

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

AUGUST 17, 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.

Committee on Ministry - Meeting Date Change: The second workshop that was held at Bethany in April covered a lot of the information for the third workshop. The next part is about the financial nuts and bolts, and will be completed by Session and the Trustees at a meeting **on Monday, August 22, from 7 – 9 p.m.** After that work is completed, a Pastor Nominating Committee can be formed.

“but those who wait for
the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like
eagles, they shall run and not be
weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

– Isaiah 40:31

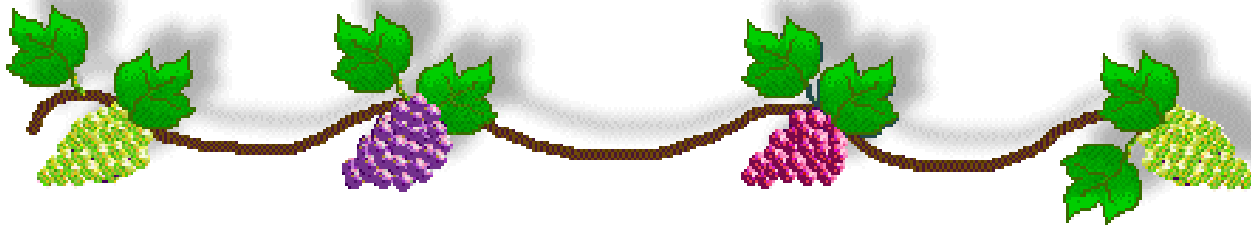


Pastor Nominating Committee: The Bethany Presbyterian Church congregation held two workshops this spring to answer several of the questions required to complete a Mission Study, a major step in the process of calling a permanent pastor. Session and the Board of Trustees will meet on August 27th to discuss the financial questions, and then it will be time to assemble the Pastor Nominating Committee. This committee must be comprised of members of the church, and Session is seeking 3-4 people who would be willing to serve. If you are interested in being a part of this process, please contact Roxane Wales, Tamra Hollenbeck, or the church office. If you have any questions about what the process involves, please ask Pastor Deb. Thanks for your willingness to consider this prospect!

Memorial Dedication at Tanforan: The public is invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Tanforan Memorial on **Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.**, which will take place outside the San Bruno BART station at 1151 Huntington Ave.

Tanforan is the site of the former racetrack that was converted into a detention center for Japanese Americans from April through October of 1942. More information is available on the website: <https://www.tanforanmemorial.org/exhibits>

