

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

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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. (Note: PDF is at the bottom of the email)

Next Outdoor Service: Our next in-person outdoor worship service is scheduled for **Sunday, November 1 - All Saint's Day**. This is a communion Sundays, so we are asking people to bring their own elements for communion. The service will be held on the patio right outside the church doors, and we will be requesting people to be socially distant and wear masks. The services will also be streamed live on Facebook, as they are now.

Shade canopies and some chairs will be available, and you are welcome to bring your own chair if you wish.

They're BAAAACK! If you've seen worship on Facebook Live the last couple of weeks, you've may have noticed that the Chancel Choir and Prayz Group are back in worship! Our music director, Jessica Reddell, has arranged it so they can participate safely, with the groups alternating weeks for both rehearsal and worship participation. We're so glad to hear their lovely voices again!

If you have any questions, or want to participate, please contact Jessica at ivoryglider@gmail.com.



We are Partnering with Igreja Brasilia, a Church In Need!

Rev. Janet Bower talked to Rev. Deb McGuire and Lyn Hughes about Igreja Presbiteriana Brasileira (Iglesia Brasilia), one of the churches we have been praying for. This church worships in leased space at First Presbyterian Church of San Mateo, as a New Worship Congregation (NWC).

This church is struggling. With a congregation of approximately 140 families and 85% unemployment amongst the congregation, it has been difficult to maintain their households. There have also been new babies born and baby supplies are in short supply. Rev. Bower, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, has asked that we partner with this church and help in any way we can.

In our discussions with Janet, here are the items needed by the congregation:

- Household goods – Towels, blankets, sheets and pillow cases, kitchenware, dishes, glasses, pots and pans, silverware, etc.
- Baby clothes – Newborn or 3 mons, new or clean, used
- Diapers – Newborn or 3 mons
- Food – rice, dry beans, canned goods, any items with a shelf-life
- Toiletries – all kinds
- Target gift cards
- Checks payable to Braziliansa Iglesias (any amount) **(To send a check, make your check payable to Igreja Brasilia and mail it to 194 W. 25th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403)**
- Continued prayers for the congregation

The Financial Trustees also found money in the Memorials account that could be donated to the church. We reached out to families who had Memorials for their families and obtained permission to give the money to Igreja Brasilia. Bethany Church will provide them with a check in the amount of \$2,800; the Deacons will also provide a check in the amount of \$200.

Looking to the future, you can bring any items to be contributed to Braziliansa Iglesias and we will ensure they are delivered to San Mateo. You can also call Lyn Hughes and we will arrange for any items to be picked up. Place items under the coat rack in the entryway.

We will keep you informed of the progress of the congregation and their ongoing needs. There was also mention of starting the discussion now on how we can help at Christmas with toys for the children and a Target gift card for each family, possibly for \$25.

Donations for San Bruno Hospitality House: There will be 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 at 650-291-6979. **A full list of current shelter needs can be found on our website**

Prayers of the People: At a recent worship committee meeting it was decided that since the folks who are watching our services on Facebook live at 10:00 on Sundays can see and read the announcements and prayers, Deb will not repeat them aloud during the service. Please read each other's prayers then as we all will keep them in our hearts. **Prayers that are relayed to me throughout the week at dmcguire@bethanypcusa.org or through secretary@bethanypcusa.org will be read during the service, unless I am asked not to share them.** At that time in the service I will read any prayers that I have received, and offer an intercessory prayer before the Lord's Prayer. **Prayers will also be included in the weekly Wednesdays@Bethany.**

Prayers in community are at the heart of what it means to have a church family. Writing them in the comments section is one way to share with the community. Attending our **Zoom Prayer Service at 6:30 on Wednesdays** will be a designated time for praying with whomever attends. Wednesday prayers will be kept confidential among attendees unless Deb is asked to include the prayer on Sunday morning.

If you have any questions about prayers please feel free to contact Pam Matthews or Pastor Deb.

Upcoming Meetings

Wed. 9/07 – Choir rehearsal, 7:45 – 8:30 p.m.

Sun., 10/11 – Worship Committee mtg., 11:15 a.m.

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

The Financial Trustees would like to remind you to please mail your offerings to the church office. Offerings are being collected and will be deposited once a week. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to keeping Bethany financially healthy in this difficult time.

Would you like to have a hymnal at home to use for worship? If you would, just contact your deacon or the church office, leave your name and how we can get in touch with you, and we'll contact you to arrange to either drop a hymnal at your home, or have you pick it up at the church.

Wednesdays@Bethany will be posted on our website a little after the fact, but no later than Friday. To access W@B, go to <http://bethanypcusa.org/members>, and use the password "rosewood".

Due Dates

For W@B: Tuesday morning.

For the monthly newsletter: the Tuesday before the last Wednesday of the month.

Prayers of the People

Prayers from 10/04/2020:

- Comfort for Pam's East Coast friend Apirom and her husband Bob whose youngest daughter died in her sleep last weekend. (Pam Matthews)
- Prayers of safety for our firefighters; for all those affected by Covid-19; prayers for our country (Deb McGuire)
- Thanksgiving to all those who have donated so generously to our deacons (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers for the Golden family, who lost their father suddenly; for Jorie's Mom, who lost a friend of over 70 years; prayers for a friend of Jorie's Dad, Don Murray, who just passed away (Jorie Abbott)

Prayers from 9/27/2020:

- Welcome back to the choir! (Jessica Reddell)
- Thanks and joy for Jorie's new grandson Theo; prayers for Laurie Skinner Golden, whose husband is in the hospital; thanksgiving for Craig and Eddy Bray's anniversary (Jorie Abbott)
- For Kathryn's brother Dan's health, and his relationship with the family (Kathryn Quickert)
- Thanksgiving for the life of George's Dad, George Howard Lynch, who passed away 8 years ago (George Lynch)
- Prayers for our Jewish friends who are celebrating Yom Kippur; for those affected by the heat coming to our area (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers for Fred's Mom Carol, who is moving in with Fred's sister Sue; for the family if Breonna Taylor, for whom justice fell short yet again; blessings for Robin and Nancy Crawford as they move to Olympia, Washington – the love and support of the Bethany family goes with you always (Deb McGuire)

Prayers from 9/20/2020:

- Thanksgiving that Craig's friend Kevin's tumor is shrinking; prayers for Craig's brother David as he starts chemo (Craig Bray)
- Thanksgiving for the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and the dedication she had to ensuring civil rights for all people (Rina Ranahan)
- Thanks that Kathy's friend Kimmie was able to get to Hong Kong to see her mother before her Mom passed; comfort for her and her family (Kathryn Quickert)
- Prayers for all those affected by the wildfires, here in California and across the West; prayers for our representatives in government (Rev. Christy Pierce)





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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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