

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

JANUARY 13, 2021



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. (Note: PDF is at the bottom of the email)

A central graphic titled "Prayer Time" in a white, serif font. The background is dark with several inset images of hands clasped in prayer. One image shows hands clasped over an open book. The text "6:30 p.m. Wednesdays" is centered below the title. Below that, a paragraph describes the meeting: "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".

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Upcoming Meetings

Wed. 01/06 – Wednesday Evening Prayer Zoom, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Mon. 01/11 – Ruth Covenant Group

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

COMMUNITY ACTION/LIFE COMMITTEE

1. **Ongoing News about Our Partnership with Iglesias Braziliana – San Mateo**

Ongoing we have been collecting items for Iglesias Braziliana, our partner in San Mateo. We are asked for an updated “needs” list from Pastor Jorge and will post once received. In the meantime, please continue to bring nonperishable food items, toiletries, and blankets.

We provided the following for Christmas: 140 - \$25 Target cards (one for each family) and approximately 75 toys for the children which were books, games, dolls, trucks, puzzles, soccer balls, stuffed toys, some baby clothes, etc.) Thanks to all the Santa’s helpers which included the Deacons who provided gift cards. You can watch the Thank You video received from Pastor Jorge Abdala and is posted on the Bethany website. Please continue to prayer for this congregation and consider how you might be able to help them.

2. **Our First Check was Provided to the Catholic Worker Hospitality House (the San Bruno Shelter) from the Presbytery of San Francisco Grant**

Pastor Deb and Lyn Hughes had a Zoom meeting with Peter Stiehler and decided how best to distribute funds from our PoSF grant. For December, we provided \$5,000 which Peter described in his thank you letter to Bethany: “Dear Bethany Friends, thank you for the first disbursement from the \$50,000 grant from the Presbytery. The grant will help us provide gifts for our guests this Christmas, as well as food and supplies now and throughout the year. We are thankful for this assistance as well as all the support we have received from Bethany over the years. You all are such a blessing to our work and those we serve.”

We look forward to continuing our work with the San Bruno Shelter ongoing and thank and bless Peter and his team for all the work they do for those in need.

Donations for San Bruno Hospitality House: There will be a plastic bin outside the door closest to the lower parking lot at Bethany for Peter Stiehler’s shelter donations so people can continue to donate for the shelter. The box will be periodically checked and items taken down to Peter’s Second Ave. 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>

Due Dates

For W@B: Tuesday morning.

For the monthly newsletter: the Tuesday before the last Wednesday of the month.

Prayers from 1/10/2021

- Prayers of healing for Bonnie's niece in Salt Lake City and her friend Connie's daughter Allison, who have both tested positive for Covid-19 (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers of gratitude for receiving her first dose of the vaccine; prayers for all of us as we seek discernment for our hearts and minds in these difficult times (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for Jorie's friend Steve who just got laid off (Jorie Abbott)
- Prayers for family members Gail and Heidi who are both being treated for cancer, and both are doing very well! (Kathy Fogle)
- Prayers for Kathryn's cousin Barbara, who is facing many life changes and challenges (Kathryn Quickert)

Prayers from 1/03/2021

- Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Rina's son-in-law Tarik's dad Alaa Mansour, who passed away on January 1st of pancreatic cancer; prayers for Rina's dog Sammi, who has been diagnosed rare auto-immune blood disorder and may soon need a blood transfusion (Rina Ranahan)
- Prayers for Bonnie's friend Connie's daughter Alison in New Jersey who tested positive for Covid-19 (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers for Jorie's coworker Darren Ryan and his family, as he just took a leave of absence; for Laurie Skinner Golden as she prepares to move from Illinois to Colorado to be near her son, after her husband's death from Covid-19 a few months ago (Jorie Abbott)
- Continued prayers for Ken and Roberta's nephew Evan, as he works to find a treatment program for his addiction and mental health issues (Roberta Henry)

Prayers from 12/20/2020

- Prayers of joy for the birth of Avery Frederick Huseh to Abby and Eric Huseh, and congratulations to new big brother Soren, and grandparents Pam and Fred Matthews!
- Prayers of comfort to all who are struggling in so many ways – no only because of Covid-19, but in every day struggles; prayers for the medical staff who are dealing with the current surge in cases (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Tamra's wonderful neighborhood, who are stepping up to help the family that lost their house in the recent fire (Tamra Hollenbeck)



*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.*



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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