



The Tower

November 2018

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Greetings from the Music Director's Desk . . .

Shalom and Happy Autumn Season! I just first wanted to say thank you for making me feel welcomed into your congregation these past couple of months. It is truly a pleasure partnering with you and your staff to worship our Lord!

I wanted to take a moment to share with you about generosity. When Kelly Ann preached this last month on the widow who gave her last two copper coins to the offering, I was struck by something. As someone who has served in churches nearly my whole life, I have to admit that giving money has not always been my first inclination. I have worked professionally in church since I started college, as a singer or director, as well as worship leader and planner. Many times throughout the years I would internally justify not giving of my money with this phrase: "I am giving of my time and talents. Isn't that enough?"

It is true that God asks us to give what we can, like the widow who gave a small amount of money. However, I originally interpreted that story incorrectly. I assumed God meant only, "Just give what little you can," when he really meant, "Give *all* that you can afford." The part of the story we often forget is that those two coins were everything the widow had, and she gave them completely in *faith* and *trust*. Many of us give of our time and our talents to God's church, His people, every day (or at least every week!). However, God calls us to give whatever we can, whenever we can. Serving the church in ministry is one way I give, but I can also give back with my money, which was never really mine to begin with!

The opposite is also true. If we say, "Well, I give of my money. Isn't that enough?" then the answer is still the same; "Give *all* you can afford." Time is, for all of us, a fleeting commodity. We say so casually, "If only I had more hours in the day..." However, when we give our money in true faith, we believe God will multiply it beyond our wildest dreams. The same is true with time.

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It is easy to believe that offering an hour here or there would strip us of the precious time we do have, to prepare our homes, to work, and yes, also to rest. However, God multiplies our efforts beyond our wildest dreams. We all have the same amount of hours in the day, the same days in a week, but God can use them better than anything or anyone else on this Earth. He trusted our use of His time so much, he even gave us a whole day to rest and worship Him. Following in the footsteps of God's generosity, and the example of the widow who gave her last two coins, it is about time we give *all* that we can afford. I know I'll be preparing for choir rehearsal AND filling out my first pledge card for the stewardship drive this week!

Selah,
Eli English

November Lectionary Schedule

November Sermon Series "Gifts of Love"

November 4, 2018

24th Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Service

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34

November 11, 2018

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Veterans Day

Guest Speaker: Chaplain Cliff Edwards

November 18, 2018

26th Sunday after Pentecost

I Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8

November 25, 2018

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Psalm 132:1-18 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37



Pastor Kelly-Ann's Office Days & Hours

Tuesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm*

Wednesday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm*

Thursday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm*

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

Out of the Office

Pastor Kelly-Ann will be on vacation Tuesday, November 6th - Thursday, November 8th. She will be at the SALT Conference at Massnetta Springs from Friday, November 9th - Sunday, November 11th. Please contact the Church Office or any Elder if you have a pastoral need.



Musical Notes & News . . .

Advent and Christmas is fast approaching! The Christmas season is busy for us all, but full of Joy and Excitement! Music fills our homes, our cars, our department stores, and especially our churches. More details to come soon, but our Christmas season will be filled with caroling, a wonderful musical event for our whole church family, and our very special Christmas Eve service. Therefore...



CALLING ALL SINGERS/NOISE MAKERS! The Bethel Choir has open seats and would Love for **you** to share your gifts and talents with God. The Bible calls for us to make a Joyful Noise, to Praise Him with our Mouths, and to Shout and Sing Joyfully; and there is no better place than from the choir loft.

We are all designed to make music; our bodies are made as instruments. In this time of thankfulness and giving, let's give what we have right back to the One who provides! No need to read music, just the desire to sing. The Bethel Choir meets on **Wednesday Evenings at 7 PM.** We will see you there!

Shalom,
Eli English

PS: Instrumentalists are also a welcome component of God's musical creation and I want to know who you are! Feel free to shoot an email to BethelPCMUSIC@gmail.com so we can talk about how you can be a part of our services.



