

The Bethany Banner February 2012

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.”*

Welcoming Statement:

*Bethany Presbyterian Church is a community of faith
that endeavors to follow Christ and be led by the Holy
Spirit, and strives to treat each individual
as a dearly beloved child of God.*

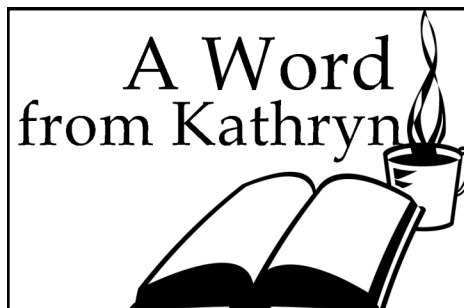
*We welcome as members people of every race, ethnic
origin, age, ability, economic situation,
gender and sexual identity, and marital status,
affirming all who seek or have found Christ’s love.*



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We are mid-way through the Season of Epiphany. An Epiphany is a revelation of God's presence. In this Season, we become more and more aware of the light of God present in Jesus' life. The Season of Epiphany will end with the Transfiguration on February 19th. On this day, the light of God will be so dramatic and astonishing the disciples want to build something permanent on the mountain, so they will not have to leave. Epiphanies are like that.

Most of us have had such awe-inspiring moments in our life, when the presence of God is so intense; we wish we could stay in the moment. I just wish we shared these moments more often. We might discover they are not as rare as we think. I remember one such moment in my life.

During a vulnerable time, I took a long walk in the desert. While taking a respite on a large rock near the edge of the path, the desert suddenly transformed right before my eyes. The cacti before me were dazzling with light, and I felt as if I were one with all of creation. Like Peter, James, and John, I did not want to leave this quiet sacred place filled with God's presence! Yet I heard a voice deep within me telling me I needed to go home – I could not stay here.

It is natural for us to want to stay in these moments, rare, as they appear to be. If you are like me you hunger for more of these experiences, moments when we just know we are

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standing in the presence of God.

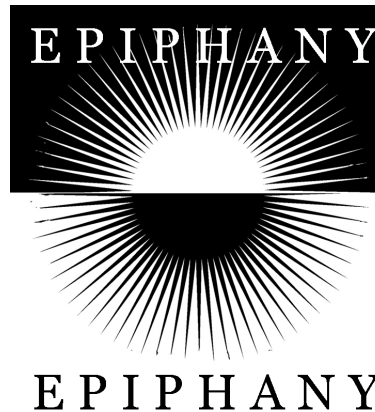
The mystic Evelyn Underhill observed, "We are surrounded on all sides by God. But often we are no more conscious of Him (God) than we are of air pressing against us." Moments of solitude with God in the desert, or up in the mountains, or at the seashore are essential to our spiritual nurture. But we know this is not where we spend most of our lives. The call is for us to find God in the ordinary and the mundane, at work, while shopping, attending class, even while serving on a Session committee.

As we go forward in this season of Epiphany, may our eyes be open and our hearts ready to experience the presence of God in all that we see and do. May we be ready to be found by God where we are!

Peace and Love,

Kathryn

Rev. Kathryn Pyke





That “New Year” feeling is gone (for some) but our “New Beginnings” at Bethany continues.

As many of you have noticed, the Worship Committee has decided to change up our worship service. Beginning on Sunday, January 8, 2012, an effort to provide a more meditative sanctuary prior to our corporate worship was implemented. While light and meditative piano or organ music is being played, our greeters will greet in the Narthex and our ushers will usher us through our the doors into a quiet sanctuary. Our bulletins will offer a meditative prayer to center us for worship. At 10:00 am we will began our corporate worship with the “Welcoming” from Kathryn followed by the “Life and Ministry” announcements. This will be a “work in progress” so we ask for your patience and welcome comments.

Through these subtle changes we hope for a time of centering ourselves as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship so that we might know Him better and love Him more.

Who wants to be an Usher?

The WC is in the process of re-organizing the Ushers. All are welcome and invited to be a part of the Ushers. Being an usher carries a responsibility of courtesy with reverence. The Usher responsibilities are being updated and we hope to provide a simple usher training session sometime in January or early February. Please watch for the date of this training session and consider this opportunity of service to our Lord.

Audio – Video Systems Update!

In these next few months, subtle and possibly, not so subtle changes will appear – bringing our new, long awaited, audio and video systems. The new A/V systems will inevitably

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enhance our worship services we offer here at Bethany and ultimately be used to glorify God in new and exciting ways. May God continue to bless us as we grow in our ways to worship and communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ!

