

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 5th - March 11th

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Libby Smith.



•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!

•Pastor Thomas “Tommy” Carrico will be preaching and leading the worship service today. Tommy and his wife Abbey moved to Lexington, VA in 2013 when Abbey took a position as Assistant Professor of French at VMI. Tommy has earned a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary, an MA in Middle East and Islamic Studies from the American University of Paris and is currently writing his dissertation as part of a PhD in Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy at Florida State University. In addition to writing, Tommy is a full time stay-at-home dad with his daughters Vivian (4) and Quinn (10 months). Please let him know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

•The Weekly Community Lenten Service will be on Thursday evening, March 9th, at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church. The service begins at 7:00 pm. People of all ages including families with children are encouraged to attend and participate in these important worship services! Activity Stations will be set up for children at each service so they can learn about and participate in the Lenten season as well. For more information about the 2017 Community Lenten Services please see the insert included in your announcements.

•Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 12th. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday night!

•Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting next Sunday, March 12th, 2017, following the worship service, for the purpose of presenting the 2016 Annual Reports and the 2017 budget. Bethel's transition between pastors will also be discussed.

•Come join the Riverheads Weekday Religious Education program for “A Night of Praise” next Sunday, March 12th, at 6:00 pm, at Raphine Christian Church (5131 Lee-Jackson Highway; Greenville). We are including all groups and individuals including kid's groups. It could be a children's choir, bell choir, solos, duets or even a kid's band. (We would like to hear from children's groups . . . but we will also take others who would like to sing!) If you would like to share a special piece of music please contact Dana Cash (raphinechristian@comcast.net). A free-will offering will be taken for the Riverheads WRE program and a hand-made quilt (*see picture below*) will be auctioned off. Refreshments will follow the concert. Make plans now to attend this fun community event!



Full Size Batiks Quilt that will be auctioned off during “A Night of Praise” on March 12th.

•The April Tower Deadline will be Thursday, March 16th. 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!

•An “Evangelism: Different Models of Mission and Ministry” Workshop is being offered by the Shenandoah Presbytery and will be led by Rev. Dr. John Vest on Saturday, March 18th, from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. The workshop will be held at Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church (6410 Lee-Jackson Highway; Steeles Tavern, VA) and the registration fee is \$10.00 (lunch is included). Rev. Dr. John Vest is the Visiting Professor of Evangelism at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. This workshop is open to everyone from congregation members to ministers so make plans now to attend! Registration forms are due March 10th, 2017. Additional information about this workshop is included in the March Tower newsletter and registration forms are available in the Bethel Church Office.

•Fellowship Following Worship will be held on Sunday, March 19th. Many thanks to Marion & Marty Simmers for providing the refreshments!

•ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND PARENTS
The Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference 2017

The theme this year is “All Together Now” and is based on Galatians 3:28-29 “There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for we are one in Christ, Jesus. And if then you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise”. Anyone who has finished 6th thru 8th grade in 2017 is eligible to attend. The dates that Bethel is considering are June 22nd - June 25th or June 27th - June 30th, as Barbara Gough is available to attend as a counselor again this year. All applications for those wishing to attend must be submitted by April 3rd to prevent the \$35 late fee. The Conference may fill up quickly, so we need to receive all applications and make reservations as soon as possible. Scholarships may be available for those who need them! If you have questions, want more information, or are interested in applying for a scholarship please contact Marion Simmers ASAP. You can also check the Massanetta Springs website (www.massanettasprings.org) for more information. Thank you!

•American Red Cross- Home Fire Preparedness Campaign

We have all recently seen the effects of a home devastated by a fire. Bethel has been fortunate to be able to offer the Manse to a family who was in need after just that kind of horrifying experience. Now you can help prevent this from happening to you!

The American Red Cross is sponsoring the Home Fire Preparedness Campaign. All persons whether you own or are renting, no matter what income bracket you are in, can get FREE (10 yr.) Smoke Detectors installed in your home. Usually up to 3 per home but can be more depending on the size of the home. The Smoke Detectors are installed by vetted, experienced volunteers of the American Red Cross at your convenience. You pick the time and date. You might be thinking...."Well, I already have smoke detectors." More than likely, they are over 10 years old or original to the house or improperly placed in your home. Now you can upgrade at no cost to yourself and feel better prepared. All you need to do is call Viviana Cristian to set up an appointment at: 434-242-5585. Anyone interested with questions can also call Laura Barmore.

•We are in the process of updating the church email list. If you receive congregational emails but no longer wish to, please contact the Church Office (bethelpc@gmail.com). 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!

•Joyce Davis would like to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers when she was sick. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was appreciated!

