WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY June 2, 2021



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to our weekly newsletter! <u>Wednesdays at Bethany</u> 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.



<u>Outdoor Worship</u>: Spring has sprung, the weather is warming up, and Worship Committee has scheduled some outdoor, in-person worship services! The first one on May 30th was SO wonderful! Mark your calendars, because you don't want to miss the next two: **June 27th**, **and August 1st**.

The services will be held on the patio right outside the church doors, and we will be requesting people to be socially distant and wear masks. The services will also be streamed live on Facebook, as they are now.

A couple of shade canopies and some chairs will be available, and you are welcome to bring your own chair if you wish.

Please join us as we gather together to worship in person! Hope to see you there!

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

Ruth Covenant Group: The Ruth Women will gather at the church on Monday, June 14 at 6:00 pm. We plan to meet on the church patio, however will move inside the narthex if the weather demands it! We plan to follow CDC guidelines regarding masks and social distancing, so please do bring a mask along. We have been reading the book Love Is The Way - Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Bishop Michael Curry. We are hoping to discuss the chapters up to #6, and we are encouraged to share what parts of the book resonate with us. There's always a check in time to share what's going on in our lives and time for prayer, and you are welcome to join in! If you don't have a copy of the book or haven't had time to read it, no worries! You are still encouraged to come! If you have any questions, contact Pam Matthews or Tamra Hollenbeck. Many blessings to you!



Upcoming Meetings

Wed. 6/02 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

- Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 6/05 – 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.

Prayers from 5/30/2021

- Prayers for Roberta's sister Chris, who now needs a kidney transplant, due to damage to her kidneys caused by her Sjogren's Syndrome (Roberta Henry)
- Prayers for those who are with us in spirit as we worship, who can't be here in person (Kathleen Mitchell)
- Thanksgiving that Dave's son Justin got a job; for ongoing healing for his brother Phil (Dave Wales)
- Joy for Kathy's mom Skip's 91st birthday; for Anna, who has made some poor decision in her life and is an alcoholic, who is about to lose her home and her children (Kathryn Quickert)
- Healing for Frank Goodwin, who had surgery on his shoulder, then fell while on vacation and reinjured it (George Lynch)
- Gratitude that David and Jane are now settling in at home with their daughter Hai, and all is going well (Chris Angeles)
- For Craig's friend Julie, who fell and broke one ankle and twisted the other; thanksgiving for Craig and Eddy's son Jakob who turns 28 (Craig Bray)
- Gratitude for Bonnie's family members who served in the military and have died (Bonnie Morgan)
- Thanksgiving for this beautiful day, for the hopeful and helpful sunshine; safe travel for Hannah as she comes to visit; for Pam's brother and sister in law, who are still looking for a home (Pam Matthews)
- Prayers for our country as we mark the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Massacre, for the families of those killed, that they might find some solace in recognition of the horrific event (Deb McGuire)

Prayers from 5/16/2021

- Prayers for Dave's son Justin as he celebrates his 31st birthday, and prayers that he finds satisfying and gainful employment (Dave Wales)
- Prayers of gratitude for the man driving in front of Bonnie who caused her to drive more slowly and probably avoid a ticket; prayers for Judy Nelson, who will be having knee surgery in August, and who lost her best friend this year (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers for Craig's friend Julie, who is in Switzerland dealing with her mother's death, and comfort for her as her partner has dementia and has been placed in a care home (Craig Bray)
- Prayers that cooler heads prevail in the conflict between Israel and Palestine, and for condition in the West Bank (Dave Wales)
- Healing for Roberta's sister Chris, who ended up in the ICU with a UTI last week (Roberta Henry)
- Prayers of thanksgiving that no one was hurt when Kathy was rear ended this week; prayers for justice and mercy from our local, state, national, and international government leaders (Kathryn Quickert)

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)



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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