

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

FEBRUARY 3, 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.

2020 Annual Reports: It's that time of year! But things will be a bit different this year. The schedule is as follows:

- **February 14** – reports due to the secretary
 - Please send them as digital files – WORD documents preferred, so they can be formatted as needed.
- **February 21** – report will be emailed as a PDF to all members and friends (USPS mailed to those who ask for a hard copy) for review before the meeting.
- **February 28** – Annual Congregational Meeting to receive the 2020 Annual Report, the 2021 budget, and vote on Pastor Debra McGuire's terms of call. (More information on the voting process to come.)

The congregational meeting will be held via Zoom immediately following worship on February 28th. Anyone who wants to stay on Zoom after the meeting for coffee hour is welcome to do so.

Any questions about the report or the budget should be sent to Deb before the meeting. The questions will be read out and answered by the appropriate person. Live questions during the meeting will be allowed, but with the limitations of Zoom, it's easier to have questions beforehand. Send your questions to Deb via email at dmcguire@bethanypcusa.org, or you can call her at the church.

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

Lenten Study: Words of Faith

Tuesdays at 7:30 – Feb 23, March 2, 9, 23 and Monday March 15 at 7:30
 Contact Bethany to be added to the zoom meeting invitation list.

What are some of your thoughts about God?

Who is God?
 How do we fit in in God's world?
 Who are we?
 What kind of a relationship does God offer?
 God of Action
 What are some words that describe God?
 God of belonging
 How does God make me feel?
 God of grace

Upcoming Meetings

Wed. 02-03 – Wednesday Evening Prayer Zoom, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Prayz rehearsal

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

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.

Love is patient; love is kind;
love is not envious or boastful
or arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
but rejoices in the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.

Prayers from 1/24/2021:

- Prayers of celebration for Lyn Hughes, who just retired from Franklin Templeton; prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Rev. Robert Williams, founding pastor of Grace Pres. In Walnut Creek, who died at the age of 97; prayers for John Ranahan, who is back in the hospital (Deb McGuire)
- Strength and comfort for Craig's niece Natalia, whose husband passed away on Jan. 1; joy that his brother David's PET scan showed that his cancer has resolved (Craig Bray)
- Prayers for Bonnie's brother in law Larry, who has lymphoma and heart problems – his cancer has transformed, and he now will start a new chemo that's more aggressive (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers of healing for John Ranahan, who is in the hospital with pneumonia, and in a weakened state of health (Rina Ranahan)

Prayers from 1/17/2021:

- Prayers of comfort for Bonnie's friend Claudia's sister, who passed away in Australia; for her brother in law, who had risky surgery to remove a blood clot; for Larry, having complications with lymphoma (Bonnie Morgan)
- For the Henrys, whose foster dog Brie gave birth to 9 puppies! Mom and pups are all doing well; prayers for their friend Mikaela, who is in the hospital for help with her eating disorder (Roberta Henry)
- For the Womanchil family, whose father passed away; for Kevin Kelly who is in hospice care; for our country, that the transition is peaceful, and prayers for President Biden (Craig Bray)
- Continued prayers for our first responders and health care workers, who are continually exposed to covid patients; for Pam Matthews, who has hip replacement surgery scheduled for Feb. 3rd (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for Kathy's friend Joy and her sister Susie at the loss of their brother Danny (Kathy Fogle)
- Comfort for the Illich family in the passing of Ginny; prayers for the Starks as they recover from Covid-19 (Jorie Abbott)

Prayers from 1/31/2021:

- Comfort as Craig remembers his mother who passed 5 years ago; for the family and friends of his sister in law's father, who was buried yesterday (Craig Bray)
- Healing and strength for the Henry's nephew Evan and their friend Mikaela, both seeking medical and mental health care help for their situations (Ken Henry)
- for the vaccine distribution, prayer for hearts to be at peace and have patience (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- prayers for those who oppose the vaccine, and that they not stop others from getting it (Deb McGuire)
- Comfort and healing for Jorie's neighbor Jim Green & his family. Cancer has returned to Jim's body (Jorie Abbott)





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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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