

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 10th - September 16th



•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. Bernard Bangley who will be preaching and leading the worship service this morning. Rev. Bangley is a retired Presbyterian Minister living in Rockbridge County. He was pastor of Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Rockbridge Baths for eleven years, and then served churches in Lynchburg and Sarasota, Florida. He and Anna, his wife of 59 years, have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He is the author of a number of religious books. Please let Rev. Bangley know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Jill Webb in memory of her father, E. Theodore Webb.

•The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 11th, while Adrienne is on vacation.

•Presbyterian Women - Special Emphasis Offering

In September, the Presbyterian Women of Bethel urge you to support the *Links of Love* program. The *Links of Love* is a partnership between the Sunnyside Communities and the Women of the Presbyterian Church. Your *Links of Love* contributions are a lifeline that provides security and attentive care for those who can no longer provide for themselves. The special offering will be collected during the September Circle Meetings this Tuesday, September 12th. Envelopes for your donation along with information about this program and how you can support it are included in your bulletin.

•Meeting Time Changed

The Prayer Fellowship Group will now meet at 2:15 pm on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Barb Gough if you have any questions or would like more information about this group. Thank you!

•The October Tower Deadline will be this Thursday, September 14th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the October 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.

•"Share the Bounty" Sunday is September 17th, 2017

Sharing the bounty. Summer is almost over and fall is on the way. Gardens have provided vegetables for our tables for months. The Worship and Witness Committees are designating next Sunday, September 17th as "Share the Bounty" Sunday. The Witness Committee will gather the fresh vegetables and fruit you donate and take them to Kingsway. An extra basket will be placed in the vestibule. Please share what you can with those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

•The Stewardship & Finance Committee will not meet next Sunday, September 17th. Their next meeting will be on Sunday, October 15th. Thank you!

•Come join the Riverheads Weekday Religious Education program for "A Night of Praise" on Sunday, September 24th, at 6:00 pm, at Raphine Christian Church (5131 Lee-Jackson Highway; Greenville). We are including all groups and individuals including kid's groups. It could be a children's choir, bell choir, solos, duets or even a kid's band. (We would like to hear from children's groups . . . but we will also take others who would like to sing!) If you would like to share a special piece of music please contact Dana Cash (raphinechristian@comcast.net). A free-will offering will be taken for the Riverheads WRE program. Refreshments will follow the concert. Make plans now to attend this fun community event!

•Congregational Care "Fellowship Following Worship"

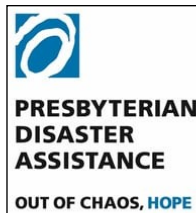
There is a volunteer sign-up sheet for "Fellowship Following Worship" on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall. The Congregational Care Committee has placed monthly Sunday dates under the name of each month. Please write your name down next to the month you are willing to provide refreshments and then circle the date of the Sunday you have chosen. We are still looking for someone to provide refreshments one Sunday this month! Thank you!

•The Congregational Care Committee tries to keep in contact with our College Students throughout the year, but we need your help. We need the contact information for your college age children. Telephone numbers, email addresses, and mailing addresses are all important ways that Bethel can stay in touch with them. Please send the information to Barbara Gough. Thank you!

•The Bethel Building & Grounds Committee will begin a landscaping project this fall starting with the flowerbeds and area surrounding the vestibule at the entrance of the church. They would appreciate any donations made to offset the cost of this project. If you would like to make a donation to this special project please make your check payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church and note on the check that it's for the "Landscape Fund". Please contact Wade Cash if you have any questions. Thank you!

•*Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Prepares to Send National Response Team to Texas*

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with presbyteries in the affected areas of Texas to offer assistance. We are standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so. For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be designated to *DR000169-Harvey*. *We need your help. Please give generously.*



To donate online please go to:
<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/>

If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to:
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PO Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700

You may also call us Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (EST), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone.

For updates, please go to pda.pcusa.org.

Please join us in praying for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of the storm.

•Rehearsals have begun for the Staunton Choral Society's 2017 Fall/Christmas Concert Season. They practice on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church (2807 N. Augusta St, Staunton - in the social hall on the lower level, enter from the back parking lot). New and returning members are welcome to join through September. The fee per season is \$30 for music and concert costs. Their director Raymond Hebert has a great program of fun pieces picked out. The Christmas Concert is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 9th and 10th, and they will also perform pieces from the concert at "Caroling in the Park" (Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park) on December 16th. Come join the sing - join the Staunton Choral Society!

•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!

September 3rd
Attendance: 64
Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$3,021.00