

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 31st, 2016 - August 6th, 2016

•The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Tammy Barbour in memory of her mother Betty Jo Townsend and in memory of her mother-in-law Louella Barbour.

•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!



•Lemonade on the Lawn will be held today following the worship service. Refreshments will be provided by Pastor David's Sunday School Class. Come and join us for this time of fellowship!

•Adult Choir practice resumes in August! The Adult Choir will resume practice on August 3rd after taking the months of June and July off. Choir practices are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. They would love to have new and returning choir members!



•The Bells of Bethel will begin practice again on Wednesday, August 3rd, at 7:00 pm. New bell ringers are always welcome! You do not have to be able to read music to learn how to ring bells. Bethel youth are welcome to join the bell choir. If you would like to play bells, please contact JoAnn Pendley.



•Please remember that the World Religions Class will not meet this week. Class will resume on Thursday, August 11th, at 7:00 pm.

•Pastor David's Sunday School Class will not meet next Sunday, August 7th.

•The Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 9th, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be at the home of Judy Olson.

•The summer of 2016 is going by amazingly quickly. July will soon be gone, school will be starting on August 9th this year, and after church refreshments will begin again on August 7th. That first Sunday in August is covered but the sign-up sheet looks pretty empty the rest of the month. Homecoming is August 28th, so that date is covered as well. All of your willingness and spirit of generosity has been something the Congregational Care Committee has been extremely grateful for in the past and we are looking forward to getting together again with our church family. Please remember the fun we have, the conversations shared, and the relaxed atmosphere we hope to encourage. This is an opportunity to leave the cares of this strange world we are living in today and be with those who share our faith, and our love for Bethel. So make your way out to that sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall! We will be putting up a new one soon.



•The Christian Education Committee is looking for ways to improve the Bethel Sunday School Program. Included in your bulletin announcements you will find a survey at the end of the announcements asking what can be done to help get you and your family involved in Sunday School. Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate by August 21st. If you would be willing to teach a Sunday School class or volunteer to help with Sunday School please put your name and contact information on the form. Thank you!

•The Women of the Church are asking for your help. We will be placing a sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall requesting help with food preparation, set-up, and clean-up when church events occur. This will cover funerals, the Homecoming meal, the Rally Day meal, and other events not covered by Committee sponsored projects. (Committee sponsored projects will provide their own staffing.) In the past, church circles have provided the necessary help. Now we want to open the opportunity to help with these important events to the broader congregation. Please consider in which area(s) you might be willing to volunteer and add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheet. Men are also welcome to sign-up! A master list of all volunteers along with their contact information will be created and you will be contacted when help with events is needed. Our church get-togethers bring us all closer, to each other and to our Christian community. Thank you! - Women of the Church



•Bethel is in need of volunteers to help in the Nursery during the Sunday morning worship services. If you would be willing to volunteer in the Nursery during worship services, please contact Briana Lawhorne. Volunteers serve once every three months. Thank you to all the volunteers who help with this valuable ministry!

•Did you know we have a new Kingsway Closet? Thanks to Tim Turner and his brother David, what was the stairway to the old men's room is now a closet. It is located just inside the side ramp entrance to the church near the Bumgardner Classroom. Please place your donations in this area instead of Memorial Hall. We thank you for your continued support of this local food pantry. Kingsway Help Center works in conjunction with The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and local organizations and individuals. Pantry Hours: Tuesday 9:00 am - noon and the 3rd Wednesday of each month 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Check with Rhonda Johnson or Kathy Swisher if you need more information. We will also be storing our sidewalk signs and banners in this closet. If you need to use any of these, please let the Communications Committee (Tabby, Tom, Tim, Chris, Penny or Jill) know.

•The Christian Education Committee would like to thank Bayleigh Lee, Lydia Lee, Emma Staton and Barb Gough for the very informative and interesting presentation during the worship service last week about their experiences at the Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs. Thank you for your willingness to share your experiences with the Bethel church family!



•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!

Community News & Events

Augusta County Fair - Gospel Night

Gospel Night at the Augusta County Fair will be Thursday evening, August 4th at Expo in Fishersville. The Crestmen Quartet will be performing at 8:00 pm. Get more information about Gospel Night and all the other events going on at the Augusta County Fair at: www.augustacountyfair.com.



Old Providence Preschool

The Old Providence Church Preschool Committee would like to spread the news that our Preschool has openings in the Four Year Old Class for the 2016/2017 school year. For more information, please visit our webpage at www.oldprovidencechurch.org/preschool, or call Barbara Marsh at (540) 886-8685 or the Church Office at (540) 377-2911.



July 24th

Attendance: 69

Weekly Budget: \$3,679.00 Received: \$2,696.00

Four Cents A Meal Offering: \$282.00

Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate by August 21st. Thank you!



Getting U into S_ nday School!

Our Sunday School program has really been suffering lately from your absence – what can be done to get U and your family involved again?

Check one (or more):

- Materials need to be improved.**
- I'm excited! Count on me to teach.**
- A family setting might work.**
- Maybe meet twice a month.**
- I loved Sunday School when I was a kid!**
- More activities for all ages.**
- It's hard to get everyone ready for Sunday School.**
- I don't feel that Sunday School is that important.**
- Sometimes it's boring.**

Comments/Suggestions: