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# June/July @ Bethany

## Bethany Presbyterian Church

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### From the Pastor

Hello friends,



Here on the left is the garden I wish I could grow. When I first moved to my current apartment I was so excited that I have this nice patio space. It's all concrete so no plants in the ground, but I put potted plants everywhere I could find. I love the colors of so many flowers! I went a little crazy at first and for a few years I purchased new flowers every season. But soon the plants would live their short lives and die and I kind of gave up on having a colorful patio.

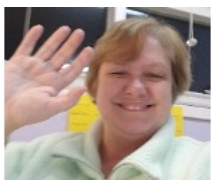
Of all of the things that can go wrong with a plant, watering too much or not enough, too much sun or shade, trimming, dead heading, etc. the biggest problem for me was that the flowers I was keeping in pots were really the kind of plants that wanted to be in the dirt in the ground.

The gospels tell us a parable of Jesus about a sower who went out to sow. Mark 4:4-8 says, “<sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seed fell on a path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup> Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”

Sometimes when things seem wrong I work so hard to figure out what I can change to put things right. I think about facts, feelings, etc. But maybe sometimes, I'm just out of place. I'm not built to thrive in the soil I'm in. For all of us, that soil might be a relationship, a job, a city, a home, or a community. It's not easy to think about a change of place. And then, there's the other side. Have you ever had that wonderful feeling that you are exactly where you belong? You are planted in the right soil!



This June/July issue of our Bethany Newsletter and our coming issues of Wednesday@Bethany, will have many opportunities for us to be community. I hope that this summer provides you with many opportunities here and in your own communities, to find yourself in just the right place!



Blessings,

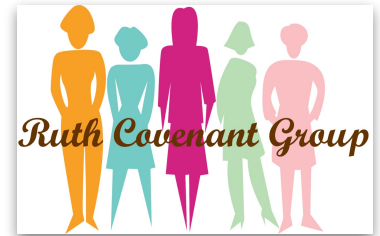
And as always, let's talk,

Pastor Deb

## Community Life

### Ruth Covenant Group June and July Meetings

The Bethany Ruth Covenant Group will not meet on Monday, June 9, as discussed at our May meeting. Our next meeting date will be on Monday, July 14 at 6:30 pm at the church. For our current study, we are using the Advent study guide, "Calling All Angels - An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength" by Erin Wathen. The book is available online, so please consider purchasing one for your use. It is a wonderful study, filled with inspiration for these difficult times. We are to read the study section of Week 3 for our meeting, pages 59-70. Please read and make note of the ideas that resonate with you and come prepared to share those ideas. We plan to share those reflections at the beginning of the meeting, followed by our usual check-in time, fellowship, refreshments, and prayers. You are most welcome to join in for this wonderful time of sharing. Joining by Zoom is available if you are not able to attend in person. Please let Tamra Hollenbeck know if you would like to receive a Zoom invitation, and we'll send one to you. Happy summer to all!



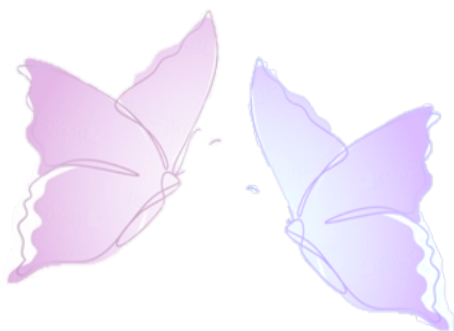
### Bethany Spring Tea

Bethany held its Spring Tea on Saturday, May 17th from 12:30-3:00 pm, where we honored the memories of two women from the congregation, Beverly Bristow and Paulette Emfinger. It was a glorious event with wonderful stories and memories about both of these beloved women shared by friends, coworkers, family members, and church family. Many thanks to everyone who participated in creating such a welcoming and comfortable time to lift up Bev and Paulette. With ticket sales, raffle ticket sales, and donations, we were able to raise over \$5000 to be donated to Stanford's Children's Hospital, a favorite charity for both women according to their daughters Nancy Potter and Lyn Hughes.

There are a great many people to thank for their outstanding efforts in bringing the tea to life. Thanks to the Spring Tea Committee - Roxane Wales, Chris Angeles, Kathy Fogle, Lyn Hughes, Jorie Abbott, Rina Ranahan, Robin Villines, and Tamra Hollenbeck - such an efficient, effective, cooperative, and fun group of women! Additional thanks are due to George Lynch for his background guitar music and sing-along, and his technology support; Chris Angeles for creating an excellent powerpoint presentation with delightful pictures of Beverly and Paulette; Rina for extending the invitation to the staff at John Muir School where Bev was a Kindergarten teacher for years and years; Roxane and Rina for the fabulous "Red Hat" display and Kathleen Mitchell for her Red Hat Donations; Kathy for the beautiful floral arrangements for each table; Roxane, Kathy, Tamra (and Tamra's neighbor Karen), Jorie, and Chris for the raffle prizes; Kathy Quickert for the ticket and flyer design; Cathleen Torres for printing said tickets and flyers, and for taking phone messages regarding ticket sales; Jorie and Lyn for ticket sales; Chris for raffle ticket sales; Jorie, Robin, and Roxane for sandwich making; Chris, Kathy, Roberta Franchini, and Tamra for sweet tea treats; Jorie for being such a welcoming MC; Pastor Deb for her enthusiastic support of the tea

committee and her beautiful and welcoming prayer; the incredible ad-hoc clean-up crew - Roberta and her two daughters Janine and Lisa (we promise to heat up the dishwasher next time!), and Janine's granddaughter Abby, Barbara Liedtke, Roxane and Dave Wales, Lyn and George and George's brother Kenji, and Tamra; and Abby for her excellent job as the raffle prize announcer. You continue to bring a smile to everyone's face, Abby! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

The Spring Tea was a delight and provided the opportunity for many reunions and loving reconnections. Thank you everyone for the parts you played in making it such a lovely day.



