

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

March 17th, 2019

2nd Sunday in Lent

11:00 am

***Please feel free to stand as you are able.*

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

GATHERING

Ringling of the Bell

Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

Welcome & Announcements *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Prelude

WE APPROACH GOD

****Call to Worship** *Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8*

Pastor: Lord, you are our God.

People: *We will praise you with joyful lips.*

Pastor: Lord, you are our God.

People: *Our souls thirst for you.*

Pastor: Lord, you are our God.

People: *We behold your power and majesty.*

Pastor: Lord, you are our God.

People: *We will bless you all of the days of our lives.*

****Hymn of Adoration 626** *“As the Deer” (sing twice)*

****Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

****Hymn of Preparation 422** *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

Unison Prayer of Confession

This is the season that we are invited to “move inward” as we “move to the cross.” We are called on this journey inward to turn our lives to the Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don’t want to be like this - we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our selfish ways. Heal us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: In Christ, you are forgiven!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

****Celebration of God’s Grace 440**
“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” (verses 1 & 4)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Call to the Young People

Conversation with the Young People

Anthem *“The Gift of Love” by Hal. H. Hopson*
Adult Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:3-11

New Testament Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Message *“Over the Fence”*
Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

****Hymn of Reflection 432** *“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”*

Unison Affirmation of Faith

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer *“Amen”*

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

****Doxology 606**

****Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

****Hymn of Sending 821** *“My Life Flows On”*

****Charge and Benediction**

****Congregational Response 626** *“As the Deer”*

**** Postlude**

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Officer of the Day: Derek Almarode

Greeters: Jane Law & Boyd Wood

Offering: Brian Lee, Katie McElveen, D.W. Miller, Joe Moore

•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. Also, large print bulletins and hearing assists are available in the vestibule for those who may need them.

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•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Marty Simmers to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her Aunt Mildred "Mickey" Wright whose birthday was today, March 17th.

•A special reception in conjunction with "Fellowship Following Worship" will be held today. Many thanks to Rhonda Johnson & Kathy Swisher who will be providing the refreshments and Ellen Fitzgerald & Irene Elliott who helped organize the reception. Make plans to stay and chat with friends following the worship service today!

The Congregational Care Committee is still looking for people who would be willing to provide refreshments once a month for "Fellowship Following Worship" in 2019. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall if you can help out (you choose which month and Sunday).

•Bethel will be exploring a new program this month called "Supper and a Speaker" and is sponsored by the Men of the Church group with a supper being provided by the Presbyterian Women. The program will be this Tuesday, March 19th, with supper being served at 6:30 pm. The topic "Endings and Beginnings: Life Changes in our Later Years" will be presented by Rev. Dr. John Bradford (Brad) Langdon. A full biographical sketch on Rev. Langdon is included in the March Tower newsletter. If you cannot make it to supper, the program will begin at 7:15 pm. We hope to see you there!

****Please note while this event is sponsored by the Men of the Church group it's open to everyone at the church and community.****

•The April Tower Deadline will be this Thursday, March 21st. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. All articles and announcements for the Tower need to be submitted in writing. Articles and announcements for the April Tower can be left in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or you can email them to: bethelpc@gmail.com. When writing announcements for the newsletter please keep in mind the 5 W's: Who? What? When? Where? Why?. Please remember if you turn in items after the deadline Adrienne cannot guarantee they will be included in the Tower.

•**Add the date to your calendar!** The next Table Talk Theology is scheduled for this Thursday, March 21st, at 7:00 pm. The location and topic will be emailed the beginning of this week. Everyone is invited!

•The Community Lenten Service will held this Thursday, March 21st at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church (334 Mt. Tabor Road, Staunton). The service is at 7:00 pm and Rev. Dennis Russell (Pastor - Church of the Forerunner) will be preaching. Everyone is invited to this special service!

•Pastor Kelly-Ann will be on vacation next Saturday, March 23rd - Saturday, April 6th. If you have a need please contact the Church Office (during office hours) or any Elder. We are grateful to have the Rev. Malcolm Brownlee joining us next Sunday, March 24th, and the Rev. Jessica Townes joining us on Sunday, March 31st.



Youth Bible Study & Lunch Group The youth will have lunch and Bible Study next Sunday, March 24th, at 1:00 pm. Many thanks to Sally Williams for preparing lunch. Bring your Bibles and make plans to join us for the fun! All youth are invited!

•It's that time of year! Easter Lilies are available for purchase at \$10.00 each and/or you can make a special Easter donation to the Bethel Emergency Relief Fund. As in the past you can make your lily or donation in honor or in memory of someone. All lilies purchased and BERF donations made in honor or in memory of someone will be reflected in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Order/donation forms are at the end of your pew and in the vestibule. Additional information is also available on the forms. All lily orders and Easter donations must be to the Church Office by Sunday, March 31st.

