



Dear Bethel Family,

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took

offense at him. (Mark 6:1-3)

This Sunday’s gospel picks up from last week’s miracles. After healing a woman who was bleeding for 12 years, and restoring life to a 12-year old girl, he returns home to a rude welcome. In his hometown, the people do not receive Jesus as a wise teacher, healer, or a Rabbi. Instead they can only see him as the son of Mary who was a carpenter. They could not receive Jesus because they knew him *too* well. Instead they rejected his ministry and chose to take offense. There is much to glean from this text, but one key is how Jesus handled this rejection. Many of us would be decimated by the rejection of those who know us best, but Jesus shakes off the dust and keeps going. Join us Sunday as we consider rejection, resilience, and recalcitrance.

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, **77 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, July 7

Led by Pastor Ben Sandin

8:45am - Traditional Worship

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

9:50am - SCUBA VBS Setup & Training

10:45pm - Outdoor Contemporary Worship

[Click here to see the Bulletins](#)



The Week Ahead at Bethel

Sunday, July 7

8:45am - Traditional Worship Service

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

9:50am - SCUBA VBS Setup & Training

10:45am - Outdoor Worship Service

Monday, July 8

9:00am - Men of Monday

9:00am - SCUBA VBS AM Program

9:15am - Quilters

12:00pm - SCUBA VBS PM Program

1:30pm - Caring Connection Program

Tuesday, July 9

9:00am - SCUBA VBS AM Program

10am-1pm Office Open

12:00pm - SCUBA VBS PM Program

Wednesday, July 10

9:00am - SCUBA VBS AM Program

10am-3pm Office Open

12:00pm - SCUBA VBS PM Program

6:30pm - Sr High Fellowship

Thursday, July 11

9:00am - SCUBA VBS AM Program

10am-3pm Office Open

12:00pm - SCUBA VBS PM Program

Friday, July 12

9:00am - SCUBA VBS AM Program

12:00pm - SCUBA VBS PM Program

Saturday, July 13

Bethel's New Sign

The new Bethel sign and planter has just been completed by Jacob Reidell for his Eagle Scout project. Special thanks to Jacob for his planning, coordination, and craftsmanship!



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

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

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.



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

Vacation Bible School 2024 happens this next week! See all the info online at:

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!

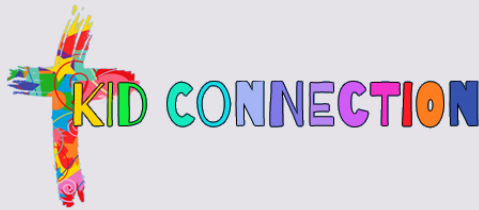


Check out all Labor Day Retreat info [here](#). And here is the [Labor Day Retreat handbook](#).

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 tells new writers: have faith in your ability to write, even when you think you're not doing a great job. This is something we all need to hear - not just writers. It is so easy to feel like we're not doing a good job at really anything in life - let alone being a "good Christian". But maybe it's not ourselves we need to have faith in. Maybe it's God we can have faith in - faith that God can work through us to do great things - even, and perhaps especially, when we feel like we're not doing a good job.



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

Kid Connection Sunday School

Kid Connection is 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. Amanda 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.
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 July and August off from weekly Sunday classes but will have fun stuff happening throughout the summer - We've got helping with VBS from July 7-12. A VBS Celebration Sunday on July 14 with Food Truck and Water-slide at Bethel. ALL are welcome. A day of River Rafting on July 31. A pool party in August, date TBA. Kick off next year's classes during the Mt Cross Retreat on September 1. Keep an eye out. I'll keep you posted. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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, July 7

9:50am - Sr High Gathering

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Sr High dinner and fellowship

contact Tom Hoegel.

For more information on Sr. High activities and to get on the email list,

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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