

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

May 10th - May 16th

Today: Mother's Day
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship

Monday: 7:00 - Boy Scouts
7:00 - Session Meeting

Tuesday: 9:30 - Presbytery Meeting -
Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church; Hinton, VA
1:30 - Afternoon Circle
7:00 - Evening Circle

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

Thursday: Ascension of the Lord
7:00 - Ascension of the Lord Service at the Chapel

Saturday: Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday, May 17th:

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

Greeters: Dale and Libby Smith

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Lucy Sproul.

*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 is Mother's Day, and we honor all of our mothers, those living and departed. We also honor those who have been like mothers to us in their teaching, helping, mentoring, and aiding of others. God bless you all!

*The Bethel Pictorial Directory Committee hopes to have a directory printed and ready by the fall. Throughout the summer we will ask folks to come and have their photos taken. There isn't a schedule yet but there will be a session on May 31st. More schedule information will be available later. For our the directory cover page we would like to have a congregational group photo taken from the steps in front of the church. We will try for this photo following the worship service today. Thank you!

*The Session will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 11th, at 7:00 pm.

*There will be a service to mark the Ascension of the Lord this Thursday, May 14th, at 7:00 pm. The service will be at the chapel in the woods and will be led by Pastor David and Pastor Dennis Russell (Pastor at St. John's Reformed). Everyone is invited to this special service!

*There will be no Bible Study this week due to the Ascension of the Lord service. Bible Study will resume on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 pm. The Bible study theme is the Gospel of John. If you have questions please contact Pastor David at jdavidshearer@gmail.com.

*We are sure you have noticed the changes happening in Memorial Hall and the Bumgardner classroom. Furniture has been moved, the red swag and draperies have been removed and fresh paint is being applied to the walls and woodwork. Your Memorial Hall re-purposing team has put in many hours choosing colors, fabric and furniture in addition to deciding what pieces to leave and what pieces to move to the new History/Session room. If you are interested in learning more about this project, please join us in Memorial Hall after the worship service next Sunday, May 17th. We will be happy to explain our plans as we move forward.

*The Stewardship/Finance Committee will meet next Sunday, May 17th, following the worship service.

*If you have a child or grandchild graduating from college or high school or if you know of a person graduating, please let the Church Office know (bethelpc@gmail.com) by Wednesday, May 20th. Please give the graduate's name, name of the school, major (if applicable), the parent's names, and any additional information you would like to include. We will include this information in the June Tower and in the bulletin on June 7th. Thank you!

*The June Tower Deadline will be Thursday, May 21st. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the June 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 on Thursday, May 21st 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 May 21st!

*Pentecost Sunday is May 24th. On this special day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit who came down from heaven as tongues of flame. In memory of that event it is traditional for Christians to wear red on that day. Thank you!

*Please send your announcements for the weekly bulletin to the Church Office by 3 pm each Wednesday. Feel free to email the information to: bethelpc@gmail.com or you can place it in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall. Please remember that all announcements are subject to editing. Thank you!

***Be a Part of Community Change--Work at Valley Mission!** The Valley Mission in Staunton is currently seeking individuals to work during the midnight to 8:00 am shift. Duties include assisting residents with intakes, monitoring medication usage, supportive counseling, documenting staff notes with the computer, and a variety of other clerical and human services duties. In order to be considered for the position, applicants must pass a drug screening and a criminal background check. Previous experience in human services, education, and residential living is preferred. This is an entry level position with pay rates averaging \$8.50 per hour. For an electronic application, email: ashleecrawford@valleymission.net. For hard copies, please call the Valley Mission at 540-886-4673. Previous applicants need not apply.

*The Witness Committee would like to thank Jug and Peggy Smith, Sarah Frances Ralston, Ellen Fitzgerald, Jill Webb, Kathy Swisher, Beth Miller and Rhonda Johnson for all their hard work in the Food Booth on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd. Thank you to everyone who made and donated baked goods. Also, thanks to all the members who came and ate with us or bought baked goods. The proceeds were \$803 which will go to our mission projects. We will be sponsoring another Food Booth on September 25th and September 26th. Thanks for all your support!!!

*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!

May 3rd

Attendance: 90

Weekly Budget: \$3,589.00 Received: \$2,924.00