

General Information



COFFEE, PUNCH & COOKIES are served in the Friendship Center following morning worship. You are invited to join us. We would like to meet you.

HAS GOD BEEN SPEAKING TO YOU THIS MORNING THROUGH WORSHIP? Have you been carrying some burdens that you would like to give to the Lord? Do you want to spend some time in prayer this morning? If so, we would encourage you to linger after worship right where you sit. Spend a few moments in silent prayer. There will also be some members of Bethany's prayer team that are available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary.

BETHANY PRAYER CONCERNS – Please call Pastor Lon at (562) 866-1812 ex. 224 no later than Thursday afternoon to place your praises and needs on the prayer sheet.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS — are listed each week in the bulletin. To give to the listed cause, please use a blue envelope available in the pew OR use your regular giving envelope and indicate the amount you are giving toward the special offering. All cash placed in the offering plate goes to the general budget.

YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE by logging in at bethanycrc.ccbchurch.com. If you need assistance call Deanne in the office.

 **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK...AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!**  If you would like to use social media to keep up with things happening here at Bethany, then "like" us on Facebook at (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethany-CRC/468329003279601>) and follow us on Twitter (@Bethany_CRC).

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP/FOLLOWING JESUS (for children who are in Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade) will exit with the banner to join us for our worship time. Children may be picked up at 10:50 in the Following Jesus Room (which is the room above the kitchen).

Announcements

FLOWERS — If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please contact Lois Prins.

OUR FOOD PANTRY — is in need of fruit cups (mixed fruit, peaches or pears), cans of broth (chicken, veggie and beef) and Cup of Noodles (shrimp, veggie or beef). Donations can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or brought to the church office during the week. Thank you for your continuing support!

BETHANY FAMILIES ARE HEADED TO TIJUANA! On Saturday, October 28, we will spend the day in Tijuana with Bethany missionaries, James and Barbarita Lee. Our purpose will be to speak with, play with, pray with, and eat with members from one of the churches the Lees support. This will be fun and meaningful for everyone involved. Contact Pastor Lon to learn more or to sign up.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS FOR THE BETHANY FAMILY — We have begun serving dinner for everyone involved in our Wednesday night ministries. These are simple meals intended to simplify life for your family on Wednesday nights. We will be requesting a \$1 donation for each person eating ("buck-a-plate") to help defray the cost of the meal. Looking forward to sharing a meal with you!

LLLL BOOK CLUB — will be reading *The House at Riverton* by Kate Morton, one of our favorite authors. We will meet Monday, October 30 at Iris Wybenga's home at 7:15 pm. New members are always welcome. Call Sue Leck for info at 562-866-1812.

TALK TIME — Are you confused, hurting or grieving? Do you just need to talk? Pastor Jim Kok is available on Friday mornings here at the church. (Other times possible as well). Please call the church office at (562) 866-1812 Ext. 221 to make an appointment.

THE JUST CURIOUS BOOK CLUB will be discussing *They Almost Always Come Back* by Cynthia Ruchti at its meeting THIS Thursday, September 21, at 7:00 PM at Anaheim CRC. Call Stan Cole if you have questions.

MOB² (Men Of Bethany, Men Of the Bible) - *Honest Answers to Honest Questions*. Men tend to have questions about a lot of things. Some of our questions have to do with spiritual subjects. And we want to be taken seriously—we want honest answers to our honest questions. We find such encounters in the life of Christ. He was asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" by a rich young ruler. Philip asked, "How can we know the way?" Jesus gave honest answers to each of them and others. And He asked some tough questions of His own. If you or your friends are raising questions about the meaning of life, or about the truth of Christianity, this Bible study will suit you. Starting Tuesday, September 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Men meet in the Deacons Room (through the Choir Room door). Would you like to see the study questions ahead of time? Send Jeffrey Funk your e-mail: jeffrey.funk@hcmachaplains.org.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER — Great marriages don't just happen. Get intentional about taking your marriage to the next level at Family Life's Weekend to Remember marriage retreat. Bethany is getting a group together to go on the weekend of Nov. 17-19 in La Jolla. We've got a group rate which is \$100 off the regular price. Go to weekendtoremember.com to register or contact Pastor Lon for more information at 562-866-1812 ex. 224 or lwagner@bethanycrc.org.