Psalm 150:1-6 *Praise the LORD.*



*Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
Praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
Praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.*

*Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the Lord.*



Bethel Youth News . . .

Activities for November . . .



November 9th - November 11th

"For Such a Time as This" SALT Conference at Massanetta Springs

Sunday, November 18th

Building Display Lights for Celebration of Holiday Lights at Gypsy Hill Park (More details about this activity including the time will be announced in upcoming bulletins.)



Sunday, November 25th

Lunch, Fellowship & Bible Study at 1:00 pm

Christian Education Committee News . . .



"Soup & Scripture" fellowship on Thursdays!

Join Pastor Kelly-Ann as she studies and wrestles with the upcoming Sunday's scripture readings!! The group will meet each Thursday from 12:00 pm to 1:15 pm in the Church kitchen for fellowship, discussion, and delicious soup prepared by Kelly-Ann.

Communications Committee News . . .

The Bethel Communications Committee is working on the best way to communicate with the Congregation and Friends of the Church. They are requesting that every household who receives any communication from Bethel fill out the following questionnaire (starting on page 5) and return it to Bethel by November 15th. You may put it in the designated box in the vestibule, place it in Adrienne's mailbox, mail it to the church at the Attention of the Communications Committee, or email it to bethelpc@gmail.com. The survey will also be available in the Sunday bulletin in the coming weeks and additional copies will be in the Church Office. If you need a copy of the survey emailed to you in Word format please contact Adrienne at bethelpc@gmail.com and she will send it to you. If you have any questions please contact Tabby Moore, Communications Committee Chair. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey as it is our hope to improve communications between Bethel and you in the future!

Bethel Communications Questionnaire

1. Do you access the internet with a home PC?

_____ Yes _____ No

2. Do you have a text enabled mobile phone?

_____ Yes _____ No

3. Do you access the internet with your mobile phone?

_____ Yes _____ No

4. Which of the following communication channels are you aware that Bethel uses?

_____ The Tower Newsletter _____ Email

_____ Telephone Chain _____ Facebook

_____ Website (www.bethelpresbyterianstaunton.org)

5. Please mark all features of the Bethel website you are familiar with.

_____ Front Page Announcements _____ Calendar Schedule

_____ The Tower Newsletter _____ Weekly Bulletin & Announcements

_____ Weekly Sermon Audio

6. What is the primary method you currently use to receive the Tower newsletter?

_____ Paper Copy in the Mail _____ Email

_____ Download from Website _____ I Do Not Receive the Newsletter

7. What is your preferred method to receive the Tower newsletter?

_____ Paper Copy in the Mail _____ Email

_____ Download from the Website _____ I Do Not Want to Receive
the Newsletter

8. Please mark all social media that you use.

_____ Facebook _____ Twitter

_____ Pinterest _____ Instagram

_____ Snapchat Other _____

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Bethel Communications Questionnaire (continued)

9. Please mark these current, and possibly future, Bethel communications channels in importance to you.

	Not At All Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Important	Very Important
Monthly Tower Newsletter	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Weekly Bulletin Announcements	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Announcements From the Pulpit	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Facebook Updates	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Email Announcements/News	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Automated Telephone Messages	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Automated Text Messages	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

10. How do you currently receive Bethel inclement weather closings? *(If you live locally.)*

_____ Television _____ Radio
_____ Telephone

11. What would be your preferred method of receiving inclement weather closings or event changes?

_____ Television _____ Radio
_____ Personal Telephone Call _____ Automated Telephone Call
_____ Text Message (SMS)

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you no longer wish to receive communication from Bethel please email the Church Office at bethelpc@gmail.com or call (540) 886-6041.

Congregational Care Committee News . . .

