



Dear Bethel Family,

Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” (Mark 5:22-23)

There are many contentious interactions between religious leaders and Jesus. In our gospel for Sunday, we see Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, repeatedly ask Jesus to heal his daughter. This story shows us the power of Jesus to heal and his heart for those whose loved ones are suffering. This simple and profound truth is worthy of our reflection and holding fast to. Join us Sunday!

Blessings,  
Pastor Ben Sandin

## Giving Update

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their Faith Promise form for the fiscal year that begins on September 1. So far, 69 families have submitted their form while last year we had 98 total forms returned. If you have not yet submitted a form, we kindly ask for you to consider doing so, as this information helps our budgeting process. There are extra forms available during worship on Sundays, in the church office, or on the Giving section of Bethel's website. Feel free to submit online:

<https://www.bethelcupertino.org/office/pledgeForm.php>

Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of Bethel's ministry and mission,  
The Stewardship Committee

## Sunday, June 30

*Led by Pastor Ben Sandin*

8:45am - Traditional Worship

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

10:45pm - Outdoor Worship

[Click here to see the Bulletins](#)



## The Week Ahead at Bethel

### **Sunday, June 30**

8:45am - Traditional Worship Service

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

10:45am - Outdoor Worship Service

### **Monday, July 1**

(Office closed)

9:00am - Men of Monday

9:15am - Quilters

### **Tuesday, July 2**

(Office closed)

### **Wednesday, July 3**

(Office closed)

6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship

### **Thursday, July 4**

**Independence Day**

(Office closed)

### **Friday, July 5**

(Office closed)

### **Saturday, July 6**

## Staff Meeting Tuesday, June 11

Click on the adjacent image to see what staff has to say.



**HELP ONE CHILD** help a foster child camper get needed supplies

Signs of Hope Camp

Collecting: towels, bathing suits, sweatshirts, PJs or sweatpants for 10 campers  
Pickup a donation card in the Narthex  
Bring your donation to Bethel by Sunday, July 28

## Help One Child Campers

Please help these foster kids enjoy summer camp by donating requested clothing items: PJ sets, swimsuits, and towels. Visit the Narthex for a donation card and instructions on giving. You may also donate to a scholarship fund for kids who are otherwise not able to attend this summer camp.

Contact is Mark Evashenk.

## Fun Foodie Friday (Monthly during the Summer)

Friday, June 28, 5-9pm, Front Lawn  
(also July 26 and August 23)

Come to the Bethel front lawn for dinner!  
There will be Food Trucks with different menus.



### Trucks on June 28 include:

Thai Thai, Himalayan Momo Land, Tacos el Ruffles, I Love Cheesesteak, Kona Ice.

### Trucks on July 26 include:

Himalayan Momo Land, Rico's Tacos, Road Dogs, Twister Food Truck, Kona Ice.

### Trucks on August 23 include:

Lemongrass Lane, Pupusa Time, Road Dogs, Tacos el Ruffles, Thai Thai, Kona Ice.

Everyone is welcome! Bring friends!



## Community Listening Project

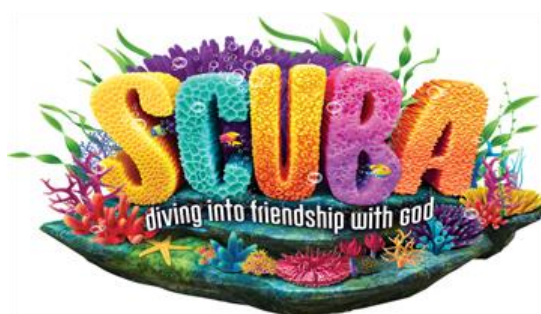
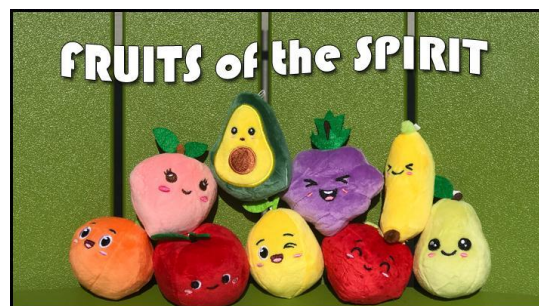
Sundays, July 21 & 28 at 9:50am  
in the Fireside Room

Bethel's Listening Project has been completed.  
Pastor Ben will report on the findings and cover  
what the next steps might be.

## Fruits of the Spirit

Summertime Take-out Church

The theme this year is "Fruits of the Spirit" - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. Please take a photo of yourself and a fruit (or more) while you are on summer vacation, and then email your photos to Amanda Laughlin. She will make a movie at the end of the summer, showing yours and others' submissions.



## Scuba VBS 2024!

Monday-Friday, July 8-12, 9am-12noon  
Afternoon care program at noon-5pm

Register your kids today for SCUBA VBS!  
This year there is also an afternoon program at  
noon - 5pm, for an additional cost and limited  
space.  
HUG (Help Us Go) Scholarships are available if  
this would be helpful for your child to attend.

Contact Amanda Laughlin. Register here:

[https://www.bethelcupertino.org/children/2024\\_vbs/index.php](https://www.bethelcupertino.org/children/2024_vbs/index.php)

Whether or not you or your kids attend VBS, you may participate in this year's VBS Service Project: Help Drive Out Hunger. Click [here](#) to get the details on how you can help.

