

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

NOVEMBER 23, 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.



Advent Adult Education Opportunity: Come join the Bethany community for an opportunity to learn about Peace during this Advent Season. We will again be using the PC(USA) Follow Me curriculum studying their series called *Make Peace*. *Make Peace* focuses on Jesus' words in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9), which have been the centerpiece of Christian social ethics for centuries. People, throughout history and still today, have chosen different paths to peace, but certain skills of peacemaking have emerged from their journeys: cultivating inner peace, seeking to understand where others are coming from, and having the courage to overcome fear. By practicing these skills, peacemakers work to embody Jesus' teachings in the midst of conflict. Explore God's vision for peace, true shalom, in this unit from *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living*. **We will meet at 7:00pm via Zoom on Tuesdays, November 29, December 6, and December 13, and Monday, December 19.** Contact the church office or speak to Pastor Deb to sign up for the class and get your workbook!

secretary@bethanypcusa.org. or dmcguire@bethanypcusa.org.

Pastor Nominating Committee: The West Bay Committee on Ministry at their meeting on November 10 has accepted in full the packet presented by the **Mission Study team!** Many, many thanks to the team for working through these documents that began with collecting information from all of our workshops over the year. We will keep you informed about next steps (more forms!), yet we are excited about this progress! If you have any questions about the process, please see Pastor Deb or Tamra Hollenbeck or Roxane Wales.

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped make Bethany's Thanksgiving Dinner a wonderful, spirited event. We appreciate those volunteers who prepared a gracious space, set tables, cooked, baked, cleaned up, cheered and entertained us – so many helping hands...and oh so many yummy helpings! Thank you for a delicious, warm, and welcoming visit with family and friends. Blessings abound!

Peter Stiehler, Director of CWHH, will be here Sunday, November 27, as guest speaker (preach it, Peter!) to share with us an Advent message.

Shelter Needs: Speaking of Peter, sometimes recurring announcements may get overlooked amid new news, and we wanted to point out that the San Bruno Shelter is in need of **canned soup, coffee and napkins**. Thank you for your help. A notice is on a following page.



Pastor Deb is on vacation November 21, returning November 29. There will not be a hosted Wednesday night Prayer Time. (The usual link from past emails works, and if you click on it, it will open if you want to gather without Deb.)

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.



Please join us

for Bethany's Fall church-wide workday!

When: Saturday November 26, 2022

Time: 9 AM to 12 PM

Fuel (refreshments, coffee, bagels, fruit, etc.) provided

Everyone welcome -- indoor/outdoor tasks for all skill levels!!!

Help us spruce up our campus

to make it welcoming for Christmas festivities!

Fellowship Time: We 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 we are encouraged to take 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 so much for your participation in this ongoing tradition of fellowship and friendliness at Bethany!

******During this time on December 4, the Deacons will be hosting an opportunity to write Christmas cards to some Bethany members and friends and hopefully we're able to include some that will go to a nonprofit that sends cards to veterans and active military personnel. ******

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Wed. 11/23 - NO Prayz/Choir rehearsals tonight nor hosted Prayer Time

Thu. 11/24 - Happy Thanksgiving!!

Sat. 11/26 - Bethany Building & Grounds Clean up Day! 9am-12pm

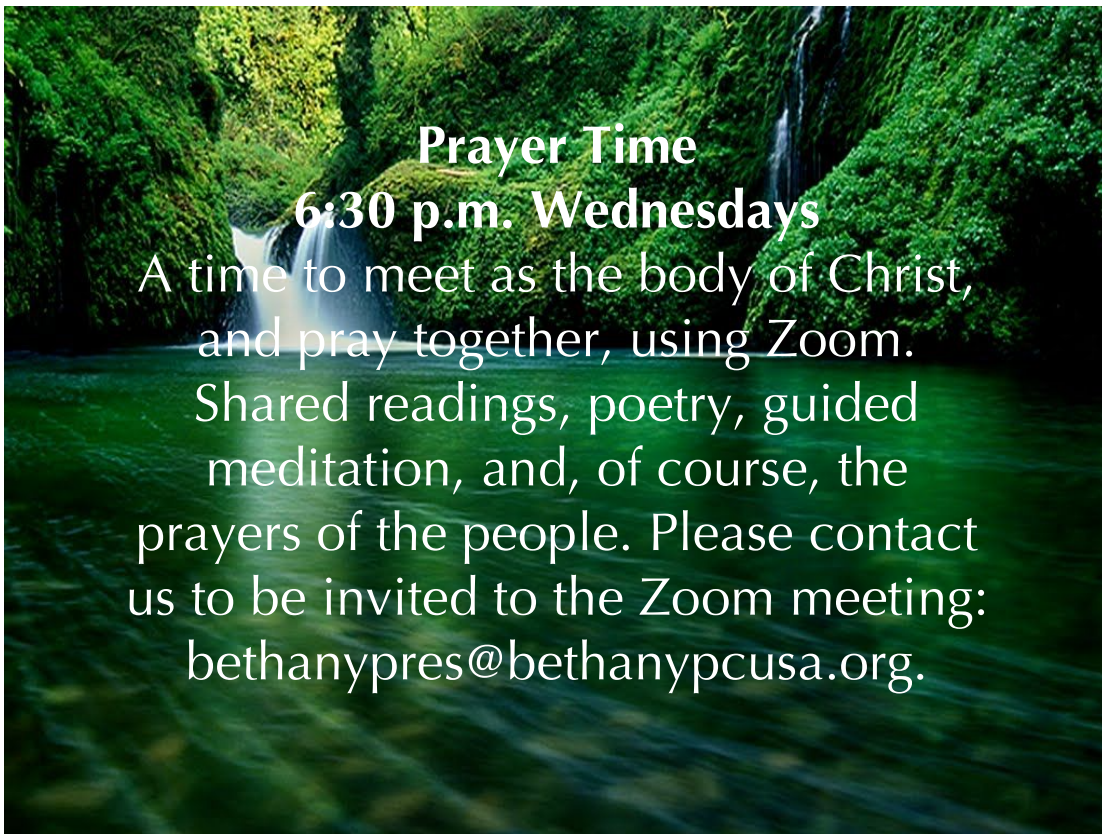
Sun. 11/27 - No Prayz/Choir rehearsals

- Worship 10am, First Day of Advent – HOPE

Tue. 11/29 - Advent Study (Zoom) 7pm

- Submission deadline for Dec@Bethany 12pm (*earlier is appreciated!*)

