

**BETHEL CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

September 2nd - September 8th



•Good morning! 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, and give the friendship pad to others to sign. Thank you!

- Large print bulletins are available in the vestibule for those who may need them.
- The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Cathy Hill in memory of her uncle, Arthur Cash.
- Communion will be received during the worship service this morning.
- The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, September 3rd, for the Labor Day holiday.

**You're Invited to
Celebration Sunday!**

*Next Sunday, September 9th
beginning at 11:00 am*

Church-wide picnic following Worship

Hotdogs/Hamburgers provided

Bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert

*Bibles given to all school age children &
youth during worship*

Don't miss this special Sunday!

We'll see you then!

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Annual Harvest Sale and Supper

The Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church will be having its annual Harvest Sale and Supper next Saturday, September 8th, at 4 pm. The meal will be served buffet style and includes: Country Ham, Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Lima Beans, Tomatoes, Pickles, Homemade Rolls, Apple Pie and Cherry Pie, Coffee and Tea. The price is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10. Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church is located off Rt. 252 (Middlebrook Road), South of Staunton on Route 694 (Mt. Tabor Road). Signs will be posted. The church telephone number is 540-885-4738.

Presbyterian Women - Special Emphasis

During this month, the Presbyterian Women of Bethel urge you to support the *Links of Love* program. The *Links of Love* is a partnership between the Sunnyside Communities and the Women of the Presbyterian Church. Your Links of Love contributions are a lifeline that provides security and attentive care for those who can no longer provide for themselves. The special offering will be collected during the September Circle Meetings on September 11th. More information about Links of Love including envelopes for giving will be included in your bulletin next Sunday.

•“The Big Event: A Coming Together of All Shenandoah Presbytery Congregations” will be on Saturday, September 15th at 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Massanetta Springs (Harrisonburg, VA). The Big Event will offer worship, music, a mission fair, and workshops to interest adults, youth and children as we celebrate our oneness in Christ. To discover what workshops are offered this year or for more information please check out the Shenandoah Presbytery website at: www.shenpres.org/big-event-resources/. Brochures and registration forms are also on the table next to the Choir Room. Make plans now to attend!

“Share the Bounty” Sunday is September 16th, 2018

Sharing the bounty. Summer is almost over and fall is on the way. Gardens have provided vegetables for our tables for months. The Worship and Witness Committees are designating Sunday, September 16th as “Share the Bounty” Sunday. The Witness Committee will gather the fresh vegetables and fruit you donate and take them to Kingsway. An extra basket will be placed in the vestibule. Please share what you can with those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

•“Fellowship Following Worship” will be on Sunday, September 16th. Many thanks to Sally Williams for providing the refreshments! Make sure to stop by the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a chance to chat with friends. Everyone is invited!

•Conversation with the Missionaries from Ethiopia

Michael & Rachel Weller, the missionaries Bethel sponsors in Ethiopia, will be speaking at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Staunton on Tuesday, September 25th, from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. They will be having a light meal (with a free will offering) and conversation with the Wellers. Bethany Presbyterian has said that Bethel is welcome to come and participate but they need to know how many are attending for the meal. If you are interested in attending please call Mimi Morning at (540) 487-3717 or (540) 337-6547 by Sunday, September 16th. Bethany Church is located in Staunton at 2501 Fifth Street, across from Ware Elementary School. If you have any questions please call Kathy Swisher. We hope you will make plans to attend!

•Note from the Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care Committee tries to keep in contact with our College Students throughout the year. Please help us by sending your college age children’s contact information. Telephone numbers, email addresses, and mailing addresses are all important ways that Bethel can stay in touch with them. Please send the information to Barbara Gough.

•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!

•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!