

Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church!

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

November 11th - November 17th

Today	Veterans Day Deadline: OCC Shoeboxes 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Following Worship
Monday	7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Young Life
Tuesday	1:30 Afternoon Circle 7:00 Evening Circle 7:00 Session
Wednesday	1:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Christian Education Committee & Youth Committee 7:00 Adult Choir 7:00 The Bells of Bethel 7:30 Young Life
Thursday	12:00 December Tower Deadline 12:00 Soup & Scripture
Saturday	11:00 Memorial Service for Henley Gabeau

Next Sunday, November 18th:

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
Time TBA Youth Group Activity:
Building Christmas Lights
Display at Gypsy Hill Park

Serving During The Worship Service Today

<u>Greeters</u>	Joe & Tabby Moore
<u>Offering</u>	Ellen Fitzgerald Brian Lee Joe Williams
<u>Nursery</u>	Brian & Penny Lee

BETHEL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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•Good Morning! 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 and hearing assists are available in the vestibule for those who may need them.

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Derek & Cindy Almarode in loving memory of Nathaniel Lane Almarode and Danny & Louale Almarode.

•We will be honoring our veterans this morning at the beginning of the worship service. We thank our veterans for their dedication and service to our country!

•“Fellowship Following Worship” will be today so make sure to stop by the Fellowship Hall for snacks and fellowship! Many thanks to Ellen Fitzgerald for providing the refreshments! Everyone is invited!

•All Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due today! Please place your shoeboxes on the cart in the vestibule. If you have any questions or forgot your shoebox this morning please contact Kathy Swisher. Thank you for your support of this project!

•Bethel welcomes Chaplain (Captain) Clifton Edwards who will be our guest speaker this morning. Chaplain Edwards grew up in Greenville, VA and was confirmed in Bethel Presbyterian Church. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 13 where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Riverheads High School in 1995 as co-valedictorian. He graduated from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1999, where he earned a Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*, in Biology. He earned a Master of Divinity in Apologetics in 2007, from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Divinity in 2011 from St Mary's College, University of St Andrews in Scotland, where his research focused on theological aesthetics and epistemology. Chaplain Edwards has taught at the University of St Andrews and at Hawaii Pacific University. He was a medical support assistant at Tripler Army Medical Center Emergency Department from 2011-13.

Chaplain Edwards was a cadet in the College of William and Mary Revolutionary Guard Battalion. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Medical Service Corps and graduated from the Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He has worked in several leadership rolls in the US Army and was recommissioned as a Chaplain (Captain) and completed the Chaplain Officer Basic Leadership Course at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina in 2013. He served as the Battalion Chaplain for the 303rd Ordnance Battalion (EOD), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, from 2013-16. He completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center from 2016-17. He is now a chaplain clinician at Walter Reed, working with wounded warriors, traumatic brain injury patients, and psychiatric inpatients.

Chaplain Edwards' is the author of 11 scholarly and popular publications, including *Creation's Beauty as Revelation: Toward a Creational Theology of Natural Beauty*, Wipf and Stock, 2014; "Theology from Outside the Foxhole: A Veteran Reflects on Heroism," *Practical Theology* 6 (2013); and "Artful Creation and Aesthetic Rationality: Toward a Creational Theology of Revelatory Beauty," *Theology Today* 69 (2012). His theological research has been published in Britain, Ireland, and the United States and is available at <http://cliftonedwards.wordpress.com>.

Please let Chaplain Edwards know how much we appreciate his preaching at Bethel this morning!

•Calling all pledge cards! If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2019 please do so at your earliest convenience. Your pledge assists the Stewardship & Finance Committee with planning the budget for next year. Pledge cards are available in the vestibule and in Memorial Hall if you need one. Many thanks to everyone who has turned in their card!

2019 Pledges: 21 for a total of \$88,500.00

•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 this Tuesday, November 13th.

