

WEDNESDAYS @ BETHANY

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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.



Deb away: This is just a reminder that Pastor Deb is on vacation from July 14th – July 20th. (Can she do that?!) Please continue to contact the church office with any needs you may have at secretary@bethanypcusa.org or 650-589-3711, or contact your deacon. There will not be Facebook live on Friday or a zoom prayer service tonight.

If you have an emergency requiring a pastor, please call elder George Lynch at (650) 322-9333 and he will get in touch with the pastor on call.

Hello everyone! Here's a reminder that I'd like to get started on the project to get all 150 Psalms read out loud, and onto a CD and/or in a state to be emailed. Maybe 15 people could each read 10. Or maybe a family unit could read one together -- psalm 119 is incredibly long. Maybe one parish could read one or two. Wouldn't you love to hear your friends voices? Maybe some of our 90 year olds can show us their stuff and show us how psalms are *really* read!

- Pastor Deb

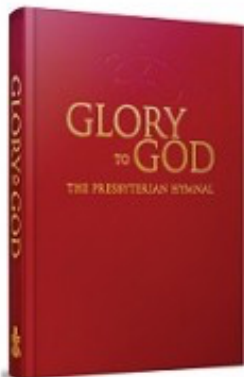
The Financial Trustees would like to remind you to please mail your offerings to the church office. Offerings are being collected and will be deposited once a week. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to keeping Bethany financially healthy in this difficult time.

Virtual Worship: Until restrictions on gatherings are safely lifted, **we will continue to worship in our own homes via Facebook Live at 10:00 on Sunday mornings.** The live broadcast will begin 5-10 minutes before the hour, and you, your friends, family and neighbors are all welcome to join the live session before worship begins, greet one another, and let us know of your presence.

After worship, we will celebrate a virtual coffee hour via Zoom. Those who have participated in zoom coffee hour are finding a much-needed sense of connection and community with our church family! If you do not automatically receive and email invitation to coffee hour, definitely contact us so that we can add you to the list!

The worship committee and the session are working very hard to find the best way to bring all of us together to virtually worship each Sunday. We would like to know who is comfortable coming to be liturgist on various Sundays going forward. We also will need someone to aim the camera on occasion when George is away, as well as someone who is willing to lead hymns.

If you feel as if you are able to help out either as 1) liturgist, 2) leading hymns or 3) camera work, please let us know. You can leave a message on the church voicemail, or email the church office



Would you like to have a hymnal at home to use for worship? If you would, just contact your deacon or the church office, leave your name and how we can get in touch with you, and we'll contact you to arrange to either drop a hymnal at your home, or have you pick it up at the church.

Upcoming Meetings

Sun., July 19 – Deacons (following worship)
Tues., July 21 – Session, 7 p.m. (via Zoom)

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

Change to Prayers of the People: At our most recent worship committee meeting it was decided that since the folks who are watching our services on Facebook live at 10:00 on Sundays can see and read the announcements and prayers, Deb will not repeat them aloud during the service. Please read each other's prayers then as we all will keep them in our hearts. **Prayers that are relayed to me throughout the week at dmcguire@bethanypcusa.org or through secretary@bethanypcusa.org will be read during the service, unless I am asked not to share them.** At that time in the service I will read any prayers that I have received, and offer an intercessory prayer before the Lord's Prayer.



Prayers in community are at the heart of what it means to have a church family. Writing them in the comments section is one way to share with the community. Attending our **Zoom Prayer Service at 6:30 on Wednesdays** will be a designated time for praying with whomever attends. Wednesday prayers will be kept confidential among attendees unless Deb is asked to include the prayer on Sunday morning.

If you have any questions about prayers please feel free to contact Pam Matthews or Pastor Deb.



Please come to our weekly Prayer Zoom Service every Wednesday from 6:30-7:00 pm. This will be a perfect opportunity to gather and receive strength and encouragement through quiet, poetry, readings, scripture and meditation. Each week will be a different structure. You can attend by sending your email to dmcguire@bethanypcusa.org and I will send out a zoom invitation.

Donations for San Bruno Hospitality House: There will be 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 George Lynch: cell phone @ 650-580-4123. Thank you.

Videos: Our Sunday worship services stream on Facebook live starting at 10 a.m. every Sunday until we are able to gather in person again! Afterwards, they are available to view on our website here: "[This Week in Worship](#)"

If you have prayer requests or announcements you'd like Deb to make during worship, you can email them to Deb ahead of time at dmcguire@bethanypcusa.org.

In addition to Sunday worship, Deb will hold two weekly check ins via Facebook Live on the Bethany Facebook page. They are currently scheduled for Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m., and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Please pop in and hear a few words from Pastor Deb – it's a wonderful chance to check in with each other during the week! The videos will be available to view on our Facebook page and our website: <http://bethanypcusa.org/events/fblive-2020.html>

Due to a schedule change, Wednesdays@Bethany will now be posted on our website a little after the fact, but no later than Friday. To access W@B, go to <http://bethanypcusa.org/members>, and use the password "rosewood".



Due Dates

For W@B: Tuesday morning.

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



MORE LIGHT

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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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