

BRYN SEION WELSH CHURCH

A home for all who seek Christian worship, fellowship, and singing in the Welsh tradition since 1884.

85th Annual Gymanfa Ganu ~ Mark your calendars for September 24th, 2023

11:am Church Service | 2-4pm Afternoon Gymanfa | 4-6pm Tea break | 6-8pm Evening Gymanfa

Dear Friends of Bryn Seion Welsh Church,

May 14, 2023

We are very pleased to have plans well underway to resume the annual Bryn Seion Gymanfa Ganu, [*Welsh Hymn Celebration*]. As noted in last year's newsletter, there has been concern that the usual Gymanfa date on the 4th Sunday in June has consistently become too warm to pack the church with singers without added ventilation which would be too costly and disruptive to install at this time. Changing the date was the easiest solution.

Nerys Jones of Seattle will conduct the afternoon singing and we will of course have a bountiful Welsh Tea (tickets \$12) at the Beaver Creek Grange. We are no longer able to use the field next door to the church for parking, but there will be ample parking at the Grange and in the Beaver Creek Telephone lot on Leland Rd, (near the intersection of Kamrath Rd., kitty-corner from Kissin' Kate's restaurant). Drive-through disabled drop off will be available at the church, with all guest parking at either of the lots mentioned. Follow the signs.

We will keep you informed later in the summer when all the program details have been confirmed.



In Person Church Services followed by a potluck lunch have resumed and back to normal on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. We held a Lessons and Carols service in December with a performance of Welsh Penillion singing by members of the Welsh Society of Oregon. A good way to celebrate being together again.

On 5th Sundays (approx. 4 times a year) we will continue to hold Zoom gatherings in order to stay in touch with folks who have been able to join us from afar and have reconnected during the pandemic. To "attend" a virtual meeting, send an email to BrynSeionWelshChurch@gmail.com to be added to the email list to receive a link.

As always, a special thanks to Pastor Larry Jorgenson for guidance, grounding, and the email sermons. He has provided the glue that has kept us together these many months.



We've had the perfect balance of rain and sunshine to bring May bursting with the flowers and greenery that have been planted and tended with care over the past three years. It has been good therapy. We continue to add native plants to the landscape, and the creek and little waterfall behind the church are flowing briskly with the spring rains. It's the perfect setting for peaceful contemplation.

Your continued support and generous contributions have enabled us to maintain the church buildings and continue the church's mission, every little bit helps.

Bryn Seion Welsh Church continues to support the local food pantry and homeless services. We applaud the people who keep charities and services functioning. We invite you to drop in on a 2nd or 4th Sunday at 11:00am, and plan to stay for lunch after. Keep well; God be with you till we meet again.

Please visit www.BrynSeionWelshChurch.org or email us at brynseionwelshchurch@gmail.com

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