



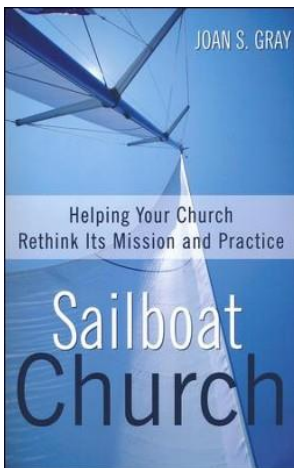
Bethany Banner

Bethany Community Church, 201 Birch Avenue, Grandview, Washington- September, 2021

A Note from Elder Alix Carlson:

Dear Bethany Family:

In between pastors is always an interesting time in the life of our church. We look forward to meeting a new pastor. We might even be anxious about this, knowing it could take over a year. My prayer is that we would stay positive and prepare ourselves for this person. The session covets your prayers for a new pastor. I challenge you (and me!) to pray every day for this person and that God would bring us together. If you miss a day, don't stop! Let's make September "30 Days of Prayer" specifically for this purpose as we start advertising the position. Let's prepare in other ways, too. We have had some excellent speakers leading worship this summer and have the calendar almost full for the rest of 2021! Praise the Lord for that! Come on Sundays when you can. Check out our webpage (bethanygrandview.org) or Facebook when you can't. Look for positive things that are happening. Give us your ideas for how to make Bethany better and ready for new leadership and the change that comes with that. Be open to change. Enjoy the company of our church family. Pray that we can be doers and not just listeners. Session has voted to study a book titled Sailboat Church:



Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice. This book was recommended to us by Bruce Armstrong who was impressed with the spirit at Bethany when he visited earlier and thought this book would be a good next step for us. "Rowboat churches depend largely on human effort. When membership declines and budgets shrink, they frantically row harder against a current, often frustrated and disappointed at their efforts. Sailboat churches, on the other hand, take up the oars, hoist sails, and rely on the Holy Spirit to guide them...Essentially rowboat churches and sailboat churches both require work in order to get to where God wants a church to go. But the difference is where the energy comes from. Are we tirelessly working by our own efforts? Or, are we willing to hoist the sails and let the Holy Spirit take us to God's desired destination?" I am excited about learning how we can become a sailboat church and am encouraged that many of you have signed up to join us. After Labor Day we will meet for no more than 45 minutes after church for 10 weeks. Books have been ordered with even a few extras for those who want one. I have finished the first chapter and have found it to be an easy read. In my head I know the Holy Spirit exists, lives with us, and is very powerful, but how do we unleash Him in our lives and at Bethany? How do we allow Him to be the wind filling our sails?

Do I know what that looks like? No, but I am excited to explore this possibility with all of you. We are not too old to learn new things! In James 4:2 it says, "You have not because you ask not." Let's ask God. Let's pray. Let's study and learn new things about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Let's be open to His Will. Let's get in the boat and see where God will take us. There's room for more! There's room for YOU! In Him, Alix

FROM OUR VISITATION PASTOR JOAN SOUDERS:

This month I shared with those I was able to visit the verse in Isaiah 40 about how when we wait (hope) in the Lord our strength is renewed. It is a daily renewing. I shared an "Amazing Grace" word search. A prayer of blessing concludes each visit.

Blessings to all,

The youth group has had a very exciting month. We started our month planning to ask for donations so we could help purchase back to school supplies and backpacks to help get the kids started for school; However before we could send out an email we received a very generous donation, which allowed us to get each of the kids a backpack, school supplies and a pair of shoes each. What a blessing that was!! That shows us that God shows up unexpectedly in such amazing ways. We are beyond grateful and very blessed for the love that we have received. We are also planning to start tutoring for the kids a couple times a week to help get them started for a very successful year.

I want to send out a huge thank you to everyone for going out of their way in helping us with meals on Wednesday nights.

Mari and all the Youth.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, SEPTEMBER, 2021

HEAD USHER: Kathy Ellertson

LAY ASSISTANTS—(Please no handshaking) SEPTEMBER GREETERS:

Sept. 5: Terry Dahlstrom

Sept. 5: Don & Ann Bentley

Sept. 12: Robin Smith

Sept. 12: Peggy & Gay Brewer

Sept. 19: Lorri Dillman

Sept. 19: Larney family

Sept. 26: Barbara Olmstead

Sept. 26: Don & Barbara Olmstead

Welcome Back to the Fall Season From Christian Ed.

Sunday, Sept. 12, begins Bethany's Christian Education Programs. We would like to offer Sunday School for ages 5 through 99.5 year olds. We will need some volunteers in this area. [Terry Dahlstrom](#) will be leading the adults. (In the basement in person and on Zoom.) Mari Larney has volunteered to teach the 7th grade through 12th grade. (In the Youth Room or possibly joining the adults in the basement.) For Kindergarten through 6th grade, we have Vianney and Jennifer Larney, as their work schedules allow, in the Elementary Room. We need a volunteer for the Sundays these young ladies have to work.)

