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# June @ Bethany

## Bethany Presbyterian Church

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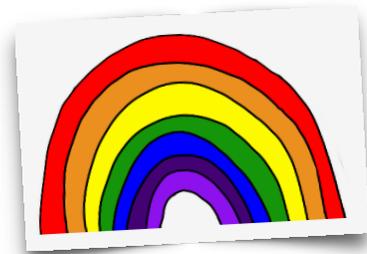
### From the Pastor

Dear friends,

The first time I drove to San Francisco was in 1984, with someone who was fleeing a dangerous situation in Chicago. We were very nervous, wondering if this was the right thing to do. The plan was for both of us to drive and for me to return to college in Chicago. We drove straight through – only got out of the car twice – and drove across the bay bridge into San Francisco just 48 hours after starting our drive. The anxiety was real. Somewhere across the long and lonely highway through Nebraska (where, we decided, no people actually lived) we saw what I call a floor-to-ceiling rainbow. There was no mistaking this glorious sign spreading as far as the highway was wide, from beginning to end. We felt much better after this sign, my driving partner taking it to mean that God was giving approval for the big move. Years later, when I moved to San Francisco the first time in 1991, my best friend and I put what we could into my 1989 Toyota Corolla and set out from Chicago (again) to San Francisco. She had heard the story about the rainbow on the highway and how it brought great relief to a fraught situation. She and I travelled different highways to cross the country than I had travelled earlier. Imagine our joy and thoughts of serendipity when we saw a floor-to-ceiling rainbow of our own!



Within a month or so, as I made a few friends, someone invited me to the Zucchini Festival in Hayward. Hey, wow! We didn't have those in Chicago! While there I picked up a really nice small wooden arc with long silky strands in the colors of a rainbow – to remind me of both of my adventures with floor-to-ceiling assurances. My new friends kind of giggled as I exclaimed my delight about this rainbow wind piece. They snickered as they explained to this Bay Area newbie, what the rainbow "really" meant.



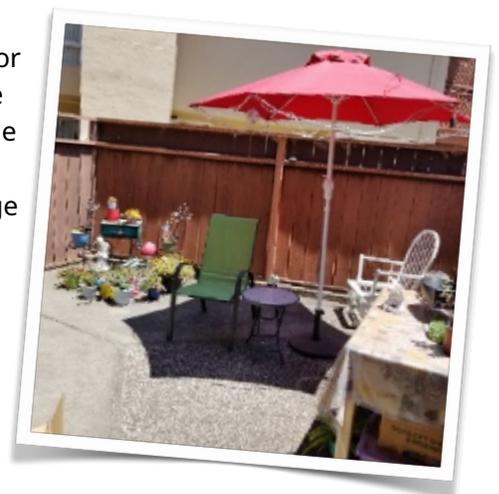
I was a little upset at that. Rainbows mean lots of things to lots of different people, why did they tell me about this "real" meaning and ruin my own personal claim on my rainbows?

Genesis 9:13 says, "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Of course, I did not have to trade in my rainbow for the rainbow symbolism taken by the Queer community to represent the love God has for all of God's people, including the gay community who was reeling from the epidemic of AIDS particularly in the San Francisco area. I can have both. The symbolism of the love God has for all people, is especially needed for a community that has consistently been rejected by, hurt by, forced to change by, and vilified by the Church. How perfect. Bethany has a rainbow flag flying on its flagpole to represent our acceptance and affirmation of the real living children of God who identify as part of the Queer community.

Bethany will join with all who celebrate Pride month this June! We invite you to wear any rainbow configuration that you'd like, all month, to show your support for the richness and gifts of all the people of God.

Don't forget, Patio Season has begun, so let's talk, -- Pastor Deb



# SUMMER at Bethany



Celebrating Fatherhood  
June 18



A suggestion has been made to have a Broadway Song "Sing-a-Long" More information to come!



**SUMMER BBQ**

In July or August, stay tuned!



Join us on June 3 at 6:00 pm for our summer Movie Night when we will watch the Tom Hanks movie "Big." Bring your friends and any snacks you would like to share. Dinner will be provided including drinks and dessert.



**Juneteenth**  
June 19



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### Worship Notes

Pride Month will be celebrated in June. Rev. Penny Nixon has agreed to come preach at Bethany on June 4, and we will be celebrating our status as a "More Light" church throughout the Sundays of June. Please plan to join in as we welcome all into our midst.



### Summer Music

The final Sunday for Chancel Choir to sing will be June 18. Our Music Director, Jessica Reddell Popovich, would welcome some different configurations of people to present music during the summer months. That could be solo pieces, instrumentals, duets, trios, quartets, or any other type of configuration. Jessica requests that she be given two weeks heads-up if anyone has an idea of something to present so she can prepare for the uncovered slots. Please consider sharing your musical gifts with the congregation!

