

# WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

OCTOBER 19, 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.

### ***Vote Center Workers Needed!***

Earn up to \$280 – Paid Training – Protective Equipment Provided  
Become a Vote Center Representative  
for the Nov. 8, 2022 Statewide General Election in San Mateo County  
Apply at [www.smcacre.org/volunteer](http://www.smcacre.org/volunteer)

***Pastor Nominating Committee:*** The Mission Study team met recently with our Committee on Ministry liaison and are working toward a final presentation of the Study to the Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) at their November meeting, on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. After approval from COM, we will have permission to form our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The PNC must be comprised of members of the church. Session is seeking 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.

**Deacons' Fund:** In the season of goblins and giving, of gratitude and grace, of plenty and of want, the deacons invite you to contribute to the deacons' fund. You -- not only your money but your kindness -- support our efforts in reaching out to people who may be in want of the simple things like a cheerful gift, a helping hand, a supportive word, food, clothes, an extra lift, a seasonal message. We are the bearers of Bethany's caring, support, and compassion for our community and beyond, especially as we lean into the busy holidays to bring Christ's message of love, peace, joy, hope and service.

If you are aware of a particular need in our community, please bring it to our attention and all suggestions will be considered. We cannot do this without you and your kind hearts will bring greater awareness.

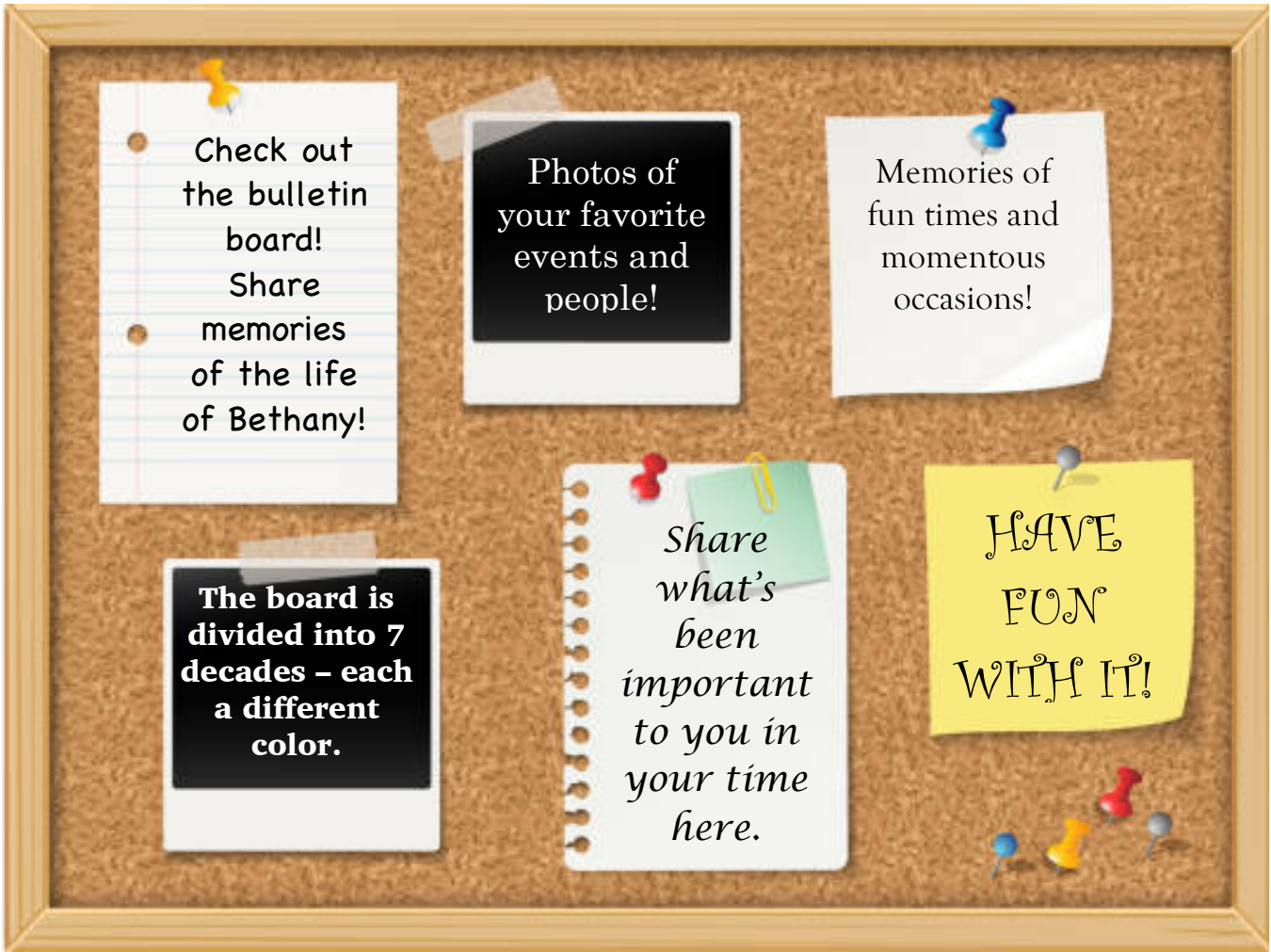
Envelopes are in the back of chairs at church or you can mail your offering to Bethany with the notation on the check that it is for the Deacons' Fund. God bless and thank you to all who have made our efforts and sharing possible! Gratefully,  
Your deacons, Kathy Fogle, Tamra Hollenbeck, Roxane Wales, Bonnie Morgan