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 9/10/17	\$9,446.36
<i>(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)</i>	
Faith Promise.....	\$485.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$797.00

COLLEGE BOXES — Many of our college kids have left for school and are settling in. We will soon be sending them "care packages" from their church family. If you have a child who is away at school or in the military please provide the church office with their current mailing address by e-mailing dgrachen@bethanycrc.org or calling (562) 866-1812 ex. 221 by September 30.

COLLEGE BOX DONATIONS — We will be sending out lots of boxes this year! If you would be willing to help out with some items to be included (some suggestions include individually wrapped homemade goodies, hot chocolate mix, candy bars, candy, gum, microwave popcorn, gift cards for Mc Donald's or Starbucks, individually wrapped snacks {such as Cracker Jacks, trail mix, cheese and crackers, etc.}, tooth brush, pens) please place your non-perishable donations in the box in the kitchen or church office. If you would like to bring home baked goodies, please bring them to church on Sunday, October 1, and leave them in the kitchen. We appreciate your help with this project!

THANK YOU — to those who supported our family with your condolences, cards, prayers, snacks, phone calls, and all expressions of sympathy during the time surrounding the passing on to glory of our mother, Winnie Ophorst. We are all very grateful and are continually being comforted and uplifted during this difficult time because of all of you! Thank you so much *œ Elsie Ophorst*

STICKY FAITH — continues this week! This fall we are learning how we (as a church) and we (as families) can nurture a lasting faith in our kids...a "sticky faith". This class meets on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. in the Hospitality Room and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. It's not too late for you to join us!

ETHNOS COMMUNITY CHURCH — invites Bethany to join them for a Worship Service & Open House on Saturday, October 7. This is a great opportunity to see the exciting things that are happening in our sister church. Worship begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served after. If you plan to join them for the meal, please R.S.V.P at ethnosc@gmail.com.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN'S HARVEST FESTIVAL — will be held on Friday, September 22 from 2:45 until 7 p.m. at the High School. There will be games, food, fun and fellowship.

WORLD RENEW volunteers will be working for many months to help those who are in the need as a result of the recent hurricanes. Their focus is on the survivors who are under-resourced and do not have the means to recover on their own. Please pray for those affected by the hurricanes and for the volunteers helping them. If you would like to make a donation to help bring hope not only now, but in the months and years to come please go to worldrenew.net/drs. You can also send a check with Hurricanes 2017 written in the memo section to: World Renew US, 1700 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508

Children's Ministry

TODAY

- **Little Lambs** (2 ½ to 4) in Room 9a at 9:30 a.m.
- **Children In Worship/Following Jesus** (Pre K—1st Grade) will meet this morning. Follow the banner after the worship time.
- **Sunday School** — Children meet in Room 12/13 at 11 a.m. and then are dismissed to their classrooms. They will be ready to be picked up in their classrooms at NOON. Classrooms: Pre-K to 1st Grade ~ Room 9B ▪ 2nd to 4th Grade ~ Room 25 ▪ 5th to 6th Grade ~ Room 22

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Family Dinner from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Activities for kids from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

- Nursery (0-3 year olds)
- Kingdom Kids (Pre-k to 1st Grade)
- Cadets (2nd – 6th grade boys)
- GEMS (2nd- 6th grade girls)

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!



On the Edge, Step Out! & Y.a.
 (7th & 8th Grades) (9th-12th Grades) (Age 18-28ish)

Sunday, September 17 — *Weekend Edition* (MS) and *AWAKE* (HS) will meet in The 2nd Story at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 17 — *Step Out* (HS) will meet for Open House. Please contact Caleb if you are interested in finding a home group to join.

Wednesday, Sept 20 — *On-the-Edge* (MS) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in The 2nd Story for small groups. Hope you will join us!

Wednesday, September 27 — *Golf N' Stuff Outing* (MS) Join us for Mini Golf, Go Carts and more. Meet at church at 6:00 p.m. and plan to return around 9 p.m. Cost is \$10.00.

All details can be found at bethanycrcyouth.org.

CONTACT INFO: cmiller@bethanycrc.org • Office: (562) 866-1812 ext. 228

Join us this week or pray for...