Prayer Requests

Mildred Barmore, Catherine Bryan (*friend of Stephanie Rivers*), Reese Burdette (*great niece of Debbie Callison*), Lorine Caldwell (*Dean Caldwell's mother*), Betty Cash, Jarod Davis & Family, Ronnie Davis (*Joyce Davis' son*), Martha Dubyk (*niece of Faye Brown*), Kenny Earman (*friend of the Williams'*), Henley Gabeau, Don Hanger, Joe Heizer, Gail Hord (*heart issues, Steve Hord's mother*), Jack (*newborn who is suffering from seizures*), John Jennings & Family (*friends of Joe Williams*), 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*), Karen Koogler, Matt Koogler, Sara Ann Lamb, Evelyn LaPorte, David Law, Olivia Lewis & Family (*best friend of Emily Rayle*), Margaret Liptrap, Meade Loomis (*sister of Anne Jones*), Pam Massie (*friend of Faye Brown*), Preston McCallister & Meredith McCallister (*friends of Drury Whitaker*), All Military Leaders & Personnel, Friends & Family of Bob Moody, Friends & Family of Tim Moriconi (*friend of the Rayle family*), Friends & Family of Judy Olson, Maggie Peterson (*diagnosed with cancer; friend of Ashlyn Almarode*), John Pilson, Wallace Pilson, Van Pirkey, Carly Pond (*great-niece of John Pilson*), Police, Firemen, and EMS workers and volunteers, Bob Robinson & wife Shirley (*friends of Stephanie Rivers*), Devin Scott (*nephew of Kelly-Ann*), Tara Perrotti & Family (*Devin Scott's mother & Kelly-Ann's sister*), Michael Somers, Parker Staples (*student at Hugh K. Cassell Elementary School*), Jill Webb, Family of Bob Weeks (*brother-in-law of Kenny Olson*), Bill & Marguerite Whitaker (*Tom Whitaker's parents*), Alice Wooddell, victims of the hurricanes, MISSIONARIES - Michael & Rachel Weller & the people of Ethiopia

Presbyterian Women News . . .

Presbyterian Women - November 2018

Special Offering - Thank Offering

*The Afternoon Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 13th, at 1:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the church in the Bumgardner Classroom.

*The Evening Circle will meet at Bethel on November 13th, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the church in the Bumgardner Classroom.

PWCT Meeting - November 4th

Thank Offering 2018



In March 2018, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women met to review 83 applications submitted for grants from the 2017 Thank Offering. Sixteen of the projects were chosen for funding. Twelve of the projects are ministries serving people in need in the United States. Four of the projects are international. More than 40 percent of the funded projects are health ministries.

The Thank Offering will be collected at the November Circle Meetings.

Presbyterian Women News (continued) . . .

The Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands Bethel Presbyterian Women "Together in Service" Project



The Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands (PCHH) is a long-term residential care facility in Wytheville, Virginia, where children who have been removed from their homes can receive love, sanctuary, guidance and support.

All members of Bethel are invited to join Bethel's Presbyterian Women in their GIFT CARD drive to benefit the Children's Home this holiday season. If you are able to participate in this mission project, please obtain gift cards from Wal-Mart or McDonald's, and write the purchased amount on each card or envelope.

So the children at PCHH may receive these gifts in time for holiday shopping, please give the gift cards to Joyce Miller, Irene Elliott, Louise Hoy, or Marty Simmers by Sunday, November 25th, 2018.

Stewardship & Finance Committee News . . .

The following is a detailed look at how Bethel's monetary gifts have been used in 2018 including details about each committee's budget responsibilities.

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2018 NARRATIVE BUDGET



"We believe that we are renewed in heart and mind through worship, prayer, and study, so that we might become a people transformed and a body of Christ sent into the world to do transforming ministry."

The fall is a time of harvest, abundance, and thanksgiving. As a people of faith, we are called to practice gratitude in all seasons; reflecting on God's generosity to us and giving back to the community in time, talent, and treasure. Our shared gifts enable us to live out our mission to embody the love of Christ, reflect the grace of God and share the abundance of the Spirit.

What shall Bethel bring unto the Lord in 2019?

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GATHERING IN WORSHIP, GROWING IN FAITH, GOING FORTH IN MISSION & OUTREACH

The Bethel community is a place of welcome inspired by the great commandment of Jesus Christ to love God fully and to love our neighbors. We live out this call through many ministries as we gather in worship, grow in faith, share in God's mission, and find joy in loving God and neighbors.

