



# The Tower

March 2019

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Important  
Notice!

## **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](http://www.bethelpresbyterianstaunton.org).*

## *From the Pastor's Desk . . .*

### **ONE BODY IN CHRIST**

*There is one body, but it has many parts.... all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it. 1 Cor.12:12-13, 27*

In July of 2011, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) implemented a new, welcomed Form of Government for the purpose of instilling greater freedom and flexibility to the churches, and encouraging congregations and councils to focus on God's mission. It offers a structure that is more horizontal than hierarchical. It encourages the church to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as it seeks to be Christ's body and to live out its calling as a community of faith, hope, love and witness.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is steadfast in its claim that Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and its councils. The councils of our church are made up of presbyters who are ruling elders and teaching elders that serve on sessions, presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly. This month, it is with tremendous gratitude and joy that I highlight the council of the Presbytery and Bethel's Presbytery of care: The Shenandoah Presbytery.



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The Presbytery serves as a corporate expression of the church. It has specific responsibilities that fall into three general categories: those relating to congregations, those relating to ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and those relating to synod and the General Assembly. It includes all the churches and ministers of the Word and Sacrament within a certain district. Just as the session of elected ruling elders shall not “*lord over*” a congregation, the Presbytery does not seek to “*lord over*” the congregations or its ministers. On the contrary, its aim is to be a supportive and visionary partner in fidelity to the Word of God and to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the church.

The Shenandoah Presbytery not only has specific responsibilities to the church, but has a specific vision to be a covenant body where:

- Congregations are empowered to be centers for mission,
- People of God are equipped to be Disciples of Christ in a challenging world,
- Church leaders and members are nurtured and strengthened for service,
- Open communication and information are used constructively and creatively to keep us connected.
- Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and its councils.
- The councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are comprised of presbyters; ruling elders and teaching elders that serve on sessions, presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly.

This is an inspiring and purpose FILLED vision and as your Stated Supply Pastor, I encourage the Bethel Congregation to support the Presbytery’s work, mission, and vision for ALL the churches that make up the Shenandoah Presbytery.

One way we can do this is to host the Presbytery for its quarterly meetings. In October 2018, the session of Bethel voted to host the 181<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery on February 23, 2019. Over 180 church folk, made up of ministers, ruling elders, commissioned ruling elders, Bethel congregation members and youth members gathered to worship, fellowship, and conduct the business and mission of the church.

This historical event was planned and headed up by the amazing efforts of Kathy Swisher and the Bethel Youth. Along with them, many volunteers worked countless hours to make this day a reality. I am humbled and deeply grateful for their tireless efforts to bring forth a hospitable setting, a meaningful worship service, a structured and timely meeting, and wonderful lunch service. Bethel, please join me in lifting up, in gratitude, the gracious and valiant efforts of our TEAM...

The staff: Adrienne Barker, Donna and Jon Bush, Eli English, Carol and Puggie Sprouse, and Jo-Ann Pendley. The Commissioned Elder to represent Bethel: Dean Caldwell. The Bethel Elders, Deacons, and congregation members and friends: Derek Almarode, Cindy Almarode, Wade Cash, John Davis, Ellen Fitzgerald, Bill Hanger, Kristen Hanger, Rhonda Johnson, Mo Kyle, Jackie Law, Brian Lee, Penny Lee, Katie McElveen, Martha McFarlane, Aaron McFarlane, Kenneth Olsen, David Schooley, Alex Sproul, Dale Thompson, Billy Wade, Joe Williams, Mac Williams, Sally Williams. The Bethel youth: Ashlyn Almarode, Bayleigh Lee, Lydia Lee, Moose Lee, Trevor Lee, Will Hanger, Andrew McFarlane, Samantha Moore, Jonah Williams, and Samuel Williams. The Dessert Committee: The Bethel Presbyterian Women.

In Christ, from whom all blessings flow!

