

LENT 2022

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Every Sunday

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship
(In-person, Zoom and
Live Stream)

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Wednesday Evenings

6:30 Choir Practice

April 12

10:30am—11:30am
Alamance Co. Public
Libraries Mobile Unit
Church Parking Lot

April 12

7:00pm Session Meeting

Holy Week

April 10 Palm Sunday

April 14

Maundy Thursday
6:00pm Dinner Church
& Fish Fry

April 15 Good Friday

April 17 Easter Sunday

Elders for the Month of
April are
Randy Cousins and
Chip Allen



Friends,

Welcome to our new quarterly newsletter! Your Session, Staff, and I have been working to come up with the best way to keep our communication up to make sure you are in the know about all the wonderful things we are doing here at Bethany. Transitional times for churches can be hard to navigate, especially if we don't feel like we know what decisions are being made. They are so much harder in the midst of this pandemic, where we aren't able to be together as often as we'd like. This also hurts our ability for all those wonderful informal chats we have with one another before and after the service. I think we've missed a lot being apart these past two months. Thus, we all want to do our part to make sure all of us are on the same page regarding what we are doing.

So, we are revamping our newsletter. Every quarter, for Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, Summer, and Fall, the office will put out a slimmed down version of "Bethany Press." It will highlight events, have a message from me (what you're currently reading) and go over various things about the transition, have pieces from people in the congregation, hear about our history as we discern where God is calling us in our next chapter – that sort of thing. In addition, your Session will produce a monthly recap going over what Session is talking about and what decisions they are making. They will also include a recap of Presbytery meetings as they occur. We all hope that these two productions, the Bethany Press and the Session Newsletter will help to keep us all informed and up to date about all the wonderful things happening in our community!

I hope this Lenten season is a blessing for you all, and I hope to see you all for Maundy Thursday's Dinner Church (we're doing a fish fry with the liturgy!) and Easter Sunday.

