

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

AUGUST 11, 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.



Find each other in a crowd

Brag about your church

Start a softball team

Mark history

Makes a great family photo

Christmas shopping done early

Never enough Bethany goods

*I realize that there was already a perfectly written “get-your-t-shirts-now” message in the newsletter and on the website and on Facebook, but we can always use more encouragement. So here are some fun reasons that you may not have already thought of, to be sure to get your orders in for your family t-shirts. The shirts cost \$17.50 each. If the price is prohibitive, and you think it would be fun to send one to every one you know, don’t hold back. We have t-shirt scholarships available. Put your order in by emailing bethanypres@bethanypcusa.org and telling us how many shirts you want, and what sizes, and we’ll make sure you’re taken care of. You can mail your checks to the church, made out to “Bethany Presbyterian Church.” Folks aren’t always comfortable asking for a scholarship so just let Deb know what you need. Here’s the thing though – **ORDERS ARE DUE ON SUNDAY!** We need to close the orders on August 15th so we have time to get them distributed in time for Opening Day on September 12th. Join the fun!*

**Guidelines for In-Person Worship
Bethany Presbyterian Church
Beginning September 12, 2021**

It is with great joy we announce that we will be opening for in-person worship on September 12, 2021. In keeping with State and local guidelines, and CDC guidelines, we are posting this protocol for entry into our building. The space is deep cleaned once each week. Hand sanitizer is available.

General

- Open for those fully vaccinated unless medically contraindicated
- Please keep doors open for maximum air circulation
- Properly fitting masks must be worn while indoors
- Maintain distance from others

10:00am Sunday Worship Service

- Open to all fully vaccinated people unless medically contraindicated
- Please remain masked
- Please sit at a distance from other parishioners
- No touching – greet one another creatively!
- Singing is allowed while masked only
- Food to be eaten outside only
- Post- and pre-worship visiting outside only



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 help purchase these supplies. Please continue to prayer 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.

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>



It's about time for another great Bethany Picnic! Save the date and mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 26!**

We'll gather at beautiful Junipero Serra County Park, in San Bruno (1801 Crystal Springs Road) after worship (noonish). We will settle in at the Buckeye Picnic Area, which is near the top of the hill, next to the Ranger station. There is easy parking, and access to the picnic area for all abilities, and restrooms are close by. Admission to the park is \$6 per car.

Faith potluck: bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverages and a dish to share! We'll have some coals going if you'd like to bring something to grill, and will provide plates, cutlery and napkins. Everyone is welcome to the picnic: bring a friend, your family members, and neighbors!

If you are interested in helping out with set-up, clean-up, or grilling, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Please [contact the church office](#) to volunteer, or for any additional information. See you at the Picnic!

After many months of virtual worship, Bethany Presbyterian Church plans to reopen with great fanfare on Sunday, September 12. We will gather in person and follow the CDC recommendations regarding masking and social distancing.

Worship Committee met recently and discussed after-worship fellowship time. We plan on providing 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. Opening Day provisions are covered; the list will begin with September 19.

Thanks in advance for your participation in this new way of fellowshipping with each other! If you have any questions or concerns, please share with Rev. Deb, Pam Matthews, or Tamra Hollenbeck. We look forward to seeing you on the 12th!



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

Prayers from 8/08/2021

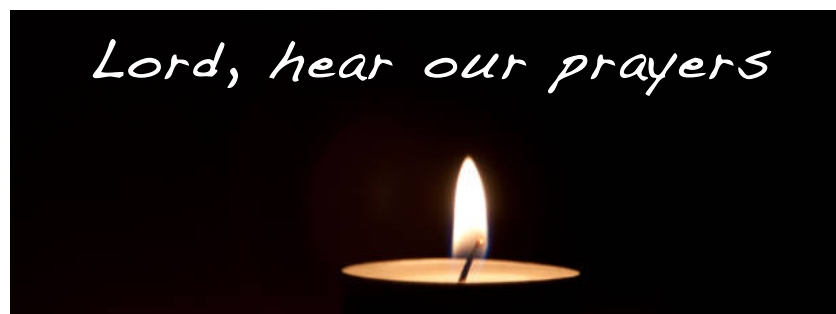
- Prayers for Jorie's coworker Cris, who has been fighting Covid-19 for two weeks and is in the ICU (Jorie Abbott)
- Healing for Judy Nelson, who had knee surgery in July; comfort for the family and friend of Freda Lutz; comfort for Lyn and George, grieving the loss of their beloved dog Ollie; for the community of Greenville, in the loss of the whole town in the Dixie fire (Deb McGuire)
- Thanksgiving for family gatherings and the imminent birth of Aaron and Jamie's baby (Kathryn Quickert)
- Prayers for Lyn's neighbor Paul, who had a second stroke and is recovering; for Trish, who isn't feeling well (Lyn Hughes)
- Thanksgiving for all the people who have returned to us; support for all the teachers and students going back to school, and especially for Tamra's grandchildren heading off to school (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for the unvaccinated, that those who can will get the vaccine (Bob Johansen)

Prayers from 8/01/2021

- Prayers for the Jessee family in the passing of Barbara and Tom's daughter Susan on July 22nd; prayers of thanksgiving for Roxane's birthday on July 31st; healing for Rina, who isn't feeling well; for Pam's cousin Jim, who injured his back on a hike; for all those traveling, especially Abby and Eric with the kids, and Tamra (Pam Matthews)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for life moving forward (Kathleen Mitchell)
- Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Judy Puccini, who passed away on July 22nd, and thanksgiving for the blessing she was to all who knew her (Kathy Fogle)

Prayers from 7/25/2021

- Prayers of thanks for all those helping out in worship this morning – George on camera, Craig, Bonnie, and Pam on music, and Amy as our accompanist; prayers for Ken and Roberta, mourning the loss of Roberta's sister Chris; for George and Lyn, learning to live without their beloved dog Ollie; for Melinda's sister Wendy, who had surgery for cancer and then was in a car accident; for all those impacted by the fires, and for the safety of all firefighters (Deb McGuire)
- Safe travels for Barbara Lucas, whose daughter is getting married; gratitude for Joanie, who has come to Bonnie's emotional rescue; for Bonnie's sister and brother in law and their family, who have all been affected by Covid-19; gratitude for all those who have donated to the deacons' fund (Bonnie Morgan)
- Continued prayers for Pam's brother and sister in law in Maryland; for Bethany, as we move towards re-opening; for the huge contributions of all those who led worship in the past year (Pam Matthews)
- Prayers for all those who are hurting (Paul Feliciano)





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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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