

# WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

APRIL 6, 2022



## BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to our weekly newsletter! ***Wednesdays at Bethany*** will include important announcements for the life of the congregation. If you would rather not receive this newsletter, please let us know and you will be removed from the list.

***Please join us  
for Bethany's Springtime church-wide workday!***

When: Saturday April 9, 2022

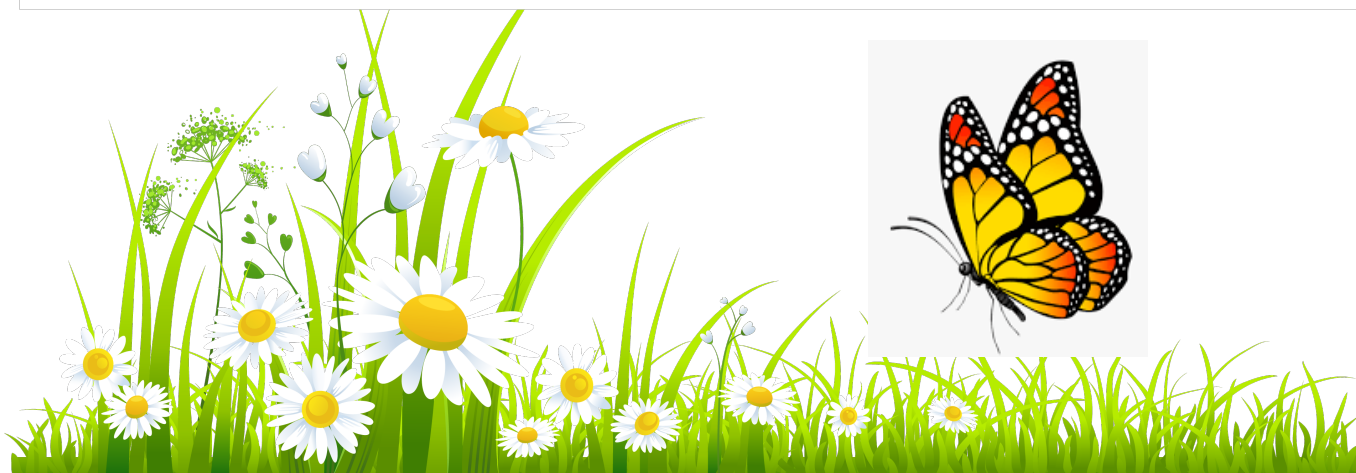
Time: 9 AM to 12 PM

Fuel (refreshments, coffee/bagels, fruit, etc.) provided

Everyone welcome -- indoor/outdoor tasks for all skill levels!!!

Help us spruce up our campus  
to make it welcoming for Easter festivities!

**Congregational Easter Card Writing:** The Bethany Deacons will host a Congregational Easter Card writing event on Sunday, April 10 at the church after worship. Easter/Spring cards will be provided, and the congregation is invited to help send Easter greetings to members and friends of our beloved Bethany Community. Please plan to join us as we send Easter greetings and celebrate the joy of this season of rebirth and new life.



## Online Lenten classes at Bethany begin March 7<sup>th</sup>!

The last class will be held next Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm. We are offering an opportunity to learn about and discuss various ways of Practicing Spiritual Disciplines. In the six weeks we meet on zoom, we will study about the biblical practices of fasting, praying, listening to God, embracing simplicity, unplugging and trying different practices.

We will also discover our own activities that we find to be effective as spiritual practice. Everyone is welcome to join! Contact the church to be added to the email distribution.

Hope to see you there!

## *Holy Week and Easter*

**Good Friday:** There will be two quiet, meditative, scripture-filled short services on Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The first service will be at noon, and the second at 3 p.m. Please feel free to drop in for one or both of these services.

**Easter Sunrise Service:** Easter services at Bethany will begin at dawn with a Sunrise Service at 6:15 am up on the hill in the Sunrise area above the upper parking lot. Congregants are invited to join together for a joyful celebration as we proclaim the good news that Christ is risen!! Pastor Deb will share a message of hope and promise as we remember the resurrection of our Lord. It is a good idea to dress warmly and bring along a blanket for the chilly morning air. There will be a reception following the service with lots of hot coffee, juice, sticky rolls, and other delights. A sign-up sheet for the reception will be available in the narthex, so please sign up if you can bring something to share.

**Easter Worship Service:** Easter will also be celebrated at our regular worship time of 10:00 am. There will be beautiful music, another message of hope and promise by Pastor Deb, the Biblical story of the resurrection, wonderful hymns, and a time for prayer. An Easter reception will again be held after this service, and you are encouraged to invite your family, neighbors, and friends to join in this jubilant time in the Christian year. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!!



“You shall be called the repairer of the breach”

Isaiah 58:12b

***One Great Hour of Sharing*** is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we stabilize, we strengthen those who are weak, we connect.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs –

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

- Restore Streets to Live In

Presbyterian Hunger Program

- Share your Bread with the Hungry

Self-Development of People

- Loose the Bonds of Injustice

Please give generously. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

You can use the envelope mailed to you to bring your offering to the church, mail it directly to the address on the envelope, or donate online with your credit card at [pcusa.org/give-oghs](http://pcusa.org/give-oghs). Our offering will be dedicated on Palm Sunday.



**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.



**Ruth Covenant Group:** In order to accommodate the Monday night Lenten Study, the Ruth Covenant Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 pm at the church. It will again be a hybrid meeting with some participants meeting in person in the sanctuary, and some meeting via zoom. If you would like to join by zoom, please let Tamra Hollenbeck know so we can send you the link. We are continuing with a book study of *A More Perfect Union: A New Vision for Building the Beloved Community* by Adam Russell Taylor. This month we will be discussing Chapters 2-4, “Why America Must Be Reborn”, “E Pluribus Unum: Out of Many, One”, and “Reimagining the Beloved Community”. In addition to our discussion, there will be an opportunity for check-in, fellowship, and prayer. All are welcome to attend!