Pastor Kelly-Ann

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*Referenced: Book of Order, (G3.0301)(G-11.0101)(F-3.0202)(F.1.02) and <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/constitutional-services/form-government/>*

## March & April Sermon Schedule

March 3, 2019

Transfiguration of the Lord  
Psalm 99 and Luke 9:23-43a  
The Message: "Listen"

*Lenten Series: "God is on the Move"*

March 10, 2019

1st Sunday in Lent  
Psalm 91 and Luke 4:1-13  
The Message: "Into the Desert"

March 17, 2019

2nd Sunday in Lent  
Scripture: Psalm 63:1-8, Isaiah 55:1-9, and Luke 13:1-9  
The Message: "Over the Fence"

March 24, 2019

3rd Sunday in Lent Guest Minister - Rev. Malcolm Brownlee  
Scripture: Psalm 27 and Luke 13:31-35  
The Message: "Obstacles"

March 31, 2019

4th Sunday in Lent Guest Minister - Rev. Jessica Townes  
Scripture: Psalm 32 and Luke 15:1-32  
The Message: "Down the Road"

April 7, 2019

5th Sunday in Lent  
Scripture: Psalm 126, and John 12:1-8  
The Message: "Emptiness"

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday  
Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and Luke 19:28-40  
The Message: "To the Cross"

April 21, 2018

Easter Sunday/Resurrection of the Lord  
Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 and Luke 24:1-12  
The Message: "Out of the Tomb"

*Easter Series: "The Unexpected Acts of God"*

April 28, 2018

2nd Sunday of Easter  
Scripture: Acts 5:27-32  
The Message: "A Surprising Reversal"



## Pastor Kelly-Ann's Office 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.*

One of the themes Bethel is looking at in 2019 is "Jesus is always with us". So we have started a new activity in the Tower to help remember this theme. The activity is similar to "Where's Waldo?" but instead will be "Where's Jesus in the Bethel Tower?" See if you can find where Jesus is hidden in this edition of the Tower.



*"I am with you always."*

- Matthew 28:20

Pastor Kelly-Ann will be on vacation Saturday, March 23rd - Saturday, April 6th. If you have a need please contact the Church Office (*during office hours*) or any Elder. Thank you!



## Musical News & Notes . . .



Shalom Bethel!

I come to you this month bringing musical greetings! Spring is just around the corner, and with it, **Easter** at Bethel! During this time, the choir could really use extra support. We have a wonderful group, but it would be amazing if we could add new members to our ranks!

I hope I do not sound like a broken record, but if I do, that is because we still have the same needs! If you have a love of singing, a passion for Jesus, and a willingness to offer your services in worship, then please join the Bethel Choir! Men, women, boys, and girls of all ages are welcome to join! We meet every Wednesday at 7:00 PM and sing in worship on Sundays.

### Eli's Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday  
Friday

10:00 am - 3:00 pm



## Bethel Office News & Notes . . .



The April Tower Deadline will be 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](mailto: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.

### Asking for Church Office Volunteers

We are asking for volunteers to help out in the Church Office on Fridays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We currently have a dedicated group of volunteers but would love to have more! Tasks would include folding the bulletins, putting the announcements together, clerical work, occasionally answering the phone and other miscellaneous tasks that would help free up Adrienne's time during the week to work on other tasks. If you have a few hours free on a Friday and would be willing to help please contact the Church Office. We have a volunteer sign-up sheet online so signing up is as easy as 1-2-3!

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm\*

*\*Only Eli in the office*



Please contact the Church Office at [bethelpc@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpc@gmail.com) if there are any changes to your mailing address, phone number, and/or email address. If we do not have the correct contact information you may miss out on important Bethel announcements, events, and news.



*Bethel Office News & Notes . . . (continued)*



*Easter Lilies Orders and BERF Donations Form*

You may order lilies at a cost of \$10.00 (tax included) each or you may make a monetary donation to BERF (Bethel Emergency Relief Fund). The Easter Lilies purchased and the donations made to BERF will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please fill out the form below, attach the check or cash and place in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office: Attn: Church Office; 563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401. *If you are purchasing a lily please make checks payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church. If you are making a donation to BERF please make the check payable to Bethel Emergency Relief Fund. The deadline is Sunday, March 31st.*

*\*Note: Please fill out the form completely. Sometimes forms come back not completely filled out and it can make things difficult when compiling them for the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Also, if you would like to order a lily and make a donation please use two forms (one for the lily and one for the donation). Thank you!*

*Easter Lilies and BERF Donations Form*

Please fill out the form below, attach the check or cash and place in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office: Attn: Church Office; 563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401. *If you are purchasing a lily please make checks payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church. If you are making a donation to BERF please make the check payable to Bethel Emergency Relief Fund. The deadline is Sunday, March 31st.*

Number of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ Check or Cash Total \_\_\_\_\_

*or*

Donation to BERF \_\_\_\_\_ Check or Cash Total \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of : \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

## Session News & Notes . . .

### News And Notes

The Session met on Tuesday, February 19th, with eight elders and the moderator, Pastor Kelly-Ann, present.