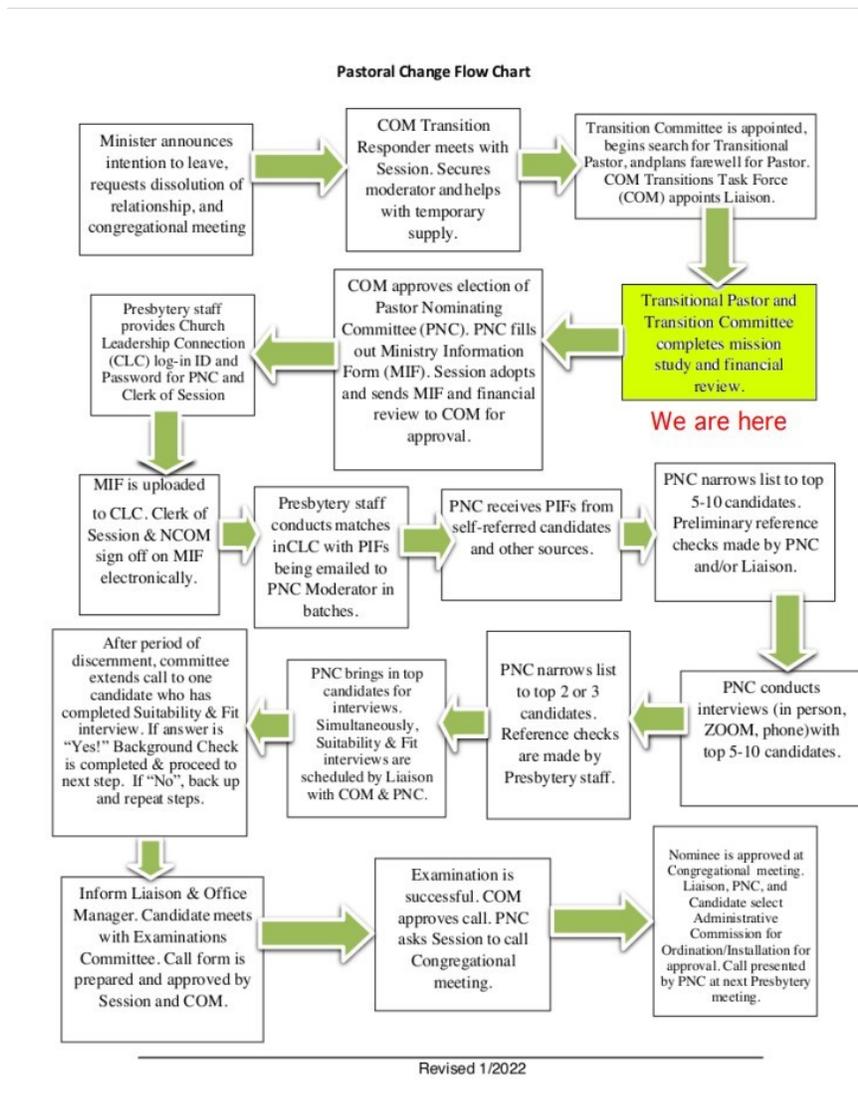
Peace,
Jon



TRANSITION updates

When you look at the Pastoral Change Flow Chart accompanying this explanation, you'll find that we are in step 4 of 17, which began when John announced his retirement and will end when the pastoral nominee is approved by you at a Congregational Meeting. I want to prepare you, because that little step all the way at the beginning of the process actually comprises the majority of the work I am called to do with you all (aside from, you know, being the pastor). Most of our time together will be spent in step 4. The reason this takes so long is that this step really does comprise the work of discerning who God is calling you to be in the next chapter of your journey as a church. This is the phase where I educate the Session on the work of transitional leadership (which we're currently doing). This is also the phase where the Transition Team gathers together regularly and frequently to learn about transitional leadership, delve into demographic information in our area, and conduct conversations with you, with our neighbors, and with community stakeholders all in the service of putting together our Mission Report. This is the document that will both guide the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) in their search for your next pastor and help Session discern God's calling for us as a congregation, making step 4 one of the most crucial, and extended, periods in your transition. If you have any questions or comments about the transition, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Pastor Jon





April 3	Lent Week 5	John 15:9-17, Love one another
April 10	Palm Sunday	John 17:1-25, Jesus prays
April 14	Maundy Thursday	Dinner Church / Fish Fry 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, the community meal
April 15	Good Friday	Revelation 5:1-14, the Lamb takes the scroll (video?)
April 17	Easter	John 20:1-18

Join us as we come back to worship in person and we will also continue our Zoom, Live Stream, and dial-in options.

LIVE STREAM

Check our website to access streaming (www.bethanypreschurch.org).

ZOOM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85107390570?pwd=ZFFFc0NnRVdCTEpueU96YkNEQWpaUT09>

OR

DIAL IN

301.715.8592

Meeting ID: 851 0739 0570

Passcode: 774659

Worship Recordings

[Missed a Sunday? Check out our worship online!](#)

There are several ways to access video and/or audio recordings of our Sunday worship:

On our website: www.bethanypreschurch.org/worship--bethany.html

On our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian

On our Boxcast page: <https://boxcast.tv/view/bethany-presbyterian-worship-650362>

Or by going to: www.buzzsprout.com/9198
(audio recordings)



Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County brings people together to build houses, communities, and hope.

Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County has organized a "Church Unity Build" of a home in Alamance County. The build is combining the efforts of several local churches of all denominations and ethnicities. The combined build is to bring the participating volunteer churches together for a common cause, to provide a home for a deserving recipient.

Bethany is proud to be one of the participating local churches in this effort.

The build will take place this May – July 2022.

There are several ways that we as a church can participate in the build.

Pray for the build, and for the "Unity" in our church community to be strengthened through this effort.

Volunteer on the build site for a shift (8-11:30 am on a Saturday) between May and July.

Lead a 5-minute devotion for a build shift (8am to kick off the shift)

Provide snacks for a build shift.

Provide a financial contribution toward construction costs.

The Bethany Session has established a goal of \$3000.00 to raise to donate towards the funding of the project. We will be working towards that goal through individual donations and a potential fundraiser in the coming months working up to and during the build.

We will be providing a survey soon to ask how you as Bethany members individually want to help participate in this effort. We look forward to working together, and to working with our community churches, and Habitat for Humanity!

Please add this effort to your prayers!!!

In Christ's Love –



What's Happening in Scouting

The following are upcoming events for Scout Troop 9:

- April 9th** Pinewood Derby
- April 25th** Scout Bridging Ceremony
- May 13th** Camp Out at Carolina Beach

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About our Offering

You are invited to make your contribution in one of four ways:

- drop it in the offering plate that is located at the narthex door (before worship) and in the narthex (following worship);
- mail it in to the church; drop it off at the church in person;
- or, use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on this page.

Thanks for your generosity and cooperation.

If you have any questions concerning our finances or your giving, please feel free to contact Pam Hurt, our bookkeeper, or Glenn Patterson, our treasurer.

Scan this QR code for direct access
to our Online Giving Platform



Your Church Staff:

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Elders:

Bill Abplanalp
Chip Allen
Helen Brown
Randy Cousins (Clerk of Session)
Karen Maxwell
Tina Patterson
Shelby Smith
Kim Snyder
Tracey Troxler

Maundy Thursday

Dinner Church



Thursday, April 14th

6:00 pm

Weather permitting outside at Recreational Building
Fish Fry sponsored by the Men of the Church
Donations Welcome!

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