

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

JULY 14, 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.



Outdoor Worship: The last outdoor service will be 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!



After 18 LONG months of closing for the COVID-19 pandemic, Bethany is finally re-opening for in-person, indoor worship! Hallelujah! We will be able to greet each other in person beginning with 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship on September 12, 2021!

The Session is finalizing our “rules of engagement” to be sure that we continue to be safe as we meet. Watch this space, as well as Sunday announcements and our Facebook page, for information as it becomes available.

We plan to make our September 12 worship celebration very special, as fitting this wonderful occasion. In fact, we are SO excited about this day, we’re creating t-shirts! **Would you like one?**

The shirts are \$17.50 each, and come in sizes small through 3XL. Please let us know if you need another size, and we will try to accommodate your need! **And please don't let cost stop you from ordering** - we will make sure that everyone who wants a t-shirt can have one!

Please contact us to place your t-shirt order. **Ordering will close on August 15,** so don't put this off your you will miss out!

Please plan to be with us on September 12!



Community Action/Life Projects: We have two special projects coming up!



Our next collection items will be for school supplies for the children of Iglesias Brasiliana – San Mateo:

Notebook paper, pencils, 16 or 24 packs of crayons, 12" rulers, small scissors (child size), and colored pencils. Please bring any supplies to the church and place in the Narthex under the coat rack. Donations are also welcome to help purchase these supplies. Please continue to pray for this congregation and consider how you might be able to help. We continue with discussions about how we might help through the end of this year.



We also plan to put together 25 – 50 additional toiletry bags for CWHH by the end of August.

Items needed are bars of soap, washcloths, disposable razors, small deodorants, small bottles of shampoo, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and socks. Items can be brought to the church and put in the Narthex. Please mark the bag as toiletry bag supplies. Please pray for our community and how we may continue to help CWHH.



A quick message from the Deacons: We want to extend an offer to contribute to the deacons' fund to support our work in the community. We have been prayerfully diligent in looking to help good causes that address issues near and far of social justice, housebound seniors, safe housing, the SB Shelter, the Brazilian congregation, etc. But we also want to fine-tune our attention to the needs of our own community as well. Please consider supporting the deacons' efforts to spread messages of peace, joy, love, support and encouragement right in our neighborhood. We love to find new ways to lift you up. God bless you, and happy summer!

Your deacons, Kathy, Roxane, Tamra and Bonnie



This is a photo of the labyrinth on the grounds of the Mercy Center, in Burlingame. The last time I was there for a private retreat, they were just beginning to build this. It is with great joy that I will be back there for study leave beginning July 25th. I will return on August 1st. I am looking forward to this time of return to a place that helped birth my spiritual journey.
-- Pastor Deb

Upcoming Meetings

Wed. 7/14 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Prayz rehearsal

Sat. 7/17 – Story Time With . . . (posted on Facebook at 10 a.m.)

Mon. 7/19 – Financial Trustees

Tues. 7/20 - Session

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. 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>



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



Bethany StoryTime

Saturdays at 11 on Facebook
Bethany San Bruno

Prayers from 7/11/2021:

- Prayers for North and all his coworkers as they are in Oregon fighting a wildfire; for the factory fire in Bangladesh, where workers were locked in the building and many died; for Tamra's neighbor Donald, who is doing well after surgery; for her niece Allison, whose fiancé called off their wedding (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Bonnie's brother in law Larry, who is in remission! (Bonnie Morgan)
- Continued prayers for Kathryn's nephew Nick, who is doing better and may be going home in less than a week; continued strength for Gina, his wife, who has faced this challenge with him; thanks to God for good news and for the prayers of the Bethany community (Kathryn Quickert)

Prayers from 6/27/2021

- Prayers of thanksgiving that Sarah has a new job; for Spencer, as he considers going back to school; for Laura, who will be moving on Aug. 1st; safe travel as we drive to Washington (Roberta Henry)
- Comfort for Rina and her whole family as they mourn the passing of John Ranahan; for those in Florida awaiting news on those missing in the condo collapse; for one of Kathryn Quickert's family members, who is quite ill (Deb McGuire)
- Celebration for new baby in the family and 3 on the way; for Jorie's neighbor Joan who lost her husband; for her sister in law and brother, and her brother nears the end of his life (Jorie Abbott)
- Joy for a new great nephew, Gideon Gary, and another baby girl; for all of those going back to work and making decisions (Jorie Abbott)
- For all those in the Pacific North West coping with the intense heat (Molly Lyons)
- Thanksgiving for being able to help her friend Joy drive a van and move to Portland (Kathy Fogle)
- Healing and comfort for Lyn, who isn't feeling well; celebration for the new baby Hank born to Janine and Cory Valine and big brother Hudson (George Lynch)
- Prayers of thanks for health and being at worship (Paul Feliciano)
- Thanksgiving for all those who helped Orrin celebrate his birthday (Paul Delander)

Prayers from 6/20/2021

- Continued prayers for Kathie and her son Connor (Kathryn Quickert)
- Continue prayers for Sarah as she works for her mental health, and prayers of hope as there may be new opportunities for her and Spencer (Roberta Henry)
- Prayers of gratitude for the awesome men of Bethany, past and present, who have fathered us (Kathryn Quickert)
- Prayers for Tamra's neighbor Donald who will have surgery on Tuesday; for Judi Lozzi and Craig, and all those who are offering support and care to friends; for relatives who are upset about "cancel culture", but don't really understand what that means – that they have open hearts and be willing to see the full and real history of our country (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Thanksgiving for Craig's niece Melita Clark, who is of mixed race, and has rediscovered her heritage, and grown into an amazing young woman – and artist and poet (Craig Bray)
- For all those who are worried about re-opening, that we can be sensible about masks and precautions (Deb McGuire)



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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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