**We’re Collecting Change:** No matter the number of coins you have to donate, please place your change in the “Coins for Iglesias Brasileira” jar which is located right inside the door of the sanctuary on the small table where you find the Sunday bulletins. Approximately \$300 has been delivered to Pastor Jorge, and we can do more! We expect to collect coins through June and possibly throughout 2022. Your coins and continued prayers for the IPB congregation are very much appreciated.



**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).

**Save the Date: Next COM Workshop:** we will continue our work to help us get to the goal of presenting a candidate for our next permanent pastor. The next workshop is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14, from 10 – 11:30 a.m.** You need not have attended the first workshop to attend this one! You also need not be a member to attend and engage in these workshops. Bethany is blessed with committed attendees who are encouraged to participate. The invitation is to those who are interested in asking and answering some deep questions, in the company of others who are interested in the same thing. Join us!



Dear friends,

I will be away on vacation from April 18<sup>th</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup>. I am not sure what I will be doing, but I know what I won't be doing – writing! My hobby of painting has been calling me, so I'm hoping to have a paintbrush in my hand more than a pencil or a computer in front of me. Blessings to you all!

-- Pastor Deb

(Please contact the church office if you have an emergency requiring a pastor.)

**Speaking of vacations:** I will be on vacation starting April 25<sup>th</sup> and will be back at work on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Email and voicemail will be checked in my absence.

The monthly newsletter, May@Bethany, will be scheduled to be sent out. There will be no Wednesday@Bethany on May 4<sup>th</sup>, but the weekly newsletter will resume on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, let me know!  
- Roberta Henry, secretary



### **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 fellowshipping 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. 4/06 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

- Prayz rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 4/09 – All Church Clean-up Day, 9 a.m. – noon

Mon. 4/11 – Final Lenten Study via Zoom, 7 – 8 p.m.

Tues. 4/12 – Ruth Covenant Group, 6:30 p.m. in person and via Zoom

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

### **Prayers from 4/03/2022**

- Prayers for the Sacramento community, where there was a shooting in the early hours this morning. Praying for the victims and their families, and that someday, somehow, our country will take meaningful action to end gun violence (Kathryn Quickert)
- Prayers of healing and comfort for Rina's son's mother in law Naty, who fell and broke her neck; prayers of thanks for Paul and Judy's presence in worship today (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude for Jorie's sister's birthday; healing and comfort for a coworker who lost his mother; comfort for a friend who lost his wife (Jorie Abbott)
- Prayers of thanks for all the prayers sent his way, and for strength and comfort going forward dealing with his condition (Paul Feliciano)
- Prayers of joy for the birthday of Dave's grandson Benjamin, who is 6 today (Dave Wales)
- Prayers of healing for Larry's brother Michael, who has cancer in his stomach (Leslie Olson)
- Prayer for George's former employee Dennis, that he find his path and stability (George Lynch)
- Prayers of thanks for successful knee surgery, and for good companionship (Judy Nelson)

### **Prayers from 3/27/2022**

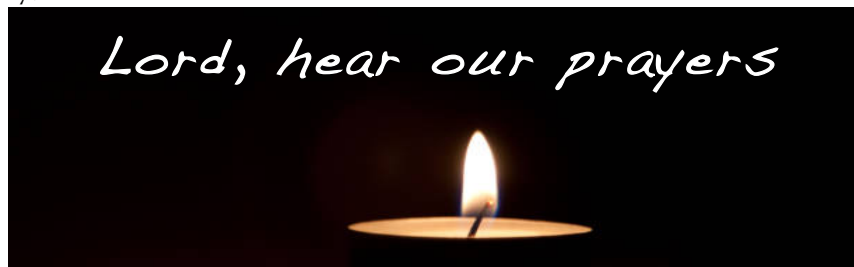
- Continued prayers for Paul Feliciano and Randy Johansen; prayers for our bookkeeper Rachael, who is dealing with the loss of 8 family members and friends in the last year, and healing for her best friend who has a tumor on her lung (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers of thanks for being back to work in person; and thanks for the wonderful Zoom birthday celebration for her mom (Jorie Abbott)
- Thanksgiving for all those who attended the workshop on Saturday, and for the encouraging work that was done (Pam Matthews)
- Prayers of comfort and healing for George's friend Paul, who has just been diagnosed with colon cancer (George Lynch)

### **Prayers from 3-20-2022**

- Prayers of thanksgiving for Pam & Fred's grandson Soren's 4<sup>th</sup> bday (Pam Matthews)
- Prayers for Paul Feliciano, dealing with his new diagnosis (Deb McGuire)
- Thanksgiving for Lyn's mom Paulette's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Wednesday (Lyn Hughes)
- Prayers to calm warring minds (Dave Wales)
- Comfort for Rina's brother Richard; peace for the world (Rina Ranahan)
- Prayers of comfort and healing for Tamra's fiend Katherine, struggling with cancer; gratitude to God for spring, for the hope and joy it brings (Tamra Hollenbeck)

### **Prayers from 3-13-2022**

- Prayers for Ukraine, for Paul Feliciano, for Rina's neighbor who is in the hospital
- Prayers for the wild animal population as there is an outbreak of distemper in the area (Dave Wales)
- Prayers for Connie's daughter who is organizing Suzanne's memorial service; for friends of Cici, who are organizing a streaming service on her birthday, St. Patrick's Day (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers for joy for the memorial for Craig's mother in law Lupita, and for what a loving woman she was (Craig Bray)





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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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