•As most of you know Bethel member Karen Koogler is battling cancer. To help Karen with her increasing medical bills she has been chosen as the Gateway Cafe's March 2019 Round-Up Recipient. What is the "Round-Up Recipient"? This community project features a person each month that needs help with medical bills regarding chronic illnesses and/or conditions. When people purchase something at the Gateway Cafe, they have the option of rounding their bill up and 100% of the extra amount will go to the recipient for that month. For example, if your purchase is \$8.32 you can round it up to \$10.00 and the extra \$1.68 will go to the chosen recipient for that month. The Gateway Cafe is open Monday - Friday from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm and serves breakfast, lunch, specialty coffee drinks, and baked goods. Their address is: 15 Angela Court, Suite C, Fishersville and more information can be found at their website www.gatewaycafe.org. Make sure to stop by during the month of March and round-up your bill to help our friend Karen!

•Receiving Treasurer Wanted!

After 22 years of faithful service, Ken Wilkinson is stepping down as Receiving Treasurer, effective April 4th. All of us at Bethel owe Ken a debt of gratitude. The Stewardship & Finance Committee is in need of someone to step-in as Receiving Treasurer. If you might be willing to serve Bethel in this capacity, please contact Mac Williams (540/294-1853, williamsmac07@icloud.com) or Derek Almarode (540/280-4940, almarodes@verizon.net).

The Receiving Treasurer maintains a complete and accurate record of church member accounts. While not an employee of the church is accountable to the Session.

Responsibilities include:

1. Establish account records for members and others who designate monies for the general fund.
2. Create receipt and deposit records weekly.
3. Prepare articles for the Tower and weekly bulletins as needed.
4. Tabulate and record in members accounts pledges received.
5. Receive, prepare, and deposit all monies for the general fund weekly.
6. Provide Disbursement Treasurer with deposit information for the general fund weekly.
7. Provide Office Manager with total receipts to budget and other special collections weekly.
8. Maintain and post account records as needed.
9. Prepare monthly report for publication in the Tower, of receipts to the General Fund.
10. Prepare and distribute annual statement for all accounts by January 31st for the previous year.
11. Order/purchase materials needed to accomplish Receiving Treasurer actions.
12. Advise Session of any irregularities in giving trends as needed.
13. Insure two church officers assist in counting/verifying currency and coin received in Sunday collections, and any time cash is received.

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Bethel Presbyterian Church



Lenten Sermon Series:
God Is On The Move!

"Over the Fence" March 17th, 2019



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Miles for Mary 5K Fun Run/Walk



When: Saturday, April 13th 2019
Time: Sign in begins at 9:00am
 Run/Walk begins at 10:30am
 **Race will be timed
Location: Riverheads High School
 19 Howardsville Rd.
 Staunton, VA 24401

Lunch will be provided with donations benefiting the Mary Williams Dransfield Scholarship at Riverheads High School

REGISTRATION:

Please use the QR code or go to
<https://milesformary5k.com>
 to Register and Donate Online



If unable to attend or donate online donations can be mailed to:

Cynthia Williams
 326 McClures Mill Rd
 Greenville, VA 24440



For more information contact:
 Katie Morris at 434-547-9724 or
shookke@vcu.edu

*All Donations to Miles for Mary, Inc are tax deductible

•Bethel Presbyterian Church Continuing Education Loan Fund

The Bethel Presbyterian Church Continuing Education Loan Fund (formerly the Scholarship/Loan Fund) was established a number of years ago due to the generosity of an anonymous donor to assist young people in furthering their education. Aid from this fund is available to church members for any post-high school education, including vocational schools, nursing, etc. Applications are available in the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following Continuing Education Loan Fund Committee members: Dan Gano, David Schooley, or Jimmy Callison. The deadline for the return of the completed application together with attachments is April 15th, 2019. Completed applications may be left in the Church Office or given to a member of the committee.

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•Please Note... Starting May 2019 Bethel is “going green” in regards to The Tower meaning the newsletter will be distributed primarily by email. The last issue to be mailed out in bulk will be the April 2019 edition of The Tower. If you do not have email and would still like to receive a mailed copy of The Tower please contact the Church Office at (540) 886-6041 or bethelpc@gmail.com. Paper copies of The Tower will also be available in the Church Office, Memorial Hall, and the vestibule starting with the May Tower. If we do not have your email address on file or if you have any questions please contact the Church Office. Also, please remember you can always access The Tower on the Bethel website at: www.bethelpresbyterianstaunton.org.
 - The Bethel Communications Committee & Session

•The Shenandoah Presbytery is planning a mission trip this summer to Baja, Mexico. The trip will be Friday, July 5th - Sunday, July 14th (travel days included) and if you are planning to participate they need your registration by Monday, April 1st, at the latest. If you would like to participate in this important mission trip or if you have any questions please check the Presbytery website at <http://shenpres.org/baja-mission> or contact Keith Folsom at keithspringdale@gmail.com. All trip participants are required to attend informational and planning meetings. Scheduled meeting dates are:

