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Bethany Presbyterian Church

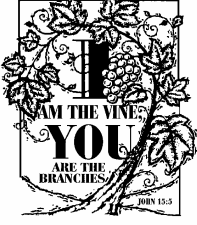
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Sunday Worship at Bethany

- **Adult Study Group 9:00 am**
- **Worship Service 10:00 am**
- **Communion on the First Sunday each month**



STAFF:

Rev. Tom Lineweaver, Pastor

Carol Hogan, Office Manager

Joseph Bedah, Custodian

Anna Merritt, Accompanist

Elders

Lanny Trapnell, Clerk '09
Art Alarcon '10
Barry Hughes '08
Laurie Giovino '09
Anna Merritt '08
Kathryn Owens '10

Deacons

Cathy Hughes, Moderator '08
Bethany Ayers '08
Dorothy Davis '10
Audrey Gregory '09
Lynn Gunning '10
Luanne Herman '09
Tom Herman '08
Adrienne Kellar '10
Della Rosenlof '08
Charles Sankey '10

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving might not be celebrated in the United States today, were it not for a patient, persistent woman named Sarah Hale.

It is well known that the first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated by the Pilgrim Fathers (and Mothers) in 1621 to give thanks for their survival in the New World.

In 1789, President George Washington issued a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation to commemorate the first Pilgrim celebration. But Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States discontinued it, calling Thanksgiving "a kingly practice."

After this, Thanksgiving was observed by some individual states, and on whatever date suited their fancy.

Then in 1828, Mrs. Hale, the editor of the magazine "Godey's Lady's Book" and author of the poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb" began campaigning for the restoration of Thanksgiving as a national holiday.

She wrote letters and sought appointments with national leaders from the president down. Time after time, she was politely rebuffed, sometimes being told it was impossible and impractical; and sometimes, being dismissed with a this-is-none-of-your-business scolding.

Finally in 1863, President Lincoln listened seriously to her plea that North and South "lay aside enmities and strife on Thanksgiving Day." He proclaimed the fourth Thursday of November to be the official "National Thanksgiving Day." This day was finally ratified by the U.S. Congress in 1941.



"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Revelation 7:12, NRSV

November 2008

Dear Family:

The holidays are just about here. I hope that is mostly good news although I know it can also be stressful and hard for some of us.

Still there is much to celebrate: "In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." (John 1:4-5)

I love that promise for everyday use as well as at Christmas. But before that we have Thanksgiving. We may rightly be concerned about some of the historical origins of this holiday and the giving of thanks for a land that early Americans often took by force from the original inhabitants. Often genuinely spiritual acts have a dimension of contrition. "Blessed are those who mourn; they shall be comforted."

And then we have every reason to believe that this comfort will be strong, deep and real. We do have much to be thankful for. Most of us have homes, families, food, jobs and friends. But most of all we give thanks for the presence, love and wisdom of God to guide us. Jesus promised: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Prayer: Lord, we do proclaim You the light of the world and give thanks. Come and shine into our hearts and minds. May we bring the light of Your wisdom and love to all that we do. Amen.



Thanks
be to
God

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November

- 7 Drew Monasky
- 9 Roberta Culmone
- 9 Robert Flowers
- 12 Logan Wozniak
- 13 Joyce Downes
- 13 Elizabeth Herman
- 22 Kathryn Owens
- 24 Kim Cahill
- 25 Tom Herman
- 28 William Brewer
- 30 Barry Hughes

December

- 5 Art Alarcon
- 7 Sharon Trapnell
- 8 Carol Hogan

Prayers of happiness and thanksgiving go out to our brothers and sisters in Christ for their **November Wedding Anniversary:**

Richard & Patricia Barnaby
November 13, 1971

Rick & Monica Ward
November 17, 1984

George & Kimberly Cahill
November 29, 1980



Beyond Borders Presbyterian Women's Mission Experience

Ann Blakely and Judy Kemper, residents of Las Cruces, New Mexico were part of a Presbyterian Women's mission study trip in April 2008, to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. They will be in Bethany's pulpit on Sunday, November 23 to share what they saw, heard and learned. Both are Elders, both are active in Sierra Blanca Presbytery and in the Synod of the Southwest.

They come with life-long commitments to mission in this world, both local and foreign. For them, living 45 miles from the border, "... foreign and local mission can be almost one and the same".