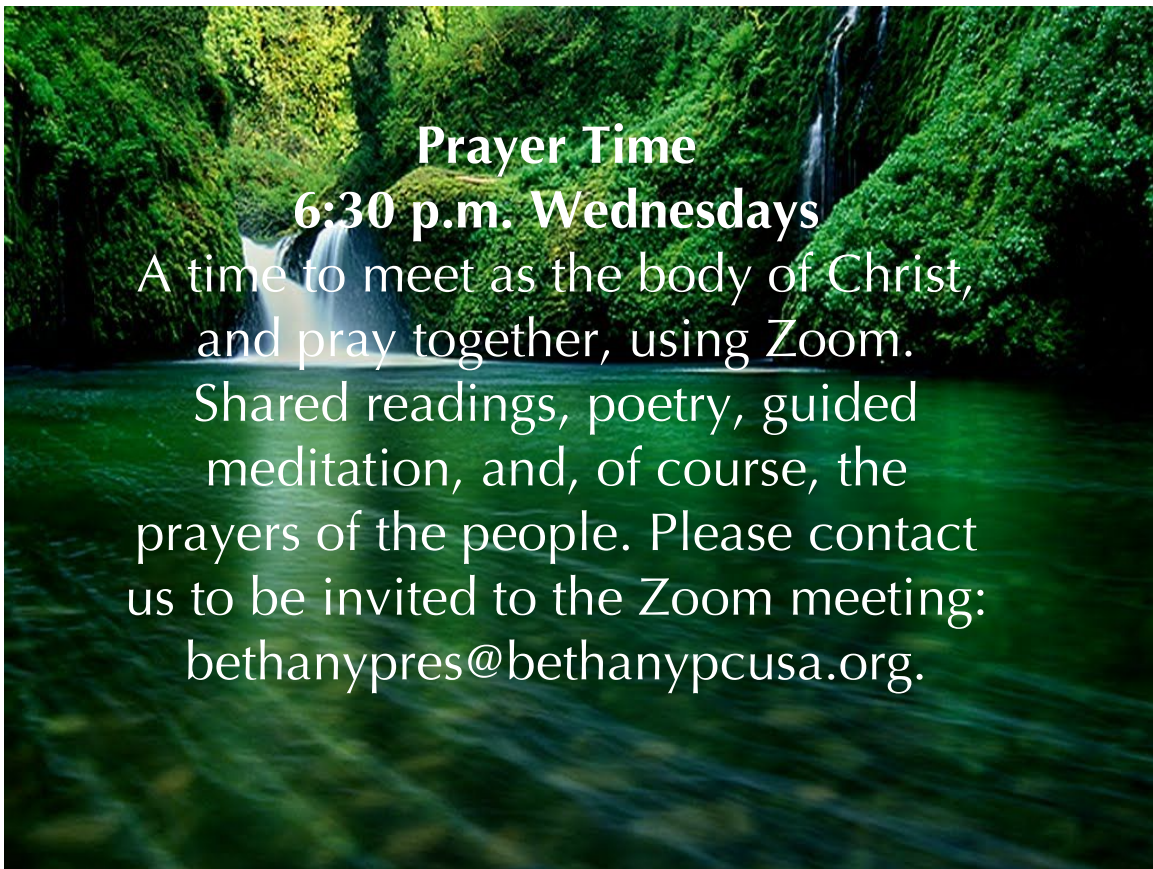
Also of interest is the **Sansei Granddaughters' Journey**, a show honoring the history of the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, will be on display **through Saturday, Sept. 3**, at the AZ Gallery at the Shops at Tanforan in San Bruno. In 1942, the Tanforan racetrack became the temporary detention center for nearly 8,000 Japanese Americans until their transfer to Topaz, a WRA camp in Utah. Shari Arai DeBoer, one of five third generation (sansei) Japanese American artists, shows two of her paintings honoring the resilience of those who were interned for the duration of the war. For more information go to www.sanseigranddaughters.com.



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.

We need folks to sign up for August!

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.



