

# WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

## JANUARY 19, 2022



# 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.

***Free Covid-19 At-Home Tests now Available:*** You can now order free at-home tests through the USPS! There's a limit of one order (4 tests) per residential address. These are rapid antigen tests – no lab required, results in approx. 30 minutes. You can go directly to the USPS site to order them:  
<https://special.usps.com/testkits>

In addition, if you purchase at-home tests after January 15<sup>th</sup>, your health insurance company is required to reimburse you. Check with your insurance company for details.

***POSTPONED: Memorial and End-of-Life Planning Workshop:*** Due to the increase in Covid-19 transmissions with the Omicron variant, the deacons of Bethany Pres. Church have decided to postpone the Memorial and End-of-Life Planning Workshop.

The deacons will announce a new date once we feel we can hold the workshop and keep everyone safe.

***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.



**It's that time of year – again! Annual reports are due to Roberta by January 30<sup>th</sup>.** The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **February 13<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following worship.

At the meeting, we will receive the 2021 Annual Report and the 2022 budget, and elect officers for the coming terms.

Copies of the 2021 Annual report will be emailed out in PDF form, and hard copies will be available at the church by Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.



**Got Pocket Change?** We're collecting it for the Brazilian Church! Through the end of February, we'll be collecting any change you care to donate. Look for the jar in the Narthex, and drop in whatever you can. A handful of coins? We'll take them! A couple of extra bucks? You bet! Every bit helps!

***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](mailto: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>



### **Bethany Storytime**

We have a collection of children’s books on our Facebook page! Over the past year (and a bit more!), Pastor Deb and various members of the congregation have recorded readings of children’s books, and then Pastor Deb added video of the illustrations. The videos are available any time for you to enjoy! Share them with your family, friends, and neighbors! Look for them in the video section of our Facebook page and look for videos that indicate Story Time.

***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](mailto:bethanypres@bethanypcusa.org).

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Wed. 1/19 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tues. 1/25 – deadline to submit articles for February@Bethany

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

### **Prayers from 1/16/22**

- Prayers as we mark the 6 month anniversary of my sister Chris' death, missing her voice, her laugh, her kindness, love, and strength (Roberta Henry)
- Prayers of healing for Craig's friend Sam who is suffering from Covid-19, and for Dexter Quito, recovering from Covid-19 as well (Craig Bray)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for all the good, kind people she has come in contact with; for her travels on SamTrans, which has offered the opportunity to meet so many people (Kathleen Mitchell)
- Prayers for Rina's friend Randy, who has been on lockdown in his assisted living facility, so he can't have visitors; prayers for Rina's new houseguest Julia, who is trying to get back to her home in Austria to continue her studies (Rina Ranahan)
- For the people of Tonga who were impacted by the volcano and resulting earthquakes and tsunami (Deb McGuire)

### **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)







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## 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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