

# WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

MAY 12, 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.



***Looking Ahead:*** Spring has sprung, the weather is warming up, so Worship Committee has scheduled some outdoor, in-person worship services! At this time, the plan is to hold outdoor worship on May 30<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, and August 1<sup>st</sup>. More details to come!

***In Remembrance:*** It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of Patti Grant, just nine months after the passing of her beloved husband John. Patti and John were long time members of Bethany, along with their daughters Kim (Grant) James, Valerie (Grant) Brimble, and Kelly. They sang in the choir, participated in Christmas Pageants and numerous other dramatic and musical events, and served on session and the board of deacons. Condolences may be sent to their daughter Kim (Grant) James and her husband Curt at: 2225 Botany Bay Dr., Pittsburgh, CA, 94563.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Wed. 5/12 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
- Prayz rehearsal

Sat. 5/15 – Story Time With . . . (posted on Facebook at 10 a.m.)

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>

SAN MATEO COUNTY IS AT

**Yellow**  
RISK LEVEL

### Allowed Indoors

- ▶ Family Entertainment Centers at 50% capacity
- ▶ Amusement Parks at 25% indoors, 35% outdoors
- ▶ Movie Theaters at 50% capacity
- ▶ Mall Food Courts at 50% capacity
- ▶ Restaurants at 50% capacity
- ▶ Bars at 25% capacity
- ▶ Wineries, Breweries and Distilleries at 50% capacity
- ▶ Places of Worship at 50% capacity
- ▶ Gyms and Fitness Centers at 50% capacity plus saunas & steam rooms
- ▶ Sleepaway Camps open June 1, 2021, with modifications

### Allowed Outdoors

- ▶ Live Events at 67% capacity with modifications. In-state visitors only.



Counties can move to a less restrictive level as COVID transmission goes down and testing goes up.

Stay diligent & follow safety guidelines: keep your distance, wear your mask, self quarantine if you've been exposed & get tested.

For more information, visit [smcgov.org](http://smcgov.org)



**COUNTY OF  
SAN MATEO**



*'Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;  
for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtle-dove  
is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Song of Songs 2:10-13*

### **Prayers from 5/09/2021**

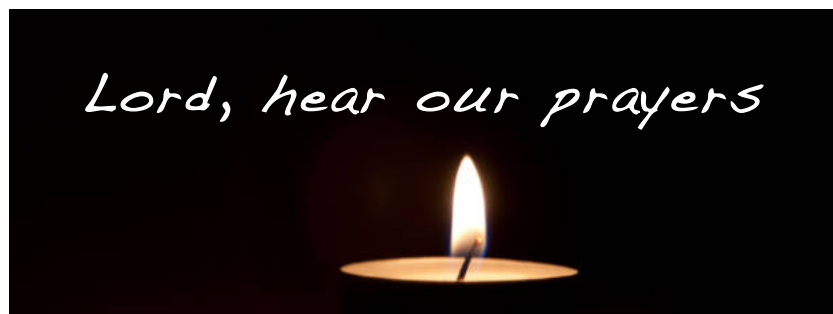
- Prayers for all those in India affected by the surge in Covid-19 cases; for those of us experiencing anxiety as we ponder “re-entry”; for David and Jane Cady as they welcome their daughter Hai and prepare to bring her home; for the family and friends of Patti Grant, who passed away on Friday (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers of celebration for Solveig Lee, daughter of John Lee and Evelyn Orr, who is graduating from high school; for Nancy Crawford, who fell and broke her little finger; for Clarie, who is having cataract surgery on Tuesday; for George Lynch and Robin Crawford- both having birthdays this week (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Joy for Craig’s future daughter in law’s birthday; sorrow and concern for Julie, whose mother Olga passed away while visiting her home in Switzerland; for David Keller, who passed away after a long battle with cancer (Craig Bray)

### **Prayers from 5/02/2021**

- Prayers for the 45 people killed in a stampede during celebrations of Lag BaOmer at Mount Meron; for India, as Covid infections and deaths continue to rise; for the Crawfords and their extended family as they mourn the death of Nancy and Robin’s grandniece, Aviva; for the Henrys, feeling the loss of their foster dog Brie; for all those who struggle with mental health issues, as we raise awareness in May, Mental Health Awareness month (Deb McGuire)
- For 2 friends of Pam, who have contracted Covid-19, even though they were vaccinated (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- For Dave’s brother Phil, as he makes big changes in his life, prayers for recovery (Dave Wales)
- For Bonnie and her siblings, as they share fond memories of their mother, who would have been 9 years old today (Bonnie Morgan)
- Joy and gratitude for Pastor Deb, who celebrated her birthday last Tuesday (George Lynch)

### **Prayers from 4/25/2021**

- Prayers for India, as many thousands have died recently from Covid-19; prayers for Iraq in the aftermath of a hospital fire where 82 Covid patients died; for the 53 members of the submarine crew in Indonesia who are presumed dead; for Florida and Michigan, where there are spiked in Covid-19 cases; for all of us, that we can be sensible and safe; for the Armenian community, on the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian genocide; comfort for the family, friends, and coworkers of Aviva Okeson-Haberman, grandniece of Nancy Crawford and a reporter for KCUR, who died from a gunshot wound in her apartment in Kansas City (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers for David and Jane Cady, who are in Vietnam hoping to bring home their adoptive daughter; relief in the verdict against David Chauvin in the killing of George Floyd, and what we do now with the visual information and knowledge of the violence against people of color (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for the Henry’s foster dog Brie, as the shelter looks for placement for her in a rescue (Roberta Henry)





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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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