

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

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BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to our weekly newsletter! ***Wednesdays at Bethany*** will include important announcements for the life of the congregation. If you'd like to receive the email without the PDF attachment, please let us know. And if you would rather not receive this newsletter, please let us know and you will be removed from the list.

Choir and Prayz taking a break: Medical professionals are advocating ceasing unnecessary group meetings until the Omicron surge abates. Worship Committee decided it would be best to pause Wednesday rehearsals and Sunday presentations from Prayz and the Chancel Choir for the remainder of January. We'll revisit the situation at the end of January and make a decision about going forward in February.

Liturgists Needed: Have you thought about participating in leading worship? Have you thought "I could stand up there and read scripture!" Then maybe you could be the liturgist! The liturgists are provided with a full script, so you don't have to worry about what to say. For more information, and if you're interested, please contact Pam Matthews, chair of Worship Committee – fpmatthews@aol.com or the church office.

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>



Memorial and End-of-Life Planning

Workshop: The Bethany Deacons will be hosting a Memorial and End-of-Life Planning Workshop on **Sunday, February 6 after worship and a light lunch**, to be served on the patio, depending on the weather! Please join us as we discuss the benefits of preplanning memorial services and end-of life wishes, and begin to create a plan for yourself and your loved ones. Covid protocols will be followed, including masking and social distancing, and a worksheet for planning will be provided. Sign up on the list at the church, or contact the church office. If you have any questions, please call Tamra Hollenbeck - 650-430-5749. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop!

Fellowship Time: We would like to provide brewed coffee, hot water, and a couple of snacks each Sunday after worship. Congregants can sign up to bring an item to share, i.e. fruit, coffee cake, donuts, bagels - you get the idea! Items will be available in the narthex, and congregants will be encouraged to take their snacks out to the patio to eat and visit. The list is available at the church, or you can contact the church office to sign up for a particular Sunday.

Thanks in advance for your participation in this new way of fellowshiping with each other! If you have any questions or concerns, please share with Rev. Deb, Pam Matthews, or Tamra Hollenbeck.



Bethany Storytime
Saturdays at 11 on Facebook
Bethany San Bruno

Books for everyone! Saturdays just got a little more fun! Join us for storytime, Saturdays at 11:00 a.m., Pastor Deb and friends will read a children's book and post it on Bethany's Facebook page. Unlike Sunday worship, the videos will not be live, but pre-recorded. Tune in each week, and please invite your young relatives, friends, and neighbors to join us for Storytime! If you or someone you know does not have access to Facebook, the videos are also available on our website.

Prayer Time: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays: A time to meet as the body of Christ, and pray together using 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.

Upcoming Meetings

Wed. 1/12 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Mon. 1/17 – Financial Trustees

Tues. 1/18 – Session, 7 p.m.

Committee chairs/group leaders: please let me know if you have any changes to these dates.



Prayers from 1-09-2022

- Prayers for Bonnie's friend Cici who is starting a new protocol for her cancer; continued prayers for Connie's brother, who is in the hospital with lingering Covid-19; for her friend Mary Lou, who lost her sister on Christmas Eve; for people who have lost family and friends, and who have lost faith this season, that they find healing (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers for Eddy's cousin's father, who lost their father, comfort to the Valero family (Craig Bray)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Clarie, who was so supportive while Tamra was sick; for her friend Katherine, who is coming through her second round of chemo; for her sister's boyfriend Bruce, who has pneumonia, that treatment works and he improves; a reminder of how important is it to hear stories that are different from our own, that we can begin to understand others (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for Roberta, as she's dealing with asthma issues; thanksgiving for negative Covid-19 test; for all of us with anxiety around the Omicron variant (Ken Henry)
- Prayers for Kathy's friends Jenna and Gordon, who have health concerns; safety for those who have or are about to be diagnosed with Covid-19; thanksgiving for negative Covid-19 tests (Kathryn Quickert)
- Prayers for Dave's brother Phil, who has been diagnosed with Covid-19, on top of COPD, lung cancer, and chemo/radiation treatments (Dave Wales)

Prayers 01/02/22

- For Bonnie's friend Connie's brother in Texas who is in ICU with Covid-19 (Bonnie Morgan)
- Healing for those of us dealing with "bugs" or other issues – for the Matthews and Huseth families, dealing with a cold, for Roberta, who's struggling with an asthma flare up, for Tamra, who has a fever and headache (Roberta Henry)
- Comfort for Jorie's brother in law's family, whose sister died suddenly and unexpectedly; prayers of thanksgiving for wonderful time with her children; prayers of healing for 3 members of her family who have contracted Covid-19 (Jorie Abbott)
- For all of us in this time of rising Covid-19 infections; for Roberta Franchini, who is still healing from her fractured clavicle; celebration for Judy Nelson who turned 80 (Deb McGuire)

Prayers 12/19/2021

- Prayers of healing for Nancy Nazarian Carroll, Cassie Carroll's mom, who is in ICU in Southern California with cardiac issues; healing for Roberta Franchini, who was in a car accident last Monday, and is now healing at home (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers of healing for George's friend Garret, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, and for his wife Colleen (George Lynch)
- Thanksgiving for Pam & Fred's daughter Hannah's visit, and for their grandson Avery's 1st birthday today! (Pam Matthews)
- Thanksgiving for the blessings of family, and for Polly's 7.5 month old granddaughter Mackenzie, and prayers for God's guidance for her children (Polly Wiard)
- Prayers for Jorie's daughter in law's mom Linda, who was in a car accident (Jorie Abbott)





MORE LIGHT

PRESBYTERIANS

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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