**Mark Your Calendars for the Bethany Church Thanksgiving Dinner:** Bethany's Annual Thanksgiving dinner will resume this year. The dinner will be held on **Saturday, November 19, at 6pm**. The church will provide the turkey, gravy, dressing, and cranberry sauce. Those attending can bring a side dish, such as a vegetable or vegetable casserole, mashed or sweet potatoes, bread or corn muffins, or a pie. A signup sheet will be available by mid-October so we have an idea of the number planning to attend. Regular reminders will be announced and we hope you will join us.

**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 November and December!**

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 at (650) 291-6979.

**A current list of shelter needs is on their website:**

**[Catholic Worker Hospitality House](#)**

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

Wed. 10/19 - Prayer time 6:30 p.m.

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

Tues. 10/25 - Deadline to submit articles for November@Bethany12:00pm

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 October 16, 2022**

- Prayers of thanks for a lovely weekend away in Virginia with her friend Joy; prayers of healing for Kathy's friend Sharon, who received distressing health news and faces tests and possible surgery (Kathy Fogle)
- Traveling mercies for Dave and Roxane as they head to SoCal for Dave's 50<sup>th</sup> High School reunion (Dave Wales)
- Prayers of strength and healing for Dave, a staff member at Hospitality House, and prayers as he struggles to deal with a large inheritance, and make healthy decisions (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for Abby, Eric, and the boys as they have arrived safely in New Zealand, and for the weeks and months ahead, that they be vital and productive (Pam Matthews)
- Prayers of gratitude for seeing Fred in the choir again (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers of joy in seeing the family photo of Fred's Mom, and in allowing people the space to be all of who they are (Barb Liedtke)
- Prayers of thanks for the amazing farewell party on Saturday; prayers of thanks for Sarah and Spencer, who are already in the new house and working hard to get all the tasks done that need to be done (Roberta Henry)

### **Prayers from October 9, 2022**

- Prayers for friend Mary's son who has medical concerns and is navigating health insurance (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers of gratitude for 40 years of marriage (Fred Matthews)
- Prayers of gratitude for grandson's joy of life (Dave Wales)
- Prayers Tamra's granddaughter Aurora who is struggling with transition to new school; for her grandson Kieran who has a fractured tibia; prayers that cool heads prevail in the world; for the people protesting in Iran about women's rights (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers of comfort for Trish who had to put down her dog Pogie due to declining health (George Lynch)
- Prayers of healing for Jean who injured her wrist in a boot camp class (Mary)
- Prayers of thanks for the love and support of grandchildren in worship; thanksgiving for Abby and Eric's visit and safe travel as they journey to New Zealand for two+ months (Pam Matthews)

### **Prayers from October 2, 2022**

- Prayers of safe travel for Kathy and her friend Joy as they head to Virginia for a vacation; prayers for all those affected by hurricane Ian (Kathy Fogle)
- Continued prayers for healing and improvement as Paul finished his 6<sup>th</sup> infusion treatment; prayers of strength and faith for the ability to offer forgiveness (Paul Feliciano)
- Blessings and joy for the upcoming wedding of Craig and Eddy's son Jakob to Nicki; joy for their son Tyler's 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in his first long distance race (Craig Bray)
- Prayers of healing for Tamra's grandson Kieran, who broke the tip of his tibia; for her neighbor Karen, who is dealing with health issues, and is an angel in the neighborhood (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for Ken and Roberta as they relocate to Washington – they will be missed; prayers for healing a relationship, and moving to a healthy one (Rina Ranahan)
- Prayers for Barb's sister, who got Covid-19; thanks to Eddy Bray, who served for 6 mos. on a jury (Barb Liedtke)
- Prayers of healing and comfort for Ken and Roberta's neighbor Brendan, who is recovering from surgery for colon cancer, and prayers for his wife Theresa and his 3 kids (Roberta Henry)



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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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