

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 14th - May 20th

•The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of Jean Callison & in memory of Hazel Stiles & other loved ones by Jimmy, Debra, and Jennifer Callison.

•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!

•Happy Mother's Day! Today we honor all of our mothers, those living and departed. We also honor those who have been like mothers to us in their teaching, helping, mentoring, and aiding of others. God bless you all!



•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!

•Augusta Regional Clinic Depot Grill Tip Night

Have a delicious dinner while helping provide healthcare services and medicine to thousands of our community's poor and medically uninsured. This Tuesday, May 16th, starting at 5:00 pm the Augusta Regional Clinic will host Depot Grill Tip Night at the Depot Grill in Staunton. Clinic Board members and staff will greet you at the door, seat you at your table, serve you delicious drinks and dinner, bus your table, and gladly accept your tip! Your "tip" check may be made payable directory to the Augusta Regional Clinic to receive a tax deduction for a charitable donation. Visit the Augusta Regional Clinic on the web at: www.augustafreeclinic.org or call them at (540) 221-6723 to learn more. Thank you for making a difference in our community!

•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) by this 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!

•*Please Note!* The Christian Education Committee meeting has been rescheduled for this Wednesday, May 17th, 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 June Tower Deadline will be this Thursday, May 18th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the June 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!

•A New Weekly Prayer Fellowship Group

All are invited to participate in a weekly Prayer Fellowship which is beginning this 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 this 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.

•Graduate Recognition Sunday & Lemonade on the Lawn

During the worship service next Sunday, 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!

•The Staunton Choral Society will present their 2017 Spring Concert "Toward the Light" next Sunday, May 21st, at 4:00 pm. The concert will be at Christ Lutheran Church (2807 N. Augusta Street; Staunton) and will also feature the Verona United Methodist Children's Choir and Xpressions Dancers. For more information about this concert and the Staunton Choral Society check out their website at: www.stauntonchoralsociety.org or their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety.

•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 Meeting 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 next Sunday, May 21st. If you have any questions please contact Bob. Thank you!

•The Witness Committee will be working the Food Booth at The Meeting Place on Friday, May 26th and Saturday, May 27th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. We are asking for donations of baked goods to sell. If you want to donate baked goods please leave them in the Church Kitchen by Thursday, May 25th. Half cakes or individually bagged cake slices sell better than whole cakes. Pies and brownies are a favorite of customers. If you would like to help work the food booth or have questions contact Kathy Swisher. Please come and support Bethel's mission work and eat with us.

•Attention Women of the Church: The PWCT is starting the process of updating the Bethel Presbyterian Women Yearbook and they need your help. If you would like to change from one circle to another please contact Barb Gough or Irene Elliott. Also, please make sure they have your correct phone number listed especially if you no longer have a home number and only use a cell phone. *(Please let Barb or Irene know if you are able to receive text messages as well.)* The deadline for changes is May 31st for the yearbooks. Thank you!

•Bethel Vacation Bible School 2017

Bethel's Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 5th through Wednesday, June 7th, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Dinner will be provided at 6:30 pm. The 2017 VBS theme is *The World is Us*, with emphasis on showing compassion, practicing tolerance, and demonstrating concern for our community and world. Our VBS will be family based, and all ages are invited! There will be Bible lessons for youth and adults, crafts, music and activities. Please bring your children and grandchildren, and invite your neighbors. If you would be willing to be a part of our VBS or have any questions, please contact Marion Simmers.

Bethel will also be having a nonperishable food drive to benefit Kingsway during VBS. This food drive is one caring and sharing activity of the VBS theme "The World is Us - One World, One People". Food items can be left in the Kingsway closet or brought to VBS. Thank you!

•The Summer Choir will be leading the congregational hymns and responses in worship during June and July. All singers are welcome, especially those who can sing harmony parts. Our regular choir members will welcome all who wish to join us. We will meet in the choir room at 10:40 each Sunday for a brief look at the service outline and then line up to walk in to the choir loft. We will not wear robes for this. The special music in June and July will be solos or duets from our choir and from guest singers or instrumentalists. If you have questions, contact Bob Moody.

•Save the dates on your calendar for Bethel's new Summer Vespers and Concert series. We'll have a hymn sing by request (just call out a number of your favorite), read a scripture, pray together in the evening prayer, and enjoy a guest musical group. Arrangements are still in progress for the groups, so watch for further announcements. We'll start at 7:00 pm and be finished by about 8:00 pm. The dates are June 21st, July 5th, and July 19th with The Stonewall Flutes of the Shenandoah as guest musicians on the July 19th.

•Friends of Barnabas

Please remember that there is 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

•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

•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!

May 7th

Attendance: 76

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$4,244.00

21st Century Fund: \$1,500.00

Financial Report - through April 30th, 2017

Estimated Budget: \$59,886.00

Actual Receipts: \$51,299.00 Actual Expenses: \$47,899.00