

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

SEPTEMBER 15, 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.

There will be a memorial service for Ellen Kross on Tuesday, September 28th at 11 a.m. at Bethany Presbyterian Church. The service is open to everyone.

The internment at Golden Gate National Cemetery will be at 1:00 p.m. on the same day. The internment is for family only.

We hold Ellen's son Edward and all her family and friends in our prayers.



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. The list is available at the church, or you can contact the church office to sign up for a particular Sunday.

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.

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: Did you forget to buy an Opening Day t-shirt? Well you can still get 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.

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

Wed. 9/15 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 9/18 – Story Time With . . . (posted on Facebook at 11 a.m.)

Mon. 9/20 – Financial Trustees meeting

Tues. 9/21 – Session meeting, 7 p.m.

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



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

God is our refuge and strength



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Ida. Initial assessment suggests catastrophic destruction from the storm and widespread power outages that are expected to take weeks to fully restore.

PDA will continue to work with Presbyterian leadership as they respond to Hurricane Ida and remain engaged in the recovery from the hurricane season of 2020, during which seven named storms impacted the region. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain — providing emotional and spiritual care and Long-Term Recovery to address unmet needs.

The needs for the response will be great. God’s people are once again called on to stand in the “GAP” — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Gifts can be made online at bit.ly/PDAIda, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device.

- ACT:**
- Share our Mobile Cause campaign link (bit.ly/PDAIda).
 - Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/PDAcares), download resources at pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources and share updates with your congregation.



PRAY: Pray for those who suffered loss of family or home and for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

\$500 \$125 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



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Prayers for 9/12/2021

- Healing, comfort, and peace of mind for Bonnie's friend Claudia, who is having a health scare (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers of joy for Paul's son Jason, who turns 42 on Monday (Paul Feliciano)
- Prayers of celebration for Piper and Billy's 11th anniversary; thanksgiving that North is back home from the fires in the north (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers of healing and mercy for Eddy's family, the Milaros, in Milpitas, who all got COVID-19, and especially for their patriarch, who is hospitalized and on a ventilator; joy for Craig and Eddy's 34th anniversary, and traveling mercies for their trip (Craig Bray)
- Thanksgiving and joy for Tamra's birthday; thanksgiving that no big fires were started by all the dry lightning (Kathryn Quickert)
- Prayers for our country as we remember 9/11 and the 2010 San Bruno gas line explosion (Pam Matthews)
- Thanksgiving for Rina's son in law's mother in law Nati, who turns 90 (Rina Ranahan)
- Prayers of remembrance for the 90 Franklin Templeton employees who died in the twin towers, especially for those who went back in to help rescue others (Lyn Hughes)
- Welcome to Deb's friend Mike; for the rose on the communion table for the birth of Hazel William Golden; prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Ellen Kross, who passed away on Tuesday; for Randy, who is out of the hospital and has a new placement in Santa Cruz (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers for Kathleen, struggling with the loss of Ellen Kross, with anxiety due to COVID-19, and thanksgiving for being able to be back in worship (Kathleen Mitchell)

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)





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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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