

# WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

NOVEMBER 24, 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.



***“A Surprising God: Advent Devotions for an Uncertain Time:*** by Thomas G. Long, Donyelle C. McCray: “The world is slowly emerging from the worst global emergency in a century, and the myriad struggles of the contemporary moment—division, isolation, illness, and uncertainty—make living our faith a challenge. For Christians, a number of questions have gained new urgency: Where do we find hope when it seems in such short supply? Where are the signs of God's peace in this divided world? Where do we find a deeper sense of joy?”

If you are interested in participating in an **Advent Study** of the devotional above, please contact Pastor Deb to get a book! **The study will meet at 7 p.m. in person AND via Zoom, starting Monday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, and continuing Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>.** Pastor Deb will send participants the Zoom meeting invitation via email.

***The 2022 Stewardship Campaign:*** If you've already turned in your 2022 pledge card, thank you! If not, please mail it to the church or drop it off no later than November 30, 2021. We are working on the 2022 budget, and need your pledges to complete the process. If you have any questions about your pledge, please feel free to contact any Financial Trustee.

Thank you,  
The Financial Trustees

Lyn Hughes, chair  
Ken Henry  
Bonnie Morgan  
Dave Wales

***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.

***Pastor Deb will be on vacation starting Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, and will be back on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.***

If you have an emergency requiring a pastor, please contact elder Lyn Hughes ((650) 867-0667) and she will get in touch with the pastor on call.

This Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, we welcome Cassie Carroll to Bethany. Cassie Carroll recently graduated from [The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology](#), with a Master's of Divinity in 2016. Her desire is to help people see the Divine in the midst of life - especially when it feels as though the Divine is not present. Cassie is a certified candidate in the PCUSA and currently searching for the church she will call home. She is happy to be following the call on her life in the pastoral office. To learn more about Cassie, you can visit her website: [Cassie Carroll](#)

**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. 11/24 – Wednesday evening Zoom prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

- Prayz rehearsal, 6 – 7 p.m.

- Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 11/27 - Story Time With . . . (posted on Facebook at 11 a.m.)

Mon. 11/29 – Advent Study, 7 p.m., via Zoom and in person

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 11/21/2021**

- Healing for Roberta, who fell and hit her head (Ken Henry)
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the gathering for Piper's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday; prayers of healing for their friend Katherine, who was just diagnosed with cancer; for the people of Ethiopia (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for Rina's 5 yo grandson Thaddeus, who was exposed to Covid-19; prayers for Rina's friend Randy, who was hospitalized with a UTI (Rina Ranahan)
- Prayers for Cici Blake, a former coworker, who is being treated for ovarian cancer and still working full time, and prayers that this new regime is successful (Bonnie Morgan)
- Prayers of thanks and gratitude for healing for Kevin, Craig's friend, who is now in remission from cancer; for his MIL Lupita, who is being released from hospice and going home (Craig Bray)
- Prayers of gratitude for Cynthia's niece, who had surgery, and is now home; for Paul, who has a doctor appointment to talk about his muscle breakdown (Paul Feliciano)
- Prayers of thanksgiving that CWHH has a place in this community, and for all the work they do (Barb Liedtke)
- Traveling mercies for Dave, in Oregon, visiting his brother and his new grandson (Pam Matthews)

### **Prayers 11-14-21**

- Comfort for the DeLand family as they grieve the loss of Orrin; thanksgiving for those who helped organize the service (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers for Dave's brother Phil, who started chemo for his lung cancer, but developed an infection; prayers for Dave's son Justin and his girlfriend Akeesha who had a baby – Jim Benedict Wales! (Dave Wales)
- Prayers for Freda's family, as her birthday is tomorrow; prayers for Jorie as she goes to visit her Mom for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday (Jorie Abbott)
- Prayer for Tamra's eldest Piper who turns 40 this week – gratitude for her and her life; thanksgiving for God's faithfulness, and joy for people returning to worship; prayers for the climate change conference – for the disparity between wealthy and poor nations, and what they are willing and able to do (Tamra Hollenbeck)
- Prayers for extended family – Craig's brother in law, who is the caregiver for Eddy's mom, for his brother Alan, who passed away suddenly, prayers of comfort and guidance (Craig Bray)
- Prayers for Julie, who is traveling with her two cats on a two week road trip; for a young man named Miko, who runs a hauling business, and is having trouble with his truck (Bonnie Morgan)

### **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)



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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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