



The Tower

July 2018

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Greetings from the Pastor's Desk . . .

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

My ordination was beyond any words I could describe. How does one adequately explain the awesome provision of God to put into place such a glorious spirit-filled day – a day that marked a milestone in my life?! It seems trite to just to say, thank you. However, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 reminds me, that it is the heart behind the thank you that truly matters. I know, through the power of Christ Jesus in me, you know my heart is full of immense gratitude for what transpired at Bethel on June 10, 2018.



I am now a Rev. in the PCUSA church, but I committed to being a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and a “shepherding” pastor long ago. Looking back, I can see clearly how I was nurtured, pruned, humbled, and still being pruned and humbled for “such a time as this.” God has called me to the Bethel community by the power of the Holy Spirit to “shepherd” you in the ways of Jesus Christ. I am overwhelmed by the responsibility I have committed too, but vow, until God ordains otherwise, to be your loving and faithful pastor.

I give thanks to each of you with gratitude and JOY!

Pastor Kelly-Ann
(aka. Rev. Rayle)!



The Lord's Prayer Sermon Series!

We will be continuing the Sermon Series on The Lord's Prayer through Sunday, July 22nd. Remember that if you can't be here one Sunday you can listen to the sermon on the website. The schedule of scripture readings and sermon titles are below. See you in worship!

July Lectionary Schedule

July 1, 2018

6th Sunday after Pentecost
Commissioning of the Bethel Baja Mission Team
Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:22-27 Matthew 6:9-13
Sermon Title: "Your Will Be Done"

July 8, 2018

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Scripture: Isaiah 51:12-16 John 13:33-35
Sermon Title: "Our Daily Bread"

July 15, 2018

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Exodus 34:1-9 Matthew 6:9-13
Sermon Title: "The Two-Way Street"

July 22, 2018

9th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: II Corinthians 1:12 Luke 11:1-4
Sermon Title: "Amen"

July 29, 2018

10th Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Minister: Rev. Bernard Bangley
Scripture: II Samuel 11:1-15 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21



Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pastor Kelly-Ann's Office Hours for July

Tuesday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm*
Wednesday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm*
Thursday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm*

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**The listed office hours may vary due to the daily pastoral needs of the congregation*

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



Summer Display in Memorial Hall



Bethel Tower Newsletter Updates

The Bethel Tower Newsletter has a fresh new look for those who receive it by US Mail! We now will be formatting only one version of the Tower newsletter and those who receive the Tower by US mail will now receive the same newsletter (except for minor additions and exclusions) as those who receive it by email.

In an effort to further streamline the production of the newsletter the Tower deadline will be the 3rd Thursday of every month and the Tower will be mailed on the 4th Thursday of the month (unless otherwise noted). We hope this will make for less confusion when the Tower information is to be in to the Church Office and when it will be mailed out. Those who receive the Tower by US mail should receive the newsletter during the first week of the month depending on postal delivery. Please remember that the current Tower is always available on the Bethel website.



If you have any questions please contact Pastor Kelly-Ann at bethelpcpastor@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Presbyterian Women July 2018



July 1st - PWCT Meeting



Annual Catered Dinner All women are invited to the Ladies Annual Catered Meal. It will be held on July 10th, at the Middlebook Community Center at 6:30 pm. The meal will be catered by Country Kitchen of Christiansburg and the cost will be \$15.00 per person. The entertainment will be the musical group “Sanjanjo” with Sandy Goodson, Janice Goodson, and Betty Jo Taylor.

The PWCT will collect personal care items for the Valley Mission that night. Items needed by the Valley Mission include: deodorant for both men and women, shampoo, body wash, and toilet paper. If you would like to make a donation, please bring it with you to the dinner. Please join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship!



Join your Bethel Family for Supper Church! July 15th, 2018

Bethel Presbyterian Church will host its first annual outdoor worship service on July 15th. Worship will begin at 5:00 pm with a “potluck” dinner/fellowship to follow. Worshipers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, singing voices, and sunscreen. More information will be available in upcoming bulletins but make sure to put the date and time on your calendar today!



