



The Tower

May 2018

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The Session's View . . .

On behalf of the Personnel Committee and the Bethel Session, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you our new Stated Supply Pastor, Mrs. Kelly-Ann Rayle. Kelly-Ann comes to us from Crozet, Virginia. She is married to Steve and they have two adult children, Alex and Emily. She is currently a member of Olivet Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, which is in the Presbytery of the James. Kelly-Ann will soon be installed and ordained in the Shenandoah Presbytery. We are honored that she has chosen Bethel to be the venue for this momentous occasion. Kelly-Ann has an Associate's Degree in General Education from Johnston Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Mount Olive College and a Master's in Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary. Kelly-Ann's life story is spectacular; she put herself through school while raising a family and owning her own business. Kelly-Ann began serving Bethel on April 10th, 2018. She will be 3/4 time until she can begin to clear her spring calendar. She will be working closely with the church session and all of our committees in the coming months. Kelly-Ann will hold regular office hours through the majority of the week and be in the pulpit as much as she can through spring. Kelly-Ann is a very outgoing and loving person and many here at Bethel heard her preach on Easter Sunday when she shared a spectacular message. When you meet Kelly-Ann, you will find a very loving and kindhearted person who loves serving the Lord, which makes her a joy to be around. The Session encourages everyone to reach out to Kelly-Ann as she begins her ministry here and she will begin to make contact with members of the congregation in the coming weeks. Again we are so blessed to have her with us and we are certainly excited about our future together.



In Christ,
Derek Almarode
Elder

Bethel welcomes Pastor Kelly-Ann Rayle!

Phone: (434) 327-7330

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Office Days & Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm



Pastor Kelly-Ann Rayle during worship on Easter Sunday.

May Lectionary Schedule

May 6th, 2018

6th Sunday of Easter

Guest Minister: Rev. Bernard Bangley

Acts 10:44-48 I John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17

May 13th, 2018

7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Acts 1:15-26 I John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19

May 20th, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. Amy Fetterman

Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-16:15

May 27th, 2018

Trinity Sunday

Graduate Recognition Sunday Presentation of the Colors by Boy Scout Troop 13

Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17



Mother's Day Corsages

In honor or memory of mother's on Mother's Day, the Worship Committee is offering red (honor) or white (memory) corsages for \$4.00. These are simple corsages that consist of a single flower, greenery, bow and a pin. Please fill out the information in the bulletin on Sunday and place in the offering plate. Don't forget to attach your money or check to your order and please make checks payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church. You may also call the Church Office (540) 886-6041 or Irene Elliott (540) 885-3554 or (540) 290-8354 to place your order but please remember that all orders will need to be prepaid ahead of time. The deadline for orders is Sunday, May 6th. Thank you!

Moving to Tuesdays starting May 1st

(except on Tuesdays when the
Presbyterian Women circles meet)
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Bumgardner Classroom

Studying the Gospel of Mark



Come join us as we continue to study the book of Mark and as we pray for the Bethel congregation, officers, and others in our community. Please contact Barb Gough if you have any questions (540) 255-6521. Everyone is invited!



Monthly "Fellowship Following Worship"

"Fellowship Following Worship" will be held on Sunday, May 6th. Many thanks to D.W. & Beth Miller who will be providing the refreshments. The Congregational Care Committee is still looking for people who would be willing to provide refreshments once a month later on this year for "Fellowship Following Worship". Please sign-up on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall if you can help out (*you choose which month and Sunday*). Thank you!



If you have a child or grandchild graduating from college or high school or if you know of a person graduating, please let the Church Office know by Tuesday, May 15th (540/886-6041 or bethelpc@gmail.com). Please give the graduate's name, name of the school, major (if applicable), the parent's names, and any additional information you would like to include. We will include this information in the June Tower and in the bulletin on May 27th. Thank you!



The June Tower Deadline will be Thursday, May 17th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the June 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. Please remember that all announcements and information are subject to editing. Thank you!



Special Events Memorial Day Sunday at Bethel!

At Bethel on Sunday, May 27th (Memorial Day weekend) at Bethel there will be a number of special events happening! During the 11:00 am worship service Boy Scout Troop 13 will have Presentation of the Colors. Bethel's new Stated Supply Pastor Kelly-Ann Rayle will be leading the service & giving the message. Also, Bethel will have its Graduate Recognition Sunday then, recognizing those graduating from high school this year. Two of the graduates we will be recognizing are Kenneth Olson and Madison Miller. (Please let us know if there are other graduates that we may have missed!)



