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BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

from the pastor...

Dear Church Family,

For the past nine years, it has been an immense honor and privilege to serve as the Pastor at our beloved church. This community is my family, and together, we have done some remarkable things. I will be forever grateful for the innumerable ways you have enriched my life through your faith, fellowship, laughter, ministry, and trust.

The memories we have made together are far too many to recount, but a few particularly joyous highlights that will remain etched in my heart include our two Lack of Talent Shows, our drag shows that grew from a homegrown spaghetti feed into full production, the many worship services and sermon series and your willingness to go along with the next idea I brewed up from Dolly Parton to Mr. Rogers to the Golden Girls, among many.

I will cherish the times I have spent with those of you in quiet moments of prayer in reflection and in the hard moments of loss, pain, and grief. It has been deeply rewarding to walk alongside all of you and experience the tremendous ways God has moved in our church and our individual lives.

It is difficult to say goodbye. This church will always hold a cherished place in my heart. I ask for your prayers during this transition and I hope you will keep me and my kids in your thoughts as I keep all of you in mine.

My final Sunday leading worship will be June 30th. I hope you will join me for one last celebration together so I can express my gratitude in person before my departure. Until then, I will savor every remaining moment we have as a church family.

My God continue to bless this wonderful church community and all of its bright futures still yet to come.

With Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Sadie



COMING SOON

- June 12** - Documentary & Discuss, a Queer & Palestinian film
- June 25** - Drag Show
- June 28** - Interfaith Labyrinth Service
- June 30** - Pride BBQ
- July 14** - Bagged Lunches

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June Pride Events

In addition to our **Pride Sermon Series, *Over the Rainbow***, we have many events happening in June:

Documentary & Discussion: On Wednesday, June 12th at 7pm, we'll be watching and discussing a screening of *Pinkwashing Exposed: Seattle Fights Back*. A queer and Palestinian documentary on anti-pinkwashing and Palestine solidarity activism in Seattle.

6th Annual Drag Show: On Tuesday, June 25th at 7pm, we'll be holding our 6th annual drag show. We'll be fund raising for a local family in need. Joy us for some fun and laughter.

Pride BBQ: On Sunday, June 30th after worship around Noon, we'll be having our annual Pride BBQ. Join us for some food and fellowship.



June Events, continued

We also be having an **Interfaith Labyrinth Service** on Friday, June 28th at 7pm in Bethany's sanctuary. Join us for an evening of chants and contemplative music drawn from the world's spiritual traditions and explore the deeply centering tradition of walking the labyrinth, a journey inward and then back out. The service is very casual and is designed to be whatever you make of it. We will play music for about an hour and during that time you can sit and listen, sing along, walk/dance the labyrinth, or do whatever it is that you need in the moment.

INTERFAITH LABYRINTH

A SERVICE OF MUSIC
& MOVEMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH @ 7:00 PM
BETHANY UMC 1270 SANCHEZ ST, SF

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ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

On July 14th, we will continue with our sack lunch ministry with SF Night Ministry. Six times a year we create 125 sack lunches for our unhoused neighbors in San Francisco.

The flyer is titled "NIGHT MINISTRY - BAGGED LUNCHES" in a green header. Below the title, it says "Join Bethany in providing bagged lunches for our unhoused community members". There are two bullet points: "• Donate food: deli meat, cheese, bread, water, juice, soft fruits, packaged desserts, and chips" and "• Assemble sack lunches on select Sundays after service at Bethany in 2024:". A list of dates follows: "JANUARY 14, 12pm", "MARCH 10, 12pm", "MAY 12, 12pm", "JULY 14, 12pm" (circled in red), "SEPTEMBER 8, 12pm", and "NOVEMBER 10, 12pm". At the bottom left is the Bethany logo, and at the bottom right is the contact information "INQUIRE @ BETHANYSF.ORG/CONTACT". The background of the flyer shows hands packing brown paper bags.

Bible Study

Wednesdays 3-4pm on zoom. Join to discuss the scripture for the coming Sunday. All are welcome. Email Marilyn for more info mherand@sbcglobal.net

Small Groups – Sign-up at bethanysf.org

Group options:

- 2nd Saturdays each month @ 8:30am
- 2nd Wednesdays each month @ 7pm

No More Zoom Office Hours

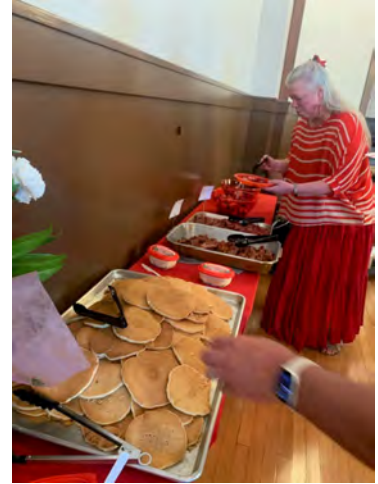
If you'd like to set up a time to meet with Pastor Sadie in June, please email or text Pastor Sadie. She would love to connect with as many people as possible if needed.

A PEEK AT RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE BETHANY COMMUNITY!

PHOTO GALLERY

CAFÉ BETHANY DOES PENTECOST

On May 19th, we held a Café Bethany worship experience. The Rev. Bekah Davis, a minister in Cairo, Egypt at the St. Answer's Refugee Services joined us. Everyone wore red in celebration of Pentecost. What is Café Bethany? Café Bethany is an alternative worship experience that is centered on a brunch experience. We sit at small round tables, enjoy brunch, gather for worship and engage in small group conversation about the week's theme.



BEGAN JUNE PRIDE SERMON SERIES

We began our June Pride Sermon Series, *Over the Rainbow*. On June 9th, delfin bautista MSW, MDiv. joined us a guest preacher.



Pastor Transition Team

A transition team has been identified to help with the various aspects of the pastoral transition. The Rev. Robert Herrmann has been appointed to serve Bethany effective July 1, 2024. Rev. Herrmann is currently serving St. John's UMC in Rohnert Park and Petaluma UMC. If you'd like to participate in any of the particular aspects, please see the people who are heading up the various roles. For overall questions, you can ask our Lay Leader, Jeff Friant.

Celebration/Send-off for Pastor Sadie – Raquel Redondiez
Congregational Care – Erin Halden & Cathy Personius
New Pastor Welcome – Julie Freeman
Parsonage – John Nelson

community celebration board

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LAURA FISCHER & JOAN HARP

On June 2nd, we celebrated the lives of Laura Fischer & Joan Harp with a memorial service. Laura & Joan met while working at United Airlines and were together for 60 years. They joined Bethany in 1988 and were active in cooking shelter meals and supporting their church family in a number of ways.



JOAN FRANCES HARP

3-15-1956

11-20-2020

1-25-1951

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3-20-2024

LAURA GENE FISCHER

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

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

14: Lyra Halden
16: Michael Eaton
21: Elena Fuentes-Afflick
27: Bailey Armstrong

