

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

September 13th - September 19th

Today: Rally Day
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship/Communion
12:00 - Rally Day Fellowship

Monday: 6:30 - Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 - Boy Scouts
7:00 - Session Meeting

Wednesday: 5:15 - The Bells of Bethel
7:00 - Adult Choir

Thursday: 12:00 - October Tower Deadline
6:00 - Covered Dish Dinner
7:00 - Bible Study

Next Sunday, September 20th:

9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship
12:15 - Stewardship/Finance Committee Meeting

Greeters: Ellen Fitzgerald

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Cathy Hill to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Alfred and Sara Cash.

*Good morning and welcome to Bethel! Whether you are a member, a friend or a visitor please take a moment and fill out the friendship pad at the end of your pew. Don't forget to give the friendship pad to others to sign when you are done. Thank you!

*Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. In keeping with tradition, we will be using both wine and grape juice. The outside ring of cups contain wine while all of the others contain grape juice. We also offer a gluten free bread option.

*During the worship service today, the Christian Education Committee will be presenting Bibles to four of our children who are eligible to receive them: Cate Schooley, Ayla Janney, Alex Strausbaugh and Destiny Bosserman. The congregation is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service for refreshments and fellowship.

*The Session will meet tomorrow, September 14th, at 7:00 pm.

*The October Tower Deadline will be this Thursday, September 17th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the October Tower can be left in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or you can email them to: bethelpc@gmail.com. If you turn in items after the deadline Adrienne cannot guarantee they will be included in the Tower. When writing announcements for the newsletter please keep in mind the 5 W's: Who? What? When? Where? Why?. Please remember that all announcements and information are subject to editing. Thank you!

*ATTENTION ALL! There will be a Potluck Dinner this Thursday, September 17th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish and join us for a meal and an evening of activities for all ages. At 7:00 pm the adults will attend David's Bible study group. The young adults, youth, and children will then go to three assigned areas for appropriate age level activities. Bring a friend and join us for this special event and time of fellowship. We look forward to seeing you on September 17th!

*The Greenville Elementary School Reunion will be held next Saturday, September 19th, from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. It is for all who attended the school, any year and their guests. The reunion will be held at Greenville United Methodist Church and there will be a free will offering to cover expenses. Bring a covered dish to share. Drinks, plates, and utensils will be provided. For planning/head count or for more information please contact Barbara (Schooley) Gough or Martha (Ware) Simmers.

*The Stewardship/Finance Committee will meet next Sunday, September 20th, following the worship service.

*The Growth & Strengthening Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 6:30 pm.

*Mission @ Massanetta Springs Project There will be a Painting Party at Massanetta Springs on Saturday, September 26th from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm (you can come and go as you are able). The project will be the exterior of the Virginia Cottage, and others if time allows. Materials and lunch will be provided for all volunteers. For more information please contact Suzy Cothran at suzyc@massnettaspings.org. Thank you!

*The Witness Committee will be working the Food Booth at The Meeting Place (Middlebrook Road, Staunton) on Friday, September 25th and Saturday, September 26th. The Food Booth opens at 8 am and is open until 4 pm. Ways that you can help include volunteering to work in the Food Booth on Friday and/or Saturday for shifts from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Also, you can help by providing homemade baked goods: fruit pies, homemade bread and rolls, brownies, cookies, 1/2 a cake, candy, and peanut butter or chocolate fudge. If you would like to volunteer to help in the Food Booth or can provide baked goods, please contact Peggy Smith. If you are providing baked goods and would like to leave them at the church, please leave them in the Church Kitchen by 7 pm on Thursday night, September 24th. All proceeds go towards Bethel's mission projects. Please tell your friends and come and enjoy breakfast or lunch or both with us!

*Attention all 6th, 7th & 8th Graders! The Shenandoah Presbytery will be hosting a MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY at Massanetta Springs for all Middle Schoolers and Adult Leaders on Sunday, September 27, 2015. Please contact Irene Elliott by tomorrow, September 14th to register or for more information.

*Baja Sunday - September 27th, 2015 The 2015 Baja team will be leading the Sunday worship service on September 27th. Since 2000, teams from churches within the Shenandoah Presbytery have gone to Vicente Guerrero, BCN, Mexico to build homes for displaced Oaxacan Indian families. This year we completed three houses, making a total of 53 homes provided over the years. This was an extra special year for the team as one member accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized on the beach during our Communion Services the last evening. Join us for Worship!