As the Season of Epiphany draws to an end, the Season of Lent is will be soon be upon us. The Lenten Season is a time for reflection - discerning our place in God's plan. God sent His Son into a world of hatred and persecution – much like the stench filled cave where Jesus was born. Amidst the stench of the world, Jesus lives a life bringing a message of love to all people. Jesus dies, claiming all people who call Him Savior to an eternal life of abundance.

We, as Christians and disciples of Jesus, are called to carry out His mission - to be servants of Love in a world full of hatred. Let us ask ourselves – “Are we someone worth Him dying for?”

Some important dates in our Church calendar:

“The Transfiguration of our Lord” – February 19, 2012

“Ash Wednesday” (Lent begins) – February 22, 2012

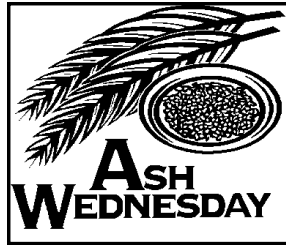
“:The Gifts of Women” Sunday, March 4th – A special service acknowledging the gifts of women.

“Easter Sunday” – April 8, 2012

*Living He loved me
Dying he saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming,
O glorious day!*

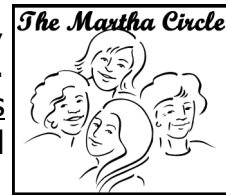
(Glorious Day- words by Mark Hall and Michael Bleeker)

Until the world knows....,
Mitch Fontaine

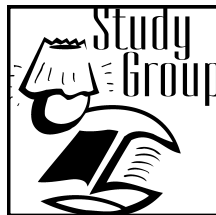


The Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Bethany Church on February 22 at 7:00 pm. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes and communion. Please join us for this service which marks the beginning of Lent.

The Martha Circle will meet on Monday, February 13, 2012, 12 noon at the church. Our study will be from the book Questions God Asks Us. Please read chapter seven and review the questions found on page 96.

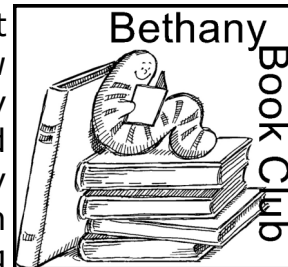


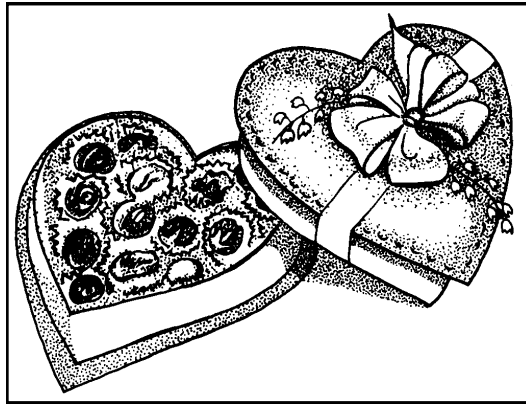
We invite all women to join us. Please contact Beverly Bristow if you have any questions at 583 5948.



The Monday Study group meets at 1:00 pm at the church. The group will also be discussing the book Questions God Asks Us. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Kross at 588.6062.

The Bethany Book Club roars right along. In January we read a new screenplay (thoughtfully supplied by Clarie Hollenbeck!) called "Ghostlight" and then went to see the Berkeley Repertory Theatre production of the play. In February, we will be back to our reading routine. We will meet on **February 27th at 7:00 PM** at Pam Matthews' house, 44 Duval Drive, South San Francisco. Our book will be "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks". Come join us for some interesting discussions and delightful camaraderie! If you have any questions, please contact Pam at 994.8225.





See's Candies Fundraiser

Have you purchased your Valentine's gift for your loved ones or friends? Me, neither. So, to make this easier, come see me to order some yummy See's

Candies treats. This fundraiser is through my work, Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Each Christmas, we host our Annual Client Holiday Luncheon, where we provide a hot meal for those San Mateo County residents who are under or unemployed. Our goal is to assist job seekers in their search and provide gainful employment for those with disabilities. We are raising money to continue providing this luncheon. See's will give us a substantial percentage from this fundraiser.



There are several different types of See's candy that can purchase through me. For example, the traditional Red Heart boxes, Peanut Brittle, Toffee-ettes, Molasses Chips, Lollypops and more!

Please see me at church, call me at 588.0209 or email me at dkuldrick@gmail.com for more information and to place your order. I will also have copies of the order forms in the back of the church.

Even if you don't need anything for this Valentine's Day, See's Candies makes a wonderful Easter or Birthday gift!

