

C H U R C H  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**April 30th - May 6th**

•The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Mary Ann Anderson.



•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!

•We welcome Rev. William (Bill) Painter who will be preaching and leading the worship service today. Bill is a retired member of the Shenandoah Presbytery and he lives at Sunnyside Retirement Community with his wife Louisa. They have two adult children and one small dog. Please let him know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

•Friends of Barnabas Starting in May there will be a container in Memorial Hall for donations of flip-flops for children in Honduras. Most of the young children there do not have shoes and their bare feet are subject to getting parasites. Donations of flip-flops will be distributed to children in need this summer through Friends of Barnabas. Thank you! - Laura Barmore

•Mother's Day Corsages This year in honor or memory of mothers on Mother's Day, the Worship Committee is offering red (honor) or white (memory) rose corsages for \$7.50. These are simple corsages that consist of a single rose, greenery, bow and a pin. In order to give Staunton Florist a count, we need to have the orders in by next Sunday, May 7th! Please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate. Don't forget to attach your money or check to your order. (Please make checks payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church.) Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Please check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Corsage      \_\_\_\_\_ White Corsage

•The Christian Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 10th, at 6:00 pm. We will be working on plans for Vacation Bible School in June. If you are interested in helping with VBS please make plans to attend!

•The annual Prime Rib Meal and Dessert Auction will be on Saturday, May 13th, starting at 6:00 pm. Please make your favorite dessert to donate for the auction! The meal will include prime rib, green beans, mac and cheese, and rolls. The meal is being sponsored by four families from the Witness Committee. This means that all of the money raised will go to our mission work. Please come and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

•Muffins for Moms This Mother's Day, Bethel would like to treat all Mothers to a muffin in Memorial Hall. All muffins will be put out before the worship service so plan to come early to pick up one and enjoy! It is our way to thank all mothers or women that fill that role in any capacity. Happy Mother's Day!

•If you have a child or grandchild graduating from college or high school or if you know of a person graduating, please let the Church Office know ([bethelpc@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpc@gmail.com)) by Tuesday, May 16th. Please give the graduate's name, name of the school, major (if applicable), the parent's names, and any additional information you would like to include. We will include this information in the June Tower and in the bulletin on May 21st. Thank you!

•A New Weekly Prayer Fellowship Group  
All are invited to participate in a weekly Prayer Fellowship which is beginning on Thursday, May 18th, at 2:00 pm. The group will meet in the Bumgardner Classroom. We will share inspirational readings, pray for those in need, and for the Bethel Church. This group will be facilitated by the Rev. Anne M. Ross. A second career pastor (formerly a Registered Nurse), Anne received an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2002. She led a weekly prayer group (which continues today) at the Elkton Presbyterian Church where she was the pastor for eleven years before she retired in 2015. Pastor Anne lives in McGaheysville with her two cats. Please contact Barb Gough if you have questions or would like more information about the class.

•Casserole Connection

It's time to restock the Bethel freezer. If you enjoy cooking or would like to help in any way in the kitchen please join us Friday, May 19th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Bring the ingredients to whatever meal you'd like to make and disposable containers. The meals we prepare are then placed in the freezer for anyone who may have a need. It's a great time of fellowship and we usually have good nibbles. It is open to all, you don't have to be female. If interested with questions please call Laura Barmore.

•Baja Fundraiser

Bob Olson and Kenneth Olson are going to Baja in July to help build a home for a family. They are having a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 27th at The Meating Place and need your help to raise funds for furniture and other household items for their Baja family. If you have any treasures you no longer need and would like to donate, please leave them in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, May 21st. If you have any questions please contact Bob. Thank you!

•Graduate Recognition Sunday & Lemonade on the Lawn

During the worship service on May 21st, Bethel will be recognizing those graduating from high school this year. Two of the graduates we will be recognizing are Jarod Davis and Harleigh Lee. (Please let us know if there are other graduates that we may have missed!)

The Congregational Care Committee is organizing Lemonade on the Lawn following the worship service to honor the graduates as well.

Come and join us as we celebrate our graduates together!

•Do you know what's happening in four years? Bethel will be celebrating it's 275th Anniversary (or dodransbicentennial) in 2021. So the Congregational Care Committee has begun to think of ways to celebrate! Do you remember what we did for our 250th Anniversary? Does anyone have a copy of the play written by Ginny Francisco? (Ginny has not found a copy.) Or do you remember being in the play? I'd love to hear from you if you can answer any of the above questions. Thank you!

- Barb Gough ([barbsgough@gmail.com](mailto:barbsgough@gmail.com))

•The Old Providence Presbyterian Church Preschool has openings for their 2017-2018 school year for the 3 year old class. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am until noon. Please contact the Church Office at (540) 377-2911 for questions and applications forms. You can also check out the church website ([www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org)) for more information. Thank you!

•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!

April 23rd

Attendance: 82

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$1,828.00

Four Cents A Meal Offering: \$253.00

21st Century Fund: \$2,000.00

21st Century Fund Balance through April 23rd, 2017:

\$8,977.00

*(\$6,000 reserved for the replacement of the Manse roof.)*

*(21st Century Fund is separate from the General Fund and is designated for capital improvements to Bethel property.)*