Adults and possibly High School students: [Standard Lesson Commentary 2020-2021 & 2021-2022](#). Also, we will have Videos with Discussions between quarters. We will be starting with The Spring Quarter 2021, Lesson 1 (March 7), Prophet of Deliverance (page 233). This quarter is titled "Prophets Faithful to God's Covenant". These lessons highlight the faithfulness of God, who reveals to his people their need to be faithful to Him.

The Elementary Students will be learning about Jesus using the [Noah's Park Children's Church](#) curriculums for both Sunday School and Children's Church. We have the Red, Green, and Blue Curriculums to choose from with stories, puppets, and crafts. In addition to a volunteer to help on Sunday mornings when Jennifer and Vianney are working, we also need four or five volunteers to rotate Sunday mornings during worship for Children's Church. Our leaders would only miss Worship one Sunday a month if we can get enough volunteers. (Terry will be the substitute if someone can't make it at the last minute.)

Mid-Week Youth

We want to thank all of our volunteers who have graciously volunteered to provide food for the Youth on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to provide financial support that would be gratefully accepted. In order to connect with our Youth, on the third Wednesday of each month we are going to have a Potluck Supper with the Youth, (I know some of the adults have an event in Prosser,) followed with a short devotion for the adults while the Youth do their activities with Mari.

BIBLE STUDIES

8:00 a.m. Tuesdays, Souder's men's Bible study.

1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, women's Bible study with Janet White.

7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, women's Zoom Bible study with Alix/Terry.

PLEASE PRAY

Paying 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: Gay Brewer- back surgery. Dave Ballinger—back surgery planned.

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

For Comfort: Polly McKinney and family in the loss of her husband, Bill.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

Hope you are planning to pack one of these special “Shoebboxes” to send God’s love around the world. Now is the time to buy school supplies. Happy planning and packing. We will have shoeboxes available soon. Janet



What is Operation Back Room?

This project will help us organize the back room in 2nd Hand Treasures, which is the Extra Mile Student Center's thrift store. Our store has been open since January and is doing well! However, because of the influx of donations we have received, we have discovered a need to revamp our organizational processes in order to be more efficient. To do this, we are reaching out for YOUR HELP!

Below, you will see three different ways you can help us. We are looking for 5 sets of shelves, 60 totes, and several helping hands! We would love any support

you feel led to give! As always, we appreciate your support in helping us serve our students and the Grandview community. What is Operation Back Room? Ways you can help: Donate a shelf/tote - on the back side, you will see our desired shelves and totes. You can purchase one of these items and drop it by our location at 300 W. 2nd St. Grandview, WA 98930. Give towards the project - if you would like to donate a custom amount towards this project, you can send cash or a check made out to "Extra Mile Student Center" with "Operation Back Room" in the memo to: P.O. Box 652 Grandview, WA 98930 -OR- you can also donate on our website at <http://www.extramilecenter.org/>. Lend a helping hand - if you're interested in helping us reorganize our back room once we have the needed materials, please DM us on Facebook or Instagram or call us at 509-882-0363.



ADVANCEMENT EVENT

TUESDAY OCTOBER 12, 2021

RSVP LOFRIENDS.ORG OR 509-882-1899



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Don Bentley
- 8 Ann Bentley
- 13 Trish Drollinger
- 17 Joan Souders
- 24 Ida Mains
- 24 Bill Werst
- 28 Peggy Brewer
- 29 Sue Johnson
- 29 Judy Rice

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Ken & Aggie McPherson

SEPTEMBER, 2021

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			1 <i>1:30 pm Women's Bible study 5:30-7:30 Youth</i>	2 <i>9am -Prayer Team</i>	3	4
5 <i>10 Worship— Refugio Lara</i>	6	7 <i>8 AM Men's Bible Study</i>	8 <i>1:30 pm Women's Bible study 5:30-7:30 Youth</i>	9 <i>9am -Prayer Team</i>	10	11
12 <i>10 Worship and Communion Joan Souders</i>	13	14 <i>8 AM Men's Bible Study</i>	15 <i>1:30 pm Women's Bible study 6:00 All-church potluck & study</i>	16 <i>9am -Prayer Team</i>	17	18
19 <i>10 Worship</i>	20	21 8 AM <i>Men's Bible Study</i> <i>6:00pm Team meetings 7:00 SESSION</i>	22 <i>1:30 pm Ruth Circle 5:30-7:30 Youth Zoom Bible study— 5pm Deacons MEETING</i>	23 6:30 am <i>Priscilla Circle 9 am -Prayer Team</i>	24	25
26 <i>10 Worship COFFEE HOUR</i>	27	28 <i>8:00 a.m Men's Bible Study</i>	29	30		