Today	Morning Celebration Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary Sunday School, 11:00 a.m., Room 12/13 Weekend Edition (JH Sunday School), 11:00 a.m., 2nd Story Awake (HS Sunday School), 11:00 a.m., 2nd Story Sticky Faith, 11:00 a.m., Hospitality Room Step Out ~ Open Homes
Monday	BSF, 6:50 p.m., Sanctuary Elders/Deacons, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
Wednesday	Coffee Break, 9:30 a.m., Friendship Center Community Outreach Dinner, 4:00 p.m., Friendship Center Family Dinner, 5:45 p.m., Friendship Center Family Night @ 6:30 p.m. — Nursery • Kingdom Kids (Pre-K to 1st Grade, Room 9a) • GEMS (Girls Grades 2-6, Room 12/13) • Cadets (Boys Grades 2-6, Cadet Room) • On-the-Edge (Grades 7 & 8, The 2nd Story) • Coffee Break (Hospitality Room) • Sticky Faith (Choir Room)
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving This Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti
Coffee After Worship: Camp Shalom—Mariotti/Zondervan
Post-Service Prayer: Terry and Sandy Binns
Foyer greeters: Gene and Donna Reitsma, Rich and Greta Rens
Patio greeters: Marv and Ginger Bouma
Ushers: Joe Wiersma (cap.), Erik Wiersma, Austin Wiersma, Don Hoekstra
Parking Lot: Todd Huckins, Mark Hugen
Parking Lot Assistant: Joe Wiersma
Nursery: Marybeth Flietstra (greeter), Jaci Hugen, Megan Huckins, Joshua Martinez
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Lori Rhodes, Mary Murray, Brooke Tolen
Library: Eileen Walraven, Nancy Curley

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti
Coffee After Worship: Camp Shalom—Mariotti/Zondervan
Post-Service Prayer: Greta De Young and Mary Jo Van Duyn
Foyer greeters: Daniel and Lori Rhodes, Joe and Susie Ruditis
Patio greeters: Don and Joycelyn Dykstra
Ushers: Joe Wiersma (cap.), Erik Wiersma, Austin Wiersma, Don Hoekstra
Parking Lot: Rob Kamstra, Tim Kamstra
Parking Lot Assistant: Ron Vande Vegte
Nursery: Onnie Bomgaars (greeter), Donovan Hoekstra, Jane Compton, Isaac Machado
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Sue Leck, Nancy Winters, Meg Pheifer
Library: Meg Pheifer, Jan Whitten

Church Staff and Council

Jim Kuiper ~ Minister of the Word ext. 223	Janis Westra ~ Worship Leader ext. 225
Lon Wagner ~ Minister of Discipleship ext. 224	Sue Leck ~ Financial Administrator ext. 229
Jim Kok ~ Pastoral Care (leave message) ext. 221	Deanne Grachen ~ Office Administrator ext. 221
Kendall Abud ~ Children's Ministry Director ext. 230	Caleb Miller ~ Director of HS and MS ext. 228
Faith Rietveld ~ Choir Director (leave message) ext. 221	Elsie Ophorst ~ Facilities Coord. (leave message) ext. 221

Deacons: Karla Anema, Ed Bakker, Sandy Binns, Chad Bomgaars (Deacon President), Rick Dykstra, Pam Eaker, Gerard Martinez, Art Pena, Todd Pheifer (Vice President), Jon Slager, Cindy Tanis (Secretary), Derek Zondervan
Elders: Ron Anema (Council President), Charlie Boerigter, Stan Cole, Keith Cok, Dave Dyer (Vicar/Clerk), Rob Kamstra (Elder President), Ron Kruid, Dave Ligtenberg, Henry Mariotti

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Morning Celebration Worship September 17 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 Choir
 Call to Worship
 Opening Song
 Greetings
 Songs of Praise
 Confession/Assurance
 Song of Response
 God at Work in the World
 Eric Sarwar
 Children's Message
 Congregational Prayer
 Message
 "PRAYER PURPOSES"
 Matthew 6:5-15
 Offering
 Special Offering: Outreach Fund
 Blessing
 Closing Song
 Postlude
 Preaching: Pastor Jim Kuiper

We provide loving care for your little ones during worship. The nursery is located close to the main entrance of the sanctuary in the southwest corner of the Friendship Center. 2 ½-4 Year-Olds are invited to "Little Lambs" in Room 9A which is located in the Education Building at the north end of the campus.

Next Sunday at Bethany...

Please join us as Pastor Jim Kuiper leads us in a time of worship and the Word.

Special Offering: World Renew