Officers for the class of 2022 will be ordained and/or installed on March 10th during worship.

The Staunton Choral Society will hold a spring concert at Bethel on Saturday, April 6th.

The Easter sunrise service will be held at 6:30 am on Easter morning, March 21st, at the chapel.

The Pork Loin Meal will be held on Sunday, April 28th.

Three vespers services with guest musicians will be held during the summer.

Bible School will be held July 22nd to 26th and local churches have been invited to participate.

The Youth won second place overall in the Christmas Celebration of Lights at Gypsy Hill Park in Staunton and first place for faith-based organizations.

### Examination of New Officers & Session Workshop

Attention: The examination of the new Deacons and Elders for ordination and/or installation and the all-Session workshop, to begin goal setting, review roles and responsibilities, confirm committee leadership, etc. for the new sessional year, March 10th, 2019-February 29th, 2020 will be held Sunday, March 3rd from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

1:00 to 2:00 pm: Examination of New Deacon Officers by current Session

2:00 to 3:00 pm: Examination of New Session Officers by current Session

3:00 to 5:00 pm: All-Session Workshop\*

*\*Deacons please note that you are welcome to attend the Session workshop but are only required to attend from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm for your examination.*



## Christian Education Committee News & Notes . . .

*When: Meets every Tuesday  
(except the 2nd Tuesday or when otherwise noted)*

*Time & Place: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Bumgardner Classroom*

*Topic: Studying the Gospel of Luke*

*Leader: Pastor Kelly-Ann*

*All are welcome to join the group as they have a cup of coffee or tea, study and discuss what Dr. Luke has to say, and then pray for those in the congregation, community, and world.*



## Christian Education Committee News & Notes . . . (continued)



Tabletalk Theology The format is simple: food, beverage, conversation, and God. The group will meet at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of each month and the topic/discussion facilitators will be Steve and Kelly-Ann Rayle. Before each scheduled meeting Steve Rayle will email participants a gathering location and discussion topic based on a current news event to re-

view and ponder. Then, Come!!! Bring your questions, your curiosities, and pull up a chair at the table!

March 5th at 7:00 pm at Giovanni's in Greenville. Since we are meeting at a restaurant make plans to have your dinner, a drink, a dessert, or even all 3 at Giovanni's while we discuss the topics for the week!

March 21st at 7:00 pm (Location: TBA)

*When: Meets every Thursday (unless otherwise noted in the bulletin)*

*Time & Place: 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm, Bethel Church Kitchen*

*Topic: The scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday*

*All are welcome to join the group as they eat a delicious homemade soup prepared by Pastor Kelly-Ann while they study and discuss the scriptures for the week.*



## Communications Committee News & Notes . . .

The Bethel Communications Committee is seeking pictures and content from any Bethel activities to post on the website and Facebook. Thank you for keeping us up to date! You can send these materials to Adrienne in the Church Office or Communications Committee member Tim Turner at [timturner@lumos.net](mailto:timturner@lumos.net).



## Congregational Care News & Notes . . .

### Monthly "Fellowship Following Worship"

"Fellowship Following Worship" will be held on Sunday, March 17th. Many thanks to Rhonda Johnson & Kathy Swisher who will be providing the refreshments. 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).



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!*



Bethel Prayer List (updated February 27th, 2019)

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, and Mentors  
Bethel Nominating Committee & Church Officers

Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

- |                       |                |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Linda Dallas          | Donnie Davis   | Martha Dubyk   |
| Dylan Kallar          | Ann Kellogg    | Lucas Kinsling |
| Matt Koogler          | Tracy Koogler  | David Law      |
| Olivia Lewis & Family | Maggie Martino | Lane McNorton  |
| Megan Pettyjohn       | Maya Ramsey    | Devin Scott    |
| Buddy Thomas          | Misty Woods    |                |

Sympathy & Condolences

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Family & Friends of Mildred Barmore | Family & Friends of Bettie Beard |
| Family & Friends of Polly McConnell |                                  |

Community, Country, & World

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





## Continuing Education Committee News & Notes . . .

### Bethel Presbyterian Church

#### Continuing Education Loan Fund (formerly the Scholarship/Loan Fund)

Continuing  
Education

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: Bill Brubeck, Dan Gano or David Schooley. *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.

