

**BETHEL CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

March 25th - March 31st

**THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Today	Palm/Passion Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Four Cents A Meal Offering 12:15 PWCT Meeting 12:15 Witness Committee Meeting
Monday	7:00 Boy Scouts
Wednesday	7:00 Adult Choir 7:00 The Bells of Bethel
Thursday	Maundy Thursday 7:00 Community Maundy Thursday Service at Pines Chapel Presbyterian Church
Friday	Good Friday 7:00 Community Good Friday at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church
Saturday	1:00 Bethel Easter Egg Hunt
<i>Next Sunday, April 1st: Resurrection of the Lord/Easter</i>	
	<i>6:30 Sunrise Service at the Chapel in woods Covered Dish Breakfast to follow</i>
	<i>9:45 Sunday School</i>
	<i>11:00 Worship</i>



•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 Pastor Kelly-Ann Rayle who will be preaching and assisting in leading the worship service this morning. Kelly-Ann is passionate about God's Word, her family, and gymnastics. She graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary with her Master's of Divinity degree in 2015 and is a candidate in the process of ordination in the PCUSA. She lives in the community of Crozet, located just outside of Charlottesville, Virginia and she and her family worship at Olivet Presbyterian Church. Kelly-Ann's husband's name is Steve, and she has two children, Alex 23 and Emily 21, and a cute dog named Casey 15. She is also a nationally rated gymnastics official and currently owns and operates a mobile gymnastics program which serves the Crozet community. Please let Pastor Rayle know how much we appreciate her being with us this morning!

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jim & Charlotte Williams and Mary Williams Dransfield by Lynn & Eloise Moore.

•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 next 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 next Sunday to place on the cross.

•Easter Sunrise Service *Next 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.

•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 25th and on Easter Sunday, April 1st.*

•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.

•Cakewalk Benefitting Riverheads WRE Riverheads Weekday Religious Education (WRE) is sponsoring a cakewalk on Saturday, April 7th, at 6:00 pm at the Mint Spring Ruritan Building. The money collected will go towards the building fund. Ten cakes are needed from each participating church. Please contact Mo Kyle if you can provide a cake for this community event.

•Reminder: Continuing Education Loan Fund applications are due April 15th!

•Monthly "Fellowship Following Worship"

The Congregational Care Committee is still looking for people who would be willing to provide refreshments for "Fellowship Following Worship" during 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!

•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!

•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.

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

•*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!

March 18th

Attendance: 89

Weekly Budget: \$3,577.00 Received: \$1,947.00

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$463.00

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