WORSHIP

We humans are instinctively worshipping creatures. The psalmist expressed this when he wrote, "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God" Worshipping God is the foundation of our lives as Christians.

Each Sunday morning, we worship God together. We have special services on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Summer Vespers, weddings, and funerals and memorial services.

Music is integral to our worship, and many groups and individuals facilitate it including adult choir, bell choir, instrumentalists, soloists, and invited musical groups. Bethel continues to make a strong commitment to growth and excellence in its music ministry, and we invite your support and participation.

Our worship budget reflects several part-time positions and a portion of our ministers' compensation.

"Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name..." Isaiah 25:1a

EDUCATION

Bethel nurtures the faith and discipleship of children, youth, and adults through Sunday School classes for all ages. Our spiritual formation ministry also includes mid-week groups and classes for adults, Youth Church, Vacation Bible School, fellowship activities, mission trips, and (new in 2019) Youth Confirmation Class. In addition to resource and program expenses, our Christian Education budget reflects a portion of our ministers' compensation.

"Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands." Ps 119:66

MISSION & FELLOWSHIP

In keeping with Christ's teaching, Bethel reaches out to serve our community and the world. Bethel contributes to Mission and Fellowship through our Witness Committee, local benevolences, congregational care, youth activities, memorials, Presbyterian Women's charities, emergency relief fund, Belize and Baja support, and other special funds.

Locally, we join in ministry with the Shenandoah Presbytery, Kingsway, Massanetta Springs, Valley Mission, Weekday Religious Education, Middlebrook Fire Department, Young Life, and neighboring churches. Globally, we support the ministry of our denomination through Presbytery missions, hunger relief work, ICARE; missionaries in Ethiopia, and support the education of a student in Belize.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." Matt 28:19

Bethel's frequent gatherings strengthen our sense of family and community. They bring joy and comfort as we support one another in life and faith, care for one another in times of need and loss, and celebrate together blessings and joys.

Portions of our ministers' compensation related to pastoral care and visitation, congregational care, and fellowship are included in this portion of our budget.

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

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PROPERTY

Bethel's expanding ministry is supported by a modern and welcoming facility. It includes our sanctuary, offices, classrooms, meeting areas, kitchen, fellowship spaces, manse, playground, scout hut, the Eagle Roost worship and picnic area, lawns, woods, cemetery, and parking lots.

Our properties require continuing support for maintenance, grounds upkeep, insurance, improvements and modernization.

OPERATIONS

Bethel's operations manage day to day business of the church to keep the doors open. This includes document production, administration, communications, coordination, and planning. Costs include office expenses, part time office manager, caretakers, and utilities.

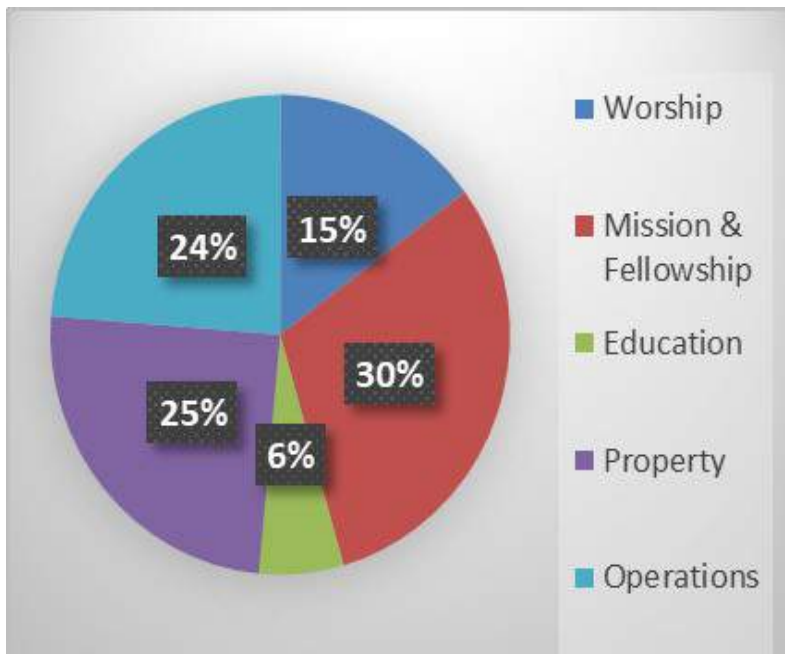
*...His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the body of Christ.
- Eph 4:11-12*