## Men's Ministry Team News & Notes . . .

### Supper & A Speaker - March 19th at 6:30 pm

Bethel will be exploring a new program this month called "Supper & A Speaker". This is sponsored by the Men of the Church with supper being provided by the Presbyterian Women. The program will be held on 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 below.

*If you plan to join us for supper kindly RSVP to the Church Office (540/886-6041 or bethelpc@gmail.com) by Monday, March 11th, at 3:00 pm.*

If you cannot make it to supper, the program will begin at 7:15 pm.

We hope to see you there!

### Biography - Rev. Brad Langdon

*The Rev. Dr. John Bradford (Brad) Langdon is an honorably retired minister member of the Presbytery of Shenandoah (Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.), serving the Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church, Strasburg, VA as temporary supply pastor. He is also retired from the Veteran Administration Medical Center, Martinsburg, WV where he served for more than 10 years as a long-term care, palliative and hospice care registered nurse. He and his wife Mary Ruth reside in the Arden community of Berkeley County, near Martinsburg, where they live on the family farm with beef cattle, donkey and miniature horse. Brad also serves on the Berkeley County Farmland Protection Board. He is a graduate of Harrisburg Area Community College (A.A.), Pennsylvania State University (B. H.), Union Theological Seminary in Virginia at Richmond (D. Min.), the University of Virginia's School of Nursing (B.S.N.), and Shenandoah University's School of Nursing (M.S.N. in Health Systems Management).*

## *Mission Committee News & Notes . . .*

### *Mission Trip to West Virginia*

The Summerlee Mission trip, organized by Westminster Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro, is taking place July 7th - July 12th, in West Virginia. Each person participating in the mission trip is responsible for finding their own lodging. The following places have space available and if you let them know you are participating with the Summerlee Mission Trip they will give you the group rate discount. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Swisher at (540) 885-7397.



- Gateway Campground - cabins that sleep 6 are available - CALL IMMEDIATELY to reserve one. The cost is \$300 plus tax for the week. (304) 574-1802
- Quality Inn - New River Gorge. The cost is \$62 plus tax. (304) 574-3443
- Tent camping is also available at Gateway Campground

## *Nominating Committee News & Notes . . .*

### *Class of 2022*

The Congregation of Bethel met on February 3rd to hear the report of the Nominating Committee. The following people were nominated and elected to the Class of 2022. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and the giving of their time and talents!

#### *Elders (4)*



#### *Jimmy Callison*

Jimmy is a beef cattle farmer and is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Augusta Cooperative Farm Bureau. He is married to Debra and they have a daughter, Jennifer. Jimmy has been a lifelong member of Bethel, and says what he likes most about the church is the many friends he has here and the sense of belonging. His involvement with Bethel came at a young age, when he stood on the shovel that broke ground for the new Fellowship Hall. After that, he went to Sunday School and participated in youth fellowship activities. Jimmy and his wife, Debbie, were both youth fellowship advisors for a time. They had their daughter, Jennifer, baptized at Bethel, and they have always enjoyed being members of the church.

#### *Dan Gano (serving a term of 1 year only)*

Dan retired as a math teacher a few years and now works on his farm in Raphine with his wife Ginny. Dan and Ginny have a grown son James. Dan has been a member of Bethel for several years, and has many friends here. He has served as an Elder, Trustee, and Deacon over the years. He is currently Co-Chair on the Continuing Education Loan Fund Committee.



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## *Nominating Committee News & Notes . . . (continued)*

*(Class of 2022 Elders continued)*



*Dave Schooley*

Dave enjoys spending his summers at Smith Mountain Lake. He has been an active member of the Waynesboro Elks for 40 years, doing many charity projects, especially Christmas Baskets. He also enjoys working on DIY projects at home, quite a lot, which keeps him active since he retired. Dave has been married to Betty for 51 years, and they have two children and six grandchildren. The things he enjoys about Bethel are the family associations, long time friends, hometown traditional service, and the welcoming feeling. He has been a member of Bethel since he was a teenager and was active in the youth fellowship group. He has served as a Deacon and Elder in addition to serving on several committees.

