

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

March 30th - April 5th

Today: 4th Sunday in Lent
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship
12:00 - Pounding Party
5:00 - VBS Planning Meeting at St. John's Reformed

Monday: 6:30 - Christian Education Committee Meeting
6:30 - Cub Scouts
7:00 - Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 6:30 - Growth & Strengthening Committee Meeting

Wednesday: 5:45 - The Bells of Bethel
7:00 - Adult Choir
7:30 - Lenten Service at St. John's Reformed Church

Next Sunday, April 6th: 5th Sunday in Lent

*9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship/Preschool Sunday
12:00 - Reception for Preschool
12:15 - Deacon's Meeting
12:15 - Stewardship/Finance Committee Meeting
2:00 - Session Meeting*

Greeters: John and Mary Ann Anderson

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Jimmy, Debbie and Jennifer Callison in memory of Waller Callison and other 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!

*We welcome Marion and Martha "Marty" Simmers who will be joining Bethel this morning. We are blessed to have them as part of our congregation!

*There will be a "Pounding Party" for David and Bonnie Shearer today in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is invited!

*There will be a VBS planning meeting today at St. John's Reformed. The meeting will begin at 5 pm.

*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) tonight at 6:30 pm. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Association. Everyone is invited to this special event!

*The Christian Education Committee will meet tomorrow evening, 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.

*The Growth & Strengthening Committee will meet this Tuesday, April 1st, at 6:30 pm.

*The Community Lenten Service will be at St. John's Reformed Church on Wednesday night, April 2nd, at 7:30 pm. Don Dixon from St. John's will be the speaker. Everyone is invited to this special service!

*Next 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: stjohnsucc24401@aol.com.

*Next 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.

*The Deacon's will meet next Sunday, April 6th, at 12:15 pm.

*The Stewardship/Finance Committee will meet next Sunday, April 6th, at 12:15 pm.

*The Session will meet next Sunday, April 6th, at 2:00 pm.

*Next 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.

*The Afternoon Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 8th, at 1:30 pm. (Please note the time change!) The meeting will be at the church.

*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 if 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. 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!

*The Communications Committee will meet on Sunday, April 13th, at 9:00 am.

*REMINDER: The Bethel Scholarship/Loan applications are due in by Tuesday, April 15th, 2014. Please leave your completed application in the Church Office. More information is available in the March Tower or if you have any questions please see: Dan Gano, David Schooley, or Sarah Frances Ralston.

*The Witness Committee will be working the Food Booth at The Meeting Place on Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd. The Food Booth opens at 8 am and is usually open until 3 - 4 pm. The following food will be sold: country ham buns with egg or cheese, tenderloin sandwiches, chicken sandwiches, cheeseburgers, hamburgers and hot dogs. Baked goods will also be sold. The Witness Committee needs 4 people to volunteer on Friday and/or Saturday for shifts from 8:00 am to 11:00 am and from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. The following baked goods are also needed: fruit pies, homemade bread and rolls, brownies, cookies, 1/2 a cake, and peanut butter or chocolate fudge. If you would like to volunteer to help in the Food Booth or can provide baked goods, please see 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, May 1st. Come help or come and eat with the Witness Committee!

*Attention Women of the Church: The PWCT is starting the process of updating the Bethel Presbyterian Women Yearbook and they need your help. If you would like to change from one circle to another please contact either Libby Smith, Phyllis Cash or Stephanie Rivers. Also, please make sure they have your correct phone number listed especially if you no longer have a home number and only use a cell phone. The deadline for changes is May 31st so the yearbooks will be ready for the Ladies Annual Dinner. Thank you!

*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.

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 23rd

Attendance: 118

Weekly Budget: \$3,423.00

Received: \$3,324.00

Four Cents A Meal Offering: \$352.00