DISCIPLESHIP OF GENEROSITY

Growing in and living out our faith: it all adds up! "The Lord loves a cheerful giver..."

Bethel's congregation is very generous in supporting our church and community. Are you aware that the 2018 annual operating budget for Bethel is just over \$185,000?

2018 BUDGET SUMMARY
*Staff salaries have been allocated to
respective ministries*



In addition to the operating budget, our Endowment Fund, Presbyterian Women, Cemetery, Witness/Mission Committee, Bethel Emergency Fund, and other special contributions support the congregation and wider community. In 2017, these special activities generated over \$100,000 in income.

We hope you are inspired to discover what God is doing through Bethel's ministry as we live out our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Bethel members and friends find countless ways to worship, grow in faith, build community, and serve others in Christ's name. It is little wonder that this congregation has thrived since 1746!

As you consider our financial stewardship for 2019, it is helpful to bear in mind the scope and scale of our ministry, as highlighted here.

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STEWARDSHIP

Your giving enables the vital work God has called us to in our congregation, community, and world. We hope you are inspired and blessed as you review the wonderful things God is doing through Bethel Presbyterian Church, and we ask you to respond gratefully so that we can continue in worship, fellowship, education and mission.

As you reflect on giving for 2019, we encourage you to contribute in proportion to the financial resources which you have been given under your stewardship.

This is an exciting time of growth in Bethel's ministry, so your support is more vital than ever to continue and increase our forward momentum. We ask you to prayerfully consider pledging an additional percent or more to God's work in 2019, over what you have done in the past.

"... use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

We invite you to pray...

Dear God, You breathed the universe into being, and You breathe life everlasting into us, even now. Thank You for the countless blessings in our lives, including our opportunities of worship, mission, and fellowship at Bethel and in the world. Thank You for the generous provisions we enjoy. Create in us grateful hearts, and embolden us as joyful givers, so that Bethel may be strengthened as a living witness to transforming grace of Jesus Christ in this world. Amen.



Financial Report (through September 30th)

Estimated Budget: \$139,542

Actual Income: \$123,610

Actual Expenses: \$114,972



Witness/Mission Committee News . . .

Operation Christmas Child 2018

For the past 23 years, Samaritans Purse has been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel. You can help by participating in this Witness/Mission project by filling a shoebox or boxes for children in need. Brochures with detailed information on filling your shoebox are in the vestibule & Memorial Hall. All shoeboxes will need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 11th so they can be taken to the Staunton collection point. Please contact Kathy Swisher (kwswisher@gmail.com) if you any questions. Thank you for all the past support of this project!



Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.



In previous years the Witness/Mission Committee has asked for the congregation's help in providing Christmas gifts for the "Angel Tree" through The Salvation Army. This year Bethel will be receiving names from Riverheads Elementary School to support their "Christmas Alive" program to give gifts to needy students at the school. We will be receiving those names close to the Thanksgiving holiday so watch for the tree with gift tags that will be put in Memorial Hall later. Thanks for your continued support for Bethel's mission projects!

Kingsway could use your help with providing gravy and stove top stuffing for our clients for November and December, We try to provide a typical Thanksgiving and Christmas meal to each family. If you are able to help please put your donations of gravy and stove top stuffing in the Kingsway closet. Thanks for all of the support you always give to our mission projects!



- The Witness/Mission Committee

Worship Committee News . . .

