

March 18th - March 24th

**THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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- Today** 5th Sunday in Lent
Deadline: Easter Lilies &
 BERF Donations
9:00 Communications Committee
 Meeting
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship/One Great Hour of
 Sharing Offering
12:00 Fellowship Following Worship
12:15 Stewardship & Finance
 Committee Meeting
- Monday** 7:00 Boy Scouts
 7:30 Young Life Meeting
- Tuesday** Spring Begins
- Wednesday** 6:30 Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner
 (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 Adult Choir
7:00 The Bells of Bethel
7:30 Young Life Meeting
- Thursday** April Tower Mailing
7:00 Community Lenten Service
- Next Sunday, March 25th: Palm Sunday*
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering
12:15 PWCT Meeting
12:15 Witness Committee Meeting



•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 60 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 Marty Simmers in loving memory of her mother, Mary Belle Ware, and also in loving memory of her aunt Mildred (Mickey) Wright. Her Aunt Mickey's birthday was March 17th.

•Today during the worship service we will be ordaining and installing Patricia N. Quick as an Elder. We pray that God will bless Patricia and all the officers on the Session and the Diaconate as they made decisions and work on behalf of Bethel's congregation and the church at large.

•One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Bethel will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during the worship service today. Since 1949, Presbyterians have been giving from the heart in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to help those in great need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Envelopes are available in your bulletin if you wish to donate. Thank you!

•“Fellowship Following Worship” will be held today. Many thanks to Marion & Marty Simmers who will be providing the refreshments. The Congregational Care Committee is still looking for people who would be willing to provide refreshments for the month of April. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall if you can help out (you choose which Sunday). Thank you!

•Reminder! All Easter Lily orders and BERF Easter donations are due today. An order and/or donation form is included in your announcements. Thank you!

•John and Wallace Pilson have donated two historical items to Bethel. The documents were passed down to them from their ancestor, Matthew Pilson, who served as an elder at Bethel from 1804 to 1822. One document is Matthew Pilson's personal recollection of Bethel's origin: our separation from Brown's Meeting House. The other is a ledger which contains the handwritten records of two early Bethel organizations: the Bethel Temperance Society and the Committee of Bethel Library. The Temperance Society records begin with the formation of the Society on December 26, 1831 and continue through January 14, 1838. They were written by Matthew Pilson, who was the secretary of the Society. The Library section of the ledger is a record of the minutes of the Committee's meetings and detail the formation of the library on August 8, 1846, continue through August 29, 1863 and were also written by Matthew Pilson. We at Bethel are extremely grateful to John and Wallace Pilson for these gifts. They are a priceless addition to our collection of historical artifacts and also to our knowledge of Bethel's history. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to the Pilsons for their generosity. *These items will be on display in Memorial Hall, before and after worship, on March 18th and 25th and on Easter Sunday, April 1st.*

•The Community Lenten Service will be here at Bethel on Thursday, March 22nd, at 7:00 pm. People of all ages including families are invited! Many thanks to Rev. Merle Fisher for leading the worship service!

•*Please note that the Prime Rib Dinner & Dessert Auction scheduled for next Saturday, March 24th has been canceled.* Thank you!

•The Community Maundy Thursday Service will be held at Pines Chapel Presbyterian Church on March 29th. The service will begin at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited!

•The Community Good Friday Service will be held at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church on March 30th. The service will begin at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited!

•The Bethel Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 31st, from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm (rain or shine). There will be bunnies, an Easter Egg Hunt, refreshments, and fun! This event is for all ages and all children participating need to bring their own basket. Make plans now to attend this fun event!

•There will be a cross outside the front entrance of the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please bring fresh flowers to church on Easter to place on the cross.

•*Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 1st, 2018*

Bethel Youth with the assistance of adults would like to invite you to a Sunrise Worship Service at Bethel's Chapel in the woods at 6:30 am on Easter morning. Derek Almarode will be the speaker. We would like to continue the tradition of having the service with breakfast to follow. Please bring your favorite breakfast dishes prepared and ready to share after the service. We had 80 people attend last year and would like to exceed that number this year.

•Bible Study & Prayer will resume on April 5th and continue weekly on Thursdays, from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. We are currently studying the book of Mark and praying for the Bethel congregation, officers, community and our future pastor whomever that may be. Please come join this informal group and add your prayers and concerns.

