

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 9th - July 15th



•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 Don Reid who will be preaching and leading the worship service this morning. Don is an original member of the Statler Brothers and is a member of both the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the Country Music Hall of Fame. Don is also a lifelong member and Elder at Olivet Presbyterian Church. Since his retirement, he has written and published many books, both fiction and non-fiction; all of a religious nature. Don regularly does speaking engagements and pulpit supply at many area churches. Please let him know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

•*Notes from the Music Director about the arranger of the Prelude:* Donald Hustad was a toddler in Minnesota when his father was killed in a hunting accident. The family moved to Boone Iowa, where they lived in a church-related institution for indigent people. There Don started piano lessons at age 4. He went on to play in church and on radio by age 8, and was a great improviser in the gospel style. His musical skills provided financial support during his undergraduate years at John Fletcher College near Oskaloosa Iowa, where he directed the college band, taught himself basic organ technique, and became the organist at the Methodist Church. After graduation in 1940 he moved to Chicago and became a staff musician (organist on the theater-style pipe organ) at radio station WMBI. There he and George Beverley Shea began a 20 year series of hymn broadcasts on ABC radio, and Hustad earned master's and doctorate degrees in music from Northwestern University. They both joined the Billy Graham team and traveled with Graham over the world. Hustad began a 20-year tenure as professor of organ at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1966, and after retirement continued to teach part time another 20 years. He also was composer and arranger for a major publishing company. - Bob Moody

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Drury Whitaker.

•Presbyterian Women Annual Catered Dinner

All women are invited to the Annual Catered Dinner. It will be held this 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 ASAP 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!

•All are invited to participate in a weekly Prayer Fellowship Group 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 group.

•The August Tower Deadline will be this 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. Please remember that all announcements and information are subject to editing.

•"Sharing the Bounty" Sunday is next week!

"Sharing the Bounty", our program of sharing our extra fruit and veggies with those in need in our community, will be next Sunday, July 16th. All donations will be given to Kingsway. "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!

•The Men of the Church will be meeting on Tuesday, July 18th, at 6:30 pm. The Guest Speaker will be Kim Welliver who is retired from the US Air Force and returned to his wife's family farm at Arbor Hill and now flies a medivac helicopter for UVA hospital.

•Bethel's last Summer 2017 Vespers Service & Concert will be on Wednesday, July 19th, at 7:00 pm! 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. The Stone-wall Flutes of the Shenandoah will be the guest musicians at this service so make plans to attend this fun summer event!

•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 Spinnet electronic organ, 12 pedals, not working, repairable? or for parts. Please contact Tammy Barbour if interested. 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 2nd

Attendance: 70

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$3,870.00