



Pastor's Reflection

We did it! This new adventure called Hybrid worship. On June 6th we hosted our first official hybrid service, gathering outdoors in person with 27 people present and more folks worshipping with us online. Like all things the more we do this, the better we will get at it and I ask for your grace and patience as we tweak and evaluate each week to try and create the most meaningful experience for everyone, those in person and those online.

As we go forward with our hybrid services this means there will be more need and opportunity to serve in a variety of ways. We will of course continue to need liturgists to assist with worship, in person greeters, especially while we are outdoors, and maybe even someone who feels called to engage with folks as they walk by on the street.

We need an online worship host to engage with folks as they worship online and our zoom fellowship hosts and of course while we are worshipping outside we need folks to help with the set up of chairs. Finally, we also need folks to help control the camera and help control our soundboard. In essence we need a team! We need you! Emails will be sent soon looking for volunteers to sign up for various roles and I look forward to creating worship with you all!

Be Blessed, Rev. Sadie Stone



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QUEERING CHURCH: JUNE SERMON SERIES

🌈	June 6th	"PRIDE"	Rev. Sadie Stone
🌈	June 13th	"Coming Out"	Caryn Cranston
🌈	June 20th	"Chosen Family".	Zach Brown
🌈	June 27th.	"Queering Church"	Rev. Brian Adkins



Our **June PRIDE sermon series** draws from the book *Queer Virtue: What LGBT People Know About Life and Love and How it Can Revitalize Christianity* by The Rev. Elizabeth M. Edman.

Rev. Edman's thesis is that there are virtues and attributes unique to the queer community that Christian Churches can learn from.

Our first week focused on the notion of PRIDE and how God calls each of us by name.

In the coming weeks Caryn Cranston a UMC Layperson and the Founder of the Non-profits SEEDS, which does outreach to Homeless LGBTQ youth, will discuss what we as Christians can learn from the Coming out Stories of Queer Folk. Then, Bethany member Zach Brown will share about the virtue of Chosen family, and Rev. Brian Adkins an ordained UMC Elder will lead us in our main PRIDE celebration and worship. We invite you to join us in person or online for our worship services each Sunday at 10:45am.

Pride Events at Bethany during June

Book Study: *"Staying Awake -- the Gospel for Changemakers"*

by Tyler Sit, Tuesday Nights on Zoom at 7pm, starting June 8, and
Reading & Discussion with Tyler Sit July 13 at 6:30pm on Zoom

Queer Trivia Game Night on Zoom, Thursday June 17 at 7pm

Pride Sidewalk Booth at Bethany, Sunday, June 27 Noon to 3pm

Drag Show on Bethany's outside patio, Wednesday, June 30 at 7pm

Join Us!

June Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall riots which occurred at the end of June 1969. LGBT persons rioted following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York City. This riot and further protests were the watershed moment in the modern LGBT rights movement and pride marches on a much larger public scale.

The screenshot shows a TriviaMaker app interface for a "Queer Trivia Game Night" on Zoom. The main title is "Join Bethany's Queer Trivia Game Night on Zoom Thursday, June 17th at 7pm". Below the title, it says "Have Fun! Brush-up on Queer Trivia! Team Competition! Win Prizes!". The registration information is "Register at <https://tinyurl.com/3zej36zb> or email: bethanysoffice@gmail.com".

The app interface shows a question: "Who is the first trans person to cover Time Magazine?". The options are: A. Janet Mock, B. Carmen Carrera, C. Caitlyn Jenner, D. Laverne Cox. The correct answer is D. Laverne Cox. A sample explanation for the answer is provided: "Transgender actress Laverne Cox graced the cover of Time, June 9, 2014, for a story about 'The Transgender Tipping Point.' Thanks to her work on Netflix's hit Orange Is the New Black — and a now infamous interview with Katie Couric — Cox has emerged as one of the most well-known transgender faces in mainstream media."

At the bottom, there is a "Scores by Team" section with the following scores: Power Tools (100), Joy Boys (75), Rainbow Warriors (100), and Scarlet Raptors (0).

Sign up for Bethany's **Queer Trivia Game**, June 17th at 7pm. Game night will occur on Zoom using the *TriviaMaker* app. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/3zej36zb> or email bethanysoffice@gmail.com. We'll organize ourselves by teams. Points will be awarded for correct answers using multiple choice questions. There will be music, clapping, booing, and more! Don't miss this fun and creative Pride Month opportunity!

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Raising Funds for the
TGI Justice Project
AND
Celebrating Queer Art and the
revival of Holy Community!

*Please contact bethanydrag@gmail.com
with any inquiries*

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TGI JUSTICE 

Join us for laughter & joy, for Bethany's 3rd annual drag show fundraiser! Thursday, June 30th at 7pm on Bethany's outside patio area.

We'll be raising funds for the TGI Justice Project — which is a group of transgender, gender variant and intersex people, inside and outside of prisons, jails and detention centers, creating a united family in the struggle for survival and freedom.

