

# WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

## SEPTEMBER 21, 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.

***Big News:*** The Henrys are moving! Ken and Roberta have bought a house together with their daughter Sarah and son-in-law Spencer, and will be moving at the end of October to Marysville, WA. This means: we're gonna need a new secretary! Details about the position will come soon, but if you're interested, you can leave your name with Pastor Deb or the church office, and the search committee will get back to you with specifics when they have them.

***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!

***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.

***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.

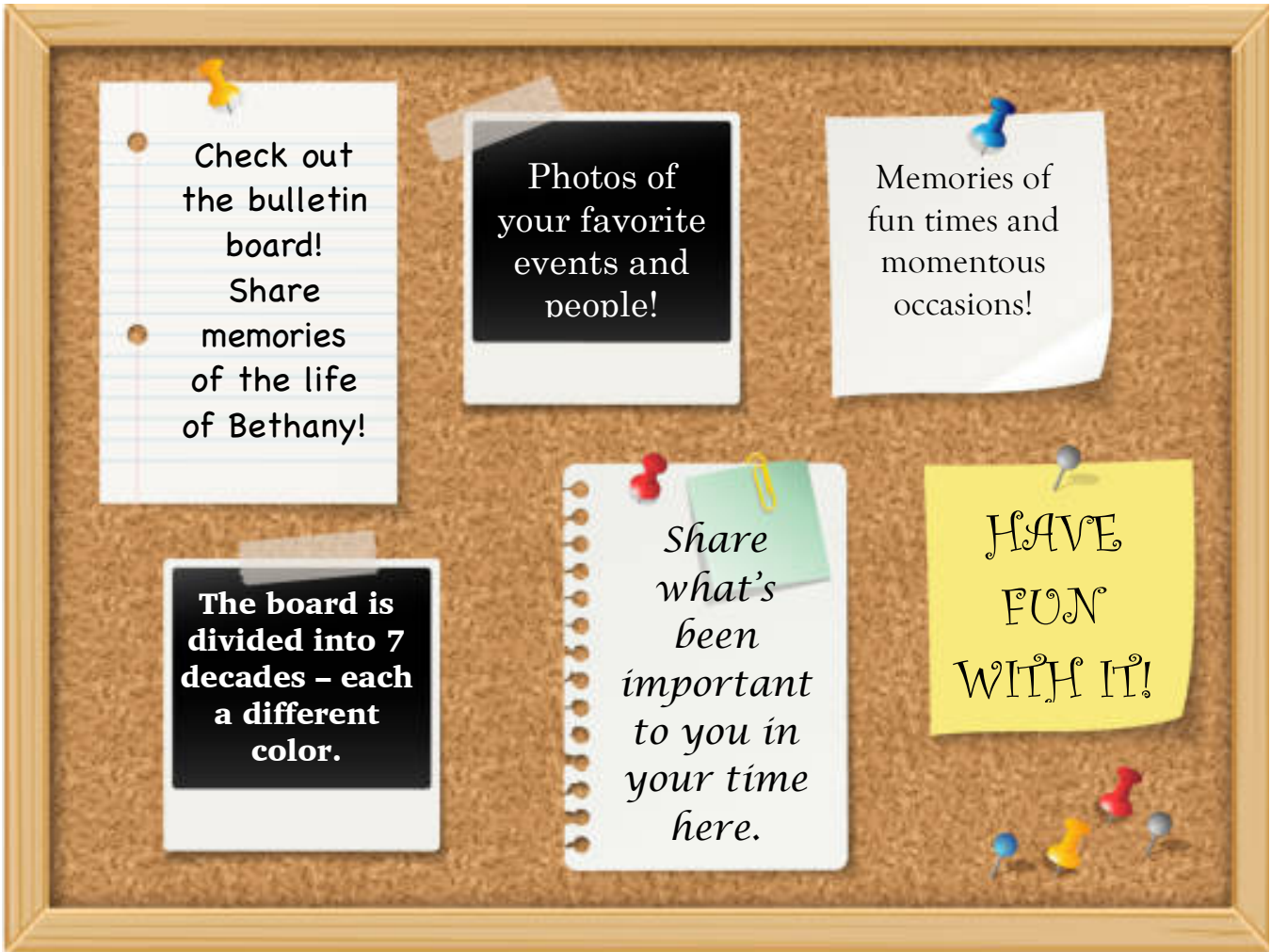


***Fellowship Time:*** We would like to provide brewed coffee, hot water, and a couple of snacks each Sunday after worship. Congregants can sign up to bring an item to share, i.e. fruit, coffee cake, donuts, bagels - you get the idea! Items will be available in the narthex, and congregants will be encouraged 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.





**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. 9/21 – Prayz Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

- Prayer time, 6:30 p.m.

- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:30 – 9 p.m.

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

*" Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible."*

*- Barack Obama*



### **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 18, 2022**

- Prayers of praise and thanks for the wonderful reunion with Roxane's family at Crater Lake – such a beautiful surrounding (Dave Wales)
- Prayers of comfort for Pam's cousin Dana in Georgia, who is a sad soul; for their neighbor Osh, who is giving and generous, and is struggling in their friend community (Pam Matthews)
- Prayers for Kathy's friend Joy in Portland, who got in an accident and her car is totaled; for peaceful family dynamics (Kathy Fogle)
- Prayers of strength and safety for Walter's grandson Nicholas, who is in the police academy and recently had to endure pepper spray training (Walter Bird)

### **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**

- 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)







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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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