

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 15th - October 21st



• 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. Malcolm Brownlee who will be preaching and leading the worship service this morning. Malcolm Brownlee grew up in Rockbridge Baths, Virginia, and moved back there 10 years ago to retire. He has been pastor of churches in Hazard, Kentucky; Riverdale, Georgia; and Huntersville, North Carolina, and interim pastor of churches in Lexington, North Carolina; Beckley, West Virginia, and Fairfield and Rockbridge Baths, Virginia. From 1973 till 1984 he and his wife Sarah were missionaries in Indonesia. Bethel Presbyterian Church was one of their supporting churches during that time. Please let Rev. Brownlee know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

• The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Ben & Faye Brown.

• Save the Date!

The Men of the Church will be meeting for dinner and fellowship this Tuesday, October 17th, at 6:30 pm.

• The November Tower Deadline will be Thursday, October 19th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the November 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!

• On Sunday, November 5th, Bethel will be observing "All Saints Sunday". This is the day in the church calendar when we celebrate all the saints, who have served their Lord faithfully on earth and now live eternally in God's presence. During the worship service we will honor all who have gone before us. This will include all members of Bethel who have died in the past 12 months. It will also include anyone you wish to remember in prayer who has died in the past 12 months. All names will be listed in the bulletin and there will be a time of prayer with candle lighting conducted by our Deacons. Please list everyone you would like remembered in the form provided at the end of the announcements. Please have the form to the Church Office by next Sunday, October 22nd. Thank you!

• The Congregational Care Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 25th, at 6:00 pm.

• Bethel Harvest Party - Saturday, October 28th

Come join us for Bethel's annual Harvest Party from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm! This event is for all ages so make plans now to attend! For more information about all the activities going on at the event please see the special "Harvest Party" flier in your announcements.

Harvest Party – Trunk-or-Treat Participants Needed

We are asking for trunk-or-treat participants for the Harvest Party. If you would be willing to participate in decorating your vehicle for trunk-or-treat, please have your car set-up in the parking area by the playground before 7:00 pm. Gift cards will be awarded in different categories for the vehicle decorations so be creative!

Harvest Party – Help Needed

Adult volunteers will be needed to help with different activities at the Harvest Party so if you would be willing to volunteer please contact Marion Simmers.

Donations of ghoulish treats are also needed so if you can donate bags of candy or other treats please leave them in the Church Kitchen by Saturday, October 28th, at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact Marion Simmers.

• "Fellowship Following Worship" will be held on Sunday, October 29th, in the Bethel Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to Betty Heizer and Mo Kyle who will be providing the refreshments!

•You are invited to a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, October 29th, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm to support Martha's Meals on Wheels of Staunton. The meal will be at The Moose Lodge in Verona (1510 Commerce Road, Verona) and tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and free for children under the age of 5. Tickets are available at the door or you can purchase tickets from one of the Meals on Wheels board members. Please call (540) 886-1219 for more information. A 50/50 drawing and door prize tickets will also be available at the door. Don't miss the fun! Since 1973 Martha's Meals on Wheels has continuously served meals to homebound residents in the Staunton area. Over 4,000 meals are delivered each year by volunteers. Meals are provided free or at a lower cost for clients in need. Thanks for your generosity in helping to support those in need in our community and we hope to see you Sunday, October 29th!

•Church Wide Clean Up... Roadside Trash Pick-Up
Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 am until ?

On Saturday, November 4th, the Deacons invite all the members of our congregation to help us in our annual church wide clean up. We will be clipping bushes, removing debris, spreading mulch, maybe even moving a little furniture from one place to another in the church to find more storage space in our unused rooms above Memorial Hall. We are also asking for help with the removal of a huge hornet's nest in the maple tree just outside the Sanctuary doors. Please let one of the Deacons know if you have suggestions for removing this nest safely. All of these activities will be going on from 9:00 am until we are done or decide we are just too tired to do any more. Anyone interested in helping or fixing our lunch will be welcomed with smiles and open arms.

On that same day from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm we will have our roadside clean up from Route 11 to Middlebrook Road. This is in conjunction with the Virginia Dept. of Highways who provide our safety vests and garbage bags. (Please bring your own gloves!) Having our roadway to Bethel free of litter from either direction says a lot for our church and benefits all who attend as well as those just driving by.

Please mark this day on your calendars and come out to help us keep Bethel and our roadway clean and beautiful.

•*IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES!* Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has been distributing shoebox gifts to boys and girls around the world in Jesus' name through Operation Christmas Child. Each shoebox gift can bring joy and the good news of Jesus Christ to a child in need. Please be a part of this effort by filling a shoebox this year. Brochures on how to pack your shoebox are available in the vestibule and Memorial Hall. All shoeboxes will be due by Sunday, November 12th. Please contact Kathy Swisher if you any questions. Thank you for all the past support of this project!

•You are cordially invited to join Staunton Third Presbyterian Church in celebrating their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, November 12th, at 10:30 am. Lunch will follow the worship service in the Church Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the Third Presbyterian Church Office by November 1st if you plan to attend (540/886-6567 or email thirdpres@verizon.net). Thank you!

•Fellowship Following Worship Volunteers Needed!

The Congregational Care Committee is looking for people who would be willing to provide refreshments for the "Fellowship Following Worship" in November. Would you look at our sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall and see if there is a date you can sign-up to bring refreshments? Light refreshments, something to drink and a friendly face are all the ingredients required!

•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!

•Wedding Coordinator Needed

The Session has approved a Wedding Coordinator position with a fee of \$150 to be paid by those getting married. This person, who will be a member of the church, will meet with every couple being married at Bethel and/or their wedding planner to answer any questions about the church and its policies. They will be present at church for the rehearsal and the wedding to help insure a memorable time at Bethel. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Church Office.

•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!

October 8th

Attendance: 67

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$2,470.00

Financial Report - through September 30th, 2017

Estimated Budget: \$129,753.00

Actual Received: \$124,460.00 Actual Expenses: \$96,190.00

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY OBSERVATION

On Sunday, November 5th, 2017, during the worship service, we will recognize all in our Community of Faith who have claimed the Gift of Eternal Life, in the past 12 months.

If you have a loved one who has died in the past 12 months, and would like to have them included in our Remembrance List, please list them below, and place the form in the offering plate OR contact the Church Office (bethelpc@gmail.com).

Please return the form by next Sunday, October 22nd. Thank you!

Person(s) to be remembered:

Submitted by: _____



TREATS • PRIZES • FUN

Saturday, October 28th

6pm - 8pm • Bethel Church

2.5 miles west of Riverheads

ALL YOUTH WELCOME !