



Bethany Banner

[Bethany Community Church, 201 Birch Avenue, Grandview, Washington- June, 2021](#)

A Note from Pastor Mike:

I remember retiring from the Air Force and enjoying the last time I did certain things. It is different for me at Bethany as I realize I have moderated my last session meeting, will preach my last sermon as pastor, and am writing my last Banner article. These last things make me sad because I know how much I will miss being the pastor of Bethany Community Church.

You have been such a blessing to me and my family. Being a pastor is a gift from God. God allowed me to share in the lives of so many people that I would not otherwise have known. As I gained your trust and many of you opened your lives to me, relationships were formed that were deeper and more meaningful and my life was full because of you. Thank you.

We know that as Christians we have a ministry until we breathe our last breath. In Psalm 71: 5-9 we read, *"For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth. From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you. I have become a sign to many; you are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long. Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone."* I am old but I am confident that God will not cast me away or forsake me. Still, I wonder what ministry will look like in the future. Whatever it is I know that Bethany (each of you) has helped me grow in faith, love, knowledge, and fear of the Lord. Thank you.

Words cannot express how much I appreciate each of you and your love, support, and prayers over the years. We may not have always agreed on certain things, but you were always kind, caring, and supportive. As I said in a recent sermon, Bethany will always have a special place in my heart. Thank you and bless you.

Love and Blessings,

Mike and Linda

FROM JOAN SOUDERS, VISITATION PASTOR:

What sun we had blowing bubbles. In my visits I have taken small bottles of bubbles and we have taken time to blow bubbles. We laughed, we had contests to see who could blow the biggest bubble or the longest string of bubbles. You might think how childish and yet are told by Jesus “to come to Him like little children”. Every bottle had a heart that said “The Joy of the Lord is My Strength”. Mother’s Day cards were mailed to all the Moms. So when you see bubbles...
...remember, God takes our sin away like bubbles breaking.

God loves you. Joan

PLEASE PRAY

Praying in these difficult times is so important to keep us connected. If you have prayer needs, please call (1) the church office (882-3576) or (2) Joanie Bertram (882-3468) or (3) call your Deacon.

Assisted care: At Sun Terrace, Prosser—Billie and Suzie Oliver; at Orchard Park, Yakima—Blanche King and Evelyn Floyd; at Fieldstone, Yakima—Jean Wyckoff; at Sunnyside Care Center—Edith Higgins; at Brookdale, Richland—Bea Galey.

For church: Session, and Deacons.

For the Youth Ministry: Mari Larney, Terry Dahlstrom, and youth.

For our Nation and World: Strength and wisdom in fighting the Coronavirus.

Medical Issues: For Mari’s father, Ramon Navarro, recuperating from a heart attack;

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, JUNE, 2021

HEAD USHER: Dave Ballinger

LAY ASSISTANTS

GREETERS: (No hand-shaking yet)

June 6: Janet and Jennifer Larney

June 6: Lorri G- Dillman

June 13: Mari Larney & Janet Larney

June 13: Barbara Olmstead

June 20: Fela & Refugio Lara

June 20: Robin Smith

June 27: Janet White & Timmy Nunez

June 27: Dale Burgeson

Greetings from the youth group! As the weather is beginning to be amazing the youth group will begin to plan outings. Sunday, May 30, the youth provide dinner to 90 residents at Camp Hope. Everyone was most appreciative of the hamburgers. I want to also thank everyone for your help in providing meals to the youth on Wednesdays. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you,

Mari Larney



SENIOR SUNDAY

JUNE 6

Three graduating seniors will be honored in our worship service June 6. Baskets are available in the foyer to put cards/gifts. The following are the seniors:

Adri Graf; David Lepez; Elias Nunez

UPDATE FROM BETHANY SESSION

We are committed to following God's plan for Bethany. This includes providing programs for our current members, our community and for future members - Always following HIS plan.

Monday June 1, Session agreed to be the search committee for an Interim Pastor. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a session member.

The pulpit will be filled each Sunday with different individuals. Should you have a person that might help with the Sunday message please contact a session member.

