

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 30th - August 5th



•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. 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!

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory by the family of the Reverend Doctor James A. McClure and Josie Gilkeson McClure, both former members of this church and both of whom are buried here at Bethel. The family has gathered in Augusta County this weekend for a triennial reunion, and three generations are worshipping with us this morning.

•Lemonade on the Lawn will be held today following the worship service. Come and join us for this time of fellowship!

•The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, July 31st through Thursday, August 3rd while Adrienne is on vacation. Please contact Bill Brubeck or Rhonda Johnson if you have a need. Adrienne will be back in the office on Monday, August 7th. Thank you!

•Attention: Adult Choir members and anyone who would like to help sing during the worship services. The Adult Choir will resume practice this Wednesday, August 2nd after taking the months of June and July off. Choir practices are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. They are looking for more singers in every section, particularly men who sing harmony. Everyone is welcome!

•The Bells of Bethel will begin practice again this Wednesday, August 2nd, at 7:00 pm. New bell ringers are always welcome! You do not have to be able to read music to learn how to ring bells. Bethel youth are welcome to join the bell choir. If you would like to play bells, please contact JoAnn Pendley.

•Augusta County Fair Gospel Night at the Augusta County Fair will be this Thursday evening, August 3rd, at Expo in Fishersville. The Gospel Harmony Boys will be performing at 8:00 pm. Get more information about Gospel Night and all the other events going on at the Augusta County Fair at: www.augustacountyfair.com.

•Discover how an Operation Christmas Child shoebox changed a child's life during a special event presented by the Shenandoah Valley Operation Christmas Child group at Bridge Christian Church (1275 Goose Creek Road; Fishersville) on Friday, August 4th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Elizabeth Henry was born and raised in eastern Ukraine. She grew up in a broken family and ended up in an orphanage when she was only 7 years old. Elizabeth was devastated by the tragedies in her family and felt very alone. While she was in the orphanage, she received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. Because of the gift, she began to have hope that God would not leave her at rock bottom, but that He would meet her there, and become her family. At the age of 13, Elizabeth was adopted into an American family. Today she is very passionate about Operation Christmas Child and enjoys getting people involved in packing shoeboxes. To hear what God did in her life through a shoebox, please join us on August 4th, for a special time of Elizabeth sharing her testimony.



•The Evening Circle will meet at the home of Judy Olson on Tuesday, August 8th, at 7:00 pm.

•The Christian Education Committee will meet Wednesday, August 9th, at 6:00 pm.

•"Sharing the Bounty" Sunday

"Sharing the Bounty", our program of sharing our extra fruit and veggies with Kingsway, will take place on August 13th and September 17th. Thank you for helping provide fresh food for those in need in our community!

•Mental Health America of Augusta will present *Music from the Heart*, a concert of bluegrass and gospel music, featuring High Ground and The Faithful Men on Saturday, August 12th, at 7:00 pm, at White Hill Church of the Brethren (749 Old White Hill Road; Stuarts Draft). Kris Neil of WKDW will be the Master of Ceremonies. A free will offering will be received to benefit Mental Health America of Augusta. Mental Health America of Augusta is a non-profit, non-governmental, service, education and advocacy, volunteer organization focused on mental health. Its mission is to improve the mental health of the community by providing education, advocacy, and services related to mental health and the treatment of mental illness. For more information, contact 540-255-4746 or 540-886-7181.

•The Blood Drive that had been scheduled in August has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. Thank you!

•The Church Office has begun sending congregational emails from a new email address. Please add office@bethelpresbyterianstaunton.org to your email's contact list so you can stay up-to-date on Bethel news, congregational prayer requests, and announcements. The Church Office email address is still: bethelpc@gmail.com so please continue to use that email address if you need to contact us. 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!

July 23rd

Attendance: 72

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$1,649.00

Four Cents A Meal Offering: \$384.00