

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

FEBRUARY 17, 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.



Please join us this evening for our virtual Ash Wednesday service, marking the beginning of Lent. If you would like, you can have some oil, ashes, or soil on hand to mark the sign of the cross on yourself at the designated time in the service.

2021 Annual Congregational Meeting: Our 2021 meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 28th**, via Zoom, immediately following worship. The link to the Zoom meeting will be sent out with the email invitation to worship on Friday, February 26th.

At the congregational meeting, we will receive the 2020 Annual Report and the 2021 budget. Copies of the report and budget will be emailed on February 21st (USPS mailed to those who need a hard copy) so there is time to review the report and budget before the meeting.

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.

**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.

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

God of belonging

How does God make me feel?

What are some words that describe God?

God of grace

The graphic features a background of faint, overlapping human silhouettes. The text is arranged in a central column with thought bubbles on either side. The thought bubbles contain the phrases: "Who is God?", "Who are we?", "God of Action", "God of belonging", and "God of grace". The central text includes the title "Lenten Study: Words of Faith", the meeting schedule "Tuesdays at 7:30 – Feb 23, March 2, 9, 23 and Monday March 15 at 7:30", and the contact information "Contact Bethany to be added to the zoom meeting invitation list." Below the title are several questions: "Who is God?", "How do we fit in in God's world?", "Who are we?", "What kind of a relationship does God offer?", "What are some words that describe God?", and "How does God make me feel?".



Upcoming Meetings

Wed. 02-17 – Wednesday evening prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 p.m. on Facebook

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.

Prayers from 1/14/2021

- Prayers for Roberta's sister Chris as she will be getting another kidney biopsy (Roberta Henry)
- Prayers for Kathy's schoolmate Kathie Flemming and her son Connor, who are both very sick with Covid-19; prayers for a young friend Rosie, whose brother passed away unexpectedly this week; prayers for Christine Gough, her two young sons and her husband, as Christine was diagnosed with colon cancer this week.
- Prayers for Rina's son in law's 90 year old mother Naty (Rina Ranahan)
- Prayers of comfort for Kathy's friend Mary and her family at the loss of their beloved father James, who would have turned 100 next week.

Prayers from 1/07/2021:

- Prayers for Jorie's coworker, whose Dad is in Mexico and has Covid-19 (Jorie Abbott)
- Prayers for Laura, whose car was hit in front of her house; for Roberta, who has a kidney stone and is dealing with the discomfort and pain associated with that! (Roberta Henry)

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)





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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