



# The Tower

October 2018

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## Greetings from the Pastor's Desk . . .

*Generosity is often described as a virtue and embodied by the practice of giving gifts. A generous person can be described as one who does not hold tremendous value in material possessions and feels "free" to give lavishly. Generosity is held in high esteem by many world religions, including Christianity. What is more many religious leaders, researchers, and doctors agree that "generosity" is actually good for you.\**



This word has much meaning packed into its five syllables. Generosity through *giving* is a mark of Christian commitment and discipleship. Over 2000 scriptures in the Bible call our attention to "giving" in time, talent, and treasure. Giving Today, an online resource states, "*The Bible speaks more about the topic of generosity than faith and prayer combined!*" No one would argue that Christians are called to the discipleship of generosity. Remembering "*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life*" (John 3:16) sets a model that generosity in God's people should be sacrificial. However, this model is a daily challenge, because of our propensity to "*store up*" our time, talent, and especially our treasure for ourselves. This daily walk is self-denying adventure and takes an intentional commitment to be in relationship with the triune God. Our desires will always challenge us in these areas, so being honest and reflective about this is paramount. If we claim God's generous gift in Christ Jesus, then we accept the invitation to continually wonder and re-imagine our Christian call to proclaim the "Good News" of the Gospel sacrificially through our time, talent, and treasure.

In the coming months, Bethel's Stewardship and Finance committee will be devoted to creating the 2019 Budget. As they engage in this important task, I ask for your prayers for both the committee and for the congregation. If we claim to represent Christ in the world, we open ourselves to reflecting on God's provision in our lives. I invite us to wonder and reimagine this commitment by asking these questions; are we sharing our time generously? Are we sharing our "God-given" talents generously? Are we sharing our treasure generously? God promises to meet us where we are, on the journey of giving, and expects us to react. Such outward response is the discipleship of generosity lived out and will reach out into the world beyond anything we can imagine!

*(Greetings from the Pastor's Desk continued)*

Bethel, “*generosity is actually good for you!*” So, let us consider how we might unbridle our generosity this coming year and then watch what God can do by the power of the living Spirit, in the life of Bethel, in our community, and in the greater world to glorify “*the ‘Name’ above all names,*” Jesus Christ our Lord.

May JOY touch your soul through the generosity of your life,  
Pastor Kelly-Ann

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*\*University of Notre Dame, Science of Generosity Initiative*



*Out of the Office . . .*

Pastor Kelly-Ann will be on vacation Monday, October 1st through Monday, October 8th. If you have a need please contact the Church Office or any Elder. Rev. Joe Condro will also be available if a pastoral need arises.

*October Lectionary Schedule*

*October 7, 2018*

20th Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Guest Minister: Rev. Joseph Condro  
Psalm 26, Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

*October 14, 2018*

21st Sunday after Pentecost  
Psalm 26, Job 1:1; 21-10

*October 21st, 2018*

22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
Generosity Sunday  
Deuteronomy 14:22-29, Luke 20:45-21:4, Mark 12:38-44

*October 28th, 2018*

23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday  
Dedication Sunday  
Job 42:1-6, Psalm 34:1-8, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52



# Bethel Youth!

October - Fellowship & Study

All ages of youth welcome! Reach out & bring a friend!



## What's Happening . . .

October 14th - Sunday - Cookout at 5:30 pm

Come and enjoy a cookout hosted by Kathy Swisher.  
Held at the "Eagles Roost"!

October 28th - Sunday - Fellowship & Study at 1:00 pm



What does "Fellowship & Study" mean? The youth "the more the merrier" will gather, have a light lunch and begin to strengthen their relationship with God using scripture as a guide for life's choices.

This will be led by Pastor Kelly-Ann.

\*light lunch provided

\*discussion/games/activities/music

## What's Happening . . .

Bethel's Youth Committee is excited to announce that the Bethel Youth will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month beginning in October. The first meeting of the month will be dedicated to an organized activity, this will be typically held on the 2nd Sunday of the month. This is subject to change based on the activity and scheduling parameters. The second meeting of the month, "Youth Group," will be at 1:00 pm at Bethel. Bethel Youth will gather for a light lunch, fellowship, and study. Additionally, we look forward to scheduling various mission projects/trips locally and internationally. Stay tuned, more to come!

## Mark Your Calendars

November 11th - Youth Outing TBA

November 25th - Youth Group - 1:00 pm at Bethel



# Bethel Youth!



## SALT CONFERENCE AT MASSANETTA SPRINGS

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 at [almarodes@verizon.net](mailto:almarodes@verizon.net) or Pastor Kelly-Ann at [bethelpcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpcpastor@gmail.com). You can also call or text Pastor Kelly-Ann at (434) 327-7330. They would appreciate your commitment to attend by Sunday, October 7th!

