

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

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Updated and refreshed Wednesdays @ Bethany

You may notice: we've changed our weekly email! Our secretary Roberta has reformatted W@B, now featuring only *current* information, announcements and reminders. Any recurring announcements will be published on the "Members" page of the website. To access the Members page, simply click on the top right of the website where it says "Members", then type in the password "rosewood" (all lower case, no quotation marks) and hit enter.

Once per month, there will be an expanded edition of Wednesdays @ Bethany, featuring more articles about the goings-on at Bethany, committee reports, and other items of interest. If you would like to submit information for the new W@B, the deadline remains the same, Tuesday morning.

Movie Night  
'To Breathe Free'  
A refugee family's story

**Saturday, March 2, 5:30 p.m.**

Join the Outreach Committee for a potluck dinner  
Followed by a screening of the film and discussion

Details on the flyer in the narthex

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Sign up at the church so we'll know how many places to set for dinner!



## **Worship Committee Announcements**

**Ash Sunday - March 10:** This year, the Worship Committee has decided to try something a little different. Instead of Ash Wednesday, which is traditionally marked on the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent, we will be starting our Lenten Journey with the disposition of ashes as part of our worship service on Sunday, March 10. The ashes are prepared each year using several of the palm branches that were waved in church during the previous year's Palm Sunday, and those ashes will be used to mark us a children of God and followers of Christ.

**Fresh Fruit for March 10:** For this first Sunday in Lent, we are asking the congregation to bring fresh fruit - oranges, apples, bananas, grapes, kiwis, etc - to adorn the communion table as a symbol of abundance and delight. All the fruit will then be taken to the Shelter to be used during the breakfasts served on weekdays. Please bring any fresh fruit to the sanctuary for worship on Sunday, March 10, and thank you in advance!

**Food Collection for San Bruno Shelter:** Sunday, March 10 also marks the start of our food and supplies collection for the San Bruno Shelter. Please bring non perishable food items and any other supplies as requested by the Shelter Ministry Committee. Those items will be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 14, and sent to the shelter to help our sisters and brothers in need.

**Lenten Liturgical Art:** The sanctuary will be reconfigured during the season of Lent as a way to mark the sacredness of the season. There will be banners and other items on the communion table that also will reflect a lenten theme.

**Elder Visits to Congregation:** On February 3, the congregational meeting brought to light that there are a lot of feelings and concerns about Bethany. Session discussed this at length at our February meeting, and it was decided that we need to get in touch with the congregation, to check in and to hear from you. Six elders - Lyn Hughes, Tamra Hollenbeck, George Lynch, Pam Matthews, Kathleen Mitchell, and Roxane Wales - have agreed to call upon members and friends of Bethany, to offer an opportunity for honest sharing of your hopes and vision for the future of our church. We hope to make visits to most of you during the month of March, and if you haven't heard from us and want to share your thoughts, please contact one of us or let Rev. Kathryn know, and we'll schedule a visit. The goal is to bring about some reconciliation and healing so we can move forward, open and ready to continue doing the work of God in the world. Thank you in advance for allowing us to visit, and may the peace of Christ be with you each and every moment.

**Rev. Richard Pyke will lead the Monday Bible Study** beginning March 11 - April 15. We will be using scripture lessons dealing with Lent, leading up to Holy Week. We meet on Mondays from 12 noon to 1 p.m.



**2018 Giving Statements** are available to be picked up at the church. If you would like yours mailed to you, please contact the church office.

### **Save the Date – Spring Events**

- **Sat. March 2**, 5:30 p.m. – movie night and potluck dinner
- **Sat. March 16**, 6 p.m.: Ceili – dinner and music from The Bethany Brawlers
- **Sat. April 6**, 10 a.m. – noon – Rise Against Hunger
- **Sat. April 27**, 1 – 3:30 p.m. – Bethany Spring Tea

### **Due Dates**

**For W@B:** Tuesday morning.

**For Sunday announcements:** Wednesday morning. Email them to the church office or leave them in the mailbox on the outside of the office door.

### **Calendar of Meetings & Events**

- 2/27 Prayz rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- 2/21 Ceili rehearsal, 7 p.m.
- 3/01 Community Action Committee mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 3/02 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Potluck and Movie Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 3/04 CoDA meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Building and Grounds mtg., 7 p.m.

**Note to Committee Chairs:** Please notify the church office before you change a meeting date/time to be sure there are no conflicts. Thank you.



### **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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