Following the worship service, graduates will also be honored at Lemonade on the Lawn. Please plan to attend Bethel on this special Sunday!

Food Booth at The Meating Place

The Witness/Mission Committee will be working the Food Booth at The Meating Place on Friday, May 25th and Saturday, May 26th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. We are asking for donations of baked goods to sell. If you want to donate baked goods please leave them in the Church Kitchen by Thursday, May 24th. Half cakes or individually bagged cake slices sell better than whole cakes. Pies and brownies are a favorite of customers. If you would like to help work the food booth or have questions contact Rhonda Johnson at 540/292-4441. Please come and support Bethel's mission work and eat with us.



Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 28th, for Memorial Day.

Presbyterian Women News - May 2018

Emphasis: Christian Family Education; Birthday Offering



*The Afternoon Circle will meet at 1:30 pm on May 8th, at the Church.

*The Evening Circle will meet at 7:00 pm on May 8th, at the Church.



The 2018 Birthday Offering will be collected at the May Circle Meetings. After receiving numerous proposals, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee chose three projects to receive grants from the 2018 Birthday Offering. Your gift to the 2018 Birthday Offering will allow help to these three ministries: The Cottage Village in Cottage Grove, Oregon (tiny homes for low income residents); Village of Grace in Honduras (center for physical and spiritual health), and The Dwelling Place in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota (provides support and housing for women and children who are victims of domestic violence).



Annual Catered Dinner

Believe it or not, it is time to save the date for the Ladies Annual Catered Meal! It will be held on July 10th, at the Middlebrook Community Center at 6:30 pm. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Watch for additional details in upcoming bulletins and the June Tower.

PWCT Yearbook

Attention All Women of the Church: The PWCT is starting the process of updating the Bethel Presbyterian Women Yearbook which lists all Bethel women and their phone numbers. They need your help. Please make sure your correct phone number is listed, especially if you no longer have a home number and only use a cell phone. To confirm or make changes, please contact Barb Gough (540/255-6521; barbsgough@gmail.com), Irene Elliott (540/290-8354; ipelliott@aol.com) or the Church Office (540/886-6041, bethelpc@gmail.com). (If you are able to receive text messages, please let them know that as well.) Also, if you would like to change from one circle to another, please tell Barb or Irene. The deadline for changes is May 31st for the yearbooks. Thank you!

Bethel's New Outreach & Evangelism Committee!



“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”. Mark 16:15

“Bethel's Largest Committee”

Many years ago, I attended a national insurance convention at one of the convention centers at Disneyworld. It was an exciting time because I was able to attend the convention during the day and enjoy my family and the sights and sounds of Disneyworld in the evenings.

During the convention, Michael Eisner, the CEO of Disney was a guest speaker. He told us about the Disney organization, the details of its physical size, the number of visitors and that it had approximately 60,000 employees. He then posed a question and asked us to guess how many janitors were employed? Well, since he just had relayed to us that Disneyworld has an underground vacuum and trash collection system, the audience had multiple guesses. His answer was simple: 60,000. He explained that everyone at Disney was committed to each of their visitors having a wonderful experience in a clean healthy environment.

The new Outreach and Evangelism committee is comprised of; Irene Elliott, Shirley Heizer, Mo Kyle, Marion Simmers and myself. Our task is to work with all church members and other committees in a combined effort to enable Bethel to grow and have a bright future. Like Disney, each church member should consider that they are part of this committee and look for the opportunities to reach out to potential members and visitors to show the joy and love at Bethel and of our faith.

Please alert any of the listed committee members to any outreach opportunities.

Dean Caldwell, Committee Chair

SESSION NEWS & NOTES

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The Session met on Sunday, April 8th, with eleven elders and the moderator, Pastor Joe Condro, present.

The primary purpose of this meeting was to discuss and plan a new direction for Bethel's youth program. Derek Almarode, elder and chairman of the Youth Committee, outlined his vision and goals for how to implement a new approach and activities which will improve our program. All Session members agreed that our youth are a priority and that we support new ideas which will enhance our children's experience and fellowship at Bethel.

The Session approved a two-part plan:

1. To develop and implement a youth protection policy
2. To make funding available to hire a 3/4-time Youth Director at a date to be determined

Until a director is hired, the Youth Committee will develop new activities and continue current programs and will support the director after he or she is hired.



General Fund Report - 2018

Estimated Budget through March 31st: \$42,924.00

Actual Budget Receipts: \$37,605.00 Actual Budget Expenses: \$36,490.00

Need a Ride to Church?

Call the Bethel Deacon's Taxi Service!

