

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 28th - June 3rd

•The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Keedie Leonard.



•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!

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

•The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, May 29th, for Memorial Day.

•*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 this Wednesday, May 31st.

### •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.

•Communion will be held during the worship service next Sunday, June 4th, Pentecost Sunday.

•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" next 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"!

•Serving Breakfast at Valley Mission

On Saturday, June 10th at 9:00 am, the Women of Bethel and the Witness/Mission Committee will again serve brunch at the Valley Mission. This mission is always well-received and appreciated by the residents there. We will serve breakfast casseroles, fruit (oranges and grapes) and quick breads (such as banana bread) and need donations of these items. Please prepare the casseroles in disposable pans and do not include nuts in the breads. If you can help, please call Rhonda Johnson or Doris True for details. If you would like to help us at the Valley Mission, please come. We would love to have you join us and we appreciate your donations!

•Lemonade on the Lawn will be held on Sunday, June 11th, following the worship service. Be sure to join us for this special time of fellowship!

•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.

•iCARE Reminder

iCARE - This is a reminder to those who help sponsor the child in the orphanage at Gore in Ethiopia. Her name is Derartu Fite. In order for the school to know how many students they will have in the fall, we need to get our payment to them in June. The total cost is now \$850.00 per child. Several people donate whatever they can and we usually get enough to cover this cost. If you have never donated, please consider doing so now. If you remember Cliff Gilkerson's talk during worship a few months ago, you will remember what a worthwhile mission this is. Your check can be sent directly to Presbytery or you can give them to me and I will send them in. Please pray about this mission. Thank you for your generosity! - Doris True

•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.

•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

•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](http://www.dds.virginia.gov)) or Shenandoah Valley Social Services Resource Parent Home Page ([www.resourcefamily.org](http://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](mailto:heather.hudnall@dss.virginia.gov) or call (540) 245-5869.

•*Thank you to the Bethel Congregation & Friends!*

Once again, you made our annual Prime Rib Dinner and Dessert Auction a great success! Because of your generosity, we raised \$5,805.00 and we hope that everyone enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship. The Witness/Mission Committee is blessed to be able to hold these events, blessed by the great support and generosity you give us and blessed to be able to use your donations to help those in need in our community and beyond. Thank you so much!

•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 21st

Attendance: 76

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00    Received: \$1,903.00