*Tim Turner*

Tim currently works in Crozet and lives in Staunton. He was married in 1976 and has two sons. Tim was raised on a dairy farm in the Stuarts Draft area, attended Bethel Presbyterian Church and was confirmed by Rev. Clifford Caldwell. He is a lifelong member of Bethel having served two terms as Deacon and is proud to have the confidence of the Bethel congregation to be considered for Elder. He also helps keep the Bethel website up and running and is a member of the Communications Committee.



### *Trustees (2)*



*Bill Brubeck*

Bill is active in Middlebrook community affairs, serving as Treasurer of the Middlebrook Fire Dept where he has been a member since 1950. He has also been a member of the Middlebrook Ruritan Club since 1956. Bill is married to Sally and they have two sons, Doug and John, and one granddaughter, Hannah. Bill likes most everything about Bethel, including the friendly, caring and inviting congregation and Bethel's wonderful Pastor, Kelly-Ann. Bill has served in many roles at Bethel including Usher, Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, Trustee, Elder, Treasure, Clerk of Session, and he has served and continues to serve on various committees.

*James Williams*

James is a self-employed farmer working with his brothers, Mac and Joe. He is married to Cynthia and they live in Augusta County. James is a life-long member of Bethel and has served as an Elder, Trustee, Deacon. He also served on various church committees in leadership roles.



*(Class of 2022 officers continued)*



## *Nominating Committee News & Notes . . . (continued)*

### Deacons (4)

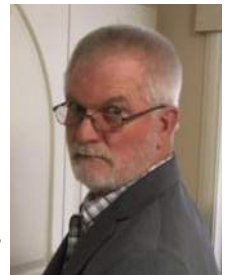


#### Wade Cash

Wade is the owner of Wade's Floor Covering and Interiors in Stuarts Draft and is married to Phyllis Jo Cash. He has a daughter Elizabeth Mulcahy and son-in-law Adam, and a son Johnathan and daughter-in-law Helen. He has three grandchildren and his mother Nancy Cash Stephenson is also a member of Bethel. Wade's ancestors attended Bethel so his family has been worshipping at Bethel for 125 years and the Bethel congregation continues to be his extended family for worship and fellowship. He has been a member his entire life, from President of the Youth Fellowship, Eagle Scout, Assistant Scout Master, and service along the way to being elected as a Deacon in 2016.

#### Charlie Johnson

Charlie has worked in the lumber and veneer industries for the past 40 years. He has been a log buyer for Danzer Veneer traveling the in eastern US and Ontario, Canada since 1996. Most of his travel is now confined to Virginia and he manages timber for landowners occasionally. He likes to walk the dogs, cut firewood and invasive species, hunt and fish, grow a garden and go to Riverheads football games. He is married to Rhonda and has a daughter Katie and son-in-law Wes. Charlie is grateful for the privilege of fellowship and worship at Bethel with family and friends. The past traditions and history of Bethel has a large impact on why he keeps coming here. Charlie is currently a Trustee and serves on the Stewardship & Finance and Personnel Committees. He has also served as a Deacon for six years and was on the 21st Century Committee during the renovations. Also, he has helped with the upkeep of the building and grounds as a Deacon.



#### Brian Lee

Brian has worked for UPS for a number of years as a local delivery driver. He lives in Augusta County with his awesome wife Penny and his five equally awesome children, Harleigh, Moose, Bayleigh, Lydia and Trevor. Brian has served a term as Deacon previously and has done several projects around the church in addition to serving on the Youth Committee.

#### Katie Miller

In May 2018 Katie graduated from Mary Baldwin University; Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences with a doctorate in Physical Therapy and accepted a job at Augusta Health Outpatient clinic where she started in late October. She was married at Bethel in August of 2018 by Pastor Kelly-Ann to Adam Miller. They currently live southwest of Staunton near Swoope where her husband's family farm is located. Katie has been a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church for 26, almost 27 years. She has grown up within the Bethel family; both of her parents and grandparents are/were members of Bethel.