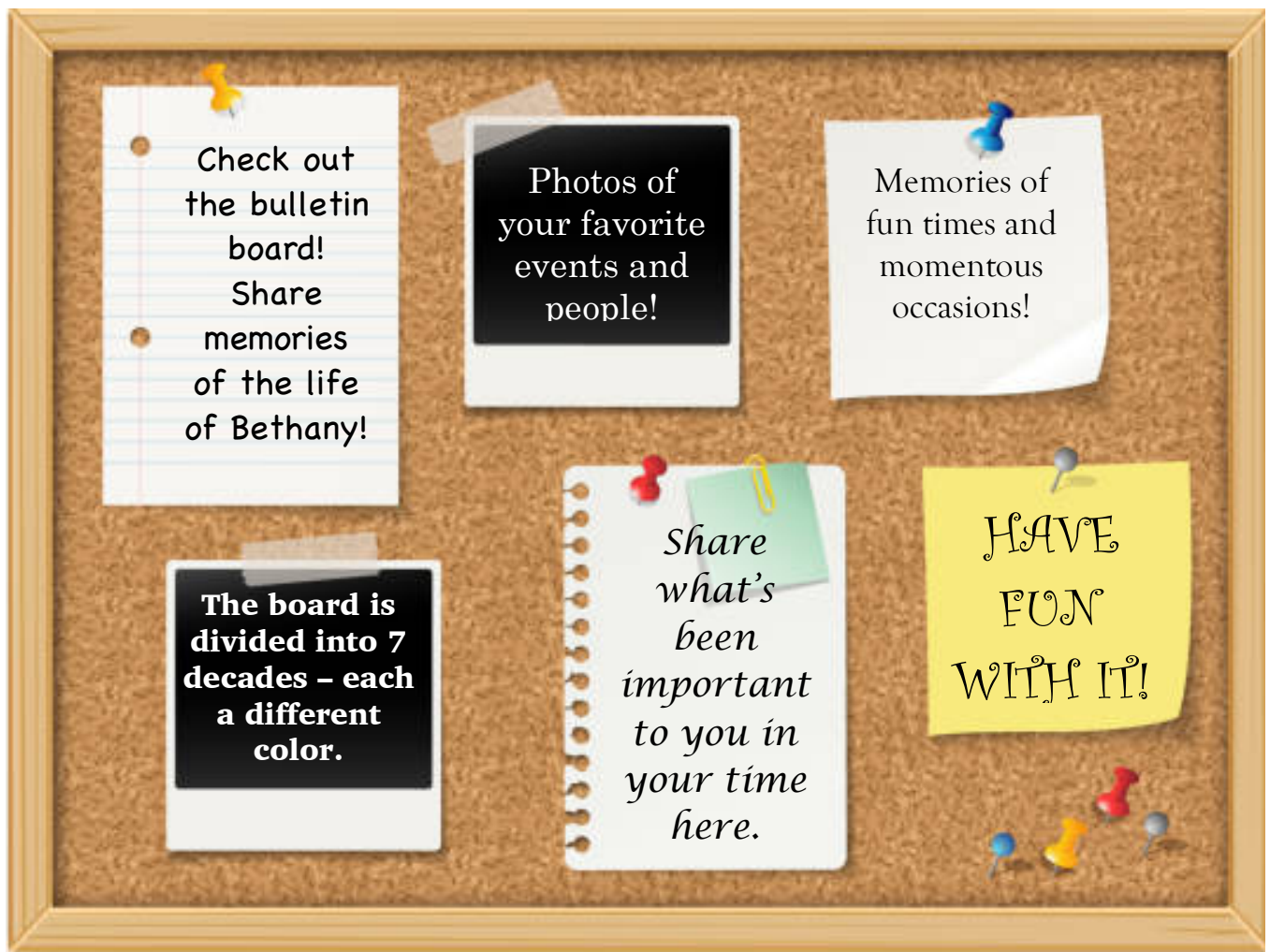
Prayer Time

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.

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.





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. 8/17 - Prayer time, 6:30 p.m.

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

“A children’s story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children’s story in the slightest.”

- C.S Lewis



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>



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Prayers from August 14, 2022

- Continued prayers for Tamra and the extended family as they travel in Ireland; for all travelers as they deal with Covid-19 and the disruptions it can cause; for conditions around the world that need healing – wars, disasters, and human suffering (Deb McGuire)

Prayers from August 7, 2022

- Prayer for Israel and Palestine, as those nations contend with new hostilities; for the tensions between Taiwan and China; for those affected by the floods in Kentucky, and thanksgiving that PDA is on the ground helping (Deb McGuire)

- Traveling mercies for the extended Hollenbeck clan as 18 of them travel to Ireland for 2 weeks; for Piper and Billy and the family as they relocate to the Pacific Northwest; for all those recovering from Covid-19, especially Pam and Fred, and Craig (Tamra Hollenbeck)

- Birthday blessings for George's friend Paul (George Lynch)

- Comfort and healing for Cynthia's sister, who will have surgery for a lump on her neck; for Paul's cousin's wife, who passed away too young; prayers for continued healing and moving forward (Paul Feliciano)

Prayers from July 31, 2022

- Prayers of thanksgiving for all those in worship; thanks for Kathleen Mitchell's healing; healing for all those who have contracted Covid-19; safety for all those impacted by the fires near Yosemite; prayers for Rina, who is visiting her sister (Deb McGuire)

- Comfort for all those who have lost loved ones in the flood in Kentucky, and for the rescuers; for Tamra's sister Callie's 70th birthday; for Roxane's birthday today, and Bamboo's last week; thanksgiving for times with grandkids, and for wisdom and insight as they ask about God and faith (Tamra Hollenbeck)

- Prayers for Bonnie's sister Sandy in Missouri, who is a new great grandparent, and for the health, peace, and safety for those in her family with health issues; gratitude for her sister Joanie's visit, and for the cartoons she sends that cheer (Bonnie Morgan)

- Praise for God's presence in the wilderness, and for Dave's ability to hike the Trinity Alps and revel in the riot of wildflowers (Dave Wales)

- Safe travels for all those going on vacation, especially Jessica and Dave, and for the extended Matthews family, whose plans maybe on hold due to Covid (Pam Matthews)





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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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