If you need a ride to worship or to church activities please contact the Church Office at 540/886-6041 or at bethelpc@gmail.com. You can also contact any Deacon. We will make sure transportation is provided for you. Thank you!



Nursery Schedule May 2018

May 6th - Bayleigh Lee, Luanne Leonard

May 13th - Barb Gough, Judy Olson

May 20th - Eloise Moore, Elizabeth Mulcahy

May 27th - Brian & Penny Lee

May Greeters

Bob & Louise Hoy



Flower Schedule May 2018

May 6th - Jean Callison

May 13th - Debbie Callison
(Mother's Day)

May 20th - Alice Wooddell
(Pentecost Sunday, Communion)

May 27th - Keedie Leonard (Trinity Sunday)



Deacon's Offering Schedule May 2018

Ellen Fitzgerald
Briana Lawhorne
Katie McElveen
D. W. Miller



Staunton Choral Society Spring Concert

The Staunton Choral Society will present their 2018 Spring Concert here at Bethel on Saturday, May 19th, at 4:00 pm. There is no admission cost but a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Staunton Choral Society, a 501(c)3 organization. For more information please check out the Staunton Choral Society website at: www.stauntonchoralsociety.org or their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety. Make plans now to attend this special concert!

Our sympathies & condolences to the friends & family of Frank Law who passed away on April 8th.



Our sympathies & condolences to the friends & family of Marie Beck who passed away on April 16th.



Bethel Prayer List

Tish Amerault (*cousin of Kay Thompson & friend of the Almarodes - has Hodgkins Lymphoma*), Mildred Barmore, Friends & Family of Marie Beck, Catherine Bryan (*friend of Stephanie Rivers*), Reese Burdette (*great niece of Debbie Callison*), Lorine Caldwell (*Dean Caldwell's mother*), Betty Cash, Friends & Family of Margaret Childress (*Bill Brubeck's sister*), Christopher (*Marion & Marty Simmers grandson*), Jarod Davis & Family, Ira Deyerle, Elizabeth Eckard (*mother of Carol Byrd & friend of Mitch Lathrop*), Henley Gabeau, Todd Gibson (*friend of Louise Hoy*), Friends & Family of Tom Glover, Friends & Family of (Everette) Bill Hanger, Don Hanger, Gail Hord (*heart issues, Steve Hord's mother*), 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*), Sara Ann Lamb, Evelyn LaPorte, David Law, Friends & Family of Frank Law, Sam Leonard, Margaret Liptrap, Meade Loomis (*sister of Anne Jones*), Preston McCallistar & Meredith McCallister (*friends of Drury Whitaker*), Bob Moody, Laura Pahuta (*Marion & Marty Simmers daughter*), All Military Leaders & Personnel, John Pilson (*at home*), Wallace Pilson, Carly Pond (*great-niece of John Pilson*), Police, Firemen, and EMS workers & volunteers, David Ramsey, Bob Robinson & wife Shirley (*friends of Stephanie Rivers*), Michael Somers, 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*), Wayne & Kathy Swisher, Millie Trent (*maternal grandmother of Sam Goodson*), Bill & Marguerite Whitaker (*Tom Whitaker's parents*), Alice Wooddell, Hannah Wright (*Marion & Marty Simmers granddaughter*), MISSIONARY: Michael & Rachel Weller and Ethiopian friends

We would like to express our deep appreciation for all the cards and expressions of sympathy in the recent death of Bill's sister, Margaret Childress. It is wonderful to be surrounded by such love and caring from Bethel members and their friends. We feel very blessed. - Bill & Sally Brubeck



Bethel's annual Easter Egg Hunt and party was a hit! About 20 children searched and collected eggs, played with bunnies, decorated cupcakes, enjoyed the Easter story told by Jeannie Lee, and enjoyed snacks. Many thanks to Tish Folsom for the loan of her bunnies! Thanks also to Jeannie Lee who wrote and read her Easter party story - her lively reading was enjoyed by all! Thanks to Ashlyn Almarode, Cindy Almarode, and James Schooley for decorating and hiding the Easter eggs and to the Congregational Care Committee for providing food and help!

Easter Egg Hunt - March 31st



Easter Sunrise Service - April 1st





- May 3rd - National Day of Prayer
- May 10th - Ascension of the Lord
- May 13th - Mother's Day
- May 19th - Armed Forces Day
- May 20th - Pentecost Sunday
- May 27th - Trinity Sunday
- May 28th - Memorial Day



BE KIND
and
Compassionate
to one another

FORGIVING
each other
just as in

Christ God
FORGAVE YOU

Ephesians 4:32