## Presbyterian Women News & Notes . . .

### Presbyterian Women - March 2019

Emphasis - Lent, Easter

\*The Afternoon Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 12th, at 1:30 pm. The meeting will be at the church in the Bumgardner Classroom.

\*The Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 12th, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be at the church in the Bumgardner Classroom.

March 3rd - PWCT Meeting



Committed to  
nurturing faith,  
supporting mission,  
working for justice,  
and building community.

## Stewardship & Finance Committee News & Notes . . .

### General Fund Report (through January 31st, 2019)

Estimated Budget: \$17,243.00

Income: \$12,888.00

Expenses: \$18,362.00



### 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).

## Worship Committee News & Notes . . .

### Ordination & Installation of Church Officers

Class of 2022 Elders & Deacons will be ordained and/or installed during the worship service next Sunday, March 10th so make plans now to attend this special service!

Bethel will be participating in community Lenten services this year with several other local churches. All Lenten services begin at 7:00 pm and are on Thursday nights (excluding Ash Wednesday and Good Friday). Make sure to plan to attend these meaningful services during this holy season. A complete calendar of Lenten service locations and speakers was included in your bulletin on February 17th, 24th, and March 3rd.



## Misc. Announcement & Thank You Notes. . .



Dear Bethel Family,

It brings us great joy to share with you that in early February, Jarod was blessed with a Service Dog from God's Canine Angels. Levi is a very smart, German Shepherd puppy. "Puppy", you may ask, thinking Jarod has a Service Dog. God's Canine Angels is a unique nonprofit organization which allows for a puppy to choose its human, and then we as a family unit work with the trainer for upwards of 18 months to make sure the bond and training are successful. Normally, the waitlist is extremely long for a Service Dog, the cost is very high, and the dogs are trained for two years and then meet their person so the bonding is not established early on.

We look forward to Levi joining us in church but want to reassure everyone that at any time we sense something is "off", we will quietly exit with minimal interruption. We want Jarod to have a positive experience, and have a sense of independence he so desperately longs for, and Levi is just what he needs. The bond they already have is amazing to watch, and we look forward to seeing them grow together as a team.

When Levi is "dressed" in his vest, he is in fact working, so he should just be ignored. Right now, he is an awkward, lanky and large puppy but is doing a great job with training and is following commands really well and we hope you are as impressed with Levi as we are.

If you are on Facebook, please feel free to follow The Adventures of Jarod and Levi as we start to post more training videos and pictures. Please also check out the mission of God's Canine Angels and the wonderful work they are doing right here in our area.

Below is a link which summarizes Service Animals but please feel free to ask us any questions that may come up.

[https://www.ada.gov/service\\_animals\\_2010.pdf](https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.pdf)

Much Love and Blessings,  
John, Stephanie and Jarod



A big thanks to everyone who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring! Bethel collected \$638.00 and numerous food items for Kingsway. The generosity of Bethel's members and friends is greatly appreciated!

To you all, many thanks for a most meaningful worship. And thank you Bethel folks for being such gracious hosts for the Shenandoah Presbytery meeting in February!

Rev. Bill Klein

Rev. Rachel Crumley, Moderator

Ruling Elder, Rick Comstock, Assistant Moderator

To all that helped with the brunch at Valley Mission on February 9th, many thanks! You did a great job! We served at least 75 residents and for the first time ever there was no food leftover as some residents came back for seconds. A special thanks to the young people who took time from their Saturday to serve. Again your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Children's Church & Nursery Schedule  
 March 2019

Children's Church: Penny Lee

March 3rd - Stephanie Rivers  
 March 10th - Barb Gough  
 March 17th - Joe or Sally Williams  
 March 24th - Tabby Moore  
 March 31st - Mac or Emily Williams


Flower Schedule March 2019

March 3rd - Libby Smith  
 (Transfiguration of the Lord & Communion Sunday)

March 10th - Sarah Frances Ralston  
 (1st Sunday in Lent)

March 17th - Marty Simmers  
 (St. Patrick's Day)

March 24th - Tammy Barbour  
 March 31st - Joyce Miller



Deacons Offering Schedule  
 March 2019

Brian Lee  
 Katie McElveen  
 D. W. Miller  
 Joe Moore




March Greeters:  
 Jane Law &  
 Boyd Wood



Our sympathies & condolences to the family & friends of Bettie Beard who passed away in February.

