

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

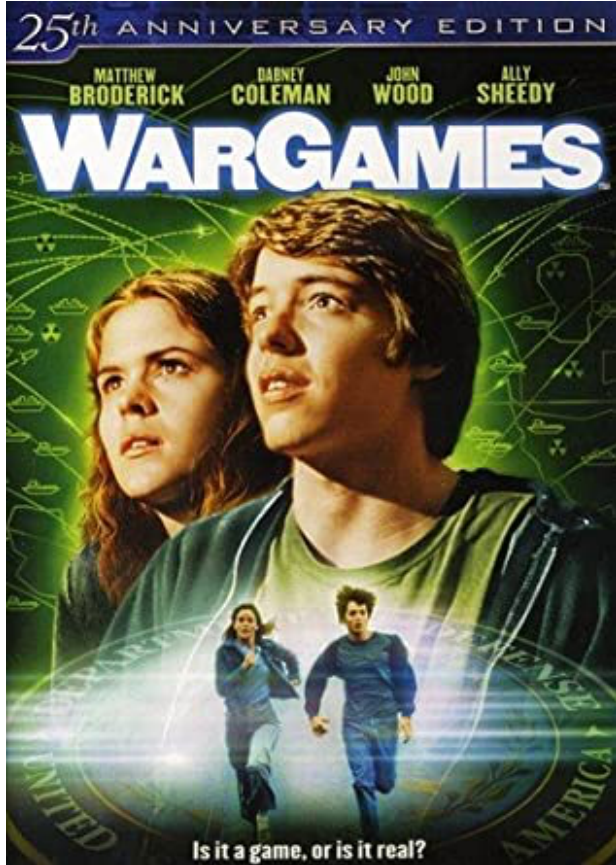
Welcome to our weekly newsletter! ***Wednesdays at Bethany*** will include important announcements for the life of the congregation. If you would rather not receive this newsletter, please let us know and you will be removed from the list.

Pastor Nominating Committee: The Bethany Presbyterian Church congregation and the Session/Financial Trustees have held several workshops to answer questions required to complete a Mission Study, a major step in the process of calling a permanent pastor. Using information gathered in these sessions, a Mission Study will soon be written, and the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) will be called into service. The PNC 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!

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.

Space available in Sept and Oct!

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.



