

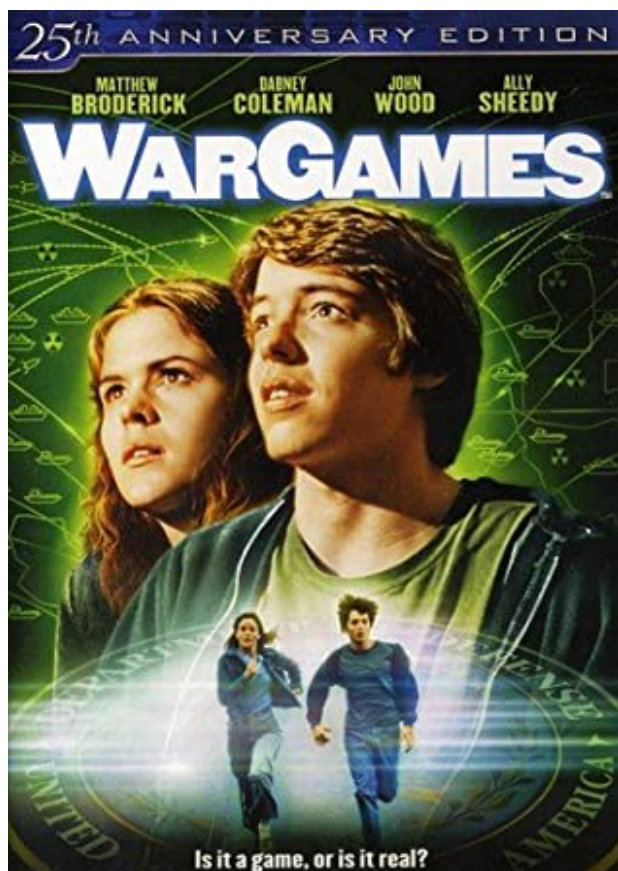
# WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

SEPTEMBER 14, 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.



**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!)

**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!



**Welcome to Fall Worship and Luncheon:** Bethany will celebrate our entry into Fall with a "Welcome to Fall" Worship Service on Sunday, September 18. The Chancel Choir will be presenting its first musical offerings after a summer break, and Prayz will also be presenting. Please plan to join in for a service of joy and celebration as we gather together and greet one another with the love of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

After worship, the congregation is invited to a *Welcome to Fall Luncheon*, provided by the Bethany Deacons. Please plan to join in a time of fellowship and feasting, served in the Narthex and eaten on the patio. You might even consider inviting some of your family or neighbors as we welcome in the new fall season. We are looking forward to seeing you!

**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.

***Peacemaking and World Communion Sunday:*** Bethany will be celebrating Peacemaking/World Communion Sunday on **Sunday, October 2**. On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved, and we are not alone.

Our congregation is participating in the Peacemaking Offering, now called the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Sunday, September 4 marked the day that "A Season of Peace" began, and we will be dedicating the Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 2. Of the funds collected, 25% will remain with Bethany to support our own efforts towards peacemaking. We will be partnering with local students by sponsoring an essay writing/artistic expression opportunity about what A Season of Peace might look like. Alicia McHale, a dear friend and a favorite 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher at Allen School, will be helping to promote this idea with the students at Allen, and we will be sharing their ideas with the congregation. We also encourage you to consider what a Season of Peace might be, and invite you and your family to participate in sharing your artistic expressions on this topic as well.

