

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

JULY 20, 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.

A graphic for "Prayer Time" featuring several images of hands in prayer. The central text reads "Prayer Time" in a large, white, serif font. Below it, the text says "6:30 p.m. Wednesdays" and "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". The background is dark with various images of hands clasped in prayer, some holding books or papers.

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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.

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. 7/13 – Prayz rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Mon. 7/71 – Deacon's meeting, following worship

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

An Invitation to Decorate and Share!

The bulletin board in the hallways has been painted in 7 different colors, each section representing a decade of Bethany's life. You are invited to share your memories of Bethany by posting pictures, articles, or any items of interest in each of the sections. Let's fill the board with the life and joy that is Bethany Presbyterian Church!

Bethany session is inviting you to join in on this community clean up project in an effort to be Bethany in the community. Here is the invitation from the Facebook page for "Cleaning and Greening San Bruno Now." Check with any session member or pastor Deb if you have any questions!

San Bruno Community & Parents are kicking off our first event for Parkside! The event will take place on **Sat, July 30th at 9:30am**. The project goal is to transform the front of the campus with new landscaping before school starts. Volunteers will help lay down weed screen, gopher nets, new plants and bark. We need your support San Bruno to help transform this school. Tools, Snacks, Music, and Refreshments will be provided.

Let's be the change we want to see at Parkside. It starts NOW. Sign up by going to the Facebook page for Cleaning and Greening San Bruno Now, and clicking on "interested"! See you there. Let's get it done - San Bruno Pride!

Prayers from July 17, 2022

- Prayers of joy for Pam's mother-in-law's 92nd birthday (Pam Matthews)
- Prayers of comfort for Craig's friend Gerald, whose health is declining (Craig Bray)
- Thanksgiving that Tamra's family is recovering from Covid-19; prayers for their daughter Piper, who has a lot on her plate; prayers for our national church, as the General Assembly just released a resolution that identified Israel as acting as an apartheid government in their dealing with Palestine – prayers that the conversations continue (Tamra Hollenbeck)

Prayers from July 10, 2022

- Prayers of comfort for Ken and Roberta's brother in law Michael, and the whole family, as they mark the first anniversary of Roberta's sister Chris' death (Roberta Henry)
- Thanksgiving for Ken and Fred, who helped locate and stop the water leak (Dave Wales)
- Thanksgiving that Roxane's mom is doing well, and continued prayers for her healing (Roxane Wales)
- Prayers for the family of Craig's friend Kevin, who passed away; thanksgiving for the health of Craig's son Jake, and Jake's fiancé Nicki, who are both recovering from Covid-19 (Craig Bray)
- Prayers of joy, gratitude, and celebration for Lyn's birthday on the 12th; for the household where George passed with emergency vehicles outside (George Lynch)
- Thanksgiving for blankets, donated to those who need them (Barb Liedtke)
- Traveling mercies for all those on the road; prayers for concerns regarding the new covid variant (Pam Matthews)
- Thanksgiving for Pat and Susan May's 50th anniversary, and for the lovely flowers they left here for us to enjoy in worship (Roberta Henry)

Prayers from July 3, 2022

- Prayers of healing for the extended Hollenbeck crew, as little Kenny has tested positive for Covid-19, and other family members are feeling sick (Roberta Henry)
- Thanksgiving for the notes and prayers after the death of Jorie's Mom, and for the love of family (Jorie Abbott)
- Thanksgiving for Bethany, who may be small in number, but great in joy, and for the glorious music (Kathleen Mitchell)
- Prayers for Bonnie's grandniece Megan, who is suffering from severe migraines, and she can't find the cause (Bonnie Morgan)
- Traveling mercies for Kathy's kids and family – Aaron, Jamie, little Hazel, and Jenny – as they explore the Pacific Northwest (Kathy Quickert)





MORE LIGHT

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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