

CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 7th - May 13th

•The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Jean Callison in loving memory of Waller Callison and other loved ones.



•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 the Rev. Kate Rascoe who will be preaching and leading the worship service this morning. Rev. Rascoe is a recent transplant to the Shenandoah Valley, where God has called her husband, Clayton to serve Massanetta Springs Conference Center. Kate has “officially” served as pastor of three churches, all different in size, location, and makeup. She has also provided pulpit supply and moderator support to numerous churches in transition, and has served on several presbytery committees as well as a Special Offerings Ambassador for the denomination. Kate, Clayton, and their two girls love living here – there is so much to explore! She thanks your congregation for inviting her during this transition in her life and ministry. Please let her know how much we appreciate her being with us this morning!

•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 today! 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 annual Prime Rib Meal and Dessert Auction will be next 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

On 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 next Sunday 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) 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!

•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. On 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!

•Please Note! The Christian Education Committee meeting has been rescheduled for 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 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 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.

•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!

•The Staunton Choral Society will present their 2017 Spring Concert "Toward the Light" on 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 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!

•The Witness Committee will be working the Food Booth at The Meating 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.

•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

•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 application forms. You can also check out the church website (www.oldprovidencechurch.org) for more information. Thank you!

•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!

•The rose on the organ last Sunday was in honor of the birth of Marcus Gabriel Lennon. Marcus is the son of Phil & Lindsey Lennon, grandson of Bruce & Linda Lamond, and he has a big brother Francis. Congratulations on this new addition to your family!

•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 30th

Attendance: 66

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$1,678.00