Committee chairs/group leaders: please inform me of any changes to these dates.

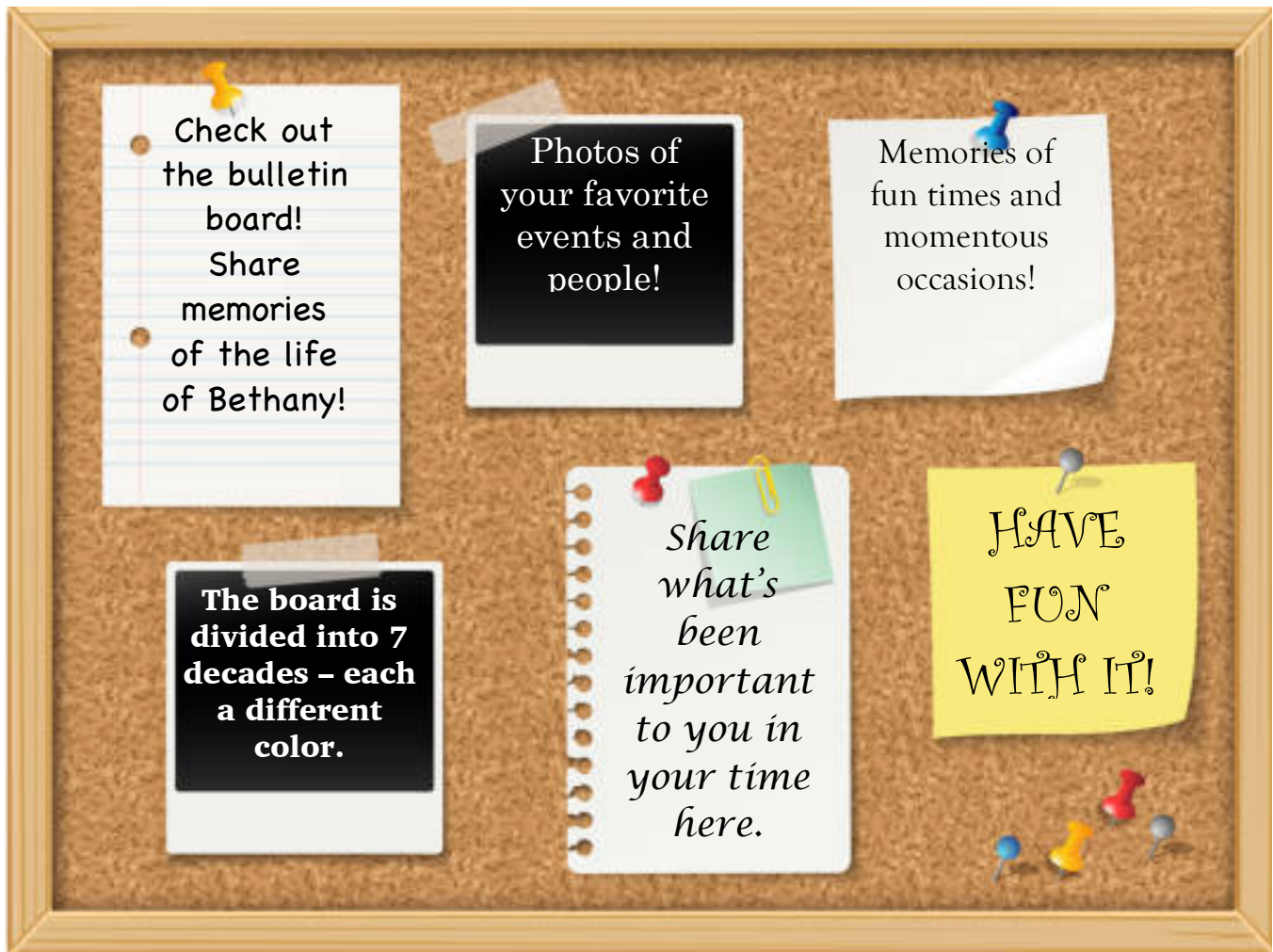


Prayer Time

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.



Check out the bulletin board!
Share memories of the life of Bethany!

Photos of your favorite events and people!

Memories of fun times and momentous occasions!

The board is divided into 7 decades – each a different color.

Share what's been important to you in your time here.

HAVE FUN WITH IT!

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.

Special needs now: Canned soup, coffee and napkins. A current list of other shelter needs is on their website:

[Catholic Worker Hospitality House](#)



Pastor Deb is on vacation November 21, returning November 29. Mom and I will be looking for butterflies in Pacific Grove. If we can't find any, we might just have to dress up like one instead. If you have any pastoral needs, please call the church office at 650-589-3711 and someone will contact the pastor on call. We will welcome Peter Stiehler to our pulpit on November 27, the first Sunday of Advent.

Pastor Deb

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>



MORE LIGHT

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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