•*Volunteers Needed!*

Many of you know long-time Bethel members Jon & Donna Bush. Not only are they the Bethel Custodians, they also volunteer at many church events, and Donna teaches the Children's Sunday School Class. They would like to attend worship one Sunday a month and are looking for someone who would be willing to stay with Donna's mother, Margaret Liptrap at their home. If you would be willing to stay with Margaret so Jon & Donna can attend worship please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall. Circle the Sunday you would be willing to serve along with your name and phone number. Donna will contact you with more details before you are scheduled to serve. Thank you for your consideration in volunteering!

•*LETTER FROM THE DIACONATE*

(*ACTION APPROVED BY SESSION-MARCH 11, 2018*)

As the Diaconate has been charged with the responsibility of maintenance, upkeep and repair of the furnishings and grounds at Bethel, beginning with this year, 2018, anyone wishing to donate, purchase an item(s), or initiate reimbursement for a project must first contact the Diaconate to determine if there is a need or use for said item or project. While items donated or bought by members of our congregation for use by Bethel are welcome and appreciated it is also necessary in some way to have control and approval for what may be purchased or donated. The Diaconate will then evaluate and inform the contributor as to whether there is acceptance of their purchase/donation. This is not meant to discourage or suggest a negative response but only to act as a filter for what may be pertinent to the positive intake of purchases/items in our church atmosphere. Personal wills, monetary donations or memorials are not affected.

•*Bethel Prayer Train* In order to get information to church members about members, friends or relatives in need of urgent prayer, the Prayer Train list is called with information passed to each person. Prayer requests are usually for illness, death, accidents, or for someone just in need of prayer. The “conductors” for the Bethel Prayer Trains are Sally Brubeck and Barb Gough. If you don’t have email, are not currently on the Prayer Train, and are willing to pray when prayer requests come in please contact Sally or Barb and they will add your name to the Prayer Train list. You’ll receive a call when a prayer is needed, and you are asked to call the next person on the list. (If the next person on the list doesn’t answer, call the next name on the list and continue until you reach and talk with a “real” person - not an answering machine.) If you are currently on the Prayer Train list and would like to be removed please call Sally or Barb. If you have any prayer requests for the Prayer Train and/or the Prayer List that appears in the bulletin, please call Adrienne at the Church Office (540/886-6041). Thank you!

•The Bethel Communications Committee is seeking pictures and content from any Bethel activities to post on the website and Facebook. Thank you for keeping us up to date! You can send these materials to Adrienne in the Church Office or Communications Committee member Tim Turner.

•Prayer request from the PCUSA & Shenandoah Presbytery: Please hold in prayer our mission partners in Ethiopia, in Illubabor Bethel Synod, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, the Seminary, iCare and the children's home in Gore, and all their leaders. There is political unrest in many areas, and we pray for peace and a resolution to the unrest.

•Many thanks to the Bethel Diaconate and all the volunteers who plowed the church parking lot and shoveled the sidewalks following the snow on Monday! Your hard work is appreciated!

•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!

March 11th

Attendance: 83

Weekly Budget: \$3,577.00 Received: \$1,840.00



Easter Lilies and BERF Donations Form

You may order lilies at a cost of \$10.00 (tax included) each or you may make a monetary donation to BERF (Bethel Emergency Relief Fund). The Easter Lilies purchased and the donations made to BERF will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please fill out the form below, attach the check or cash and place in the offering plate.

If you are purchasing a lily please make checks payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church. If you are making a donation to BERF please make the check payable to Bethel Emergency Relief Fund. The deadline is today!

**Note: Please fill out the form completely. Sometimes forms come back not completely filled out and it can make things difficult when compiling them for the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Also, if you would like to order a lily and make a donation please use two forms (one for the lily and one for the donation). Thank you!*

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Number of Lilies _____ Check or Cash Total _____

or
Donation to BERF _____ Check or Cash Total _____

In Honor Of : _____

Given By: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Given By: _____

Join us for our annual

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31st

Bethel Church

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Bunnies | Refreshments

Easter Egg Hunt | Fun!

**RAIN
OR SHINE**

**ALL AGES
YOUNG & OLD**

