

**WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY**

**MARCH 18, 2020**



# **BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Dear Bethany family,

March 18, 2020

The elders and I met Monday evening to discuss how we will be dealing with restrictions in place regarding the COVID-19 virus. It is with a heavy heart, and after long and heartfelt discussions that I announce that the Session has decided to cancel worship and all building use for at least this week. The Lenten study and all music rehearsals have also been cancelled.

I will offer a series of 10-minute Facebook Live messages this week, from Tuesday through Friday, and again on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Your deacon will contact you with more specific information about our home worship plan for Sunday morning.

Session will meet again on Monday, to determine the time line for additional restrictions.

If you have not already provided your offering for March or are wondering about how to provide your April offering, please mail it to the church so we can make a deposit(s) over the next few weeks to make sure our staff are paid and bills are kept current. We thank you in advance for your faithful giving during this unusual time.

Isolation is one of the hardest things for so many people of any age. We are working to do everything we can to reach out to everyone. Please call pastor Deb with any needs or concerns and we will all try our best to be there for each other. This decision was very difficult for all of us. We know that not having worship is more than an inconvenience. We are here for you.

Heartfelt blessings,

Pastor Deb

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.

**Facebook Live Messages:** Pastor Deb's Facebook Live messages will be posted on the Bethany website. To find them, click on this link:  
<http://bethanypcusa.org/events/fblive-2020.html>

**Many thanks** to those who helped spruce up Bethany's campus at the Spring Work Day, Saturday March 14:

Bob Johansen, Leslie Olson, David Cady, Stephen Cady, Chris Angeles, Bonnie Morgan, Ken Henry, Pam & Fred Matthews, Randy Johansen, Roxane Wales.

We got a lot accomplished with your help! Thanks!

**Lenten Study** – Due to the current shelter in place directive from Governor Newsom, the Lenten Study has been suspended for now. When/if it resumes, participants will be notified.



**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.



**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 [Shelter Ministry Committee](#). 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](http://bethanypcusa.org)



**Due Dates**

**For W@B:** Tuesday morning.

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

**For the monthly newsletter:** the Wednesday before the last Wednesday of the month.



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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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