## Everyone is Invited to Bethel's Harvest Festival!

Saturday, October 20th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Pumpkin carving and Trunk-or-Treat are just a few activities planned for this fun filled evening!

- Something for all ages!
- Light snacks available



*Sponsored by the Bethel Youth, Congregational Care, and Christian Education Committees*

## Christian Education Committee News . . .

Announcing a “NEW” Christian Education offering . . .



### ***“Soup & Scripture” fellowship to begin on October 11th!!!***

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.

Stay tuned...More Christian Education opportunities are in the works!

If you have any input on our current CE offerings or would like to share an idea for a new class, please contact Pastor Kelly-Ann @ [bethelpcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpcpastor@gmail.com) or

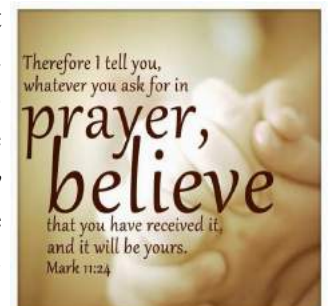
John Davis @ [bmcusnr@comcast.net](mailto:bmcusnr@comcast.net).

## Congregational Care Committee News . . .

### *Fellowship Following Worship*

*The Congregational Care Committee is looking for volunteers who would be willing to provide refreshments for “Fellowship Following Worship” in October and November.* Please check out the sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall and see if there is a date you can sign-up to bring refreshments. Light refreshments, something to drink and a friendly face are all the ingredients required!

**PRAYER LIST** Mildred Barmore, Catherine Bryan (*friend of Stephanie Rivers*), Reese Burdette (*great niece of Debbie Callison*), Lorine Caldwell (*Dean Caldwell's mother*), Betty Cash, Christopher (*Marion & Marty Simmers' grandson*), Jarod Davis & Family, Ronnie Davis (*Joyce Davis' son*), Joyce Dennison (*has cancer, longtime friend of the Lathrop Family*), Friends & Family of Jon Dunning (*friends of Bethel, Henley Gabeau, Don Hange, Joe Heizer, Gail Hord (heart issues, Steve Hord's mother), 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, Sam Leonard, Margaret Liptrap, Family of Ruth Locklear (Rosalee Miller's sister), Meade Loomis (sister of Anne Jones), Pam Massie (friend of Faye Brown), Virginia Massie (friend of Faye Brown), Preston McCallister & Meredith McCallister (friends of Drury Whitaker), All Military Leaders & Personnel, Friends & Family of Bob Moody, 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 (*recovering from brain surgery; 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*), Brad Thorpe (*friend of Barb Gough*), Family of Bob Weeks (*brother-in-law of Kenny Olson*), Bill & Marguerite Whitaker (*Tom Whitaker's parents*), Alice Wooddell, Victims of Hurricane Florence, MISSIONARIES - Michael & Rachel Weller & the people of Ethiopia*



## Men of the Church News . . .



### Save the Date!

The Men of the Church will be meeting for dinner and fellowship on Tuesday, October 16th, at 6:30 pm.

## Personnel Committee News . . .

The Bethel Personnel Committee and Session is pleased to welcome Elijah English as Bethel's new Music Director! He will also be assisting Pastor Kelly-Ann with the youth program. Eli was born in Raleigh, NC where he grew up attending Trinity Baptist Church. At Trinity, Eli was blessed to be a part of a thriving Music and Missions youth program, which helped to inspire him to attend Appalachian State University (Boone, NC) for Music Education. At Appalachian, Eli was a part of the University Singers, the Chamber Singers, and the Appalachian Opera Theatre. He also sang, and occasionally conducted, at First Baptist Church of Boone, as well as sharing with many other churches of varying denominations in Boone and Blowing Rock. Eli has spent the last year teaching Middle School Chorus on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, but is happy to have moved back to a more mountainous location!



### Eli's Office Hours & Contact Information

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Email: BethelPCMUSIC@gmail.com Phone: (919) 649-0855

## Presbyterian Women News . . .

### October 2018

Project - Blanket Offering

\*The Afternoon Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 9th, at 1:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the home of Marty Simmers (93 Rutherford Lane, Stuarts Draft). Please call Marty at (540) 476-1944 if you have any questions.

\*The Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 9th, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the church in the Bumgardner Classroom.



