

THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 17th - September 23rd

- Today** “Share the Bounty” Sunday
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship
- Monday** 7:00 Boy Scouts
 7:30 Young Life Meeting
- Wednesday** 6:30 Cub Scouts
 7:00 Adult Choir
 7:00 The Bells of Bethel
 7:30 Young Life Meeting
- Thursday** International Day of Peace
 October Tower Mailing
 2:15 Prayer Fellowship Group
- Friday** Autumn Begins

Next Sunday, September 24th:

- 9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering
12:00 Fellowship Following Worship
12:15 Witness Committee Meeting



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•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. Jim Yao who will be preaching and leading the worship service today. For nearly eight years, Rev. Yao was co-pastor with his wife, and later, solo pastor to two yoked churches: First Presbyterian Church in Hector and Lodi Presbyterian Church located in the Finger Lakes region of New York. He graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia in 2009 – Teaching Elder was his second calling. Before seminary, he spent 28 years in Information Technology for various companies, but he was always active in church, singing in the choir, serving as deacon and ruling elder, and teaching Sunday school. Outside of church, his passions include music, crossword puzzles, and food. Rev. Yao's partner in marriage and ministry, the Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao, is the Associate General Presbyter for Shenandoah Presbytery. In addition, they have two grown sons, both music majors. One works at Ithaca College in New York, the other at a private middle school/high school in Minnesota. Please let Rev. Yao know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Lucy Sproul.

•“Share the Bounty” Sunday

Today has been designated as “Share the Bounty” Sunday by the Worship and Witness Committees. We will be collecting fresh fruits and vegetables for Kingsway. Donations can be placed in the vestibule at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Kingsway Closet. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping those in need in our community!

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

•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!

•Fellowship Following Worship

“Fellowship Following Worship” will be held next Sunday, September 24th, in the Bethel Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to Marty Simmers and Barbara Gough who will be providing the refreshments!

•You are cordially invited next Saturday, September 23rd, at 2:00 pm to “The Pines Chapel Friendship Quilt Comes Home” program and reception at Pines Chapel Presbyterian Church (3204 Cold Springs Road; Greenville, VA 24440). Sixty-five years ago the people of Pines Chapel came together to build a church and they did it by stitching together the story of their community. The quilt was then given to the Rev. James Womack who helped in building the new church and sixty-five years later his children have generously decided to give the quilt back to the people of Pines Chapel. For more information about the historical program, music, and/or the reception to follow please contact Nancy Sorrells.

•Come join the Riverheads Weekday Religious Education program for “A Night of Praise” next 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!

•The Congregational Care Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 27th, at 6:00 pm.

•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.

•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!

•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 10th

Attendance: 64

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$2,510.00

Financial Report - through August 31st, 2017

Estimated Budget: \$116,445.00

Actual Received: \$114,323.00 Actual Expenses: \$86,475.00

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