

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

MARCH 24, 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.



Saturday, March 27th 10am-12pm

Not to be daunted by a second Easter without meeting in person, we are delighted to offer you Holy Week in a Bag! Come to the church, enjoy the garden, see others who stop by, and pick up your very own collection of items to help you celebrate Holy Week and Easter at home. Any bags not picked up will be delivered the same day.



Sunday, March 28th 10am Worship Service

Palm/Passion Sunday service. This year we will celebrate Palm Sunday early in the service and then switch to marking the Passion of Christ later in the service. Those attending services only on Sunday will mark all of Holy Week on two consecutive Sundays. This type of service helps us include the passion of Good Friday in our Sunday services, further heightening the joy of Easter Sunday.

Tuesday, March 30th 7:30pm

Please join us for our final Lenten Study class. Using the Voices of Faith curriculum, this night's topic will be God of Belonging – Christian Community. Having discussed concepts of words for God, how God sees us, covenant, grace and love, we will now think about how all of those things come together in our communities. The writers start us off by saying, "Christian communities are as diverse as the people that make them up, yet at the core is a desire to follow the direction of the God of all creation, through the person of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit." Please join us for our conversation by using the following link to the zoom event.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81150228616?pwd=RG44RG9hVUhJeWtpaDVqSFViZG1Ndz09>



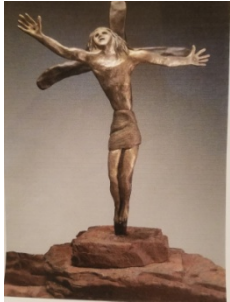


Wednesday, March 31st 6:30pm

Each Wednesday evening at 6:30 we gather for a casual time of prayer together on zoom. Please join us and let us help you carry any burdens, and we joyfully share your celebrations! Join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86953610751?pwd=eXAvbGgxb2l0WTFDVKhjeVlrQ2JNQOT09>

Friday, April 2nd 8pm



Please stop by our Bethany San Bruno Facebook page for a contemplative service of remembrance of the night of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and death on a cross. Good Friday often marks the beginning of a time of deep silence marked by prayer, fasting, and self-reflection. Can you feel the loss the disciples felt when the one in whom they had hoped for so much was really gone, put to death by a leader who followed the loudest voices in the crowd instead of following his heart? Can you imagine the time without Jesus after his death? Can you feel the loss and confusion and dismay? We know what happened next, but the disciples did not. Knowing the pain of the cross is vital to our understanding of the whole range of feelings and experiences that are part of the Christian biblical narrative. Join us for this time of contemplation.



Sunday, April 4th 6:30am

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Join us in person on the hill to enjoy the rising of the sun from our beautiful perch above the parking lot. Bring a blanket, coffee will be provided, and help us celebrate the Risen Christ and imagine the women rolling away the stone and discovering this joyous news!





Easter Sunday April 4th 10am

“After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he^{al} lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead,^{lb} and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.” (Matthew 28)

Join us on our Bethany San Bruno Facebook page at 10am for a joyful service of the Resurrection of our Lord! We will sing and pray and offer our lives and ourselves as followers of Jesus Christ in whom we move and have our being.



Sunday, April 11th 10am

²¹ Thus says the LORD: For the sake of your lives, take care that you do not bear a burden on the sabbath day or bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem. ²² And do not carry a burden out of your houses on the sabbath or do any work, but keep the sabbath day holy, as I commanded your ancestors. (Jeremiah 17:21-22)

The staff and volunteers have done a remarkable job presenting live worship services during the past difficult and different year! This Sunday will be keeping the Sabbath holy by taking a rest from our live broadcasts for one week. Please join our Bethany San Bruno Facebook page for a viewing of a previous worship service by your Worship broadcasting team. Watching this service at 10am together will allow us to comment in any way and enjoy our worship service together. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Meetings

Wed. 3/24 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sat. 3/20 – Story Time With . . .

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

Donations for San Bruno Hospitality House: There is 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>



Prayers fom 3/21/2021

- Prayers of healing for Bob's niece, Barbara Sell, who is battling cancer (Bob Johansen)
- Prayers for the Nazarian family, who lost their matriarch Noreen Nazarian – and also for the wider community of the camp ministries at Calvin Crest and Westminster Woods – Noreen was their Lady of the Forest, and, with her husband Richard, was instrumental in creating their programs; prayers of healing for Christine Gough, and for her husband Matt and young sons, as she battles cancer (Kathryn Quickert)
- Prayers of thanksgiving that all of Brie's puppies have either been adopted or have moved on to the adoption center! Gratitude for both the opportunity to care for those 9 little fur babies, and that they are now moving on to their forever homes (Roberta Henry)

Prayers from 3/14/2021

- Prayers of joy for Aaron Schurk and Jamie Golden, who are expecting KQ's first grandchild this August – and for great-grandma Skip, for whom this will be her 5th great-grandchild (Kathryn Quickert)
- Healing and comfort for Melinda's sister Wendy, who is having surgery to remove a tumor on her kidney (Melinda Jones)
- Prayers of remembrance for Breonna Taylor, who was killed by police 1 year ago, and that we never forget the violence committed against black people and all people of color (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers of strength and calm for Pam as she has hip replacement surgery on Friday; for Barb Liedtke, who has a birthday on Wednesday; for Nancy and Robin Crawford, who have joined a church in Olympia; celebration for Tamra's granddaughter Alara's 2nd birthday on Tuesday, and sadness over missing her grandkids (Tamra Hollenbeck)

Prayers from 3/07/2021

- Prayers of thanksgiving for John Ranahan's 80th birthday (Rina Ranahan)
- Prayers for Aaron and Jamie, who are eager to sell their Victorian in Petaluma and find a smaller home (Kathryn Quickert)
- Prayers of thanksgiving that Craig's 87 year old friend Joe had successful cataract surgery (Craig Bray)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Roberta's birthday on Tuesday; prayers for the Henrys as they get close to the end of raising Brie's litter of puppies (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for the family and friends of Jen, a volunteer at San Bruno Hospitality House, who passed away (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers of comfort for the Maga family in the passing of their Aunt Merieni Alava (Jorie Abbott)

Prayers from 2/28/2021

- Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Robert R. Hubbs, who passed away. (Jorie Abbott)





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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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