## Worship Plans

The Season of Easter began on Easter morning and continues through June 8th. Rev. Deb has been using the Book of Acts as inspiration for her sermons, and will continue to do so through Pentecost. These are some of the special worship events coming up during June and July:

**June Pride Month** - There will be a focus on inclusion and welcome of all God's children - meaning "All means all!" Please note the new Pride Flag that will be flying for the month of June!

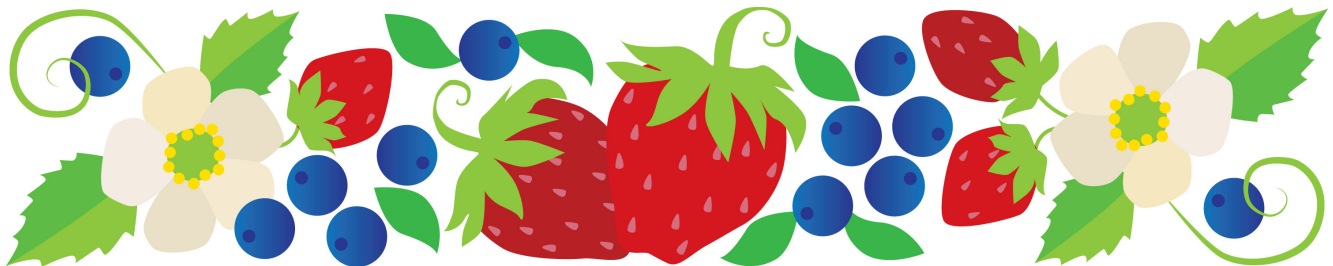
**June 1** - Choir's last Sunday before the summer season. The choir will fill all four music slots and be lifted up with thanksgiving for their weekly offerings.

**June 8** - Pentecost - Please plan to join us as we celebrate the story of the Holy Spirit filling up God's people and spreading throughout the land.

**June 15** - Father's Day - the second Sunday of Pentecost and/or Ordinary Time

**June 22** - Celebrate the start of Summer with your Bethany family and friends - Worship Committee plans to meet to schedule worship special events for the summertime - maybe there will be some ice cream and/or watermelon to celebrate this relaxed time of the year.

**June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27** - Summertime worship in the Season of Pentecost/Ordinary Time - There is nothing ordinary about the Holy Spirit flowing through our midst!!



Introducing Meira Lin Hood,  
7 lbs 3oz, 19.5 inches.  
Congratulations to mom  
and dad Bamboo and Ryan  
and big brother Bryson!

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LITTLE ONE



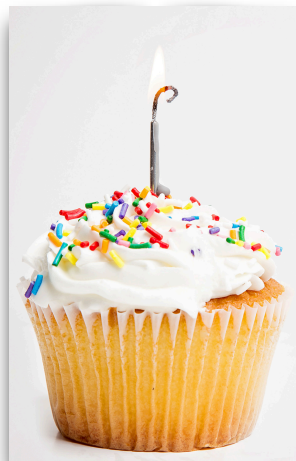


### **Birthdays**

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

### **Anniversaries**

1 - Chris Angeles and Steve Cady  
2 - Ken and Roberta Henry  
13 - Ryan Hood and Bamboo Lin



### **Birthdays**

7 - Craig Bray  
12 - Lyn Hughes  
21 - Kathleen Mitchell  
23 - Barbara Jessee  
23 - Bamboo Lin  
26 - Bob Johansen  
28 - Gabriela Sanford  
31 - Roxane Wales

### **Anniversaries**

8 - Susan and Pat May  
20 - George Lynch and Lyn Hughes

## *Community Action*



Thanks to all who responded to the Shelter's needs in May. Please remember those who are in need. Ongoing donations to Catholic Worker Hospitality House can be brought to Bethany Church or call Lyn Hughes at 650-867-0667 for pickup.

## Financial Trustees

### Financial Issues:

- April financial reporting not available at time of reporting and will be included in a future newsletter.
- In progress: Replacement of our antiquated electrical panel for maximum efficiency. Next steps: 1) update electrical panel, 2) Decide on solar energy panels/installation. Dave Wales continues to find a new vendor as the original vendor did not work out, and 3) Install heat

pump which includes also involves reviewing vendors.

- In progress: Room 9 clean-up
- In progress: Kitchen update, cleanup, and clean out
- In progress: On-line giving opportunities; Pastor Deb continues to work on this issue
- Patio repair: On hold for now
- Upper roof repair: On hold for now

## Monthly events at Bethany

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

**Wednesdays:** Prayer Group 6:30 pm  
Prayz 5:00 pm

**Submissions for W@B:** Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am

**Submissions for the August newsletter:**  
Tuesday, July 15, 10:00 am

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday: Financial Trustees 5:30 pm

Buildings & Grounds,  
Community Action committees  
– As scheduled

Worship Committee - As scheduled



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## **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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