*Baja Reunion Picnic at Springdale Water Gardens Tish and Keith Folsom are hosting this year's Baja Reunion at their gardens on **Sunday, September 27th, at 5:00 pm.** (In case of rain the Baja Reunion Picnic will be held at Bethel.) This event is open to everyone in the Presbytery and their friends, even if you have never gone on the mission trip. The meal will be covered dish so bring your favorite dish to share and/or another side, salad or a dessert. Plates, utensils, cups, napkins and some drinks will be provided. Since this will be more of a picnic style event, bring your chairs, blankets jackets, etc. to enjoy the evening. The reunion will be extra special this year because Asher Motola, our YWAM leader in Mexico will be joining us. We are excited to have Asher join us, to share his story, and to meet the congregations who have gone to Vicente Guerrero, BCN, MX for the past 15 years.

*The Growth and Strengthening Committee is very grateful to all who have provided refreshments for the after church reception going on for the last few months. We are still looking for someone to provide refreshments next Sunday, September 20th, so please sign up if you can help. We are also very appreciative of those who join us after church to make conversation, catch up with friends and enjoy the food and beverages provided. We couldn't do it without you! A new sign up sheet covering October, 2015 through February, 2016 will be placed on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall soon.

*Pastor David's office hours are changing! His office hours are now Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Thank you!

*If you would like to join Bethel Presbyterian Church, please feel free to contact Pastor David or a Session member. We would love to hear from you!

September 6th
Attendance: 56
Weekly Budget: \$3,589.00 Received: \$3,338.00



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Syrian Refugees Crisis Surrounding the Middle East and Europe What's Happening

The news has been filled this first week of September with chaotic scenes. 3-year old Alyan Kurdi, along with his brother Galip, their mother, and nine other Syrian refugees drowned during an attempt to cross the Aegean Sea in hopes of finding safety (over 2500 others have been lost in recent months attempting similar escape). Outside of the Hungarian capital of Budapest, trains packed with Syrian refugees have been halted at the order of the authorities, while the migrants inside refuse to leave because they know that they cannot survive being returned home.

Since the beginning of 2015, over 100,000 displaced persons from Syria, Northern and Middle Africa, Afghanistan, and Iraq have been registered in Hungary alone, but the authorities are unable to handle all the needs of the migrants as the numbers continue to rapidly increase. All countries surrounding the crisis region are feeling the same strain on their resources, and the situation will only continue to grow more dire.

For the past four years, the crisis in Syria has been escalating. Unimaginable violence and unrest across the Middle East and Northern Africa has grown to a level that has created one of the greatest humanitarian crises in current memory. Not since the Second World War have we seen such high numbers of refugees and displaced persons desperately seeking safety and refuge in lands not their own.

This week, we have been confronted with a visible image of exactly what is at stake: the lives—many of which have been lost—of men, and women, and small children... all of whom are beloved children of God.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to this crisis of forced migration in Europe in cooperation with our fellow members of ACT Alliance in working to provide support and refuge to those in need. This response is in addition to the ongoing work PDA has been doing with Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan, as well as Syrians remaining in their own country since 2011.

Stand in the Gap

Give.

Share your financial blessings to help with needs of the forced migrants. Designate your gift to DR000156—International Refugee. Individuals can give through their local Presbyterian congregation, online (www.presbyterianmission.org/donate), or by mailing a check to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

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Act.

- Follow the PC (U.S.A.) response on Facebook and share updates with your congregation and others.
- Help resettle Syrian refugees. Most coming to the U.S. do not have family or close friends here and need emotional, spiritual as well as physical support. If you are interested in becoming directly involved in accompanying a newly arriving refugee family or supporting them through in-kind donations, contact the nearest Church World Service (CWS) affiliate and ask to speak to their volunteer/outreach coordinator. If you do not live near a CWS affiliate and still want to be involved, please contact Susan Krehbiel to connect you with other resettlement organizations around the country.

Pray.

For all who have fled their home seeking safety in unfamiliar lands that they may find courage, strength, peace and welcome. And that those whose lands these forced migrants flee to may also find courage, strength and will not be overwhelmed in their outreach.



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