

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

SEPTEMBER 22, 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.

Memorial Services at Bethany Presbyterian Church

In the last couple of months, Bethany lost two long time members. Freda and Ellen were pillars of our congregation, each of them serving on numerous committees over their years here. They were beloved by their families and friends, and will be dearly missed.

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



A celebration of life for Freda Lutz will be held at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 2400 Rosewood Drive San Bruno, CA, on October 9th at 11am. Friends and loved ones are invited to attend.

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. 9/22 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

- Prayz rehearsal, 6 – 7 p.m.

- Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 9/25 – Story Time With . . . (posted on Facebook at 11 a.m.)

Tues. 9/28 – Memorial for Ellen Kross, 11 a.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

Prayers from 9/19/2021

- Prayers of thanksgiving for Jorie's grandson's first birthday; for her daughter's birthday today; healing and comfort for her friend's son Clayton Miller, who is dealing with Covid and diabetes (Jorie Abbott)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Paul Delander's birthday on Saturday; for her friend Claudia, who is doing better; for Bob Johansen, dealing with side affects of his booster vaccine; for Randy, adjusting to a new living situation (Deb McGuire)
- Healing for Richard Nanos, Rina's brother, who is hospitalized with pneumonia; for her friend Randy, whose spirits are improving (Rina Ranahan)
- For Tamra's brother in law Ross, dealing with health issues; thanksgiving for her granddaughter Aurora's 8th birthday; for Garry Cox's birthday today (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Thanksgiving for memories of her father, whose birthday is this week; traveling mercies for her niece, visiting new friends in Germany; healing for a friend who had a fall and now has some bleeding on the brain (Barb Liedtke)

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)

Lord, hear our prayers





MORE LIGHT

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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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