



Bethany Banner

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

A Note from Pastor Joan Souders:

HOW DID I MEET CHRIST?

After graduating from High School, I went to the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs, CO.

I was active in church and yet I didn't know Jesus personally. Like many college freshmen, I got caught up in all the activities and social events that go along with being on your own. The Air Force Academy was a short fifteen minute drive from the campus I attended. So I was involved in many activities that included cadets from USAFA. This led to activities that involved alcohol. I began drinking and learned I am a really silly drunk. I also knew I wasn't very happy.

The Salvation Army was having a Youth Rally in beautiful Estes Park Colorado one weekend. My Dad came to me and asked if I could help him out by driving my car. I didn't really want to go but agreed I would. I was not expected to attend any of the meetings. They were just too religious for me.

Estes Park is breathtakingly beautiful. There was a group of college students at the Youth Rally. I had never met these students before and they were wearing The Salvation Army uniform. My thought was that these people are just religious fools. However, they invited me to join them.....WOW, was I ever wrong. We sat around and had some deep conversations about life, nature, philosophy and the future. The more I listened, the more I wanted to be with these people. On Saturday morning one of the young ladies challenged me to think about asking Jesus into my heart. I prayed that Saturday morning and my life was changed.

Four months after that prayer I left the University, broke up with my boyfriend (a Cadet at the Air Force Academy) and enrolled in The Salvation Army Training School in San Francisco. Thirty-four years of my life were in ministry with The Salvation Army. It was The Salvation Army that brought me to Grandview.

While at the University of Colorado I was a political science major. My dream was to go into politics. I believe my life has gone full circle.....God has honored the desire of heart.

Because I was willing to accept Jesus to live in my heart, I have been able to follow his plan for my life, which includes serving on the City Council.

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 Gale.

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: Amy Nunez---in bad accident (and children).

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, JULY, 2021

HEAD USHER: Kathy Ellertson

LAY ASSISTANTS—(Please no handshaking)

July 4: Janet White

July 11: Alix Carlson

July 18: Gretchen Lange

July 25:

GREETERS:

July 4: Ed & Pat Olsen

July 11: Joanie Bertram

July 18: Ida Mains

July 25: Irene Beaulaurier

Hello from the youth group,

Our youth group kids have been active working outside the church helping people with disabilities get some yard work done. Of course we are working later in the evenings so the weather is not so hot. If you know of anyone with a disability or that is unable to pay for yard work, please reach out to us so that we can make arrangements to go help. As always, our youth meetings are Wednesday nights from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, spread the word and follow us on Instagram

@BCC_youthgroup1.



Thank you,
Mari Larney

Mr. & Mrs. George Graf

Invite you to a "walk-in"

Reception in honor of the

Marriage of their daughter

Adri Mae to Alec James Douglas

Saturday, July 3rd, 2021

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Bethany Community Church

Fireside room because of the heat!!!!

WELCOME

We are having Spanish services here at the church on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Refugio Lara.

Please continue to pray for the Lara and Nunez families. The bad accident that daughter Amy, plus four children were in last week is still causing much pain. The children are: Elias, Timmy, Usiel, and Samaya.

Visitation Notes from Pastor Joan Souders

June has been very busy and challenging to say the least. I have seen a number of people who are not on my list. It has been good to visit with them and to share scripture and prayer. For those on the list it has been good to visit, share scripture and pray with them. This month I gave flashing light necklaces to celebrate flag day and the 4th. Sharing that as they light up their world...Jesus is lighting up their lives. I John 1:7 says if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin." I encouraged them to keep walking in the light. Let's all light up our part of the world...by walking in the light!

WORSHIP 'TEAM' REPORT – by Jean E.

At the last worship team meeting on May 18 there was a good discussion about how we could incorporate the music that is heard on Christian radio. We discussed the idea of having our young people sing (with recorded accompaniment) perhaps twice a month. On Senior Sunday, Mari, along with her daughters Vianney and Jennifer, Irene, Gelena, and Eli sang two songs: "Chain Breaker" and "Soul on Fire" that were sung with recorded background. Many of you might not know that Alix Carlson put in more than 6 hours obtaining the rights to use these two songs legally----(including paying for them). AND then Facebook deleted our service because they decided we were not legal in using these two songs---"go figure". This group with Mari practiced 3 nights and , at least, two hours each practice. In knowing these facts, hopefully, you can understand that if these "young people" can lead our praise songs even once a month with recorded background it will be with much effort from everyone. So, because of these problems, Mari suggested that they could sing with the regular praise team and contribute their expertise with knowing the newer songs.

