

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

APRIL 13, 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.

Holy Week and Easter

Good Friday: There will be two quiet, meditative, scripture-filled short services on Good Friday, April 15th. 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!!



Dear friends,

I will be away on vacation from April 18th through April 24th. 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 25th and will be back at work on May 11th. 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 4th, but the weekly newsletter will resume on May 11th.

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



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!

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 or the church office.



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.

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 & Events

Wed. 4/13 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

- Prayz rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Fri. 4/15 – Good Friday services, 12 and 3 p.m.

Sun. 4/17 – Easter services

- Sunrise service at 6:15 a.m.
- Easter Worship at 10 a.m.

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

Prayers from 4/10/2022

- Continued prayers for Randy, who is now in a new home in Stockton; continued prayers for Paul; prayers of thanksgiving for all those who helped out at the workday on Saturday; ongoing prayers for Ukraine and its people (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers of thanks that Dave's brother Phil seems to be responding to the cancer therapies; many thanks for all the helping hands at the workday on Saturday (Dave Wales)
- Prayers of thanks for wonderful things: for two friends who took Paulette Emfinger out to lunch, for Kathleen's nephew and his wife visiting from England (Kathleen Mitchell)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for all the prayers going his way, and for the possibility of a new treatment option for him (Paul Feliciano)
- Traveling mercies for Craig's brother and sister in law, Jim and Alex, who got sick while on their way home from Europe – they are now awaiting test results to see if they're cleared to travel (Craig Bray)
- Healing for Bonnie's sister Joanie, who got a bug and has been sick for 5 days (Bonnie Morgan)

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)





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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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