## Out 'n About San Francisco Tiki Trek

Saturday, July 27 at 4:30pm

Aloha, friends! It's summertime, so get out your tropical attire and join us for a Tiki trek to some of San Francisco's most iconic Tiki bars. We will start with some tropical food at **Lost Resort**, and then we'll go on to drinking establishments like **Zombie Village**, **Tonga Room**, and **Last Rites**, sampling Mai Tais, Zombie Killers and everything in between. We will share some tiki lore on the bus. This Out n' About event is strictly for the 21+ crowd.

See the details [here](#).

Meet: Bethel Parking lot at 4:30pm

Contact: Ellen Aist

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/out-about-tiki-trek-tickets-915773080937>



## Bethel's Labor Day Retreat 2024

"Everybody Has a Story..."

Sunday, September 1 at Mt Cross camp

Everyone is invited to Bethel's Labor Day Retreat at **Mt Cross**! We have a full day of programming on Sunday, September 1 and a weekend option for those that want to spend more time at the camp. Look for the Labor Day Retreat table in the

Welcome Zone before and after worship during July and August to learn more and register!

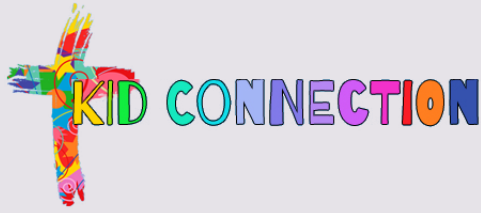
Check out all Labor Day Retreat info [here](#). And here is the [Labor Day Retreat handbook](#).



This year's theme is "Everybody has a story..." where we'll explore our own faith stories and those of our community. To help get your story-juices flowing, each week we'll look at one of the themes from Anne Lamott's book, [Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life](#) and ponder how that can be applied to our own faith stories.

### Here's your Faith Story Big Idea of the Week:

Anne Lamott declares that to find your own voice, you have to be honest with your reader. In the context of our faith stories, this might seem hard or scary. What about the parts of our stories that we're ashamed or embarrassed about? Well, if we try to sanitize our stories they'll end up sounding like the bland musings of ChatGPT. People don't want to hear stories with no voice. They want to hear stories with feeling - with excitement, thrill, joy, and triumph, but also with hurt, sadness, failure, and loss. Because at the end of the day, people want to hear stories that let them know they're not alone.



**Sunday School**  
Preschool-1st Grade Group  
Children's Choir  
3rd-5th Grade Group  
Parent Fellowship

### **Kid Connection Sunday School**

**Kid Connection is now on summer break until Sunday, September 8.**

Although we will not be meeting during Education Hour, join us for worship, and then head out to the playground after the first or second service. Amanda will have the bathrooms by the playground open for your use. This will be a great time for kids to play and for parents to connect with other parents.

### **Take Out Church 2024: Fruits of the Spirit**

This year's theme is based on Galatians 5:22-23, the fruits of the spirit: Love, Joy, Patience, Kindness, Goodness - Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self- Control.

If you have not had a chance to pick up your Take-out Church, pick one up in the narthex. The items we will be taking pictures with this year, are the fuzzy fruits with little faces. Please take them with you on your vacations or staycations and send the pictures to Amanda. She will be putting the photos together to make a movie that will be shown at the beginning of the school year this fall.

### **Scuba Vacation Bible School**

VBS 2024 is **Monday-Friday, July 8-12** from 9am-noon.

[Registration for VBS](#) is open now. There will also be an afternoon program that will be Scuba themed, for children whose parent(s) work full time, or for anyone who would find this helpful. There will be an added cost and it has limited space. Contact Amanda if you have any questions.

### **Scuba VBS Family Day**

**Sunday, July 14 at 11:45am-2pm** on the back playground

Everyone is invited to a Scuba celebration with The Lemon Grass Food Truck, Kona Ice, games and Water Slide!

*For more information and to receive the Kid Connection emails, contact Amanda Laughlin.*



### **Confirmation Class (6th, 7th, 8th graders)**

We will take June, July and August off from weekly Sunday classes but there is lots of fun stuff happening throughout the summer:

**Saturday, June 28**, 5-9pm on the front lawn -

We've got our first Fun Food Friday with 6 Food Trucks serving their assorted foods. Families and friends and everyone are welcome!

**Monday-Friday, July 7-12** -

Scuba VBS. Some of you Confirmands are helpers.

**Sunday, July 14** -

VBS Celebration Sunday is for everyone, with a Food Truck and Water-slide at Bethel.

**Wednesday, July 31** -

Have a day of River rafting.

**August** -

Pool Party (date TBA)

**Sunday, September 1** -

Kick off next year's classes during Bethel's Labor Day Retreat at Mt Cross.

*For more information about the Confirmation program at Bethel, contact Robyn Winegardner.*



### **Sr. High Students**

**Sunday, June 30**

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

**Wednesday, June 3 at 6:30pm**

Sr High dinner and fellowship

*For more information on Sr. High activities and to get on the email list, contact Tom Hoegel.*

### **Your Giving**

Here are the monthly Benevolence Giving Reports:

<https://www.bethelcupertino.org/insideBethel/index.php#Benevolence>

### **Ways to give to Bethel:**

Contact Fara Brock in the church office at 408-252-8500

or visit <https://www.bethelcupertino.org/giving>

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visit [bethelcupertino.org](http://bethelcupertino.org)*

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