Tuesday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm - Olivet Presbyterian Church, Staunton
 Tuesday, May 7th, 7:00 pm - Massanutten Presbyterian Church,
 Penn Laird

Thursday, June 6th, 7:00 pm - Olivet Presbyterian Church, Staunton
 Tuesday, July 2nd, 7:00 pm - Massanutten Presbyterian Church,
 Penn Laird

1st Annual Shenandoah Presbytery Baja Benefit Gala: Building a Better World

When: May 18th, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Where: Frontier Culture Museum (1290 Richmond Ave, Staunton)

Why: To benefit the 2019 Baja Mission Trip Attire: Business Casual

The 1st Annual Baja Benefit Gala at the Frontier Culture Museum in an opportunity for fellowship and fun - all the benefit the Shenandoah Presbytery's 2019 Baja Mission Trip. Great auction items will be available! Music, a Cinco de Mayo themed dinner, drinks (beer and wine), and dessert will round out the evening - mix and mingle with a fabulous group of people coming together for a great cause. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time and are \$50.00 each. Ticket forms are available in the Church Office (contact Adrienne for forms) and must be submitted by May 6th. The Baja Mission Teams hope you will join them for this fun event!

•We want to thank the Bethel congregation for their love and support following the recent death of Bettie Beard. Your expressions of sympathy and caring uplifted us in a wonderful way and we also deeply appreciated Pastor Kelly-Ann's compassion and care that surrounded our family. It is a blessing to be comforted in knowing that Bettie is at peace eternally with our Savior, Jesus Christ.
 Gratefully, Bill & Sally Brubeck

March 10th Attendance: 103

Weekly Budget: \$3,979.00 Received: \$3,191.00

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

March 17th - March 23rd

Today	Happy St. Patrick's Day! 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:45 Confirmation Class 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Special Reception & Fellowship Following Worship 12:15 Mission Comm.
Monday	7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Young Life
Tuesday	6:30 Supper with a Speaker
Wednesday	Happy Spring - First Day of Spring! 1:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Outreach & Evangelism 6:30 Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 Adult Choir 7:00 The Bells of Bethel 7:00 Stewardship & Finance
Thursday	12:00 April Tower Deadline 7:00 Table Talk Theology (Location: TBA) 7:00 Community Lenten Service at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church
Saturday	Private Event (Fellowship Hall) Pastor Kelly-Ann on vacation (March 23rd - April 6th)
<i>Next Sunday, March 24th: 3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	
	9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Confirmation Class 11:00 Worship/5 Cents A Meal 1:00 Bethel Youth - Lunch & Bible Study



Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle, Stated Supply Pastor
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JoAnn Pendley, Handbell Choir Director Sara Ann Lamb, Organist

Ken Wilkinson, Receiving Treasurer Lori Miller, Disbursing Treasurer

Donna Bush and Carol Sprouse, Custodians

Lift Up in Prayer

Bethel Prayer List - March 17th, 2019

New Additions

Family & Friends of Alicia (especially her daughter Kyla)
 Ruby Rosen
 Nancy Cash Stephenson
 Family & Friends of Colin Warmington

Congregation Members

Betty Cash	Jarod Davis & Family
Karen Koogler	Sara Ann Lamb
Evelyn LaPorte	Jeannie Lee
Margaret Liptrap	John Pilson
Alice Wooddell	
Bethel Confirmation Class, Teachers, & Mentors	
Bethel Nominating Committee & Church Officers	

Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

Linda Dallas	Martha Dubyk
Dylan Kallar	Ann Kellogg
Lucas Kinsling	Matt Koogler
Tracy Koogler	David Law
Olivia Lewis & Family	Maggie Martino
Megan Pettyjohn	Van Pirkey
Maya Ramsey	Devin Scott
Buddy Thomas	Misty Woods

Sympathy & Condolences

Family & Friends of Mildred Barmore
 Family & Friends of Bettie Beard

Community, Country, & World

All Military Leaders & Personnel
 Police, Firemen, and EMS workers and volunteers
 Michael & Rachel Weller, Missionaries in Ethiopia

Prayer List Policy Update (adopted by Bethel Diaconate 2/3/2019)

After two months people will be removed from the Prayer List (excluding congregation members, military, first responders, and missionaries). This will allow us to be able to add new prayer requests along with keeping the list as current as possible. If you would like family members or friends to remain on the Prayer List for a longer period of time or be added back to the list, please call Adrienne in the Church Office at (540) 886-6041 and let her know. You may also call Tammy Barbour at (540) 471-0450 or Barb Gough at (540) 255-6521 with any other additions or updates. Thanks for your understanding with this new policy!