Thank you for helping raise money for this great cause and bringing joy to people in our community!

Happy Chocolates,
Kristina May Uldrick

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes
 <h1 data-bbox="756 305 1291 430">FEBRUARY</h1>			<p>1</p> <p>10:00 am Koffee</p>
<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Communion</p> <p>11:00 am Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>6 <i>Kathryn's Study Day</i></p> <p>1:00 pm Monday Study Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 pm Committee Meeting Night</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>12</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p> <p>Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1:00 pm Monday Study Group/ Martha Circle</p>		<p>15</p> <p>10:00 am Bethany Koffee</p>
<p>19</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Committee</p>	<p>20 <i>Kathryn's Study Day</i></p>  <p>1:00 pm Study Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 pm Session</p>	<p>22 7:00</p> 
<p>26</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Elder Training/ Orientation</p> <p>10</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1:00 pm Monday Study Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Book Club</p>		<p>29</p> <p>10:00 am Koffee</p>

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7:00 am Coffee Klatch</p> 	<p>2 6:00 pm Prayz Rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 7:00 pm Knitting Circle</p>	<p>4</p>
	<p>9 6:00 pm Prayz Rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 Bethany Shelter Weekend 7:00 pm Knitting Circle ARTICLES FOR FEBRUARY BANER DUE</p>	<p>11</p> 
<p>7:00 am Coffee Klatch</p> 	<p>16 6:00 pm Prayz Rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 7:00 pm Knitting Circle ARTICLES FOR MARCH BANER DUE</p>	<p>18 9:00 am Workday</p>
<p>7:00 pm</p> 	<p>23 6:00 pm Prayz Rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 7:00 pm Knitting Circle</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>7:00 am Coffee Klatch</p> 			



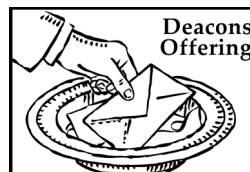
The Deacons met on January 8th and the new officers were elected for the upcoming year. The officers are as follows:

Moderator: Susan May
Vice-Moderator: Kristina May Uldrick
Secretary: Ellen Kross
Treasurer: Rina Ranahan
Nominating Committee: Ellen Kross

Many thanks to our out-going officers: Pam Matthews, Moderator and Susan May, Secretary/Treasurer.

We discussed the reorganization of the Parishes. There will be updated Parish lists available soon

We will once again be reinstating the use of having folks greet before the worship service. Kristina will organize the sign-up sheet for weekly greeters and your Deacon will be contacting you to ask you to serve as a greeter.



Deacons' Offerings are taken quarterly and the first offering of the year will be on February 12. We appreciate the incredible generosity of this congregation which allows the deacons to continue their work in our church and community.

Our next meeting will be held on February 5th instead of the 12th, due to the Congregational Meeting being held on the 12th. The Deacons' Training/Orientation will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2012

Susan May, Moderator
Board of Deacons

We remember in our prayers:



Bill Quickert, Barbara DeLand, Anne Carlson, Kurt Liedtke, Kent Sicklebower, Russ Sicklebower, Bill and Esther Burge, Paul Feliciano, Norman Gilchrist, Becky and Artie (Parker), Ally & Dan Sweetman and Ruthmarie Branch.

For **Anne Carlson** as she continues another round of chemotherapy.

For **Barbara DeLand** as she continues her chemotherapy.

For **Kathleen Mitchell**, while dealing with the recent loss of her husband Willie, is also in a great deal of pain from shattering her left wrist (and Kathleen is left-handed) and also dislocating her left elbow, the second time while in a cast.

For Milly Angeles, who is dealing with health issues.

For Tom Jessee, who is dealing with Bell's palsy.

For **Russ and Kent Sicklebower** as they transition to living with Robin & Brad Parker in their recently remodeled home.

For Ashley Ruane, nearing the end of her pregnancy and for the adverse reaction she had to a glucose intolerance test.

For Polly, the niece of George Lynch who has asthma and is on a ventilator.

For Rina Ranahan's mother-in-law, who had a blood transfusion.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family of **Don Robertson, the father of Sue Bullis's dear friend Roseane**, who passed away soon after being diagnosed with leukemia.





We were all shocked and saddened by the sudden death of long time member, friend and contributor to Bethany Church, Willie Mitchell. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife, Kathleen, his two children, James and Sara and their respective spouses Raziye and Erik Juul. Willie was also the beloved Grandpa to Lara 10 , Kelsey 8, William 8, Anna 6, Matthew 4 and a baby girl due in May

William T. Mitchell born October 2nd, 1934 in Ballymoney, Northern Ireland, passed away unexpectedly on December 20th of heart failure following successful stomach cancer surgery.

Kathleen and Willie were married in Reno in 1967, celebrated their 44th anniversary last November and joined Bethany in 1972. Willie was a Master Carpenter for over six decades beginning in No. Ireland and later relocating to work in San Francisco. He was a stickler for doing things the right way. "Mr. Willie" was respected and well liked by the many generations of tradesmen he worked beside. Willie worked at Mayta & Jensen for most of his career and then Muratore Construction. He established himself as a well respected and admired Master Carpenter. During his retirement years, Willie pursued his hobby of collecting and selling antiques through his small business, Old Pump Antiques, which Willie and Kathleen started about 27 years ago, taking them to antique shows and conventions. He enjoyed the history, the search, and "making the deal" and specialized in Beleek porcelain.

Willie was a rather private person so he preferred to be behind the scenes in all aspects of his life, quietly contributing his talents where he could. Those talents as a master craftsman can be seen in many places at Bethany Church. Willie made the Sanctuary doors, the baptismal font, the

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railings around the choir and organ areas, the kitchen cabinets, the memorial book pedestal stand, the cross on the outside of the building, the small cross over the doors to the sanctuary, the rack holding the magazines and brochures and the mail slot holders in the hallway . Willie also refinished the pulpit and lectern. Willie was a deeply religious man, who faithfully read the Bible and attended Bethany Church. He was installed as a Trustee in 1974 and he worked diligently on the church's Beautification Committee in 1981.

Per Willie's wishes a memorial service will not be held. Donations can be made to the American Heart Association, Bethany Church or a charity of your choice.

Willie will be greatly missed by his family and by all at Bethany Church. His legacy will live on forever in his beautiful work.



Many thanks to our Bethany Banner Flyers **Be Harlan, Freda Lutz, Melinda Jones and Ellen Kross** for getting out the January edition of the Bethany Banner. Many thanks to **Melinda** for taking the newsletters to the post office! And again many

thanks to **Jeff** (a co-worker of Susan May) for his willingness and expertise in making the copies as well as collating all the pages! Your help is much appreciated!

Many thanks to **Craig Bray** our liturgist in January.

Many thanks to our communion servers in January:

**Roberta and Ken Henry,
Tamra Hollenbeck, Rina Ranahan**

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Many thanks to **Freda Lutz** for sending the donated 2012 calendars to the San Francisco Network Ministries and to all those who donated the calendars!

Many, many thanks to **Andy Jones, Dave Wales and Ken Henry** for taking down the Christmas decorations (ornaments, tree and lights); **Pam Matthews** for helping to put them away and for **Roxane Wales** taking down the Chancel Banners.

Many thanks to **Craig Bray, Fred Matthews, Andy Jones, Dave Wales and Huy** who worked on refinishing the kitchen cabinets.

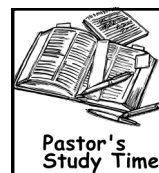
Continued thanks to Roxane Wales for preparing and providing the elements for communion each month.



A BIG thank you to all of you that made the Cold Nose Warm Heart Coat Drive another huge success! Together, we donated 51 items of clothing for the participants of the San Bruno Homeless Shelter. This is the 6th year we have donated outerwear to the Hospitality House, and I am amazed each year of the giving of this congregation. Over these past 6 years over 300 pieces of outerwear has been donated! I would also like to thank **David Uldrick** for delivering the coats to Peter and his staff.

Kristina May Uldrick

And many thanks to **Kristina May Uldrick** for organizing this very needed and important drive each year!



Rev. Pyke will be taking every other Monday as a Study/Reading Day (In February, the 6th and the 20th). Kathryn might be out of the office on these days, but will always be available by cell phone at 480.209.2981.

Bethany Presbyterian Church
Summary of action items from December 20 Session meeting

Session met Tuesday, December 20, 2011 approving the following items:

The following additions to the annual calendar:

1/10, 7:00 pm: Special session budget meeting

1/15: Annual reports due to church secretary

2/12, after worship: Congregational meeting to receive budget and annual reports, and to elect at-large members of the nominating committee; to be followed by meeting of the corporation.

3/11, after worship: Deacon training (light lunch to be provided by elders)

4/20-4/21: Session retreat

Date TBD: Snow trip

Date TBD: Elder training (light lunch to be provided by deacons)

The minutes of the 11/15/11 session meeting. 11/27/11 congregational meeting, and 12/11/11 special session meeting.

The Rev. Cornelius Barry as pulpit supply for 1/1/12.

Monica Fontaine and Cambria Warfield as childcare providers for Christmas Eve service at a cost of \$30 each for 2 hours.