Bettie was a longtime member of Bethel and the PWCT. She will be missed.



Welcome Baby Molly!

Congratulations to proud parents, Dustin & Sarah Smith, as they celebrate the birth of their daughter, Molly Blair Smith who was born at Augusta Health on Tuesday, February 19th. Molly is also the granddaughter of Tom & Lee Ann Heizer.



Molly Blair Smith

March Birthdays & Anniversaries . . .



Patrick Hord	March 2	Jonathan Cash	March 17
Bobby Goodson	March 3	Jim Williams	March 17
Barbara Tate	March 3	Betty Heizer	March 18
Shannon Wiseman	March 5	Elizabeth Williams	March 21
Jim Stout	March 7	Suzanne Goings	March 22
Heather Clem	March 8	Irene Elliott	March 23
Harris Moffett	March 10	Trever Lee	March 23
Kay Thompson	March 11	Ashlyn Almarode	March 24
Colin Whitaker	March 12	John Ludt	March 24
John Anderson	March 15	Sam Leonard	March 26
Sarah Williams	March 15	Heath Potter	March 26
Leah Rhodes	March 16	Carrie Dietz	March 27
Katie Miller	March 16	Bob Barmore	March 28



Happy Anniversary!

Cindy and Derek Almarode	March 9, 1996
Margaret and Billy Wade, Jr.	March 21, 1964
Michelle and Billy Wade, III	March 28, 1998



*Bethel Confirmation Class - 2019*



*Children's Sermon at the Baptismal Font on Baptism of the Lord Sunday*





*February 3rd, 2019 - Souper Bowl of Caring & Mission Appreciation Luncheon*





# March 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p><b>3</b> Transfiguration of the Lord 9:45 - Confirmation Class 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship/Communion 12:15 - Diaconate 12:15 - PWCT 1:00 - 3:00 - Examination of New Officers 2:00 - Private Event (FH) 3:00 - 5:00 - Session Workshop</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p><b>5</b> 2:00 - Bible Study &amp; Prayer 7:00 - Table Talk Theology at Giovanni's</p>	<p><b>6</b> Ash Wednesday 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:00 - Worship Comm. 6:30 - Cub Scouts 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - Community Ash Wednesday Service at Greenville UMC 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p><b>7</b> 12:00 - Soup &amp; Scripture</p>	<p><b>1</b> World Day of Prayer</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>10</b> Daylight saving time begins 1st Sunday in Lent 9:45 - Confirmation Class 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship/Ordination &amp;/or Installation of Officers 1:00 - Youth Activity - Trip to Valley Jump</p>	<p><b>11</b> 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p><b>12</b> 1:30 - Afternoon Circle 7:00 - Evening Circle 7:00 - Session</p>	<p><b>13</b> 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:00 - Christian Education 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - The Bells of Bethel 7:00 - Youth Comm. 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p><b>14</b> 12:00 - Soup &amp; Scripture 7:00 - Community Lenten Service at Redeemer Lutheran</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:45 - Confirmation Class 9:45 - Sunday School 12:00 - Fellowship Following Worship &amp; Special Reception 12:15 - Mission Comm.</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:30 - Supper with a Speaker</p>	<p><b>20</b> First Day of Spring 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:00 - Outreach &amp; Evangelism 6:30 - Cub Scouts Blue &amp; Gold Dinner (FH) 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - The Bells of Bethel 7:00 - Stewardship &amp; Finance</p>	<p><b>21</b> 12:00 - April Tower Deadline 7:00 - Community Lenten Service at Mt. Tabor Lutheran 7:00 - Table Talk Theology (Location: TBA)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> Pastor Kelly Ann on vacation (March 23rd - April 6th) *Private Event (FH) *Pending Session Approval</p>
<p><b>24</b> 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:45 - Confirmation Class 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship/ 5 Cents A Meal 1:00 - Bethel Youth - Lunch &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p><b>26</b> 2:00 - Bible Study &amp; Prayer</p>	<p><b>27</b> 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:00 - Congregational Care 6:30 - Communications 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - The Bells of Bethel 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:00 - April Tower Mailing 7:00 - Lenten Service at Church of the Forerunner</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 3:00 - Private Event (FH)</p> 
<p><b>31</b> 4th Sunday in Lent 9:45 - Confirmation Class 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship</p>						

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