•Thank you to Brian Lee and Dale Thompson for the beautiful, very functional shelf they built in the nursery. Now there is a place for the speaker that allows those keeping the nursery to hear programs being conducted in the sanctuary. Brian and Dale built the shelf in such a way to also conveniently display the clock. Please take time to go and look at their handiwork.

•Our sympathies and condolences to Yvonne Goodson and her family in the death of her son, Gary Goodson. Gary passed away on Wednesday, March 1st.

•If you would like to join Bethel Presbyterian Church, please feel free to contact the Church Office or a Session member. We would love to hear from you!

February 26th

Attendance: 82

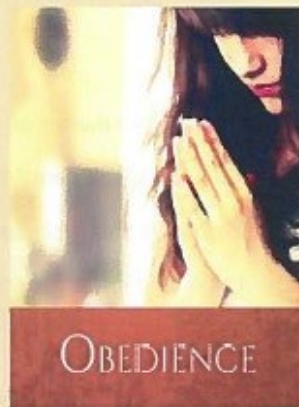
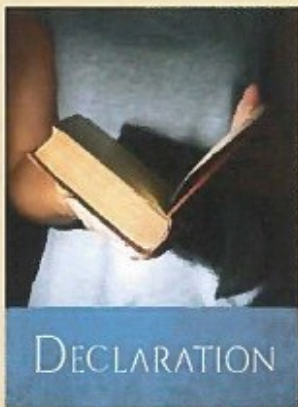
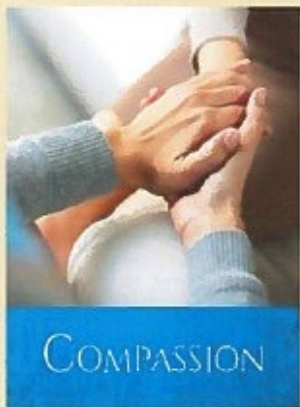
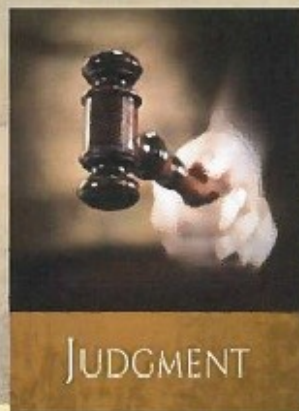
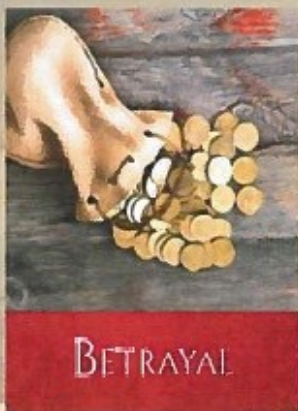
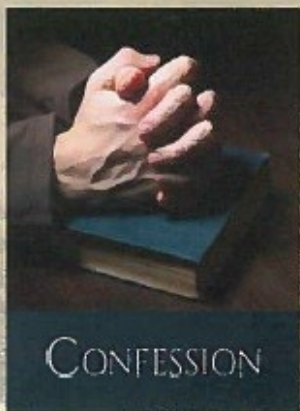
Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$2,066.00

Four Cents A Meal Offering: \$367.00

AT THE CROSSROADS

A SERIES OF SERVICES FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday at St. John's 7:00 AM-8:30 AM Imposition of Ashes—7:00 PM Worship
Thursdays In Lent 7:00 PM shared with Bethel, Mt. Tabor, Pines Chapel, Redeemer, St. John's



Activities for children at evening services

Join us for **At the Crossroads**, a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God's will in our many crossroads in life. Each week we will hear from different biblical persons about crossroads they came to in life. We will journey through Confession, Betrayal, Judgment, Compassion, Declaration, and Obedience. Ash Wednesday will include an Imposition of Ashes. All services will include readings from Scripture, a children's sermon, a character dialog, homily and hymns that help us to see the direction we must take as we encounter various crossroads.

Ash Wednesday

Imposition of ashes @ St. John's
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM
Evening Worship
St. John's @ 7:00 PM

Week Two

Judgement
Pontius Pilate
Pines Chapel @ 7:00 PM

Week Four

Declaration
Dialog with Peter
Redeemer Lutheran @ 7:00 PM

Week One

Betrayal
Dialog with Judas
Mt. Tabor @ 7:00 PM

Week Three

Compassion
Dialog with Malchus
Bethel Presbyterian @ 7:00 PM

Week Five

Obedience
Dialog with John
St. John's @ 7:00 PM

Now What?

We invite you engage with this season in a number of ways:

- Fast: Not just for self denial but so that when you are tempted to cheat you pray instead
- Worship: Engage this Holy Season in the company of other believers every Thursday Night
- Repent: Ask God if there is something in your life not in line with the Gospel; then use this season to begin the process of leaving it behind

YOU ARE INVITED TO KEEP A HOLY LENT!