This information is shared so everyone will know we are trying to have the "newest" songs. We do have access to the music that the CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing Inc.) have on their lists of songs. I believe the CCLI probably do not have the very latest songs because publishers and composers do need to receive profits from their songs. In the past several years we have been using many of the songs that CCLI call the top 100 songs being used today --- like "10,000 Reasons", "In Christ Alone", etc.

One other suggestion talked about in this meeting, was the possibility of hiring a "Worship Leader". Perhaps a younger man that could play guitar and sing. There are several churches, we understand, that are also searching for this type of "Worship Leader".

If you have a request for a praise song, please let me know. Thanks. Jean

NEW DIRECTORY

Alix Carlson and myself have been wanting to put together a new directory for some time and we had requested everyone to give or send a picture to Alix. She will take your picture also if you do not have a picture.

If you have a new phone number, e-mail, or address please let Jean know. Thanks.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE DECADES

We are having a party August 1st , 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for anyone who is turning 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, or 100 in 2021. So far, I know of six of our members who are having birthdays in these categories. Please let Alix know if you or someone you know is having a birthday for the decade Phone 439-2527 or e-mail alixdc@charrter THANKS.

This letter is from our Compassion child, Aldo, in Ecuador.

Dear Bethany Community Church, it is a joy to be able to send you greetings from afar through this letter. I just received your letters and I am happy to know that you and your family are doing well. During these months the pandemic has greatly affected the economy of my country. In the communities the families have suffered a lot since some days we did not have enough to eat because our parents were left without work. Up to this moment many of us do not have an income to support ourselves. Since our president declared a state of emergency, the schools have been suspended and since then we have been at home. I have been taking online classes. During the pandemic I learned to value my whole family. In the midst of all this pain God showed His infinite mercy and love because when we ran out of food He made you feel that you should continue to give me your help and the church gave me food so that my family and I can feed ourselves. Not everything has been bad because I can enjoy being with my parents and my siblings. Every day I take care of my animals since my mother goes to work very early and arrives in the afternoon. I really enjoyed hearing from you. I will continue to pray for you and your family so that the Lord will continue to take care of you and your family and multiply your blessings.

Please pray for this disease that is affecting the whole world so that God can bring us healing.

I want to thank you for the food kits, the sneakers, the school supplies and for the medical checkup I received when I needed it the most.

I also thank you for your unconditional help.



SUMMER WORKSHOPS

We are working on a plan for our summer workshops. COVID concerns and protocols are once again making it a challenge. We are also working with the school district to schedule around their summer program which has been expanded to a full day. We are hoping to offer workshops in Photography, Art, Gold, and Introduction to Sewing. Times and Dates are yet to be decided.

2nd HAND TREASURES

Beginning June 21, the store will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. New items will be set out in the store every Tuesday and Thursday. Watch for specials each week on our Facebook page ----
2ndHandTreasuresExtraMile.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Irene Beaulaurier
- 4 Robin smith
- 4 Becky Boose
- 10 Robert Hosko
- 11 Monique Diaz
- 18 Uziel Lara
- 20 David Skinner
- 27 Bob Fortune
- 28 David Rider
- 28 Josh Schlegel
- 29 Alix Carlson

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 George & Edie Graf
- 29 Refugio & Felicitas Lara

July, 2021

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

				1 <i>9am -Prayer Team</i>	2	3
4 <i>Independence Day 10 Worship And Communion Joan Souders</i>	5 <i>Office closed</i>	6 <i>8 AM Men's Bible Study</i>	7 <i>5:30-7:30 Youth</i>	8 <i>9am -Prayer Team</i>	9	10
11 <i>10 Worship</i>	12	13 <i>8 AM Men's Bible Study</i>	14 <i>5:30-7:30 Youth Bible study— with Terry</i>	15 <i>9am -Prayer Team</i>	16	17
18 <i>10 Worship</i>	19	20 <i>8 AM Men's Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Session</i>	21 <i>5:30-7:30 Youth 7pm- Zoom Bible study—</i>	22 <i>9am -Prayer Team</i>	23	24
25 <i>10 Worship</i>	26	27	28 <i>5:30-7:30 Youth 5:00 p.m. DEACONS</i>	29	30	31

