

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

May 3rd - May 9th

Today: Deadline: Mother's Day Corsage Order
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship
12:15 - Diaconate
12:15 - PWCT Meeting
6:00 - Pork Loin Dinner

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

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

Thursday: National Day of Prayer
7:00 - Bible Study

Next Sunday, May 10th: Mother's Day
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship

Greeters: Dale and Libby Smith

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Jackie Law.

*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!

*The Growth & Strengthening Committee is providing a time of fellowship following the service today. You are welcome to come and go as you please and enjoy a time of friendship with your church family. Light refreshments will be provided by Marion and Marty Simmers. There will not be refreshments next Sunday since this is Mother's Day. Today there will be a refreshment sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to volunteer to bring refreshments one Sunday. No need for anything fancy, just something to nibble on while we spend time with one another. See you in the Fellowship Hall!

*The Diaconate will meet today following the worship service.

*The PWCT will meet today following the worship service.

*Mother's Day Corsage orders are due today. You can place the order form with the payment attached in the offering plate. Thank you!

*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. The initial individual settings will be today, May 3rd, following the worship service. Bonnie Shearer and Penny Lee will have an area outside set up to take pictures. There isn't a schedule yet but we request that those who would like to start us off be ready for a photo session after church. There will be another 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 next Sunday, Mother's Day when we expect a large turnout to be present. Thank you!

*Today, May 3rd, there will be a pork loin dinner at Bethel to support Bethel's ongoing mission work. Dinner will be served starting at 6:00 pm until ? The menu is: pork loin, sauerkraut, seasoned green beans, baked potatoes, fresh baked rolls, and dessert. A free will offering will be taken. Come out for a good meal and fellowship!

*Chili's Spirit Day is this Thursday, May 7th, from 11 am to 11 pm. Let Chili's do the cooking for you while you support Bethel's 2015 Baja Mission Trip. Present the coupon "Chili's is proud to support Bethel Presbyterian Church" when ordering your meal and Chili's will donate up to 20% of the event day sales back to Bethel's 2015 Baja Mission Team. Coupons are available in your bulletin and in the vestibule at the back of the Sanctuary. Come have a night out and support a great cause! *Please note that you must present the coupon in order for Bethel to receive the donation and this offer is only valid at the Staunton Chili's location.*

*Adult Bible Study has resumed on Thursday evenings 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.

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

*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 on Sunday, May 17th.* We will be happy to explain our plans as we move forward.

*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!

*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!

*Please note that the painting of Memorial Hall has begun and is expected to take three weeks to complete. During that time Memorial Hall will not be able to be used for meetings, events, etc. and we are asking people to avoid going into Memorial Hall unless absolutely necessary due to the scaffolding that will be set up. Also, with the work being done in Memorial Hall the Church Office hours may be varied during the next few weeks. If you have a need feel free to call the Church Office as usual, and if no one answers you are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine, call Pastor David, or email the Church Office (bethelpc@gmail.com). Adrienne will be checking email daily during the week (Monday through Thursday) even if she is not in the office. Thank you for your patience while this project is being completed!

***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](tel:540-886-4673). Previous applicants need not apply.

*The Cake Walk for the Riverheads Weekday Religious Education was a great success. Thanks to the women and men who made cakes and to everyone who gave monetary donations. The amount raised for the Riverheads WRE was \$1,200.00. Thanks again!

- Louise Hoy and Joyce Davis

*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!

April 26th

Attendance: 90

Weekly Budget: \$3,589.00 Received: \$8,153.00

Four Cents A Meal Offering: \$274.00