

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 2nd - July 8th

•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!

•Pastor Thomas "Tommy" Carrico will be preaching and leading the worship service today. Tommy and his wife Abbey moved to Lexington, VA in 2013 when Abbey took a position as Assistant Professor of French at VMI. Tommy has earned a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary, an MA in Middle East and Islamic Studies from the American University of Paris and is currently writing his dissertation as part of a PhD in Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy at Florida State University. In addition to writing, Tommy is a full time stay-at-home dad with his daughters Vivian (4) and Quinn (1). Please let him know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

•American's Birthday Celebration 2017 at Gypsy Hill Park in Staunton will be tomorrow, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th. Activities will kick off tomorrow at 2:00 pm with the Opening Ceremony presented by Boy Scout Troop 30. Several groups will be performing tomorrow including the Stonewall Brigade Band from 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm. On Tuesday, July 4th, there will be a parade at 10:00 am, musical acts throughout the day, and a fireworks show at 10:00 pm. Make sure to stop by the Chick-fil-A booth at the park and help support Operation Christmas Child! For the entire schedule of events and other information go to: www.stauntonjulyfourth.com.

•The Church Office will be closed this Tuesday, July 4th, for the Independence Day holiday.

•Summer Vespers Service & Concert - This Wednesday, July 5th at 7:00 pm!

The Bethel Vespers Concert for this Wednesday, July 5th will feature Mpingo4, a clarinet quartet from the Stonewall Brigade Band. The name came from letters from the names of the members. Sharon Karst plays clarinet. She is from Hazlet NJ where she taught band and chorus, and then worked for a trucking company. After that she moved to Virginia and taught Special Education at Buchanan Elementary, from which she retired. She lives in Stuarts Draft. Nolan Walters, clarinet, grew up in the Atlanta area and retired as the Washington Correspondent for the Atlanta Constitution. He and his wife live in Staunton. Lucy Gaines, clarinet, grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas and was in the all state band there. She works as a physical therapist and lives in Craigsville with her husband and children. Playing bass clarinet is Tanya Faidley who grew up in Fort Smith, Arkansas and played in the all state band in Arkansas. She is retired from VSDB where she was curriculum supervisor. She and her husband live in Verona. All the members went from 30-40 years after high school without playing until they joined the Stonewall Brigade Band and then organized their quartet. Again we'll have hymn singing, organ music, scripture, a brief meditation, and prayer. Invite all your friends!

•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 share inspirational readings, pray for those in need, and for the Bethel Church. This group is facilitated by the Rev. Anne M. Ross. Please contact Barb Gough if you have questions or would like more information about the class.

•Presbyterian Women Annual Catered Dinner

All women are invited to the Annual Catered Dinner. It will be held on Tuesday, July 11th, at the Middlebook Community Center at 6:30 pm. The meal will be catered by Country Kitchen of Christiansburg and the cost will be \$15.00 per person. Please RSVP for yourself and your guests as soon as possible to Irene Elliott, Louise Hoy, Barbara Gough or Jackie Law. The PWCT will collect personal care items for the Valley Mission that night. Items needed by the Valley Mission include: Shampoo/Conditioner, Shower Shoes, Feminine Hygiene products, Body Wash, Deodorant, Reusable Shopping Bags, and Diapers - sizes 5 & 6. Please join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship!

•The August Tower Deadline will be Thursday, July 13th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the August 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!

•"Sharing the Bounty" Sunday

"Sharing the Bounty", our program of sharing our extra fruit and veggies with Kingsway, will start on Sunday, July 16th. "Sharing the Bounty" Sunday will also be held on August 13th and September 17th. Thank you for helping provide fresh food for those in need in our community!

•Massanetta Springs Bible Conference 2017

Massanetta's Bible Conference is July 23rd - 29th. We are lucky to live near enough to go up for a day or part of the day. Bible study at 9:15 am, morning worship at 11:30 am and the evening service at 7:00 pm. Other activities throughout the day. If you'd like to car pool, call Barbara Gough. For more information, see www.massanettasprings.org/conferences/bible-conference.

•Bethel would like to host a Blood Drive to give back to our community. Every two seconds someone in America gets a blood transfusion. Each donation of blood can help three people. In order to host a Blood Drive we need 20-25 people to pre-register. Our tentative date is Wednesday, August 16th, from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. We need these pre-registrations by the end of the month to reserve our date. There is a signup

sheet outside the office or you can call Laura Barmore to register. Anyone 17 yrs. or older can donate. If you know a neighbor or co-worker who donates, let them know about our Blood Drive. I'm sure each of us can think of a time when a family member needed blood. Now is the time to pay it forward. Give blood to save a life!



Blood saved my life. I want to give back.

•FREE - Hammond Spinet electronic organ, 12 pedals, not working, repairable? or for parts. Please contact Tammy Barbour if interested. Thank you!

•Host family needed for exchange student! Josua, a 16 year old student from Germany will be coming to the US for this coming school year. He will be attending Riverheads High School and needs a good family to host him. Josua is a very good student (GPA—4.0) and has good English. He likes sports and plays on the basketball team in Germany. He also hopes to play basketball here. Josua plays the piano and sings. He has sung in the choir since he was 10 years old. Josua also likes swimming, going to the movies, cooking, and hanging out with friends. His mom says that he is good with little kids and a reliable baby sitter. He will have his own spending money and health insurance. The host family provides room and board. Josua will be part of your family and join in on family activities and family chores. For more information please contact Cindy Miller, Local Coordinator for CIEE (the Council on International Educational Exchange) at chmiller@rockbridge.net. A host family orientation will also be provided. 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!

June 25th

Attendance: 80

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$9,139.00

Four Cents A Meal Offering: \$281.00

Organ Fund: \$148.00 (Vespers Service Offering)