

# 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.

**Change to Prayers of the People:** At a 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](mailto:dmcguire@bethanypcusa.org) or through [secretary@bethanypcusa.org](mailto: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 will also be included in the weekly [Wednesdays@Bethany](https://www.facebook.com/BethanyPCUSA).**



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.



***In Loving Memory:*** Fran Peyton Rickleffs, a former member of Bethany, and daughter of our founding pastor Roy Peyton, passed away on July 10, 2020. Our prayers are with her husband Bob, and all her family and friends.

***We are Partnering with Braziliana Iglesias, a Church In Need!***

Rev. Janet Bower talked to Rev. Deb McGuire and Lyn Hughes about Igreja Presbiteriana Brasileira (Iglesia Brasilia), one of the churches we have been praying for. This church worships in leased space at First Presbyterian Church of San Mateo, as a New Worship Congregation (NWC).

This church is struggling. With a congregation of approximately 140 families and 85% unemployment amongst the congregation, it has been difficult to maintain their households. There have also been new babies born and baby supplies are in short supply. Rev. Bower, on behalf of the Committee on Ministries, has asked that we partner with this church and help in any way we can.

In our discussions with Janet, here are the items needed by the congregation:

- Household goods – Towels, blankets, sheets and pillow cases, kitchenware, dishes, glasses, pots and pans, silverware, etc.
- Baby clothes – Newborn or 3 mons, new or clean, used
- Diapers – Newborn or 3 mons
- Food – rice, dry beans, canned goods, any items with a shelf-life
- Toiletries – all kinds
- Target gift cards
- Checks payable to Braziliana Iglesias (any amount) **(To send a check, make your check payable to Iglesia Brasilia and mail it to 194 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403)**
- Continued prayers for the congregation

The Financial Trustees also found money in the Memorials account that could be donated to the church. We reached out to families who had Memorials for their families and obtained permission to give the money to Iglesia Brasilia. Bethany Church will provide them with a check in the amount of \$2,800; the Deacons will also provide a check in the amount of \$200.

Looking to the future, you can bring any items to be contributed to Braziliana Iglesias and we will ensure they are delivered to San Mateo. You can also call Lyn Hughes and we will arrange for any items to be picked up. To get things started, George Lynch took a load of items down to the church on Friday, July 27.

We will keep you informed of the progress of the congregation and their ongoing needs. There was also mention of starting the discussion now on how we can help at Christmas with toys for the children and a Target gift card for each family, possibly for \$25.

***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

### Upcoming Meetings

Sun., Aug. 16 – Worship Committee mtg.; Deacons mtg.

Tues., Aug. 18 – Session meeting

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



**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](mailto: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>

***Former Bethany member John Grant passed away last weekend*** at his daughter Kim's home in the East Bay. John and his wife Patti and their three girls, Kim, Kelly, and Valerie, attended Bethany in the 90's. John sang enthusiastically in the choir and helped with Logos community dinners. Eventually, after Kim and Curt moved to Concord, John and Patti followed, and about ten years ago they all moved in together. John developed a form of ALS but continued to sing in the same chorus Kim was with until fairly recently. If you'd like to send a card, here is their address:

Kim James  
2225 Botany Bay Dr.  
Pittsburgh, CA 94565

***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.

***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.

***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.

***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.

## Prayers of the People

### **From 8/09/2020**

- Gratitude & joy for the birth of Rina's grand niece, Chana, on Thurs. 8/06/20
- Prayers for all teachers in these extremely crazy and uncertain times, and for wise decisions and safety for all in the schools; prayers for the people of Beirut, and for recovery from the explosion there; for the folks in No. Carolina, where they had a 5.1 earthquake today; thanksgiving for those in the sanctuary today: Deb, Jess, Ken, and George. (Kathryn Quickert)
- Prayers of joy and thanks for the safe birth of Craig and Eddy's grand niece, Alison Hannah Bender, born on the same day as Rina's niece, 8/06/20 (Craig Bray)
- For our world and our country as we reflect on the 75 anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima (Deb McGuire)
- Continuing prayers of John Ranahan, who is in hospice care; for John's sister, who is doing most of the care taking (Deb McGuire)
- Prayers for Alba, for Randy, for Craig's brother David, whose cancer has returned (Deb McGuire)
- For the safety of Deidrah and her family in Uganda, as Uganda is experiencing more violence as people become desperate due to the pandemic (Kelly Underwood Rozmus)
- Thankfulness for Dave's Aunt Aletha's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this week in Portland. She is Dave's mom's twin. (Kathy Fogle)
- Prayers of healing for Bonnie's nephew in Missouri, who was in an accident, and has a collapsed lung (Bonnie Morgan)

### **From 7/26/2020**

- Prayers of comfort and healing for Cindy, who has been out with back problems for a few weeks; for the life and witness of John Lewis; for 5 years cancer free, and for the love and support of the Bethany community; for Bobby and Virginia, whose home was flooded (Kathryn Quickert)
- Ongoing prayers for John Ranahan, who is in hospice care; for Carol Dressler, recovering from Covid-19 (Rina Ranahan)
- Continued prayers for my arm, as I continue physical therapy; for my sister Chris, as she finally has a diagnosis and begins treatment for her Sjogren's syndrome. (Roberta Henry)
- Prayers of celebration for Ken's retirement from AT&T after 38 years (Deb McGuire)
- Traveling mercies for Tamra as she heads up north to pick up her grandkids to spend a week with her
- Thanksgiving for Bob Johansen's birthday (Deb McGuire)
- For Craig's coworker Alejandro Lopez (Craig Bray)
- For Alba, struggling with depression and drug addiction (Kelly Underwood Rozmus)
- Thanksgiving for many blessings (Bob Johansen)
- For Craig's brother David, whose cancer has returned in his liver (Craig Bray)
- Comfort for the family & friends of John Grant, who passed away on Friday
- Prayers for the continuation of the eviction moratorium (Deb McGuire)
- For the family of Steven Montgomery, who was hit by car on bike & died of injuries
- For those displaced by fire in SoCal
- For those engaged in protests - safety and peace
- For all affected by pandemic, for the anxiety & fear
- For Kelly's friend Chris, who is looking for a job (Kelly Underwood Rozmus)
- Joy for Michelle Gilchrist & David Uldrick celebrating their marriage; prayers for Jorie's coworkers who were let go (Jorie Abbott)





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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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