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# JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries

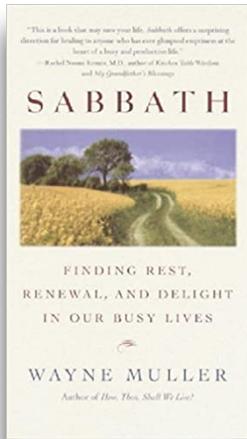
### Birthdays

- 1 - Bill Marsh
- 4 - Paul Feliciano
- 5 - Knox Parker
- 19 - Bonnie Morgan
- 19 - Glenn Carlson
- 22 - Nancy Crawford

### Anniversaries

- 2 - Ken and Roberta Henry
- 13 - Ryan Hood and Bamboo Lin

Ruth Covenant Group



The Ruth Covenant Group will be meeting on Monday, June 12t at 6:30 pm at the church. It will be a hybrid meeting with some participants meeting in person in the sanctuary, and some meeting via Zoom. If you would like to join by Zoom, please let Tamra Hollenbeck know so we can send you the link. We are reading from the book *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight* by Wayne Muller. We will focus on the chapter entitled "Time," reading through page 119. We ask that, as you read, maybe highlight portions that really speak to you and be ready to share your thoughts. In addition to very gentle prose, the author includes exercises that can be practiced by anyone, helping to bring sabbath moments into our daily lives. Sound like something you might be interested in? Please join us! In addition to our discussion, there will be an opportunity for check-in, fellowship, and prayer. All are welcome to attend!



Deacons Luncheon

The Bethany Deacons will host a Let's Get Ready For Summer Luncheon on Sunday, June 11 in the sanctuary after worship. In addition to having an enjoyable time visiting with the congregation, a special couple of guests will be in attendance. Ken & Roberta Henry are planning to visit the Bay Area for a week, and they hope to attend worship on June 11. Mark your calendars now, and join in for a lovely and relaxed luncheon!



Community Action



- Discussion is underway for a possible "Bethany" day at Second Harvest
- Contact San Bruno schools to find out what assistance is needed (most likely this will happen when school starts again in September 2023)
- Continued communication with Peter Stiehler at Catholic Worker Hospitality House for needs they may have at their facilities. Current needs include: Oatmeal, paper napkins, toilet tissue, canned soup, canned fruit, milk, butter or margarine, sliced bread, soup spoons, new or unused shampoo, new unopened disposable razors, socks, and new or clean, used bath towels

## Monthly events at Bethany

**Sundays:** Worship at 10:00 am  
Coffee Hour 11:00 am  
(rehearsals start 8:30 am)

**Wednesdays:** Prayz 6:00 pm  
Chancel Choir 7:30 pm  
Prayer Group 6:30 pm

**Submissions for W@B:** Tuesday mornings.

**Submissions for the July newsletter:**  
Thursday, June 22

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Communion at Worship Service

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Worship Committee 11:00 am

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday: Ruth Covenant Group 6:30 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Deacons Meeting 11:30 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday: Financial Trustees 4:30 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday: Session 4:30 pm

Buildings & Grounds,  
Community Action committees  
- as scheduled

## Financial Trustees

### Financial Items:

- Continued contact with our tenant, the Sikh Association, on various items since we transitioned to our new 5-year lease. Dave Wales continues to keep in contact with the Sikhs regarding plans for Room 1; plans are yet available. The Sikhs were reminded that we need a copy of their calendar activities each month.
- Grounds Clean-Up – George Lynch and Lyn Hughes met on May 25 with a vendor for our grounds clean-up and possible ongoing grounds maintenance. We also received information about Broadmoor Presbyterian Church’s groundskeeper and plan to contact him about his company meeting with us about the grounds cleanup, hopefully in the first few weeks of June. Door locks were updated in the church, and a new door closure installed on the inside door nearest the choir loft. Dave Wales continues to research a possible transition to solar for our ongoing energy needs.
- In progress: Room 9 clean-up and removal of various large items in anticipation of this room’s being used for evening meetings; also discussion about new window treatments in this room
- Discussion regarding possible kitchen updates: possible new or refaced cabinets, and an island replacement or update
- Several piano recitals were held at the church in May resulting in some usage fees being collected
- Patio repair – on hold until early summer

### April

\$12,515.00	Income
-\$19,161.30	Expense
-\$6,646.30	Difference

### Year-to-Date

\$56,043.43	Income	80.772%
-\$69,384.64	Expense	-87.970%
\$13,341.21	Difference	7.198%

The Trustees thank you for your continued faithful giving each month!



### **Our 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.

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### **Our 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 are already welcome here. We invite you, on your unique spiritual journey, to join us in the life and ministry of Bethany Presbyterian Church.

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