

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

MAY 11, 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.

Workshop 2 of 3 for Committee on Ministry is this Saturday, May 14th at 10am-11:30

We had such a great turn out for our first of three all-congregation workshops that will inform the pastor nominating committee (yet to be named) as they do the presbytery work required for next steps for Bethany. Each of the three congregational workshops helps to answer a portion of the Mission Study questions. The two questions for this workshop are... (drum roll please)....

- iii. What are the demographics of your church and your neighborhood (neighborhood is not currently defined)**
- iv. Whom do you serve now and whom do you want to attract and/or serve in the future**

This is a great opportunity to set the stage for Bethany 2023 and beyond. God has great things in store for Bethany. The more voices we hear during these open workshops the closer we will be to discovering what that will be. Hope to see you there!

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.

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.



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 Brasiliana” 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.



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>



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. 5/11 – Prayz rehearsal, 6 p.m.

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

Sat. 5/14 – COM Workshop #2, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

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

Prayers from April 17, 2022

- Thanksgiving for all those present today for Easter worship, for the life and joy at Bethany (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers for Craig's friend Kevin, who has decided to stop treatment for his cancer, and for Kevin's wife Mary and their two daughters (Craig Bray)
- Prayers for Paul Dillard, who was in a car accident – there were no injuries, but his car was damaged; prayers of comfort and strength for George's friend Robert, whose wife wants a divorce after 40 years of marriage (George Lynch)
- Prayers of thanksgiving that there was no sign of cancer when Leslie's friend Michael had surgery (Leslie Olson)
- Prayers of healing for grandfather GeeGee, who had to have his leg amputated
- Prayers of healing and strength for Walter's nephew, who was diagnosed with esophageal cancer (Walter Bird)

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)





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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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