With a focus on immigration and its relationship to violence, poverty, racism, exploitation of women and children, the underlying scripture is Deut. 10:17-19: "For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

The visit of Ann and Judy is sponsored by the Bethany Women's Leadership Group, which had provided a small donation of support for their trip to Mexico. To provide more time for fellowship, questions and answers, the congregation is invited to a lunch immediately following worship. Chili is the featured dish, with some soups for non-chili persons. (No tickets or reservations necessary - a basket will be on the table for your offering, if you care to make one. All proceeds will be in support of Ann and Judy's trip, and in support of Bethany Women's ministry.)

Included in this special day of celebration will be a BOOK 'n BAKE sale. We've been given lots of brand new Christian books, and a nice assortment of gently used cook books. All are invited to eat lunch, browse book tables, and buy baked goods for the up-coming Thanksgiving Day feasts.

The weather should be wonderful, what a great time of church fellowship and relationship building.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - NOVEMBER 23, 2008



HELP US CONSERVE ENERGY
Please don't turn off the A/C
when you are done using an
area of the church.
TURN THE CONTROL DOWN
TO 85 DEGREES.
THANK YOU



WOMEN OF FAITH

The twenty-six seats we purchased are reserved at this time. But, if you are interested, give Joan Knafels your name and she will let you know if we have last minute openings. The 2008 Women of Faith Confer-ence "Amazing Freedom" is highly anticipated by one and all. This amazing experience is offered to all women in Arizona and there are many good, Christian ladies here at Bethany planning on sharing love, faith and enthusiasm in worship and prayer at this event. It will be held at the Glendale Arena (Jobing.com Arena) on Friday evening and Saturday, **November 21 and 22, 2008**. Keep in touch with Joan for open seats at the last minute, 623-937-7720.



November 1 Saturday Evening 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Everyone come on out; share in Christian fellowship and celebrate the fall season. Potluck dinner, games and costume contest.

All are welcome. Let your deacon know you plan to attend so we can prepare for the occasion.



SAVE THE DATE BETHANY SWAP & MEET NOVEMBER 15 8AM - 1PM

(set up Friday night before)

Call Rick Ward (623-930-9120) or Barry Hughes (602-789-8292) if you need donations picked up.

THE QUIET HOUSE... TRANSFORMED

YOU may be just the caring person who will make life better for a person whose home now is too quiet. Close your eyes... and imagine



Seniors Volunteers Info

Mary, an elder with a sparkle in her eyes. She knows that this is the day that her special volunteer will greet her with a warm smile and take her grocery shopping. There are many homebound "neighbors" waiting for help. Please go to www.centerdoar.org to see the real-time "map" that shows people currently waiting for grocery shopping, visiting, computer training, and other assistance (minus last names and exact addresses of course!).

Through our faith community's partnership with Beatitudes Center DOAR, our members have the opportunity to help homebound adults with a multitude of simple yet vital services. Please join in this interfaith effort. Attend a brief orientation to get started; call 602-285-0543 to register. If you know someone who needs assistance, he or she may call the same number to request help.

POINSETTIA TEA POURS LIFE INTO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

While afternoon tea is a comforting tradition in many cultures, it offers much more here in the Valley. It gives hundreds of people a way to reach out to others in need. "Where there's tea there's hope," ventured English playwright Arthur W. Pinero.



TEACHER ARRESTED

A public school teacher was arrested today at John F. Kennedy International Airport, as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a set square, a slide rule, and a calculator.

At a morning press conference, the Attorney General said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

'Al-Gebra is a problem for us,' the Attorney General said. 'They desire solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in a search of absolute value. They use secret code names like 'x' and 'y' and refer to themselves as 'unknowns,' but we have determined they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country.

As the Greek philanderer Isosceles used to say, "There are 3 sides to every triangle."

When asked to comment on the arrest, a prosecutor from the Attorney General's office said, 'If God had wanted us to have better Weapons of Math Instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes.'

Submitted by Adrienne Kellar

Beatitudes Center DOAR, our partner in service, presents its 18th Annual Poinsettia Tea on Sunday, December 14th at 2:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale at Gainey Ranch, 7500 East Doubletree Ranch Road. This holiday gala draws hundreds of guests who are treated to a traditional afternoon tea, complete with sandwiches, scones and dessert. Local personality Mike Chamberlin will entertain guests in an engaging and interactive performance. Destry Jetton, Arizona Midday Host with Channel 12, will serve as master of ceremonies. The Harp Foundation will provide enchanting music.

Proceeds will be "poured" into free services to people in need. Assistance includes grocery shopping for homebound adults, rides to medical appointments, caregiver support groups and support for congregational health programs. Tickets are \$60 per person of which \$27 is tax deductible. For reservations, call (602) 274-5022 by December 5.