Session members are:

Richard Shenyer, trustee

David Ballinger, trustee

Gretchen Lange, worship

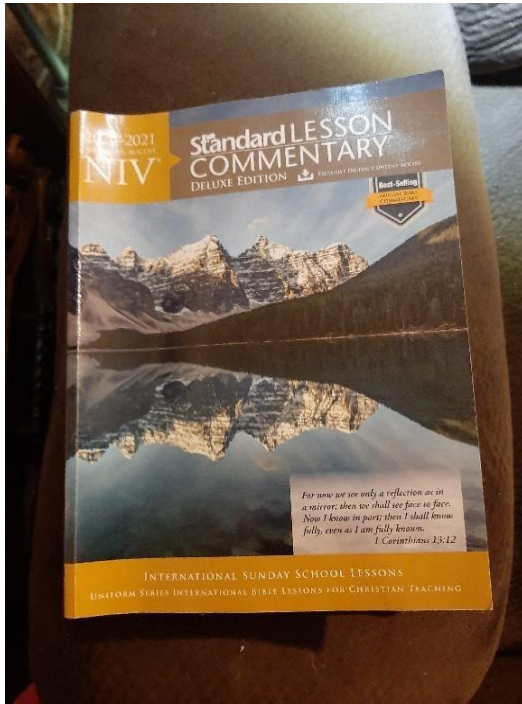
Alix Carlson, outreach/mission

Terry Dahlstrom, Christian Ed

Robin Smith, outreach/mission

The next Session meeting will be Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m.

Team meetings will be held 6 p.m. on Monday, June 14.



Adult Sunday School

NIV Standard Lesson Commentary

**Will resume in September after
Labor day weekend.**

Youth Meetings

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Upstairs in Youth Room

**Dinner/snack provided
by various people in
church.**

**7:00 – 8:00 P.M. Wednesdays
led by Terry Dahlstrom.**

You Are Never Alone by Max Lucado

Video and Discussion

For Zoom invite, please contact Alix Carlson

Received from the Grafs for Adri's graduation.



We invite you to a "Drive Thru" celebration!

Sunday, June 6, 2021 from 3:00-5:00 pm

1600 E. Alexander Rd., Sunnyside, WA

Bridal Shower



For

Adri Graf

June 17

6 pm

Bethany Community Church

201 Birch Avenue





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Dave Ballinger

2 Nancy Kragt

3 Jonathan Schlegel

5 Jenifer Larney

8 Ricardo Chuva Jr.

11 Bea Galey

13 Linda Werst

14 Bonnie Copeland

15 Adri Graf

16 Randy Dillman

17 Pete Hosko

25 Josh & Jen Schlegel

25 Bob & Diane Fortune

29 Richard & Pauline Shenyer

June, 2021

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

		1 8 AM <i>Men's Bible Study</i> <i>Session</i>	2 5:30-7:30 <i>Youth</i> 7pm- Zoom <i>Bible study—</i> <i>With Terry</i>	3 9am -Prayer <i>Team</i>	4	5
6 9 am Sunday <i>School</i> 10 Worship <i>Senior Sunday</i> Eric Meza	7	8 8 AM Men's <i>Bible Study</i>	9 5:30-7:30 <i>Youth</i> 7pm- Zoom <i>Bible study—</i> <i>with Terry</i> Call Alix to <i>get signed up</i>	10 9am -Prayer <i>Team</i>	11	12
13 10 Worship & <i>Communion</i>	14 6pm Teams & 7 pm <i>Session</i>	15 8 AM <i>Men's Bible Study</i>	16 5:00 Deacons 5:30-7:30 <i>Youth</i> <i>Bible study—</i> <i>with Terry</i>	17 9am -Prayer <i>Team</i>	18	19
20 10 Worship FATHER'S DAY	21	22 8 AM <i>Men's Bible Study</i>	23 5:30-7:30 <i>Youth</i> 7pm- Zoom <i>Bible study—</i>	24 9am -Prayer <i>Team</i>	25	26
27 10 Worship	28	29	30			

