

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 7th, 2016 - August 13th, 2016

- The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Evelyn LaPorte.
- 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 a time of fellowship following the worship service today. Many thanks to Marion & Marty Simmers for providing the refreshments this morning! We are still looking for people to provide refreshments during the month of September. Would you look at our sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall and see if there is a date you can sign-up to bring refreshments? Light refreshments, something to drink and a friendly face are all the ingredients required!
- The Evening Circle will meet this Tuesday, August 9th, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be at the home of Judy Olson.
- The World Religions Class will resume this Thursday, August 11th, at 7:00 pm.



**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLINE**

•The September Tower Deadline will be Thursday, August 18th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon.

Articles and announcements for the September 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!



•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 (*look for the pink sheet of paper*) 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!

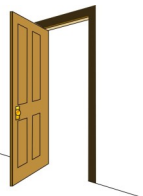
•***Bethel's Homecoming Sunday will be August 28th, 2016!*** We are honored to have as our guest on Homecoming Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin, Jr., Transitional Presbyter, Presbytery of Shenandoah, who will deliver the sermon. The 11:00 am worship service will be followed by a covered dish dinner. What better day to invite a friend, neighbor or member we have not seen lately than on Homecoming Sunday. See you in church!

•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.

•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!

July 31st

Attendance: 52

Weekly Budget: \$3,679.00 Received: \$6,460.00

## Events at Massanetta Springs



### The Big Event 2016 At Massanetta Springs

September 10th, 2016 - 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at  
Massanetta Springs, Harrisonburg, VA

#### A COMING TOGETHER OF ALL SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY CONGREGATIONS

The Big Event offers worship, music, a mission fair, and workshops to interest adults, youth and children as we celebrate our oneness in Christ. To discover what workshops are offered this year go to <http://shenpres.org/big-event-resources/>. You can also download The Big Event 2016 brochure and registration form and sign up to attend.

## Community News

### 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](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org/preschool), or call the Church Office at (540) 377-2911.



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?**

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**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:**