3.2% cost of living increases for the Church Secretary and Banner Editor.

If you have questions regarding this meeting, please contact an elder.

Respectfully submitted, David Uldrick, Clerk of session

Bethany Presbyterian Church
Summary of action items from January 10 Special Session meeting

Session met Tuesday, January 10, 2012 approving Bethany's 2012 budget.

If you have questions regarding this meeting, please contact an elder.

Respectfully submitted, David Uldrick, Clerk of session

Bethany Presbyterian Church
Summary of action items from January 17 Session meeting

Session met Tuesday, January 17, 2012 approving the following items:

The following additions to the annual calendar:

2/26: Elder training / orientation (light lunch to be provided by Deacons)

3/17: Spring Cleanup Day

3/17: Ceili

10/20: Fall Cleanup Day

The reallocation of Session's discretionary recovery funds (\$1,426) and the Pastor's discretionary recovery funds (\$1,500) to other ROC needs.

The minutes of the 12/20/11 session meeting and 1/20/12 special session meeting.

The election of David Stewart Uldrick as Clerk of Session for 2012.

The 2011 Statistical Report pending the completion of financial portion.

That communion in 2012 be celebrated the first Sunday of each month and on Maundy Thursday.

5 camperships for the Women's Retreat for \$100 each.

That Bethany's general mission giving follow the standard allocation: 77% to Presbytery, 20% to General Assembly, and 3% to Synod of the Pacific.

The election of the 2012 corporate officers. Ken Henry is president. Patrick May is treasurer. David Uldrick is secretary.

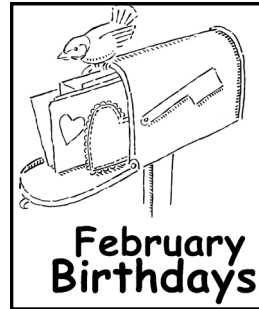
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

	November	Year-to-Date
Income	\$11,478.14	\$172,638.94
Expenses	\$16,635.15	\$167,810.53
Income less expenses	(\$5,157.01)	\$4,828.41

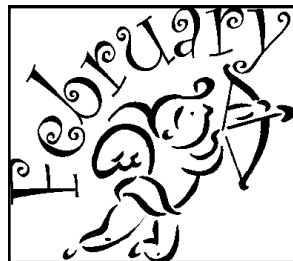


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| 3 Steven Rice | 10 Tyler Bray – 17th! |
| 5 Aaron Jones – 19th! | 11 Amy & Mia Kumimoto—1st! |
| 5 Susan Gartner-May | 12 Gary Bullis |
| 8 Isabel Rice | 13 Elaine Drosky (Carlson) |
| 9 Bill Quickert - 83rd! | 15 Robin Parker |
| | 17 Brad Sonnenburg |
| | 20 Mitchell Gruner – 13th! |
| | 21 Rina Ranahan |
| | 22 Janet Bower |
| | 23 Buddy Ingalsbe |
| | 23 Fred Matthews |
| | 24 Daniel Sweetman |
| | 26 Beverly Bristow |
| | 26 Sarah Henry |



**We lovingly remember those who
were born in February:**

Pastor George DeWeese—February 4th
Greg Bullis—February 12th
Rose Golobic—February 24



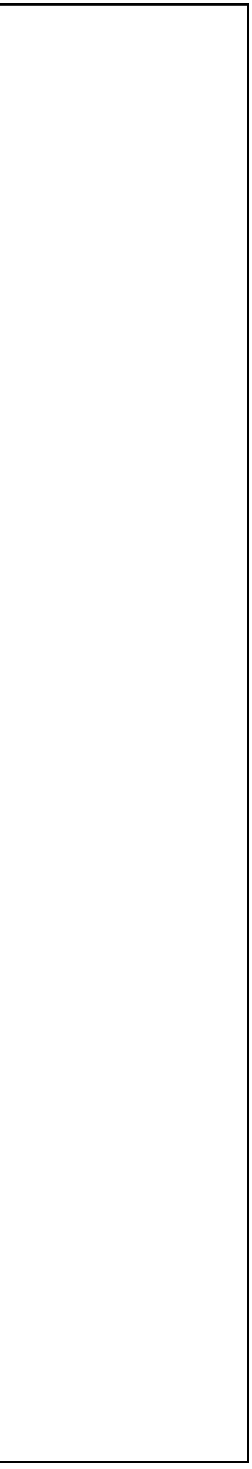
**Congratulations to
Tom & Barbara Jessee who
will celebrate their wedding
anniversary on February 27th!**

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