

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 21st - May 27th

•The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Alice Wooddell in loving memory of John Wooddell.



•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. Malcolm Brownlee who 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!

•Graduate Recognition Sunday & Lemonade on the Lawn

During the worship service today 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.

Lemonade on the Lawn will also be held following the worship service to honor the graduates as well. Come and join us as we celebrate our graduates!

•The Staunton Choral Society will present their 2017 Spring Concert "Toward the Light" today 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: stauntonchoralsociety.org or their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety.

•New Life Ministries will present the 36th Birthday Sharathon Celebration for WNLR 1150 AM on Tuesday, May 23rd, from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. Please support local Christian radio by listening to 1150 AM on Tuesday and consider making a donation. Donations of \$100 or more will receive a complimentary dinner for two gift card to a local area restaurant. For more information check out the WNLR website at: www.WNLR1150.com. Thank you!

•Weekly Prayer Fellowship Group

All are invited to participate in a weekly Prayer Fellowship which is on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 pm. The group meets 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. Please contact Barb Gough if you have questions or would like more information about the class.

•The Witness Committee will be working the Food Booth at The Meating Place next Friday, May 26th and next 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 this 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.

•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 next Saturday, May 27th at The Meating Place and need your help to raise funds for furniture and other household items for their Baja family. Make sure to stop by and check out the items they will have for sale!

•Bethel's Boy Scout Troop 13 will Present the Colors at the start of worship service next Sunday, May 28th, Memorial Day weekend. Troop 13 will also lead the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Christian Flag.

•*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. 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. *(Let Barb or Irene know if you are able to receive text messages as well.) The deadline for changes is Wednesday, May 31st for the yearbooks.*

•Let's PLAY BALL . . . It's that time of the year and Coffman Funeral Home would like to invite your family to enjoy a night with the Staunton Braves at "Church Family Night with the Braves" on Sunday, June 4th and/or Sunday, June 25th. FREE tickets are available in the vestibule at the back of the Sanctuary. Make sure to get the correct ticket(s) with the date for the game you wish to attend!

•*Bethel Vacation Bible School 2017*

Bethel's Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 5th through Wednesday, June 7th, from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm. A light supper will be served at 6:00 pm.

The 2017 VBS theme is "*The World is Us- one earth, one people*", 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 lessons for all ages, along with crafts, music and other activities. There will be an opening assembly each night with a short presentation by guest speakers. Please bring your children, grandchildren, or neighbors. *Please note that there will be an adult class offered each night.*

In keeping with our theme of caring and sharing, there will be a collection of canned goods for Kingsway on June 5th, 6th, and 7th, beginning with the congregation on Sunday, June 4th.

If you would be willing to be a part of our VBS or have any questions, please contact Marion Simmers.

Please make plans to attend with your family, and let's make this year's VBS like "old times".

•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 am 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. The Faithful Men will be the guest musicians on June 21st and The Stonewall Flutes of the Shenandoah will be the guest musicians on the July 19th.

•Do you know what's happening in four years? Bethel will be celebrating its 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

•*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

•Foster Parents Needed! Shenandoah Valley Social Services is looking for individuals who would be willing to be foster parents and possible adoptive parents for foster children in this area. Currently there are 145 children receiving foster care services through Shenandoah Valley Social Services, which services Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County. Currently there are 11 children from our local community who are waiting to be placed with their forever family! Please visit the Virginia Department of Social Services website (www.dds.virginia.gov) or Shenandoah Valley Social Services Resource Parent Home Page (www.resourcefamily.org) to learn more about foster care in the state of Virginia. For more information about becoming a foster parent, please contact Heather Hudnall at heather.hudnall@dss.virginia.gov or call (540) 245-5869.

•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 14th

Attendance: 87

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$2,772.00

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

We wish all the graduates God's blessings as they begin a new chapter in their lives.



Graduating from High School:

Jarod Davis - Son of John & Stephanie Davis; Graduating from Riverheads High School on May 22nd; Going to post-high next year at Wilson

Harleigh Lee - Daughter of Brian & Penny Lee; Granddaughter of Dale & Kay Thompson; Graduating from Riverheads High School on May 22nd with honors; Attending Blue Ridge Community College in the fall

Ryan Sensabaugh - Son of Eddie & Marsha Sensabaugh; Grandson of Irene Elliott; Graduating from Riverheads High School on May 22nd; Attending Blue Ridge Community College in the fall; Plans on majoring in Agricultural Science

Graduating from College:

Sarah Elliott - Daughter of Philip & Laura Elliott; Granddaughter of Irene Elliott; Graduating from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry

Joseph Katt - Son of Peter & Pam Katt; Grandson of Joe & Shirley Heizer; Graduating from Belmont Abby College in Charlotte, NC with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a minor in Theater Arts