<http://www.tgjip.org/>

Join us as we **Celebrate Queer Art and the revival of Holy Community!**
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Looking for something deeper and meaningful?
Join Bethany's Book Study on ...

STAYING AWAKE

THE GOSPEL FOR CHANGE MAKERS

by Tyler Sit

Read about 9 practices to be most fruitful in transforming the world and living a meaningful life. Tuesday nights on Zoom at 7 pm, starting June 8 and wrap-up discussion with Tyler Sit on July 13th. All are welcome to join. Contact us at www.bethanysf.org Free copies of book available

author Rev. Tyler Sit



Staying Awake is a practical exploration of Christianity for people who want to show up for justice & stay in the movement. Discover 9 practices of Christian community that will transform you to transform the world. Complete with stories, worksheets, poetry, illustrations, and a commitment to centering queer people of color, this book is here to support you in staying awake: to God, to the evils of oppression, and the world's coming liberation. Rev. Tyler Sit is the church planter of New City Church, in Minneapolis (gownewcity.church) — a city challenged with racial justice. He is a lover of Minnesota, a United Methodist pastor, and the son of a Chinese immigrant. **Meeting on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm — June 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6 & July 13 with Tyler Sit (at 6:30pm).** Total pages 207. Hosted by Steve Wereb.

Youth Service Opportunity with SEEDS Outreach



On Sunday June 13th following worship, our youth will work with Caryn Cranston Founder of SEEDS Outreach to create the life packs that are handed out by the street outreach teams.

SEEDS mission is to **plant hope** and **change lives**. Specifically, as part of this process, SEEDS aims to do their part to help end youth homelessness. Specifically LGBTQ youth, which make up the highest population of homeless youth.

By providing outreach care, the SEEDS outreach team fosters a connection which facilitates trust to build long-term relationships with these youth.

As this community is strengthened through a consistent and on-going safe presence from our street outreach team, young people can find sanctuary on the streets and get the help they need to transition out of life on the streets into sustainable long-term housing.

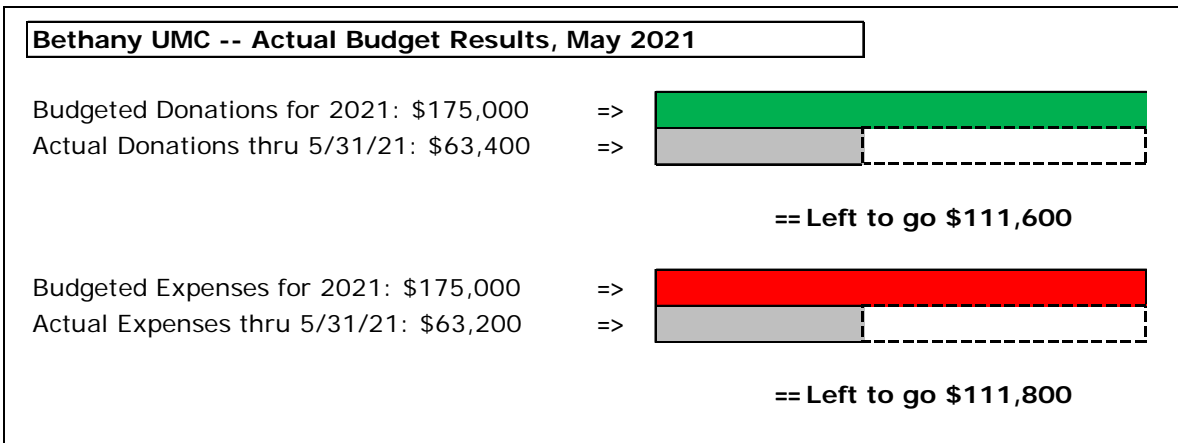
Bethany Pastor Rev. Sadie Stone and member Zach Brown both serve as SEED board members. We are excited to bring aspects of SEED ministry to our church community this month during PRIDE. All youth ages 6th grade through Senior in high school are invited to help with this service project.

