the Bethany website

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

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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