Thank you for your support.
Sincerely,

Elizabeth Banta
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Beatitudes Center DOAR (Developing Older Adult Resources) is a nonprofit, interfaith organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for older adults and their families. Founded in 1981,



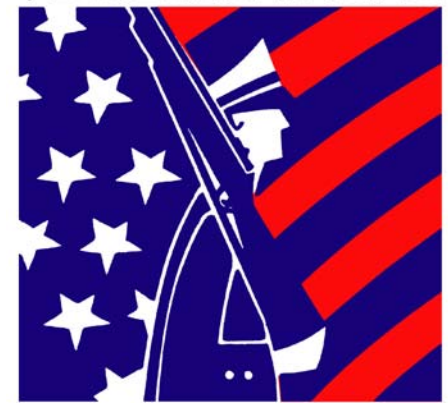
From the Bethany Mailbox:

From Fran Springer and Family:



Thanks to everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy on the loss of my mother, Doris Brown. We appreciated your cards and phone calls.

VETERANS DAY



November 11, 2008

Let's not forget to honor those among us who have served in the armed forces and also those who have given their lives for our freedom.

In this day and age, many do not know how immediate was the need and how courageously our brothers and sisters in Christ stood for our protection and the preservation of our nation in times of peril.

GOD BLESS OUR ARMED FORCES



2008

Saturday, November 1st
 9:00 AM Band Practice
 6:00 -8:00 PM Harvest Festival/
 Potluck Dinner

Sunday, November 2nd
 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00AM Worship
 3:00 PM Hispanic Ministry in Sanctuary
 4:00PM NA Group
 7:30 PM Romanian Ministry in Sanctuary

Monday, November 3rd

Tuesday, November 4th
 ALL DAY ELECTION POLLING PLACE
 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study
 in Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 5th
 8:30 AM Monthly Birthday Breakfast at
 First Watch Restaurant /East Access
 Road off I-17
 5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Live

Thursday, November 6th
 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee
 7:30 PM Romanian Ministry Prayer Meeting

Friday, November 7th
 6:30 PM Scrapbooking Club
 7:00 PM Hispanic Ministry Prayer Meeting

Saturday, November 8th
 9:00 AM Band Practice

Sunday, November 9th
 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00AM Worship
 3:00 PM Hispanic Ministry in Sanctuary
 4:00PM NA Group
 7:30 PM Romanian Ministry in Sanctuary

Monday, November 10th
 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, November 11th
 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study in Fireside Room

Wednesday, November 12th
 5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Live

Thursday, November 13th
 7:00 PM Worship Committee
 7:30 PM Romanian Ministry Prayer Meeting

Friday, November 14th
 7:00 Hispanic Ministry Prayer Meeting

Saturday, November 15th
 8:00 am to 1:00 pm SWAP & MEET
 9:00 AM Band Practice

Sunday, November 16th
 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00AM Worship
 3:00 PM Hispanic Ministry in Sanctuary
 4:00PM NA Group
 7:30 PM Romanian Ministry in Sanctuary

Monday, November 17th
 6:00 PM Villas Northern 2-3 HOA Mtg.
 Fireside Room

Tuesday, November 18th
 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study in Fireside Room

Wednesday, November 19th
 5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Live

Thursday, November 20th
 7:00 PM Session
 7:30 PM Romanian Ministry Prayer Meeting

Friday, November 21st
 WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE
 7:00 Hispanic Ministry Prayer Meeting

Saturday, November 22nd
 WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE
 9:00 AM Band Practice

Sunday, November 23rd
 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00AM Worship
 NOON MISSION SPEAKER &
 LUNCH & BAKE SALE
 3:00 PM Hispanic Ministry in Sanctuary
 4:00PM NA Group
 7:30 PM Romanian Ministry in Sanctuary

Monday, November 24th

Tuesday, November 25th
 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study in Fireside Room
 6:00 PM Villas Northern 1 HOA Mtg.
 Fireside Room

Wednesday, November 26th
 5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Live

Thursday, November 27th
 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study – All Welcome
 12:00 Noon Christian Education Meeting
 Pastor's Study
 7:30 PM Romanian Ministry Prayer Meeting

Friday, November 28th
 7:00 Hispanic Ministry Prayer Meeting

Saturday, November 29th
 9:00 AM Band Practice

Sunday, November 30th
 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00AM Worship
 3:00 PM Hispanic Ministry in Sanctuary
 4:00PM NA Group
 7:30 PM Romanian Ministry in Sanctuary

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WHAT I'LL DO AT BETHANY THIS MONTH:
