

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

September 6th - September 12th

**Today:** 9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Worship

**Monday:** Labor Day  
Church Office Closed

**Tuesday:** 1:30 - Afternoon Circle (at the home of Libby Smith)  
7:00 - Evening Circle

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

**Thursday:** 7:00 - Bible Study

**Friday:** Patriot Day  
5:00 - Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday:** 9:00 - 3:00 - The Big Event at Massanetta Springs  
4:00 - Wedding

*Next Sunday, September 13th: Rally Day*

*9:00 - Communications Committee Meeting*

*9:45 - Sunday School*

*11:00 - Worship/Communion*

*12:15 - Rally Day Fellowship*

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Greeters: Ellen Fitzgerald

\*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Sarah Frances Ralston.

\*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 be having a time of fellowship following the worship service. 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 Betty Heizer and Rosalee Miller. Our gatherings after church continue to provide an opportunity for pleasant conversations among friends and good, light refreshments. Thanks go out to all who have provided the "goodies," as well as their time to prepare the set-ups. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall if you would like to take a turn. There are still Sundays in September open for those who would like to help the Growth & Strengthening Committee continue this reception time.

\*The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7th, for Labor Day.

\*The Afternoon Circle will meet this Tuesday, September 8th, at 1:30 pm. The meeting will be at the home of Libby Smith (180 Howardsville Road; Staunton). If you have any questions please contact Libby at 337-2058.

\*At the Circle Meetings this week the Presbyterian Women of Bethel urge you to support the Links of Love program. The Links of Love is a partnership between the Sunnyside Communities and the Women of the Presbyterian Church. Your Links of Love contributions are a lifeline that provides security and attentive care for those who can no longer provide for themselves. For more information please see the insert included in your bulletin. The special offering will be collected at the meetings on Tuesday.

\*Bible Study will resume on Thursday nights starting this week on September 10th at 7:00 pm in the Bethel Fellowship Hall. The Bible Study theme will continue to be the Gospel of John. If you have questions please contact Pastor David at 540/490-2258 or [jdavidshearer@gmail.com](mailto:jdavidshearer@gmail.com).

\*The Communications Committee will meet next Sunday, September 13th, at 9:00 am.

\*ATTENTION- RALLY DAY- CHANGE Next Sunday, September 13th, is the traditional Rally Day to begin the Sunday School year. Please note the change in the schedule this year. Instead of breakfast we will have a short program during the worship service to present Bibles to the children who are eligible to receive them. Following the worship service, join us for fellowship and refreshments. Please remember that Sunday School is for all ages! Classes meet from 9:45 am - 10:45 am. All are encouraged to make a commitment to join us for this time of fellowship and Bible study.

\*Communion will be held next Sunday, September 13th, during the worship service.

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

\*The October Tower Deadline will be 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 on 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 Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church will be having its annual Harvest Sale and Supper on Saturday, September 12th, 2015, beginning at 4 pm. The Family Style Menu includes: Country Ham, Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Lima Beans, Tomatoes, Pickles, Homemade Rolls, Apple Pie and Cherry Pie, Coffee and Tea. The price is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10. There will also be a raffle for a quilt (measures 78"x78") and a raffle for a bench (hickory wood - approx. size 48" long x 17" high). Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 7 tickets. Please contact Joe or Karen Vecchioli at 540-290-7619 or 540-290-7620 for tickets. Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is located off Rt. 252 (Middlebrook Road), South of Staunton on Route 694 (Mt. Tabor Road). Signs will be posted. The church telephone number is 540-885-4738.

\*The Greenville Elementary School Reunion will be held on 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 at 540/255-6521 or Martha (Ware) Simmers at 540/337-0342.

\*The Witness Committee will be working the Food Booth at The Meating 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 (540-292-0885; [jug27peg@yahoo.com](mailto:jug27peg@yahoo.com)). 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!

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## **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*

**Sunday, September 27, 2015**

CONTACT IRENE ELLIOTT BY SEPTEMBER 14TH @ 886-3554 OR 290-8354

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\*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!

August 30th

Attendance: 84

Weekly Budget: \$3,589.00 Received: \$2,080.00

4 Cents a Meal: \$200.00