

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

March 23rd - March 29th

**Today:** 3rd Sunday in Lent  
9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering  
12:00 - PWCT Meeting  
12:00 - Witness Committee Meeting  
4:00 - Private Party (Fellowship Hall)

**Monday:** 6:30 - Cub Scouts  
7:00 - Boy Scouts

**Tuesday:** 6:30 - Growth & Strengthening Committee Meeting

**Wednesday:** 5:45 - The Bells of Bethel  
7:30 - Lenten Service at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

**Thursday:** April Tower Mailing

*Next Sunday, March 30th: 4th Sunday in Lent*

*9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Worship  
12:00 - Pounding Party*

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Greeters: John and Mary Ann Anderson

\*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Jean Callison in memory of loved ones.

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

\*Bethel is happy to welcome David Shearer as our new pastor and today will be his first Sunday giving the sermon here at Bethel. Please make sure to introduce yourself to David after the worship service today if you have not already done so.

\*The PWCT will meet today following the worship service.

\*The Witness Committee will meet today following the worship service.

\*The Growth & Strengthening Committee will meet this Tuesday, March 25th, at 6:30 pm.

\*The Community Lenten Service will be at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church on Wednesday night, March 26th, at 7:30 pm. Pastor David will be the speaker. Everyone is invited to this special service!

\*There will be a "Pounding Party" for David and Bonnie Shearer next Sunday, March 30th, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship. Refreshments will be provided. A "pounding" is a type of housewarming party to welcome someone and help fill their pantry. A list of suggestions is included on an insert in your bulletin. Anything would be appreciated and there is no need to wrap or bag the items unless you prefer to do so.

\*There will be an evening of music at St. John's Reformed Church featuring The Bells of Bethel and the Timber Ridge Handbell Choir (solos, musical duets and congregational singing) next Sunday, March 30th, at 6:30 pm. A free will offering will be taken to benefit The eCystic Fibrosis Association. Everyone is invited to this special event!

\*The Christian Education Committee will meet on Monday, March 31st, at 6:30 pm. (Please note the date and time change!) The purpose of the meeting is the preschool will be singing in church on April 6th and the committee will need to make final plans for that and the reception following, etc. All committee members need to make every effort to attend this meeting.

\*Through the month of March, the Communications Committee will have a display of logos that were submitted to become the new Bethel logo. Please vote for your favorite in Memorial Hall near the display. The winner will be announced in April.

\*On Saturday, April 5th, at 4 pm St. John's Reformed Church will have their annual Pork Tenderloin Supper. The menu is pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, gravy, stewed tomatoes, homemade rolls, and homemade pie. There will also be a bake sale/country store. Adults are \$12.00, Children 4 - 12 years are \$5.00 and children 3 and under are free. Call: (540) 885-2107 for more information or email: stjohsucc24401@aol.com.

\*On Sunday, April 6th, the Bethel Preschool children will sing during the morning worship service. There will be a reception following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall to honor the children. We will have lemonade and light snacks. Everyone is invited! Please join us as we celebrate this special time with the children.

\*Sunday, April 6th, will be St. John's Reformed Church Sunday at Cici's Pizza in Staunton. If you eat there before 4 pm and put the receipt in the designated jar, our neighbor St. John's will get 10 % of the sales.

\*Trash Pick-Up Day The Deacon's will be picking up trash along Howardsville Road on Friday, April 11th at 5:30 pm and Saturday, April 12th at 9:00 am. Trash bags will be provided but remember to bring gloves! A great deal of help is needed with this project so please make plans to attend and help in you can! Small children need to be accompanied by an adult.

\*The Witness Committee will be sponsoring a Rebuilding Together Project on Saturday, April 12th (rain date: April 26th) in Stuarts Draft. We will be constructing a 17' wheelchair ramp from the front porch to the driveway, clean construction debris from the crawlspace, reattach low hanging insulation or replace if needed, install a new vapor barrier and extend drain lines from two downspouts. This project provides opportunities for all ages and abilities and everyone is welcome to come and help! The project will start at 8 am, lunch will be served and if needed we will start the project on Friday evening after 4 pm. Please come join us for a fun day of working together! If you would like to help or have any questions, please call Peggy or Jug Smith at 540/292-0885. Thank you!

\*All Women of the Church are invited to The Spring Gathering at Masanetta on Saturday, April 12th, 2014, "Food Insecurity in the Valley" with speaker Ruth Jones from Blue Ridge Food Bank. A day of worship, learning, fellowship and lunch all included in the \$10 registration fee. Deadline to register April 7. Pick up your form on the table in the hallway next to the Choir Room. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Rivers (Bethel PWCT Moderator) or the Church Office. Thank you!

\*On Saturday, April 12th, at 1 pm the annual Bethel Easter Egg Hunt and Party will be hosted by the Growth & Strengthening Committee. All ages are invited and don't forget to bring your Easter baskets. Goodies will be provided!

\*Acolyte - a follower or assistant, somebody, especially a young person, who assists a member of the clergy in the performance of rites. Starting Sunday, March 23rd, Pastor David will be assisted by an acolyte at the beginning and the end of the worship service. If you are interested in being an acolyte, let Pastor David know. This position is open to anyone, of any age, who is able to carry the candlelighter. Our thanks to Ashlyn Almarode, who will be our first acolyte in many years. Pastor David has also asked for liturgists. If you are interested in reading scripture or leading the Call to Worship during the worship service, please contact Pastor David.

\*Pastor David's Office Hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9 am until noon. If you need to meet with him at another time please contact him to set up an appointment. 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!

March 16th  
Attendance: 118  
Weekly Budget: \$3,423.00      Received: \$2,122.00