

**BETHEL CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

September 9th - September 15th



•Good morning! Bethel Presbyterian Church welcomes our congregation and friends to our 2018 Celebration Sunday! Everyone is invited to the church picnic immediately following the worship service at the Eagles Roost Picnic Pavilion. Music will be provided by the “GRASS ROOTS” band.

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.

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

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Jill Webb in memory of her father, Ted Webb who would have been 110 years old on the 14th.

•Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah is looking for patient care volunteers and volunteers to work in their hospice house. If you are a good listener, have compassion for others and a small amount of time on your hands, then they can use you! Hospice is also in need of volunteers with musical talents, certified therapy pets, licensed hair-dressers and massage therapists, gardeners, and volunteers that have served our country in the armed forces. The next volunteer training will be September 17th - September 27th on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Augusta Health Hospice Office. For more information, please contact one of their Volunteer Coordinators: Lori Showalter (332-4904) or Carrie Gibbons (332-4977). For online registration, please visit:

www.augustahealth.com/hospice/volunteers. Please contact them to register for training by tomorrow, Monday, September 10th. Consider this rewarding opportunity to make a difference in someone’s life!

(Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah is your local, non-profit hospice serving terminally ill patients and their families in Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County.)

•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 Circle Meetings this Tuesday, September 11th or you may leave your donation in the Presbyterian Women mailbox in Memorial Hall. More information about Links of Love including envelopes for giving are included in your bulletin announcements today.

•“The Big Event: A Coming Together of All Shenandoah Presbytery Congregations” will be next 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. Please remember that the deadline to register is this Tuesday, September 11th. Make plans now to attend!

•“Share the Bounty” Sunday is next Sunday, 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 for these items. Please share what you can with those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

•The October Tower Deadline will be Thursday, September 20th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon.

Articles and announcements for the October 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.

•There will be a special Operation Christmas Child program on Saturday, September 22nd, from 10:00 am until 11:30 am at Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church (73 Sam Houston Way; Lexington, VA). The speaker for this event will be Vladimir Prokhnevskiy from Ukraine who was an Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipient. He will discuss how a simple shoebox gift changed his life. For more information please call (540) 400-4344. Operation Christmas Child of the Shenandoah Valley hopes you will make time to join them for this exciting program!

•“Fellowship Following Worship” will be on Sunday, September 23rd. 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. The church will be offering 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 Moring at (540) 487-3717 by next 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!

•Attention Bethel Youth! Massanetta Springs has announced that registration is open for “SALT: Serving and Learning Together”. The SALT conference will be November 9th - November 11th and is focused on discipleship - learning how to better live out your faith in the world. The SALT theme this year is: “Esther 4:14 - For Such a Time as This”. The conference includes keynotes, workshops, worship, music, and so much more. The Bethel Youth Committee is willing to pay all the registration fees including the cost for conference t-shirts for four Bethel teenagers (age bracket: enrolled in High School). Pastor Kelly-Ann will be chaperoning this fun event! If you are interested in attending please contact Derek Almarode or Pastor Kelly-Ann at bethelpcpastor@gmail.com.

•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.

•Many thanks to all those working on the baby changing room/powder room adjacent to the bathroom off Memorial Hall beside the Bumgardner Room. After the cabinet donated by Cabinetworks (John Davis) was in place, lighting was chosen by Tammy Barbour and Marty Simmers with installation by Marion Simmers. A mirror was donated by Joyce & Ken Miller and installed by Dale Thompson. Items for use by mothers with babies were placed in a functional wall hanging created with input from Marty Simmers, Joyce Miller, Tammy Barbour and Barb Gough. There is a quilted changing pad made by Joyce Miller and disposable pads as well as baby wipes which will be placed in the baskets in the wall hanging. There will also be a small trash can covered with extra blue fabric by Joyce Miller. Our PWCT has graciously assumed responsibility for stocking and restocking disposable items and providing reimbursement for items purchased. Seasonal floral displays will often be in place. Please enjoy and use this welcome addition to our house of worship.

•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 26th
Attendance: 136
Weekly Budget: \$3,577.00 Received: \$3,090.00
Four Cents A Meal: \$364.00

September 2nd
Attendance: 79
Weekly Budget: \$3,577.00 Received: \$4,074.00

Prime Rib Meal & Dessert Auction

Saturday, September 29th
6:00 pm

*Make your favorite
dessert to donate!*



MENU Prime Rib Green Beans
Mac & Cheese Rolls

*Sponsored by four families from the
Bethel Witness/Mission Committee*

*All money raised goes to
Bethel's mission work!*



*Come & join us for
an evening of
fun & fellowship!*



Prayer Partners Needed . . .

Many of you have met our good friends Alan & Malinda Sproul Brown who have spent many years in Europe (most recently in Hungary) working with Christian schools and students from all over the continent. They will be attending an ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) Student Leadership Conference in Hungary from Wednesday, September 26th through Saturday, September 29th. This conference will be life changing for students, schools, homes and communities as the students attending will learn about leadership from a Christian perspective. Alan & Malinda are asking for people who would be willing to be a Prayer Partner for each person attending the conference. The students, chaperones, and staff are always so grateful to learn that they have been prayed for by name before and during this event.

Alan & Malinda would be grateful for your prayerful support as well because prayer really does make a difference, playing a big role in this potentially life changing conference.

If you would be willing to be a prayer partner in the upcoming weeks and during the conference for one of the people attending please contact Malinda.

Alan & Malinda would also appreciate your prayers for a safe trip. They fly from Philadelphia on September 22nd to prepare for the conference and then will drive throughout Poland following the conference to visit schools. They will fly back to the US on October 10th.

Thank you for considering to be a Prayer Partner and for your many prayers!

