

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 12th, 2016 - March 19th, 2016

•**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 to 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!

•There will be time of fellowship following the worship service today. Many thanks to Marion & Marty Simmers for providing the refreshments today! There continues to be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall and all those interested in taking a turn are encouraged to sign up. We are grateful for the refreshments provided and friends to talk to!



•The Community Lenten Service this week will be on Thursday, March 17th, Pines Chapel Presbyterian Church. The service will begin at 7:00 pm and the preacher is Rev. Dennis Russell. Everyone is invited to this special service!

•The April Tower Deadline will be this Thursday, March 17th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the April Tower can be left in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or you can email them to: bethelpc@gmail.com. When writing announcements for the newsletter please keep in mind the 5 W's: Who? What? When? Where? Why?. Please remember if you turn in items after the deadline Adrienne cannot guarantee they will be included in the Tower. Thank you!

Bethel Easter Egg Hunt



This Saturday, March 19th, 2016
(Rain or Shine)

1:00 pm till 3:00 pm

Bethel Presbyterian Church

All ages are invited, young and old!



Refreshments will be provided. The Easter Egg Hunt is for all ages and all children participating need to bring their own basket. Make plans now to attend this fun annual event!

•**Reminder:** Bethel will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during the worship service next Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 20th. Please see the One Great Hour of Sharing inserts in your bulletin for information about the offering and how your gifts will be used to help others!

•The Bethel Pastor Relations Committee invites all who can attend to join us next Sunday, March 20th, in the Bethel Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service for light refreshments to honor Pastor Shearer's two year anniversary. Please join us in celebrating his service to the Bethel family! No gifts please, however, cards are welcomed but your presence will mean the most.

•A community Good Friday service will be held at St. John's Reformed Church on the evening of March 25th. The service will begin at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited!

•Have you seen our chapel in the woods? This year we plan to hold our Easter Sunrise Service at the chapel followed by a covered dish breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that you drop off your food at the church kitchen and gather at the chapel at 7:00 am. The chapel is located behind the Scout Hut. As you turn on Bethel Green Road, take the first lane to the right. There is limited parking near the chapel and plenty of seating. In case of rain, the service will be held in the sanctuary. Join us for this special service and time of fellowship. Tell your neighbors and friends. Better yet, bring them with you! All are welcome!

•There will be a cross outside the front entrance of the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please bring fresh flowers to church on Easter to place on the cross.

•Reminder: The Bethel Continuing Education Loan Fund applications are due in by April 15th.

•Please send your announcements for the weekly bulletin and updates for the Prayer List to the Church Office by noon each Wednesday (unless otherwise noted in the bulletin). 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!



•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 6th
Attendance: 85
Weekly Budget: \$3,679.00 Received: \$3,615.00

General Fund Report (through March 1, 2016)
Estimated Budget: \$33,102.00
Actual Receipts: \$23,775.00
Actual Expenses: \$25,892.00

News from the
Congregational Care Committee



One of the functions of the Congregational Care Committee is to keep prayer requests going. This is done by telephone and/or email. The Congregational Care Committee is currently updating the Prayer Train list. The Prayer Train is used to contact people who do not have email but would appreciate a phone call about prayer requests.

The leaders for the two Prayer Trains are Sally Brubeck and Evelyn LaPorte. If you are currently on one of the Prayer Trains, you will be kept on, unless you contact one of them or the Church Office and asked to be removed. If you would like to be added to the Prayer Train list please contact either Sally or Evelyn or the Church Office. The deadline for being added or removed from the Prayer Train list is April 1st, 2016.

Please contact the Church Office if you have someone who has a prayer request and let Adrienne know if they would like their request to be added to the Prayer Train and/or put on the Prayer List in the bulletin and Tower.

Thank you!

Maundy Thursday - Meal & Service

On March 24th, Bethel will have a Maundy Thursday service. Reminiscent of the disciples' meal with Jesus in the Upper Room, our meal will be followed by the Eucharist. Plan to come to this special service: everyone is invited! So that we might be able to make adequate preparations, please fill out the reservation form below so that we might know about how many are coming. Please make your reservation by Sunday, March 20th, 2016.

Also, we need help in setting up, serving, and cleaning up after the meal. If you would like to and would be able to serve in any of those capacities, please let Jill Webb or the Church Office know. Thank you!



MAUNDY THURSDAY RESERVATION FOR DINNER AND WORSHIP AT THE TABLE

March 24th, 2016 - 6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

NAME _____

NO. OF ADULTS _____ NO. CHILDREN ATTENDING _____

Please place your reservation in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office (563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401) to be received by Sunday, March 20th, 2016. If you have questions please contact the Church Office at (540) 886-6041.



Easter Lilies & BERF Donations Form

You may order lilies at a cost of \$10.00 (tax included) each or you may make a monetary donation to BERF (Bethel Emergency Relief Fund). The Easter Lilies purchased and the donations made to BERF will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. To purchase a lily or make a donation please fill out the form below. The deadline for lily orders or to make a donation to BERF for Easter is Sunday, March 20th.

**Note: Please fill out the form completely. Sometimes forms come back not completely filled out and it can make things difficult when compiling them for the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Also, if you would like to order a lily and make a donation please use two forms (one for the lily and one for the donation). Thank you!*

Easter Lilies and BERF Donations Form

Please fill out the information below, attach the check or cash and place in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office: Attn: Church Office; 563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401. If you are purchasing a lily please make checks payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church. If you are making a donation to BERF please make the check payable to Bethel Emergency Relief Fund.
The deadline is Sunday, March 20th.

Number of Lilies _____ Check or Cash Total _____
or
Donation to BERF _____ Check or Cash Total _____

In Honor Of : _____

Given By: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Given By: _____