•The December Tower Deadline will be this 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. 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, November 20th rather than Thursday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

•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 questionnaire available in the vestibule and was included in the November Tower newsletter by this Thursday, November 15th. Please place the completed survey in the designated box in the vestibule. You may also place it in Adrienne's mailbox, mail it to the church at the Attention of the Communications Committee, or scan and email it to bethelpc@gmail.com. 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! - Communications Committee

Update on the location of Riverheads WRE . . .

The following is a letter from Mary Alford who will be speaking briefly during the worship service next Sunday, November 18th, about WRE.

To our valued WRE supporters,

We are excited to tell you about the progress being made with Riverheads Weekday Religious Education! As many of you know, the new Riverheads Elementary School is in its second year at the new location. Since the old school closed, we have been unable to offer WRE because we have not had an appropriate location. Now the ball is finally rolling! Easements have been approved by the school board, the contract has been signed by the landowner, and closing is expected by mid-November! Below is a picture of the lot (notice Riverheads Elm. in the background) and a rough sketch of the building. We are ready to enlist your help! We are estimating the cost of the lot, hook-up to public water and septic, driveway, permits, materials and labor to cost approximately \$250,000. We currently have just over \$130,000 in our building fund. Several churches and individuals have said they planned to make donations once we had a definite plan in place, now is the time! Some churches have suggested that each church do a fundraiser or take up a special offering. Donations can be sent to: Riverheads WRE; PO Box 352; Greenville, VA 24440. In addition, if you or someone in your congregation is interested in donating building materials or skilled volunteer labor, please let us know.

The WRE Building Team

Mary Alford, Riverheads WRE President



Upcoming Youth Activities . . .

Next Sunday, November 18th

Building Display Lights for Celebration of Holiday Lights at Gypsy Hill Park. (The time and location of where to meet will be announced next week.)

Sunday, November 25th

Lunch, Fellowship & Bible Study at 1:00 pm

•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

•Share your blessings with Weekday Religious Education this Thanksgiving season! There is a display set-up in the hallway next to the Choir Room with pledge cards and envelopes already addressed to where you can send your donation. Simply, fill out the pledge card, tear off the top part and place it in the basket provided. Put the bottom part of the card with your donation in the envelope provided, put a stamp on the envelope, drop it in the mail and you're done! Thanks for your generosity in donating to WRE!

•Bethel Presbyterian Women Gift Card Drive 2018

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

All members of Bethel and the community are invited to join our Presbyterian Women in their GIFT CARD drive to benefit PCHH this holiday season. If you are able to participate in this mission project, please obtain gift cards from Wal-Mart or McDonald's, write the purchased amount on each card or envelope, and give the gift cards to Joyce Miller, Irene Elliott, Louise Hoy, or Marty Simmers by Sunday, November 25th, 2018.

2018 Bethel Advent/Christmas Events

"Let every heart prepare him room!"

First Sunday of Advent	December 2nd
Hanging of the Greens Service	December 2nd, 11:00 am
Advent Workshop & Meal	December 2nd, 12:00 pm
Stuarts Draft Christmas Parade	December 8th, 4:00 pm
Weekend of Joy! "A Family Christmas Celebration" Musical Program & Covered Dish Meal	December 15th - 16th December 15th, 5:00 pm
Christmas Joy Offering	December 16th, 11:00 am
Christmas Eve	December 24th
Live Nativity by Bethel Youth	December 24th, 8:30 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	December 24th, 9:00 pm

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Mission Statement:

We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.



•Our sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Henley Gabeau who passed away on Wednesday, November 7th. Henley's memorial service will be held next Saturday, November 17th at 11:00 am with a reception to follow.

•Our sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Wayne Heizer who passed away on Wednesday, October 31st, in Florida. A memorial service for Wayne will be held at Bethel at a later date.

•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.

•If you would like to join Bethel Presbyterian Church, please feel free to contact Pastor Kelly-Ann. She would love to hear from you!

November 4th

Attendance: 85

Weekly Budget: \$3,577.00 Received: \$8,780.00