

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

MAY 18, 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.

IN MEMORIUM: The Saints who perished in Buffalo, NY this weekend:

- Pearl Young, 77, food pantry founder, still working as H.S. substitute teacher.
- Ruth Whitfield, 86, daily caring for her infirm husband of 68 years
- Andre Mackniel, 53, going to the store to pick up a surprise birthday cake for his son's birthday
- Katherine "Kat" Massey, 72, "the glue" of a very close family, constantly working in the community.
- Celestine Chaney, 65, single mother caring for 6 grandchildren, "Aunt Stiney"
- Margus D. Morrison, 52, father, husband, school bus aide, very tight with his younger brother
- Heyward Patterson, 67, "Boy Tenny," often drove anyone in the community to the store because there is not transportation in the area.
- Aaron Salter, Jr., 55, security guard on duty, retired Buffalo police officer, hoped to build a car that ran on clean energy some day, learned about and worked with hydrogen-electrolysis.
- Roberta Drury, 32, described as a helper, will miss this year's annual summer family gathering in NJ
- Geraldine Talley, 62, avid baker, at the store with her fiance -- they had just split up to find different things when the shooting began, "we had so many plans" said her sister.

Lord in your Mercy,

Pastor Deb is on study leave this week. Our guest in the pulpit this Sunday is Christy Pierce. You can read more about Christy and her ministry on her website: christypierce.org

From the secretary: I'm back from vacation, and am now working at the church. My current office hours are Tues – Fri, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please be aware that, outside of those hours, I will not be checking the church email or voicemail. If my office days or hours change, I'll let you know. These days/hours may also be a bit flexible, so if you need to have access to the church while I'm working, please let me know so I'll be sure to be there! – Roberta Henry, secretary



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.

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.

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.

IN THIS CONGREGATION, WE BELIEVE:

LOVE IS LOVE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL

NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL

ALL GENDERS ARE WHOLE, HOLY, & GOOD

WOMEN HAVE AGENCY OVER THEIR BODIES

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. 5/19 – Prayz rehearsal, 6 p.m.

- Wednesdays Zoom prayer time 6:30 p.m.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

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

Prayers from May 15, 2022

- Prayers of thanksgiving for George's birthday – Happy Birthday George! (Lyn Hughes)
- Thanksgiving for Steve Cady's birthday, and for all the wonderful work he and Chris do in the church garden; prayers for Claire DeLand, who has moved out of the board and care facility and is organizing her own care (Pam Matthews)
- Comfort and healing for Rina's son in law Tarek, who is having knee surgery (Rina Ranahan)
- Prayers for Eddy Bray's cousin in Mexico, who had a severe stroke and is now being taken off life support; prayers for Piper and her whole family as they contemplate moving; for all the victims, their families, and all those impacted by the mass shooting in Buffalo (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Safe travel for Kathy and her friend Joy, as they drive back to Joy's home in Portland (Kathy Fogle)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the wonderful visit north with their brother in law Michael, and with Sarah and Spencer in Washington (Ken Henry)

Prayers from May 8, 2022

- Prayers for Melinda Jones' sister Wendy, whose bladder cancer has returned – she will need surgery and chemo. Wendy specifically asked for prayers from the Bethany community.
- Prayers for Rina in the passing of her brother Richard; for Rina, as she tested positive for Covid-19, but didn't get a severe illness; for the cumulative grief of losing her ex husband and her brother; for Richard's wife Kathy, who has been a rock for Richard (Rina Ranahan)
- Healing for Bob, who has been under the weather and is now improving
- Thanksgiving that Kathy's nephew-in-law Nick is out of the hospital – he became very ill while on vacation with his wife Gina (Kathy's niece), and spent time in the ICU there. Her is now recovering in their vacation lodging before returning home; Healing for Kimberly Elliot and her new husband Derek, who were married last week and have both come down with Covid-19 after several wedding guests tested positive; thanksgiving that Kathy Fogle, Tamra, and KQ, who all attended the wedding, all tested negative! (Kathryn Quickert)
- Prayers of thanksgiving from Pastor Jorge, who let Lyn know that Eliandra has left the hospital after 4.5 months and is now in a rehab center (Lyn Hughes)
- Prayers for all women who are terrified, angry, frustrated, worried, fed-up about what the repeal of Roe vs. Wade will mean for them, and for the future of civil rights on all kinds, going forward, if the Supreme Court really does overturn Roe





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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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