Men of the Church - July 17th

Please join us for the Men of the Church dinner and program starting at 6:30 pm on July 17th. We will be welcoming Bethel’s old friend the Rev. Phil Sommer. Pastor Phil will be speaking on the topic of the challenges and motivations of small churches in the Presbytery. He’s on the Presbytery committee that deals with these churches, and his talk should be interesting and fun! If you can’t make it to dinner the program should begin around 7:00 pm.



Summer Vespers Service & Concert

Save the dates on your calendar for Bethel’s Summer Vespers and Concert series. We’ll have a hymn sing by request (just call out a number of your favorite hymn), read scripture, pray together, and enjoy a guest musical group. We’ll start at 7:00 pm and be finished by about 8:00 pm. The dates are July 18th with

The Faithful Men from Waynesboro, and August 1st with the wonderful choir from St. James Baptist Church in Waynesboro. Please make sure to add these dates to your calendar!



Pastor Kelly-Ann will be out of the office from Monday, July 23rd - Friday, August 3rd. She is headed to Union Presbyterian Seminary to continue her course work towards earning her Church Administration Certification. Please contact one of the Elders if you have a pastoral need. Thank you!

Lemonade on the Lawn will be held on Sunday, July 29th, following the worship service. Come and join us for this time of fellowship!



Session News & Notes

The Session met on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 with eight elders and the moderator, Pastor Kelly-Ann Rayle, present.

Session further discussed the purchase of new hymnals and their funding.

Communion will be served on the first Sunday of every month. Exception: This month due to the previous set schedule of the Sermon Series on The Lord’s Prayer communion will be served on July 8th, to coincide with the sermon focus “Our Daily Bread”.

Session will now meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

The mailed version of the Tower newsletter will be formatted similar to the online version to streamline the process of producing the newsletter.

The offering collected during Pastor Kelly-Ann’s ordination was \$1,403, half of which will be donated to benefit the children of Baja. The other half will benefit the children of Belize, a mission in which Kelly-Ann has participated.

Financial Report - through May 31st, 2018

Estimated Budget: \$75,325.00
Actual Receipts: \$65,570.00
Actual Expenses: \$63,085.00



Flower Schedule July 2018

July 1st - Mary Ann Anderson
July 15th - Lee Ann Heizer
July 29th - Libby Smith

July 8th - Drury Whitaker
July 22nd - Tammy Barbour





Nursery Schedule July 2018

July 1st - Chris & Therese Schooley
 July 8th - Joe & Sally Williams
 July 15th - Joe & Tabby Moore
 July 22nd - Mac & Emily Williams
 July 29th - Bayleigh Lee, Luanne Leonard




Offering Schedule July 2018

Briana Lawhorne
 Alex Sproul
 Dale Thompson
 Drury Whitaker

Please remember to pray for . . .

The Shenandoah Presbytery Mission Teams going to Baja, Mexico including Bethel members - Bob Olson, Kenneth Olson, Kym Schneider, and Laura Barmore. They will be leaving Friday, July 6th and returning Sunday, July 15th.

