

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

JUNE 22, 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.

We are proud to be a member of More Light Presbyterians, and to be a welcoming and affirming congregation. We welcome the LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual) community and their families and friends into the life and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Join us on June 26th as we celebrate this commitment, and stay for the luncheon!



Beginning of Summer Luncheon - The Bethany Deacons will host a Beginning of Summer Luncheon after worship on Sunday, June 26. A light lunch of sandwiches, fruit, drinks, and cookies will be served in the Narthex, and the congregation will be invited to share the meal with each other on the patio. The Deacons will also provide 4th of July cards for anyone interested in sending a card to someone in the congregation who might not be able to make it to church every week. Please plan to join with other congregants as we celebrate the summer season!



Dear friends,

I will be away on study leave followed by one week of vacation, beginning the afternoon of June 26th, and returning on Tuesday July 12th.

For the first week I will be on study leave, enjoying a week long silent retreat at the Mercy Center in Burlingame. Maybe I will sit on this particular bench.

The setting of the Mercy Center has been a place that fills my heart for more than 30 years. I am so grateful to spend a week there, listening to God in nature, through viewing and creating art, through the physical nourishment of their kitchen, through rest and prayer, writing, and primarily through silence. I'm hoping to create an inner vacuum where God can just flow right in!

Please feel free to contact the church office with any pastoral needs, and the pastor on call will be contacted.

Blessings,
Pastor Deb



WELCOME SUMMER!



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.

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. 6/15 – 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 June 19, 2022

- Prayers of healing for Roxane's mom Anne, who was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia – she is improving, and hope to return home soon; thanksgiving a glory to God for the gifts of the wilderness and nature (Dave Wales)
- Thanks to Jessica for guiding our music through this pandemic – for being flexible and accommodating through all the changes; for Tamra's neighbor Michelle, who is waiting for a kidney transplant; safe travel for North, heading home from Iceland (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Thanksgiving for the choir and the music that touches the heart (Kathleen Mitchell)
- Comfort for Craig's friend Kevin, who is in hospice care and in good spirits; for Craig's neighbors, who have found a home in Rocklin (Craig Bray)
- Prayers for all those impacted by the storms and extreme heat across the country; for the flooding damage in Yellowstone and for restoration efforts; safe travel for Pam and Fred as they drive to Washington to visit the Crawfords, and then on to Montana (Pam Matthews)
- Continue prayers for Jorie as she mourns the death of her mother; thanksgiving that the CDC has approve Covid-19 vaccinations for young children; traveling mercies for Lyn & George; thanksgiving for Bonnie's birthday today (Deb McGuire)
- On this Father's Day I offer thanksgiving for the WONDERFUL men of Bethany who raised me, and then my kids, and so many other kids – their own and others – with love, grace, patience, and wisdom. I am so grateful for you all (Kathryn Quickert)
- Safe travel to the Risso family as they vacation in Italy (and we take care of their beloved dog Rocky) Roberta Henry

Prayers from June 5, 2022

- Prayers of thanksgiving for all the good wishes for his birthday; prayers as he waits for results from his latest infusion treatment (Paul Feliciano)
- Prayers for Melinda's sister Wendy, who is having cancer surgery on Monday; for the Jones' son Matt, who has a mild case of Covid; for all the victims of gun violence (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of family, for Joanie's presence in worship today; for the wonderful gathering of family for her niece's celebration of life (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers of comfort and acceptance in the death of Jorie's mom, who passed away at 101 years old and just after seeing all her children and grandchildren, and many of her great-grands (Jorie Abbott)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Abby and the kids visiting, and for the great family gathering at a wedding, and for Roxane and Dave, who babysat Soren and Avery (Pam Matthews)
- Prayers for Rina's sister Bobby, who will be 80 on Tuesday; for her friend Randy, who will have kidney stone surgery; that congress will finally pass laws for gun safety (Rina Ranahan)





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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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