Budget Update — thru May 2021

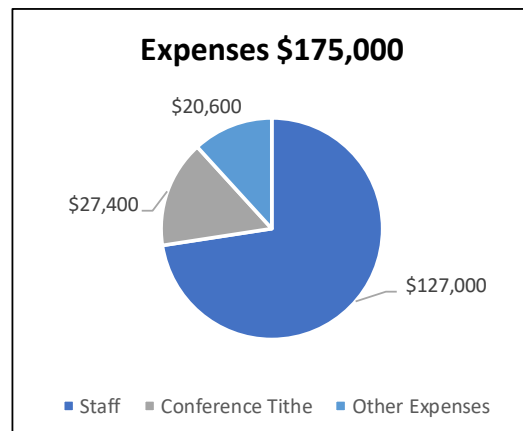
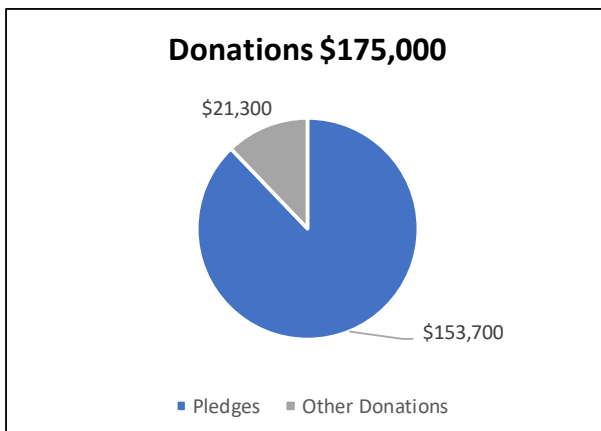
The charts below show our Church Operating Budget for 2021. We have Budgeted Donations and Expenses of \$175,000. Pledges are critical for us to operate the church and we've been very fortunate to have committed donors. About 72% of our expenses are for our Staff, 16% is for our Conference Tithe (which is calculated as 10% of our donations and rental income), and 12% of expenses are for a variety of costs (including our Worship Service, our Programs, and Office Expenses). Our Tithe supports the greater United Methodist Church and is important for our standing in the denomination. Separately, the rental income from our building funds utility costs and repairs & maintenance costs, and is managed by the Trustees.

Through May this year, our total donations have been \$63,400 and our expenses have been \$63,200. Remaining collections for the year need to be \$111,600 to meet our budget. Your support for our staff and mission is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards, Steve Wereb, Treasurer



Annual Budget



Get Connected for Volunteer Opportunities



Feed the Homeless: About every 4-8 weeks we assemble 100 Bagged Lunches to distribute to the homeless. You can help by:

Contributing food:

- 100 sandwiches (meat/cheese preferred but PB&J ok) - please sign up in increments of 25 sandwiches.
- 100 individual bags of chips.
- 100 water bottles and/or juice pouches/boxes.
- 100 soft fruit pieces (bananas or oranges - suggest 2 or 3 per bag if small oranges/tangerines; applesauce ok as well).
- 100 individual dessert items.

Help assemble food into lunch bags at the church. Help distribute to the homeless in the city. Contact person is Shannon Horton. Future dates for donations and assembly are the following Sundays at 1pm: July 11th, September 12th, November 14th.

Join our Food Bank Team:

We would like to organize a team of people to volunteer at the Food Bank. You can help by:

- Volunteers are needed to pick up food bags and deliver them to individual households. These volunteer shifts are for 2-3 hours on weekday mornings and afternoons. Delivery could be done individually or could be arranged in pairs. In one car, one person would use the Food Bank smart phone app to map out the routes while the other person drives.
- Volunteers are needed at pop-up Food Banks or to package food. There are shifts weekday and Saturday mornings and afternoons (2-3 hours) to work at outdoor pop-up Food Banks or to package food in the warehouse on Illinois St. With some planning ahead of time, we would sign up as a team.
- Contact person is Cathy Personius



Contribute to Monthly Sock Drive: We are beginning a monthly sock drive to benefit the homeless. You can help by:

- Donating new socks (preferably white). Sock drop-off days will be scheduled at the church. Contact person is Bob Armstrong.

Interested in any of these opportunities? Contact us at: bethanysf.org/contact

VOLUNTEER



Bible Study Small Group on Zoom Wednesdays 3-4 pm



We have a **daytime Bible Study small group on Zoom**. The group meets weekly on Wednesdays 3-4 pm and discusses the liturgy for the following Sunday church service. Discussions might center on how that scripture speaks to the present, and/or to us personally. The sessions will be "leaderless" and informal and open to all. Please contact Marilyn Herand (mherand@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.

Slow Sanchez Update

The **San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency** (SFMTA) has implemented a **Slow Streets program** which is designed to limit through traffic on certain residential streets and allow them to be used as a shared space for people traveling by foot and by bicycle. The **Friends of Slow Sanchez** is a group of Noe Valley neighbors and merchants who have banded together to promote community, safety, health, and art along the Sanchez slow street corridor.



While the original intent of the Slow Street program was an emergency response to shelter-in-place order, SFMTA and many residents believe slow streets have tremendous value for our community after the pandemic resides. The SFMTA Board of Directors is meeting on July 20th to discuss next steps on making slow streets permanent, including design recommendations to improve overall safety and effectiveness for drivers and pedestrians. SFMTA found that **Slow Sanchez is the MOST popular slow street** in the city, with over 1,000 walkers/bikers counted over 6 hour period.

Bethany is collaborating with Friends of Slow Sanchez on PRIDE activities in June, and volunteering to help on trash pickups on Wednesdays at 7:30 am and helping to water the beautiful flower pots installed at intersections — true community collaboration!

Contact Us

If you have articles, photos or announcements that you would like to share, please contact us!

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June Birthdays



14: Lyra Hall

16: Michael Eaton

21: Elena Fuentes-Afflick

27: Bailey Armstrong