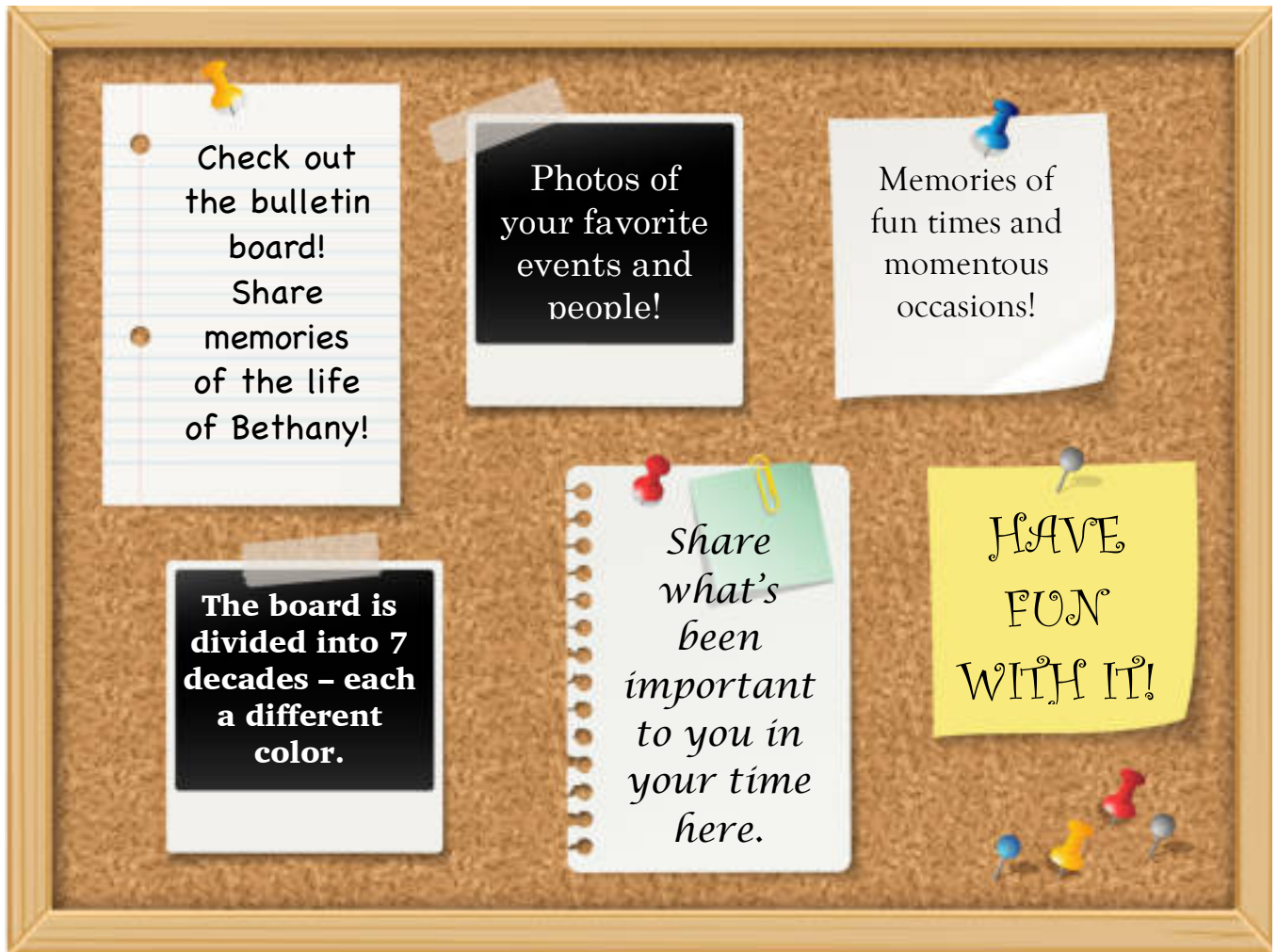
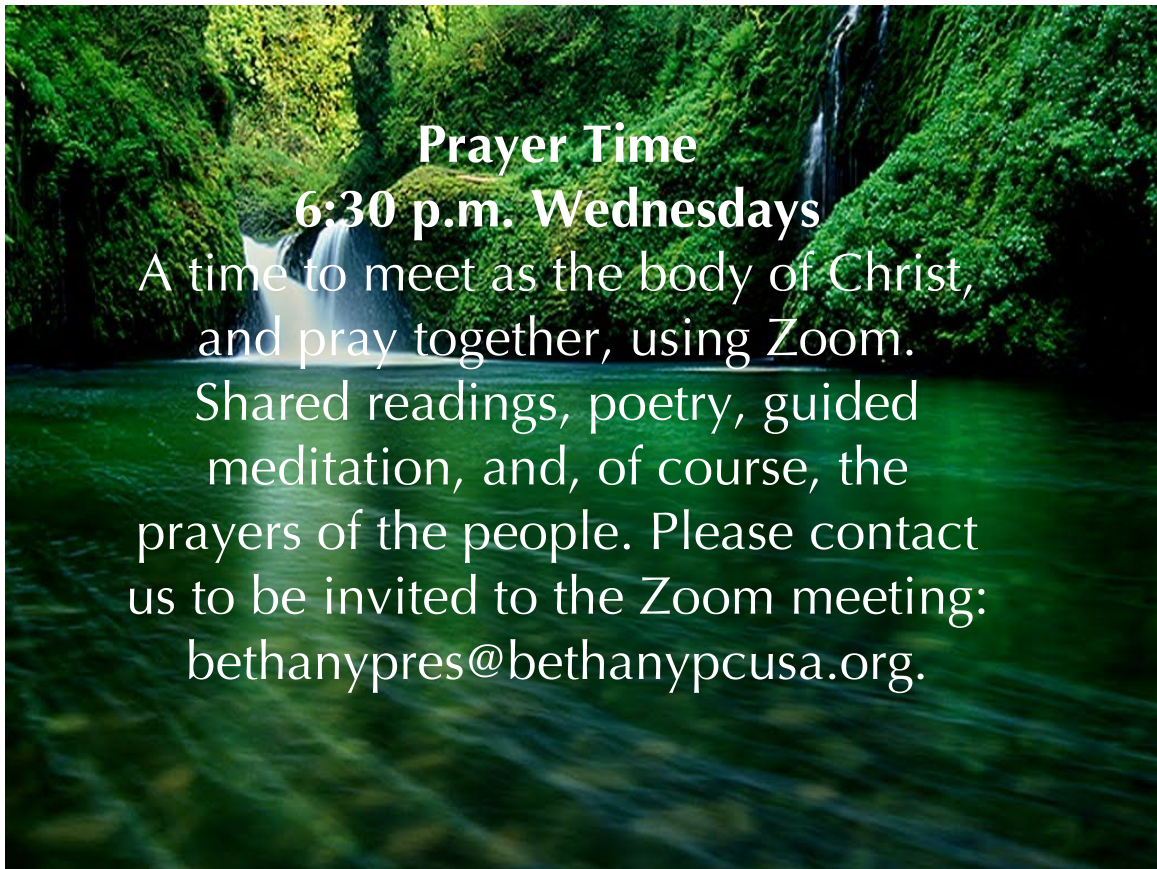
Offering envelopes are available at the church and will be provided throughout this Season of Peace. Please prayerfully consider supporting this offering, which allows the Presbyterian Church both locally and abroad, to help those struggling through oppression and injustice. May Christ's peace be a part of all of your days.

***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](mailto:fpmatthews@aol.com) or the church office.





### Upcoming Meetings & Events

Wed. 9/14 – Prayz Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

- Prayer time, 6:30 p.m.

- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:30 – 9 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 September 11, 2022**

- Prayers for the royal family as they mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth; prayers for all those affected by the wildfires in Oregon and Washington – firefighters and residents – that they be safe and that the fires are put out soon (Deb McGuire)
- Thanksgiving for Dave's trip to Bear Lakes, and that there wasn't smoke from the fires (Dave Wales)
- Prayers of joy as Kathleen's eldest granddaughter starts at UC Davis, and thanksgiving for the wonderful young woman she has become (Kathleen Mitchell)
- Prayers of comfort as we remember the losses suffered on Sept. 9, 2010 (Pam Matthews)
- Prayers for the Henrys and Starks, as they start a new part of their lives as homeowners; healing, comfort, and strength for the Henrys neighbor Brendan as he goes through surgery and treatment for colon cancer (Roberta Henry)

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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)





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## 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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