

# WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

## FEBRUARY 2, 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.

***The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, about 10 minutes after worship.***

The meeting will be held in person and via Zoom. At the meeting, we will receive the 2021 Annual Report and the 2022 budget.

Copies of the 2021 Annual Report and the 2022 budget will be emailed out in PDF form, and hard copies will be available at the church by Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. If you need a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

***Choir and Prayz taking a break:*** WC has decided to stick with the current plan for another two weeks. No music groups will rehearse or present. We'll check back in mid-Feb, and go from there!

***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.

**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).

### **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! Find them here: <http://bethanypcusa.org/welcome/storytime.html>

**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>

### Upcoming Meetings

Wed. 2/03 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Fri. 2/04 – Community Action/Life Committee mtg.

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



### **Prayer for 1/30/2022**

- Prayers for Craig's mil Lupita, who has entered hospice care, and prayers for the whole family in this time (Craig Bray)
- Prayers for all of us who are having a tough time this January, for those who have lost loved ones, who are honoring the anniversaries of loss (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers of healing for Clarie, who had a fall on Monday; prayers for Kent Sicklebower, long time Bethany member now living in Washington, whose birthday is today (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for a woman named Martha whose husband passed from Covid-19, may they have comfort and peace (Barb Liedtke)
- Prayers for our world: for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bloody Sunday in Ireland, for the threat of war in Ukraine, for the continued threat of Covid-19 (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers for Rina's friend Randy who tested positive for Covid last Thursday; prayers for Julia who lost her phone while shopping in Tanforan yesterday (Rina Ranahan)

### **Prayers from 1/23/22**

- Prayers for Bonnie's friend Allison's safe travel back from Ecuador, and for Connie's drive from Arkansas to Dulles to pick her up on Wednesday (Bonnie Morgan)

### **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)





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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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