

# WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

NOVEMBER 10, 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.

***Another of our beloved members, Orrin DeLand, passed away on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.*** There will be a memorial service celebrating his life at 11 a.m. at Bethany this Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend.

The service will also be live streamed via our Facebook page. Go to Facebook and search for Bethany San Bruno. When the service is over, the video will remain available on our page.

All who attend are asked to please follow our Covid-19 protocols, as stated here:

- We ask that everyone be fully vaccinated unless medically contraindicated
- Please keep doors open for maximum air circulation
- Properly fitting masks must be worn at all times while indoors
- Please maintain distance from others



***Advent Study:*** An Advent Study will begin on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Deb has the study books, so if you'd like to participate, contact Deb to get a book. The study will take place via Zoom, and you will be given the Zoom meeting invitation via email.

***The 2022 Stewardship Letters and Pledge Cards*** have been mailed out. Please complete and return your pledge no later than November 30, 2021. We will be dedicating this year's Stewardship Campaign on Sunday, Nov 21, 2021.

Thank you,  
The Financial Trustees



*"The grass  
witheres,  
the flower  
fades;  
but the word  
of our God  
will stand  
forever."  
Isaiah 40:8*

***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.

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.



In this time of COVID-19, we are still unable to have our annual Dinner and Talent Revue on the Saturday before Thanksgiving this year. However, we ARE expressing our gratitude to God for our many blessings that day!

Join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving 2021, with a drive through collection of items for the [San Bruno Catholic Worker Hospitality House](#). Come to 2400 Rosewood Drive, San Bruno, on Saturday, November 20, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., to drop off your donations of nonperishable food, blankets, and warm outerwear! See a list of suggested items [here](#).

If you would like to participate, but are not available on November 20, please contact us to arrange for items to be picked up. No donation is too big or too small!

We hope to have a large turnout at the Donation Station for our local homeless shelter, and take joy in sharing our blessings with others!

**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>



**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.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Wed. 11/10 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

- Prayz rehearsal, 6 – 7 p.m.

- Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 11/13 – Orrin DeLand Memorial service, 11 a.m.

- Story Time With . . . (posted on Facebook at 11 a.m.)

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

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](mailto:bethanypres@bethanypcusa.org)

### **Prayers 11-07-21**

- Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Orrin DeLand, who passed away on Friday 11/05 (Paul Delander)
- Prayers for Kathleen, as she is in the early stages of Alzheimers – thanksgiving for her family and friends, who surround her, love her, and support her (Kathleen Mitchell)
- Prayers of healing for Dave’s brother Phil, who just started chemo and radiation for lung cancer (Dave Wales)
- Prayers for Paul, as he struggles with muscle weakness and pain in his knee (Paul Feliciano)

### **Prayers from 10/24/2021**

- Prayers for Kathy’s brother-in-law Bruce; for Jessica & David waiting for their baby to be born; thanksgiving for rain, and concerns about mudslides/storm damage (Kathy Fogle)
- Prayers for George’s friend Cary, taking a trip to Seattle to see his mother, who is not doing well; for his friend Dennis, struggling to find work and housing; gratitude for the Matthews giving him a place to stay (George Lynch)
- Prayers for young families trying to have children – for friends dealing with miscarriage; for others in the process being pregnant – for complications and concerns; for Tamra’s neighbor Robin, who recently lost her husband and has been lonesome (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Thank God for the rain, prayers for safe driving (Leslie Olson)
- Prayers for Craig’s friend Robert, who lost his mother this week; for 9 yo girl, Melissa, in the process of leg extension surgery (Craig Bray)
- Prayers for Bonnie’s niece Elizabeth struggling with Covid; for Alba Cunningham, her neighbors mother, who is in pain and cognitive decline; for Orrin’s health; for people experiencing culture shock in beginning to interact in the world again; for families whose grieving does not stop when the memorials are over; for Randy (Deb McGuire)

### **Prayers from 10-31-2021**

- Prayers for joy for Kathy’s new great nephew, Samuel Jeffrey Blair; peace for the family of high school friends of Kevin O’Connell, who passed away (Kathy Fogle)
- Prayers of comfort for Orrin, who is now in hospice care, and for the whole family (Paul Delander)
- Prayers of joy for Alicia and Nelson, who bought a home in Pacifica; for many people traveling – Pam, Nancy Crawford; safety for all trick or treaters; for Tamra, who is retiring as of Tuesday, and thankful for opportunity to become hospice nurse – it feels like God led her to the work, and she is looking forward to what comes next (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers of thanks to be here this morning, and thankful for Bethany (Richard Pyke)
- Prayers for Craig’s friend and the whole Minter family, who have had a string of mishaps – the son involved in explosion and got severe burns; the daughter, who has fibromyalgia; (Craig Bray)
- Prayers of comfort for Barbara Lucas’ family, friends, and neighbors, and especially her husband George and daughter Jill, in grief at Barbara’s passing (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers of gratitude for seeing Richard, and for Kathryn also, that God be present in their lives; safe travel back and he and Pam go and forth to Montana; for Dennis McKenna, George’s friend, who is under heavy burden, prayers that Holy Spirit help him figure out what to do (Fred Matthews)



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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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