Bethel has two Women's Circles that meet at Bethel on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The Afternoon Circle meets at 1:30 pm and the Evening Circle meets at 7:00 pm. Currently the Circles are studying the books of Peter and Jude. In January they will start another study in the *Everyone Bible Study Guides* series by N. T. Wright. Participants in both circles enjoy the study guides that include questions for discussion on the books of the Bible they are reading. Please contact Barb Gough or Marty Simmers for information about the Afternoon Circle. Contact Irene Elliott or Louise Hoy for information about the Evening Circle. Both circles have a great time with fellowship, study, and mission projects for Bethel and the community!

## Stewardship & Finance Committee News . . .



Monthly  
Financial  
Report

Financial Report (through August 31st)

Estimated Budget: \$121,652

Actual Income: \$109,423

Actual Expenses: \$103,109

## 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 will be included in your bulletin on October 28th. 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 (kswisher@gmail.com) if you any questions. Thank you for all the past support of this project!



## Worship Committee News . . .

### HYMNAL DEDICATION

Bethel has adopted the new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*. The hymnals have been placed in the Sanctuary and were used for the first time in worship on Sunday, September 30th!

### DEDICATE A HYMNAL

We are offering you the opportunity to donate a hymnal with a special dedication. Each hymnal is \$20, and dedication placard can be made in honor or in memory of a person or group. If you would like to donate, please fill out the form below and place the form along with the cash or check attached to the form in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office (563 Bethel Green Road, Staunton 24401). If you would like to dedicate multiple hymnals please use a form for each hymnal. Extra forms are available in the vestibule. Checks should be made payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions please contact the church office at (540) 886-6041.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number or email \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

## Worship Committee News . . .



World Communion Sunday

Communion will be held on October 7th, World Communion Sunday.

## Diaconate News & Happenings . . .



### *Church-Wide Clean-Up Day*

**The Deacons will be sponsoring a church-wide clean-up day on Saturday, October 13th, at 9:00 am.  
(Rain Date: October 20th)**

**Please bring gloves, rakes, shovels, etc. as we work on cleaning up the church inside and out in preparation for winter.**

**Sandwiches and drinks will be provided for lunch.**

**Please contact any Deacon if you have questions.**

**We hope you will make plans to come and help with this big project!**

## Session News & Notes . . .

The Session met on September 11th, 2018 with seven elders and the moderator, Pastor Kelly-Ann Rayle, present.

- The Christian Education Committee will produce two new brochures highlighting educational opportunities at Bethel.
- Bethel will host the Shenandoah Presbytery meeting on February 23rd, 2019.
- A new, full-time contract was approved for Pastor Rayle.
- Eli English was hired as our new, part-time music director.
- A continuing contract was approved for our Office Manager, Adrienne Barker.
- A clean-up/trash pick-up day will be held on October 13th.
- New purple hymnals have been ordered.



## Bethel Office News . . .

### Out of the Office . . .

Adrienne will be on vacation Monday, October 8th through Thursday, October 11th. Please contact Pastor Kelly-Ann during her absence.

Just a friendly reminder...

The November Tower Newsletter Deadline will be Thursday, October 18th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the November 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!

## Schedules & Such . . .

### Flower Schedule October 2018

October 7th - Drury Whitaker  
(Communion)  
October 14th - Faye Brown  
October 21st - Jane Law (Memorial)  
October 29th - Laura Barmore (Memorial)



### Offering Schedule October 2018

Katie McElveen  
D.W. Miller  
Dale Thompson  
Drury Whitaker



October  
Greeters:  
Dale & Kay  
Thompson



### Nursery Schedule October 2018

October 7th - Joe & Tabby Moore  
October 14th - Mac & Emily Williams  
October 21st - Bayleigh Lee,  
Luanne Leonard  
October 28th - Barb Gough, Judy Olson



## Congrats & Thanks . . .

Congratulations to the Hord and Reichard family on the birth of Patrick Steven Hord, III! He is the son of Patrick Hord and Brandi Bowling and the grandson of Steve Hord and Nancy Reichard. He was born on August 27th at 11:51 am, weighed 6 lbs, 15 oz, and was 17 and a half inches long. Baby Patrick Steven has a big sister Annalise Sweeney.



Patrick Steven Hord, III  
& Family

## Congrats & Thanks . . .

Congratulations to Doris True, who just retired from Augusta Health Hospice with 25 years as a volunteer!

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.



The following is part of a note that Pastor Kelly-Ann received from the Rev. Jessica Townes who did a fantastic job of preaching and leading the worship service on August 12th.