All Saints' Sunday - Sunday, November 4th, 2018

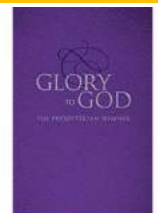
On Sunday, November 4th, Bethel will be observing "All Saints Sunday" during the worship service. This is the Sunday in the church calendar when we celebrate all the saints, who have served their Lord faithfully on earth and now live eternally in God's presence. During the worship service we will honor all who have gone before us in the past year. Make plans to attend this special service.

Please note in addition, should you wish to stay after the worship service, there will be a short time where you can stay and light a small candle to remember any saint who has passed, regardless of time, in quiet remembrance.

Communion will be received on November 4th, during the worship service.



There is still time to purchase a "Glory to God" hymnal in memory or in honor of someone. Order forms and envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please contact the Church Office with any questions.



Session News & Notes . . .

The Session met on October 9th, 2018 with ten elders and the moderator, Pastor Kelly-Ann Rayle, present.

- Kathy Swisher will attend the November 27th Presbytery meeting at Strasburg with Pastor Kelly-Ann.
- As part of Bethel's youth protection policy, all persons working with our youth will have their backgrounds checked.
- The Witness Committee recently gave \$3,000 to Food on Fridays at Riverheads Elementary, \$3,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with hurricane recovery and \$400 to Craigsville Elementary to buy snacks for the children who cannot afford them.
- The Generosity Campaign has begun and Dedication Sunday will be held on October 28th.
- Bethel will participate in Salvation Army bell-ringing on December 7th, from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Staunton Walmart.
- A fundraiser for Weekday Religious Education at Riverheads Elementary, "Share Your Blessings", will be held in November.
- Bethel will open an Instagram account to share pictures and information on our activities, particularly those of our youth.



Bethel Office News . . .

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The December Tower Deadline will be Thursday, November 15th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the December Tower can be left in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or you can email them to her at bethelpc@gmail.com.

When writing announcements for the newsletter please keep in mind the 5 W's: Who? What? When? Where? Why?. Answer all of these in your announcement and you can be sure that your news will be communicated well. Remember if you turn in items after the deadline Adrienne cannot guarantee they will be included in the Tower.

Please note that the December Tower will be mailed out on Tuesday rather than Thursday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you!

Adrienne will be on vacation Monday, November 26th - Thursday, November 29th. Please contact Pastor Kelly-Ann if you have a need.

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, November 21st - Friday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Schedules & Such . . .

Nursery Schedule November 2018

November 4th - Eloise Moore,
Elizabeth Mulcahy
November 11th - Brian & Penny Lee
November 18th - Joyce Davis, Louise Hoy
November 25th - Cindy Almarode,
Karen Koogler

Flower Schedule November 2018

November 4th -
JoAnn Pendley
(Communion)
November 11th - Cindy Almarode
November 18th - Lee Ann Heizer
November 25th - Bettie Swisher



Offering Schedule November 2018

Ellen Fitzgerald
Brian Lee
Joe F. Williams

give thanks
TO THE **LORD**
FOR HE IS **good:**
HIS love ENDURES
forever.
PSALM 107:1

November
Greeters:
Joe & Tabby
Moore



Sympathies & Condolences . . .



Our sympathies & condolences to family and friends of Judy Olson who passed away on October 18th.

Many thanks! . . .

Thank you so much for all the get well cards, calls, texts, visits and especially the prayers during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. Physical therapy is coming along and I hope to be driving by next week. My cousin Lynne has also been a big help to me. - Jill Webb



Many thanks to the Bethel congregation for all the cards, calls, texts, emails and prayers following the death of my father-in-law last month. Both Justin and I were humbled by the care, concern, and love shown to us during this difficult time. We both feel so blessed to be a part of the Bethel family. - Adrienne Barker

*Thank
you*



The Memorial Committee would like to thank Meg Haislip for her many years of service as Corresponding Secretary for Memorials. Meg's responsibilities have included notifying family members of memorials received for loved ones, as well as acknowledging receipt of the gift to donors. Throughout her service Meg has demonstrated efficiency and accuracy in this significant "behind-the-scenes" task at Bethel. Meg has retired from this position and her efforts are acknowledged with appreciation and affection!

