

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

Coffee Hour: 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. Opening Day provisions are covered; the list will begin with September 19.

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. We look forward to seeing you on the 12th!



Guidelines for In-Person Gathering
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. **Proof of vaccination is required.**

General

- Open for those fully vaccinated unless medically contraindicated (**proof of vaccination is required**)
- 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 (**proof of vaccination is required**)
- 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



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>



Tee Shirts: 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 \$19.50 each, and come in sizes small through 3XL. Please let us know if you need another size (for example, for a child) 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 the church office to place your t-shirt order. The first order for tees has been placed. If you still want one, please just let us know. Because of some uncertainty regarding our ability to meet on September 12 (as of print date), there is no date on the tee - which means whenever you wear it, it will always be in style and never be out of date!



*Do nothing
from selfish ambition
or conceit,
but in humility
regard others
as better than yourselves.
Let each of you
look not to your own
interests,
but to the interests of others.
Philippians 2:3-4*

Upcoming Meetings

Wed. 9/08 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 9/11 – Story Time With . . . (posted on Facebook at 11 a.m.)

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

With great sadness, we want to let you know that our dear friend, Ellen Kross, passed away on September 5th. Ellen was a long time member of Bethany, served as an elder and deacon, and on many committees. Ellen lived in Richmond, VA, near her son Edward.

Ellen had fallen and broken her arm several days ago and gone to the hospital. Upon admission, serious problems with her heart were found, and this, along with her ongoing emphysema and COPD, resulted in her admission to the ICU. After several medical tests and evaluation of her condition, her son Edward, in consultation with her doctors, placed her on in-patient hospice care. She was comfortable, and Edward was with her.

Please keep Edward and all her family and friends in your prayers. If you wish to send your condolences to Edward, his address is:

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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!

Bethany StoryTime



Saturdays at 11 on Facebook
Bethany San Bruno

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 9/05/2021

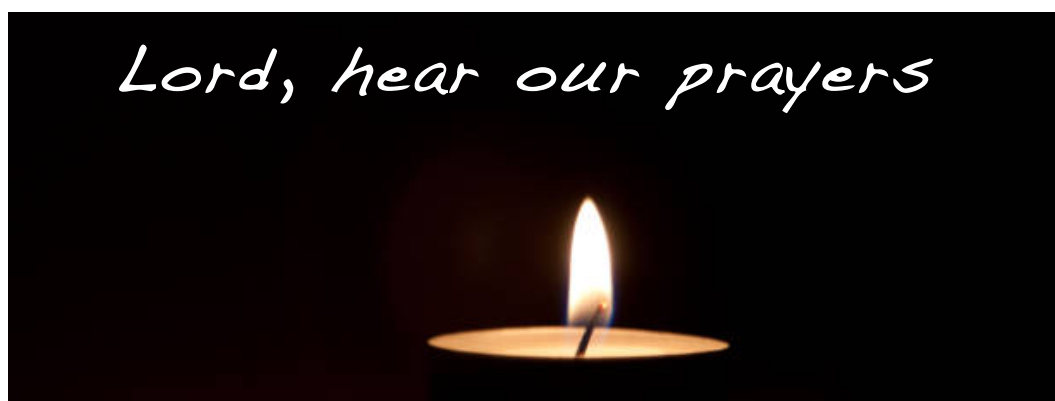
- Prayers for Ed Kross in the passing of his mother Ellen, and for all of those who knew and loved Ellen here at Bethany; prayers of healing for Randy Johansen; healing for Bruce Reyes-Chow, who is hospitalized with Covid-19 (and fully vaccinated!); for Roberta and Ken, coping with their own grief as well as the grief of others; for all those dealing with the aftermath of hurricane Ida (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers of wonder and gratitude for Kathy's grandson (and Skip's great-grandson!), Hazel William Golden, who began his journey with us yesterday! (Kathryn Quickert)
- Prayers of thanks for the hero groups – firefighters, nurses, first responders – all those working to keep us safe and alive (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Gratitude for North and all the firefighters (Bonnie Morgan)
- Thanksgiving for Avery Huseh's baptism today – in a river in Montana – and that Pam and Fred are there to celebrate (Tamra Hollenbeck)

Prayers from 8/29/2021

- Prayers for Randy; prayers for Kathy Quickert, waiting to be a grandma; for Jan Lutz, as she and the family plan for Freda's memorial service; for the family and friends of Rev. Leonard Nielson, a leader in the SF Presbytery, who passed away; for all in Louisiana, dealing with hurricane Ida; healing for Frank Goodwin, who developed an infection after surgery; thanksgiving for all who showed up to trim the vegetation in the median; for everyone who donated school supplies for Iglesia Brasiliana in San Mateo (Deb McGuire)
- Healing and comfort for Vickie and Cici, both fighting cancer (Bonnie Morgan)

Prayers from 8/22/2021

- Prayers for Kathy's friend Carrie Kobb, who was in a car accident that caused injuries to Carrie and killed her mother – prayers for comfort and healing; prayers of healing for Randy, who is in the hospital in San Mateo; prayers for Frank Goodwin, who has shoulder surgery and is healing; prayers for all those in Afghanistan, that those who are trying to leave for safety can do so; for Haiti, after the earthquake; for all of us with Covid-19 concerns, that we stay safe; for Michael, Ken, and Roberta, and the whole family, being together in grief (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers for Tamra's sister and brother in law, who had to evacuate from Pollock Pines due to the fires; for all the firefighters, experiencing such fatigue; safe travel for Pam, who is heading to Missoula; for Luna and Aurora, who are starting school (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- For all those returning to school; for Bonnie's friend Connie, going back to school to get his CNA certificate; for her friend's sister Vickie, fighting lung cancer; for a former coworker Cici, fighting ovarian cancer – prayers for good results from her scan (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers for Aaron and Jamie and everyone waiting for the baby! (Kathryn Quickert)





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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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