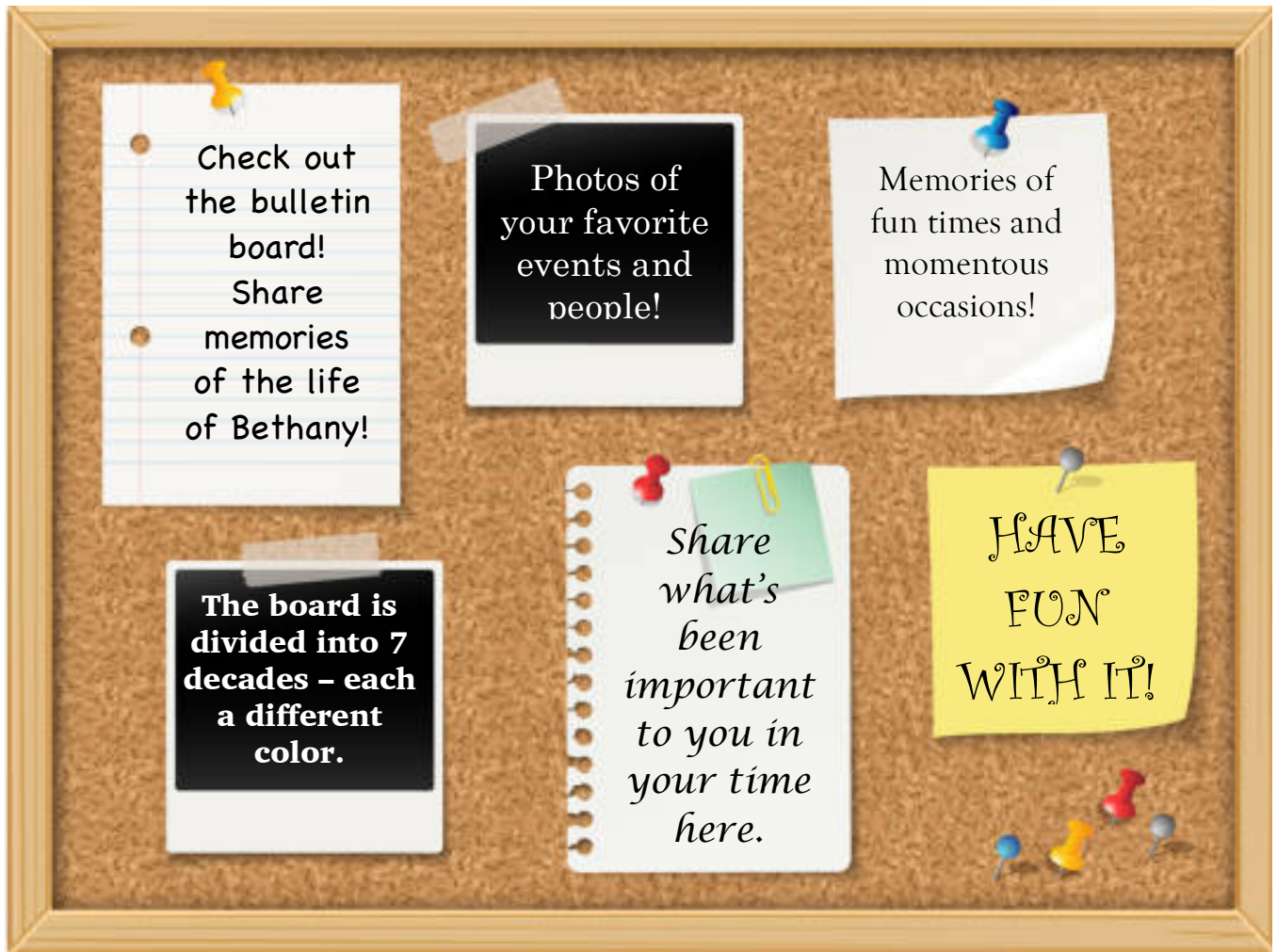
Movie Night: “War Games” (1983, PG):
Friday, September 16, 7 p.m. BYO movie snacks and drinks! Scott Brown of Wired magazine calls it “a fizzy little thriller about looming Armageddon. It's a deceptively simple story: High schooler David Lightman (played by 21-year-old Matthew Broderick) is a digitally proficient goofball who wants to play an unreleased computer game — and impress a pretty girl (Ally Sheedy). So he does something most Americans didn't have a word for back then: He starts hacking. Little does he know, the "computer company" he's infiltrated is actually a military installation running a missile-command supercomputer called the WOPR (War Operation Plan Response), and the game — Global Thermonuclear War — is real. Naturally, only David can stop it from setting off World War III.” In the end, this is really an ANTI-war movie! (FYI we do use the closed captions, so if you're hearing impaired, you can still enjoy the movie!)

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>

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.





Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Wed. 9/07 – Prayz Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
- Prayer time, 6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
- Mon. 9/12 – Ruth Covenant Group, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. 9/16 – Movie Night, 7 p.m. – “War Games”

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>

Prayers from August 28, 2022

- Safe travel for the Henrys as they drive up to Washington (Roberta Henry)
- Thanksgiving that Tamra and Jessica are both home safe from their vacations (Deb McGuire)
- Thanksgiving for a wonderful family trip to Ireland, where the people were so friendly and helpful; prayers for Piper and her family as they relocate to Washington, and all the many emotions that go with that (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Continued prayers as Paul goes in for his 5th infusion treatment, and thanks that the physical therapy is helping; thanksgiving to Cynthia for all her love and support (Paul Feliciano)
- Prayers for Rina's sister Bobby as she recovers from hip replacement surgery; for her friend Randy, who is in a nursing home, that he receive the care and attention he needs (Rina Ranahan)
- Prayers of gratitude that Abby's parents have found a new home, and prayers for a peaceful transition in their move (Janine Mooney)

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)





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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