Dear Friends of Bethel Presbyterian Church,

Thank you all so much for your generous gift of \$3,000 toward our Food on Fridays program! Your donation and thoughtfulness is so appreciated by our church family. Together we are able to reach so many needy children and their families in the Riverheads area and supply them with food on the weekends. We are up to 89 families! What a blessing you are to us! God is so good!

- Greenville United Methodist Church



November 4th - Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 6th - Election Day
November 11th - Veterans Day
November 22nd - Thanksgiving Day

Around the Presbytery & Community . . .

Highland Augusta Mission Community Meeting

Elder Summit - Book of Order Training

Sunday, November 11th, 2018 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

at Loch Willow Presbyterian Church (37 Buffalo Gap Highway; Churchville, VA)



What is an “Elder Summit”?

It is a change for all Ruling and Teaching Elders of our churches to meet each other and learn about important topics in church leadership. It’s a way for us to help each other in officer training and leadership growth. Highland Augusta Mission Community has been conducting these annually for three years now.

Leaders: Rev. Bronwen Boswell, General Presbyter meeting with Teaching Elders
Rev. Nancy Yao, Associate Presbyter meeting with Ruling Elders

Cost: FREE!

Worship from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm; discussions until 5:00 pm

Light meal to following provided by Loch Willow Presbyterian Church. Please RSVP for the meal by November 4th to Reed Hopkins at (540) 337-7582 or lochwillowpastor@comcast.net. Don’t forget to include the number planning to attend the meal.

Each Training Session will review Book of Order items so please bring a copy of the Book of Order 2017/2019. The Book of Order 2017/2019 can be ordered from www.pcusastore.com.


Hope to see you there for this important training session!



Upcoming Fundraiser for Riverheads Weekday Religious Education (WRE)

The Faithful Men will be having a concert at Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church (6410 Lee Jackson Highway, Steeles Tavern) on Sunday, November 4th, at 6:00 pm. A free will offering will be collected to benefit the Riverheads WRE. Make plans now to attend and hear beautiful music while supporting a worthy cause!

November 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 Daylight Saving Time Ends - Sunday School 9:45 - Worship/ 11:00 - All Saints' Service/ Communion 12:15 - Diaconate 12:15 - PWCT</p>	<p>5 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p>6 Election Day 2:00 - Bible Study & Prayer Kelly-Ann on vacation - November 6th - 8th</p>	<p>7 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:00 - Worship Comm. 6:30 - Cub Scouts 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - The Bells of Bethel 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p>1 All Saints' Day 12:00 - Soup & Scripture</p>	<p>2 World Community Day</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11 Veterans Day Deadline: OCC Shoeboxes 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship</p>	<p>12 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p>13 1:30 - Afternoon Circle 7:00 - Evening Circle 7:00 - Session</p>	<p>14 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:00 - Christian Ed. Comm. & Youth Comm. 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - The Bells of Bethel 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p>15 12:00 - December Tower Deadline 12:00 - Soup & Scripture</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship Time TBA - Youth Group Activity: Building Christmas Display Lights at Gypsy Hill Park</p>	<p>19 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p>20 9:00 - December Tower Matting 2:00 - Bible Study & Prayer</p>	<p>21 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>23 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Christ the King Sunday Deadline: Gift Cards for PCHH 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship/Five Cents A Meal Offering 12:15 - Witness/Mission Comm. 1:00 - Youth Group Activity & Lunch</p>	<p>26 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life Adrienne on vacation - November 26th - 29th</p>	<p>27 9:30 - Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting Strasburg P. C. 2:00 - Bible Study & Prayer</p>	<p>28 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:00 - Congregational Care Comm. 6:00 - Outreach & Evangelism Comm. 6:30 - Communications Comm. 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - The Bells of Bethel 7:00 - Stewardship & Finance Comm. 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p>29 12:00 - Soup & Scripture</p>	<p>30</p> 	

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