

C H U R C H ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 26th - April 1st

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Today	4th Sunday in Lent 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Four Cents A Meal Offering 12:15 Witness Committee Meeting
Monday	7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Young Life Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 Congregational Care Committee Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Adult Choir 7:00 The Bells of Bethel 7:30 Young Life Meeting
Thursday	7:00 Community Lenten Service at Redeemer Lutheran Church
Friday	Deadline: Silent Auction Items
Saturday	9:00 Church Wide Clean-Up 9:00 - 12:00 - Adopt -A-Highway Trash Pick-Up

Next Sunday, April 2nd: 5th Sunday in Lent

*9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:15 Diaconate Meeting
12:15 PWCT Meeting
5:30 Pork Loin Mission Meal & Silent Auction*

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jim & Charlotte Williams and Mary Williams Dransfield by Lynn & Eloise Moore.



•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!

•Rev. Malcolm Brownlee will be preaching and leading the worship service this morning. Malcolm Brownlee grew up in Rockbridge Baths, Virginia, and moved back there 10 years ago to retire. He has been pastor of churches in Hazard, Kentucky; Riverdale, Georgia; and Huntersville, North Carolina, and interim pastor of churches in Lexington, North Carolina; Beckley, West Virginia, and Fairfield and Rockbridge Baths, Virginia. From 1973 till 1984 he and his wife Sarah were missionaries in Indonesia. Bethel Presbyterian Church was one of their supporting churches during that time. Please let Rev. Brownlee know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

•The Weekly Community Lenten Service will be this Thursday evening, March 30th, at Redeemer Lutheran Church. The service begins at 7:00 pm. People of all ages including families with children are encouraged to attend!

•*Pork Loin Dinner & Silent Auction* Our annual Pork Loin Dinner will be held next Sunday, April 2nd, at 5:30 pm. Bob and Kenneth Olson will sponsor the meal with a menu of pork loin, sauerkraut, baked potatoes, green beans, baked apples, rolls and fried ice cream, with cooking assistance from Wayne and Kathy Swisher. A Silent Auction will also be held during the meal and donations of new or gently-used items are needed. *You may leave your donated items for the Silent Auction on the stage in the Fellowship Hall by this Friday, March 31st.* A free-will offering will be collected for the meal. All the money donated for the meal and collected from the Silent Auction will go to Bethel's mission projects. Please join us for a fun evening of delicious food, fellowship and great bargains to support Bethel's missions!

•Church Wide Clean Up... Roadside Trash Pick-Up

Next Saturday, April 1st, the Deacons invite all the members of our congregation to help us in our annual church wide clean up. We will be clipping bushes, removing debris, spreading mulch, maybe even moving a little furniture from one place to another in the church to find more storage space in our unused rooms above Memorial Hall. This will be going on from 9:00 am until we are done or decide we are just too tired to do any more. Anyone interested in helping or fixing our lunch will be welcomed with smiles and open arms.

On that same day from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm we will have our roadside clean up from Route 11 to Middlebrook Road. This is in conjunction with the Virginia Dept. of Highways who provide our safety vests and garbage bags. Last fall we didn't have enough helpers and had to continue our pick-up into the next week. If we have enough help we will be able to finish on Saturday morning. Having our roadway to Bethel free of litter from either direction says a lot for our church and benefits all who attend as well as those just driving by.

Please mark this day on your calendars and come out to help us keep Bethel and our roadway clean and beautiful.

•The Shenandoah Presbytery Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering will be on April 8th, 2017, from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center. Childcare will be available and the offering collected for the day will go to the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands in memory of Travis Wirt. Please bring travel size personal items (shampoo, soap, toothpaste) which will be shared with local women's shelters and children's homes. The Worship Speaker will be the Rev. Helen "Punker" Robertson and Special Music will be provided by Teresa Whitesell. The registration fee is \$5.00 per person and lunch is \$12.00 per person. Registration forms along with all fees are due April 3rd. Registration forms which are included with brochures about the event are on the table in the hallway next to the Choir Room.

•One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Bethel will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during the worship service on Palm Sunday, April 9th, 2017. Since 1949, Presbyterians have been giving from the heart in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to help those in great need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

•The Community Good Friday Service will be held at St. John's Reformed Church on the evening of April 14th. The service will begin at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited!

•Bethel Presbyterian Church Continuing Education Loan Fund

The Bethel Presbyterian Church Continuing Education Loan Fund (formerly the Scholarship/Loan Fund) was established a number of years ago due to the generosity of an anonymous donor to assist young people in furthering their education. Aid from this fund is available to church members for any post-high school education, including vocational schools, nursing, etc. Applications are available in the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following Continuing Education Loan Fund Committee members: Bill Brubeck, Dan Gano or David Schooley. The deadline for the return of the completed application together with attachments is April 15, 2017. Completed applications may be left in the Church Office or given to a member of the committee.

•Easter Sunrise Service April 16th, 2017

Bethel Youth with the assistance of adults would like to invite you to a Sunrise Worship Service at Bethel's Chapel in the woods at 6:30 am on Easter morning. We would like to continue the tradition of the past two years of having the service with breakfast to follow. Please bring your favorite breakfast dishes prepared and ready to share after the service. We had 60 people attend last year and would like to exceed that number this year.

•Due to changes in gmail's bulk emailing policy the Communications Committee is currently in the process of switching over to a new gmail account to send out Congregational emails. We are asking for your patience while we are transitioning over to the new account since the Bethel Office may be unable to send out congregational emails for a short period of time. Please remember that the bulletin, announcements, and Tower are all available on the Bethel website (www.bethelpresbyterianstaunton.org) if you do not receive them by email. Thank you!

March 19th

Attendance: 66

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$2,334.00



Maundy Thursday - Meal & Service

On April 13th, Bethel will have a Maundy Thursday service. Reminiscent of the disciples' meal with Jesus in the Upper Room, our meal will be followed by communion. 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. Reservations are due by Sunday, April 9th, 2017.

Also, we need help in setting up, serving, and cleaning up after the meal. Please let Jill Webb or the Church Office know if you can help. Thank you!

MAUNDY THURSDAY RESERVATION FOR DINNER & WORSHIP AT THE TABLE

April 13th, 2017 - 6:30 pm

Bethel 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, April 9th, 2017. If you have questions please contact the Church Office at (540) 886-6041.

Easter Lilies



Easter Lilies and 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. Please fill out the form 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, April 9th.

**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!*

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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: _____



Join us for our annual

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th

Bethel Church

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Bunnies | Refreshments

Easter Egg Hunt | Fun!