Prayer Requests

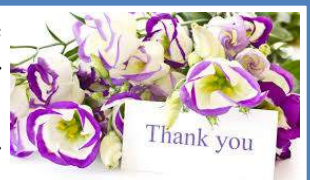
Bethel Prayer List
 Tish Amerault (*cousin of Kay Thompson & friend of the Almarodes - has Hodgkins Lymphoma*), Mildred Barmore, Catherine Bryan (*friend of Stephanie Rivers*), Reese Burdette (*great niece of Debbie Callison*), Lorine Caldwell (*Dean Caldwell's mother*), Betty Cash, Christopher (*Marion & Marty Simmers grandson*), Jarod Davis & Family, Friends & Family of Mary Louise Fisher, Henley Gabeau, Friends & Family of Tom Glover, Don Hanger, Gail Hord (*heart issues, Steve Hord's mother*), John Howell (*sister passed away on May 31st*), Bill Kealing (*friend of Laura Barmore*), Bill Klitzman (*nephew of Louise Hoy*), Tate Knick (*2 year old - son of Will & Cassie Knick - friends of Laura Barmore*), Matt Koogler, Sara Ann Lamb, Evelyn LaPorte, David Law, Sam Leonard, Margaret Liptrap, Meade Loomis (*sister of Anne Jones*), Pam Massie (*friend of Faye Brown*), Virginia Massie (*friend of Faye Brown*), Preston McCallistar & Meredith McCallister (*friends of Drury Whitaker*), Bob Moody, All Military Leaders & Personnel, John Pilson, Wallace Pilson, Van Pirkey, Carly Pond (*great-niece of John Pilson*), Police, Firemen, and EMS workers & volunteers, David Ramsey, Bob Robinson & wife Shirley (*friends of Stephanie Rivers*), Tina Rankin Staton (*colon cancer, niece of Betty Schooley*), Parker Staples (*student at Hugh K. Cassell Elementary School*), Patricia Stiles (*recovering from surgery - Debbie Callison's sister-in-law*), Paul Stiles (*now home & recuperating - Debbie Callison's brother*), Friends & Family of Wayne Swisher, Millie Trent (*maternal grandmother of Sam Goodson*), Jill Webb, Bill & Marguerite Whitaker (*Tom Whitaker's parents*), Alice Wooddell, Hannah Wright (*Marion & Marty Simmers granddaughter*), Eddie & Judy Zwart, MISSIONARY: Michael & Rachel Weller and Ethiopian friends

Directory Update

Alice Wooddell's new address:
 21 Woodlee Road, Apt. 114
 Staunton, Virginia 24401



The Howell Family would like to thank everyone for their love, support and many cards following the passing of our sister, Jo Scott Howell Calhoun. - John Howell





Work progresses on the powder room adjacent to the Memorial Hall bathroom. We are very grateful to John Davis and Cabinetworks for the donation of the beautiful cabinet with a marble top which has been placed in the powder room. Soon to be installed will be a large mirror over the cabinet, then additional lighting above the mirror. We feel this will be a pleasant place used by many, and will provide a dressing area for brides to prepare themselves for one of the biggest days of their lives. The counter space will also provide a baby-changing area for young mothers.

Many thanks to John and to Cabinetworks!

Marty Simmers, Tammy Barbour, and the Deacons of Bethel



Celebration of Baptism

On June 17th we welcomed John Carr Williams into the family of Christ by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. John is the son of Ben & Tessa Williams and the grandson of James & Cynthia Williams.





July 4th - Independence Day



Pastor Kelly-Ann's Ordination on June 10th



July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship/ Communion Diaconate Meeting 12:15 - PWCT Meeting	2 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life Meeting	3 2:00 - Bible Study & Prayer	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed 	5	6 <i>Shenandoah Presbytery Baja Mission Trip begins (July 6th - July 15th)</i>	7
8 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship 12:15 - Worship Committee Meeting	9 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life Meeting	10 2:00 - Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 - Presbyterian Women Annual CATERED Dinner at Middlebrook Community	11 6:00 - Christian Education Committee Meeting 7:00 - Session Meeting 7:30 - Young Life Meeting	12	13	14
15 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship 5:00 - Sunday Supper Church <i>Shenandoah Presbytery Baja Mission Trip ends</i>	16 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life Meeting	17 2:00 - Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 - Men of the Church Dinner & Program	18 7:00 - Summer Vespers Service & Concert 7:30 - Young Life Meeting	19 12:00 - August Tower Deadline 	20	21
22 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship/ Four-Cents-A- Meal Offering	23 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life Meeting <i>(Kelly-Ann out of the office until August 3rd)</i>	24 2:00 - Bible Study & Prayer	25 7:30 - Young Life Meeting	26 9:00 - August Tower Mailing	27	28
29 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship 12:00 - Lemonade on the Lawn	30 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life Meeting	31 2:00 - Bible Study & Prayer				