WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY MARCH 11, 2020



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to our weekly newsletter! <u>Wednesdays at Bethany</u> 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.

<u>Please join us</u> <u>for Bethany's Springtime church-wide workday!</u>

When: Saturday March 14, 2020
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 Easter festivities!

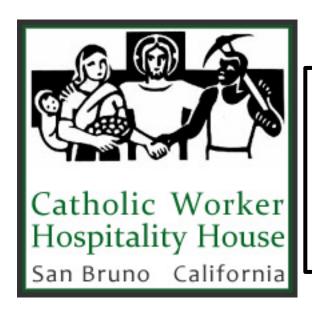


Baby Supplies Needed! Marta Lutz tells us the supply closet at the San Francisco General Birthing Center is empty. For those who'd like to participate, we will be collecting baby items for newborn through 6 mos. for the next month. There are boxes in the narthex ready to collect your donations. The SF Birthing Center serves single, homeless, and low income moms, and all your donations will be greatly appreciated. You can donate new or lightly used baby items. Please contact Lyn Hughes with any questions.



<u>Lenten Study</u> -- Reflections on the Lord's Prayer: An Adult Lenten Study by Carol A. Wehrheim & J. Elsworth Kalas. This is a downloadable resource from the PCUSA store. It is a study lasting six weeks. Kathleen Mitchell will lead this study with Pastor Deb. The study is downloadable so you don't need to purchase anything, and we can print a copy for you if you would prefer paper. We will meet from 7-8:30 on Tuesdays in March. The remaining dates are March 17, March 24, March 31, and April 7. We are excited to begin a fresh new study and we hope you will join us and invite your friends. This is not limited to Bethanians!





Lenten Food Collection for San Bruno Shelter:

Throughout Lent, we will collect food and supplies for the San Bruno shelter. Please bring non-perishable food items and any other supplies as requested by our <u>Shelter Ministry Committee</u>. Those items will be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 5, and sent to the shelter to help our sisters and brothers in need.

Catholic Worker Hospitality House (the San Bruno Shelter)

Rina Ranahan is Bethany's representative to the San Bruno Shelter. Please call her at 650-291-6979, if you are interested in serving on this committee. Current items needed include:

House Needs:

 Canned fruit, jelly, oatmeal, creamer, 33 gallon trash bags, tall kitchen trash bags, napkins, money for on going expenses

The full list can be found on our website: bethanypcusa.org



Due Dates

For W@B: Tuesday morning.

<u>For Sunday announcements</u>: Wednesday morning. Email them to the church office or leave them in the mailbox on the outside of the office door.

<u>For the monthly newsletter:</u> the Wednesday before the last Wednesday of the month.

Bethany Statement on Health Standards and the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We want to let you know that we are taking steps to insure the good health of the community at Bethany during this time of increasing anxiety about the coronavirus (COVID-19). There are steps we can all take to protect ourselves and be pro-active without panic. Please know that we care about your physical health as well as your emotional health and invite you to reach out at any time. The first is to remain confident in our normal habits around cleanliness.

- Wash hands completely and often with soap (Soap and hand sanitizers are in both restrooms and in the kitchen, sneeze or cough into a sleeved folded elbow, throw used tissue in the trash and wash hands afterwards)
- Maintain clean surfaces (The doorknobs and handles will be wiped before every service, and tables will be wiped with disinfectant)
- **Handle food safely** (There are food handling gloves in the kitchen for preparing coffee hour items)
- **Limit personal contact** (We can greet one another with an elbow-tap, or smile, or our own designed greeting!)
- **Stay home when ill** (Please contact Pastor Deb or the church with any needs)

Here are some ways to stay current:

- San Mateo County has opened a call center for non-emergency questions about the coronavirus. "The number is (650) 363-4422. The call center will open no later than noon Thursday, March 5. The center will take calls from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and use a three-way language line to help non-English speakers seeking information about the novel coronavirus."
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control website for current information: https://www.cdc.gov/
- San Mateo County Health Department: https://www.smchealth.org/
- Hand sanitizer factsheet: https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/pdf/handsanitizer-factsheet.pdf





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.