*“ . . . The people of Bethel are certainly a reflection of your warm personality. My mother, our friends, and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. I look forward to worshipping with y'all again. Who would have thought a Baptist from Midlothian would be able to proclaim God's word in Staunton. God ultimately gets the glory, honor, and praise. It was a leap of faith and exercise in trust for this assignment. Many thanks for the opportunity! God is so good! Thank you for thinking about me and allowing me the honor to preach! . . . ”*

## Around the Presbytery & Community . . .

*Fellowship by the Fire Pit!  
Hebron Presbyterian Church (423 Hebron Road, Staunton)  
Friday, October 12th at 6:30 pm*



As part of Hebron's annual Heritage Sunday celebration, you are cordially invited to join them by the Fire Pit. They will have hot dogs, s'mores, roasted marshmallows and other goodies! Please bring a lawn chair and join them for this fun evening. For more information, please contact the church at (540) 885-1648 or myhebronpc@gmail.com. See you there!

## Around the Presbytery & Community . . .



### *"Starting the Conversation"*

*Friday, October 19th & Saturday, October 20th*

*A workshop and seminar sponsored by  
Massanetta Springs regarding aging,  
serious illness, end of life decisions and care.*

It is widely recognized that in life preparation is key, but how do we prepare ourselves and family members to face major life decisions surrounding the aging process, serious illness, and end-of-life care? Too often persons or families are labeled as resistant or lacking in faith when legitimate concerns, barriers, questions, and doubts are present that may impact decision-making and the quality of care they receive. This important seminar, "Starting the Conversation," will provide tools and resources to empower participants as they explore their faith and show how to have these important and often difficult conversations with family and friends to ensure the best possible outcomes. The more we understand the unique needs and wishes of one another, the better we can respond and the more effective we can be. Massanetta is excited to offer this new program for 2018. For more information please go to the Massanetta Spring website at:

<https://massanettasprings.org/programsarchive/startingtheconversation> or call (540) 434-3829.



### *Meals on Wheels Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser*

Since 1973, Martha's Meals on Wheels has continuously served meals to homebound residents in the Staunton area. Over 4,000 meals are delivered each year by volunteers and are provided free or at lower cost for clients in need. *Martha's Meals on Wheels will have a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help support their mission work on Sunday, October 14th, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Moose Lodge in Verona (1510 Commerce Road, Verona/Staunton).* The tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 11, and free for children under age 5. Tickets are available at the door or you can purchase tickets from one of the board members. Call (540) 886-1219 for tickets and more information. They hope to see you and your family on October 14th!



October 8th - Columbus Day

October 31st - Halloween



# October 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life (Kelly-Ann on vacation October 1st - 8th)	<b>2</b> 2:00 - Bible Study & Prayer	<b>3</b> 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:30 - Cub Scouts 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - The Bells of Bethel 7:30 - Young Life	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> World Communion Sunday 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship/ Communion 12:15 - Diaconate 12:15 - Worship Comm.	<b>8</b> Columbus Day 11:30 - Private Gathering (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life (Adrienne on vacation October 8th - 11th)	<b>9</b> 1:30 - Afternoon Circle (at Marty Simmers' home) 7:00 - Evening Circle 7:00 - Session	<b>10</b> 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:00 - Youth Comm. & Christian Ed. Comm. 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - The Bells of Bethel 7:30 - Young Life	<b>11</b> 12:00 - Soup & Scripture	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 - Church-Wide Clean-Up Day
<b>14</b> 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship 12:00 - Fellowship Following Worship 5:30 - Youth Group Activity Cook-Out (Eagles Roost)	<b>15</b> 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life	<b>16</b> World Food Day 2:00 - Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 - Men of the Church	<b>17</b> 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:00 - Outreach & Evangelism Comm. 6:30 - Cub Scouts 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - The Bells of Bethel 7:00 - Stewardship & Finance Comm. 7:30 - Young Life	<b>18</b> 12:00 - November Tower Deadline 12:00 - Soup & Scripture 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 2:00 - Cub Scouts Camp-Out (Eagles Roost) 6:00 - Harvest Festival 
<b>21</b> Generosity Sunday 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship	<b>22</b> 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life	<b>23</b> 2:00 - Bible Study & Prayer	<b>24</b> United Nations Day 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:00 - Communications Comm. 6:00 - Congregational Care Comm. 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - The Bells of Bethel 7:30 - Young Life	<b>25</b> 9:00 - November Tower Mailing 12:00 - Soup & Scripture	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 4:00 - Wedding (Eagles Roost)
<b>28</b> Dedication Sunday 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship/Five Cents A Meal Offering 12:15 - Witness/Mission Comm. 1:00 - Youth Group Activity & Lunch	<b>29</b> 7:00 - Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts (Eagles Roost) 7:30 - Young Life	<b>30</b> 2:00 - Bible Study & Prayer	<b>31</b> Halloween 1:15 - Staff Meeting 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - The Bells of Bethel 7:00 - Personnel Comm. 7:30 - Young Life			