

**BETHEL CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

August 12th - August 18th



•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. Please give the friendship pad to others to sign when you are done. Thank you!

•Large print bulletins are available in the vestibule for those who may need them.

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Evelyn LaPorte.

•We welcome Rev. Jessica Townes who will be preaching and leading the worship service this morning. Two words to describe her are jovial and joyous. Affectionately known as Jessie to family and close friends, she is the daughter of Gazetta and the late Frank A. Townes. The Midlothian native is also the younger sister of Alexander Townes. Jessica was licensed into the gospel ministry at Spring Creek Baptist Church in Moseley, Virginia by the Reverend Doctors Jacqueline and Micah Madison-McCreary. She serves as an associate minister at "The Creek." Jessica graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University (2011) with a BS in Psychology. She also holds a Master of Divinity from The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University (2014). Jessica currently works as a Support Coordinator at Richmond Behavioral Health Authority working with individuals diagnosed with intellectual disabilities and mental health diagnoses. Jessica is a former collegiate athlete. In her spare time, she enjoys listening to music, writing, reading, and riding her bicycle on outdoor trails. Jessica's favorite scripture is: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." James 1:2-3. Although her faith has been tested but never broken, she reminds those who she encounters that joy happens. Please let Rev. Townes know how much we appreciate her being with us this morning!

•"Fellowship Following Worship" will be today in the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to Ellen Fitzgerald for providing the refreshments. Make sure to stop by for refreshments and a chance to chat with friends! Everyone is invited!

•The September Tower Deadline will be this Thursday, August 16th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the September 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.

•The Bells of Bethel Practice

The Bells of Bethel will begin practice again on Wednesday, August 22nd, at 7:00 pm. New bell ringers are always welcome! You do not have to be able to read music to learn how to ring bells. Bethel youth are welcome to join the bell choir. If you would like to ring bells, please contact JoAnn Pendley.

•The youth event "Pizza with the Pastor" will be on Friday, August 24th, at 6:00 pm. This event is for all Bethel youth 6th grade - 12th grade and their friends. Please contact Pastor Kelly-Ann if you have any questions.

•There will be an Organ Recital on Friday, August 24th, at 6:30 pm at Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church (6410 Lee Jackson Hwy, Steeles Tavern, VA). Organist, Jesse Ratcliffe will be performing works by Bach, Frescobaldi, Jongen, Karg-Elert, and festive hymn accompaniments. There will be a reception following the recital. Everyone is invited!

•iCare-Gore School

A new school year is beginning in Ethiopia, which means we need to send our payments to Presbytery for the children we sponsor. The cost is \$925 per child but many small donations add up quickly! If you have never donated, please consider doing so now. There is an optimism in Ethiopia now that a new leader has taken over. With this new leadership the government seems much more interested in helping the people. For more information please contact Doris True. Thank you for your generosity!

•Attention: Adult Choir members and anyone who would like to help during the worship services. The Adult Choir has resumed practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm after taking the months of June and July off. They are looking for more singers in every section. Everyone is welcome!

•Old Providence Preschool in Spottswood, VA has openings for new students for the school year beginning September 2018 through May 2019. There are openings in the Tuesday, Thursday class for 3-year-old students, and in the Monday, Wednesday, Friday class for 4-year-olds. Class meets from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm each day. Parents may call the Church Office at (540) 377-2911 for questions and application forms. You may also visit the Old Providence Church website at www.oldprovidencechurch.org for Preschool information and applications to print.

•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!

•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!

August 5th

Attendance: 80

Weekly Budget: \$3,577.00 Received: \$3,643.00

Y'all come!!!

Homecoming Sunday will be August 26th!

Make plans now to attend our special Homecoming Sunday worship service on August 26th! Pastor Kelly-Ann will be preaching and following the worship service there will be a covered dish luncheon. What better day to invite a friend, neighbor or member we have not seen lately than on Homecoming Sunday. See you in church!

