

# 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.



### ***Memorial and End-of-Life Planning***

***Workshop – NEW DATE:*** The new date for the Memorial and End-of-Life Planning Workshop is **Sunday, March 20th after worship. A light lunch** will be served on the patio, depending on the weather, and the workshop will follow. 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!

**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.



**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.



**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!

**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 Story Time**

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.

**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. 2/16 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Mon. 2/21 – Financial Trustees' mtg., 7 p.m.

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

### **Prayers from 2/13/2022**

- Prayers for Ken & Berta's brother in law Michael, as he marks 7 months since the passing of his wife (Berta's sister) Chris (Roberta Henry)
- Prayers of joy for Craig's son Tyler's 27<sup>th</sup> birthday, and for reconnecting with his niece Natalia; prayers of comfort and discernment for his neighbors Sean and Laura, who are struggling with a difficult situation (Craig Bray)
- Prayers for Katherine Rapp, who is having surgery this week for cancer, thanksgiving that her chemo did what they wanted it to do; prayers for Piper and Billy, who are trying to discern what their future looks like (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for Bonnie's brother in law Larry, who is fighting lymphoma, and waiting for answers to figure out the next course of treatment (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers for Paul Feliciano, who has been struggling with physical issues, and has to wait for more testing to get answers (Deb McGuire)

### **Prayers from 2//06/2022**

- Prayers of joy for the life of of Craig's mother in law Lupita, who passed away; comfort for the family, who will miss her dearly, especially her children Eddy, Alexander, David (Craig Bray)
- Prayers of healing for Kathleen's sister Chris, who lives in England, who has Covid-19 (Kathleen Mitchell)
- Prayers for Randy Johansen, who is in the hospital to regulate his medication, and then will move on to a rehab facility; for Paul, who had an appointment at Stanford on Thursday to try to diagnose his health issues; for Lyn, who is still having pain in her leg; for Julia; and for Rina's friend Randy, who tested positive for Covid-19, and is improving (Deb McGuire)

### **Prayer from 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)





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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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