



# The Tower

May 2019

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

*"April Showers bring May Flowers"*

I can remember my grandmother repeating this catchy phrase when a rainy day thwarted my plans to play outside. She wanted me to understand that dark and dreary days of April set forth the unhindered beauty of the springtime blossoms of May, rendering rain as much a blessing as the sunshine. As I grew older, I began to understand her wisdom: a period of darkness and discomfort could, if I allowed it, provide the basis for a season of acceptance, growth, and joy.

Over the years, I have experienced my own bleak moments, days, and even seasons. It is with each one that I have discovered something significant about myself: in my darkest times I experience my greatest understanding of a loving, ceaselessly gracious God who does not waste one single opportunity to mold us into the created being we were intended to be.

However, I have found that the hardest part about the dreary times is to be patient and remain grateful.

In seminary, I learned the Greek word for patience could also be translated as, "long suffering." That doesn't sound like fun, does it? Yet, I have realized it is because I lean on *my own feeble understanding of my circumstances and I fight back. I can become self-absorbed, resistant, and sometimes even pout, and ask God: "why me?" This stance is far easier than accepting the "long-suffering" and waiting to see what God is trying to teach me.*

To be grateful in the midst of the dark seasons is to see beyond the clouds and name what is good, right, and just around me. When I consciously choose to claim the power of the Spirit I can see His grace, wooing me to hang on tight. His grace is like a glimmer of morning light that peeks through a small crack in closed window blinds, affirming the gift of another day. As I learn more of God, I have found these "small cracks" of light come to me in all sorts of ways. Sometimes it is a call from a friend inviting me to get a cup of coffee, a child's smile at the checkout counter, or a homeless person who waves, smiling, from a street corner. It is simple moments like these that whisper into my soul *"Kelly-Ann, everything is going to be ok."* *In such tender intervals of grace, God reveals God's self to the broken places of my life. My heart then is ordered right because it is focused on gratitude.*

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Gratitude leads to patience and helps us grow into the character God intended us to be, so that our life has the potential to reflect the life of Jesus Christ in the world...

If we profess, as Christians, to be an Easter people “living” in this power and hope, then we remember God’s own, Jesus of Nazareth, walked willingly, humbly through a period of horrific darkness and discomfort to the “glimmering light” of the cross, so that we “get to” choose gratitude and patience in all that comes our way.

The life and death of Jesus Christ makes all things right. His example, teachings, and wooing Spirit claim for us the power of a true “life-giving” resurrection in all things. The “storm” show-ers, are capable of being glorious opportunities to resurrect a beautiful flower in us. Each time we endure this process patiently, and with gratitude, *we become more Christ-like – more like what we were created to be and more available to spread seeds of Christ’s love and promise into our home, our churches, our communities, our world.*

*“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” I Peter 5:10*

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for life! You are a loving and gracious God. Although we are uncomfortable in dark days and seasons of long-suffering, we affirm you are calling us to follow you, at all times. You have given us Jesus, His example, His words. You have given us people and moments to encourage and inspire us during the storms of life. May we look for YOU to be strengthened with all power, according to your glorious might, to endure life’s circumstances with patience, gratitude, and joy - so that you are revealed in us.

In Christ Jesus, Amen

Wishing you a gazillion May Flowers!

Pastor Kelly-Ann <><

### *Easter Sermon Series: “The Unexpected Acts of God”*

*A seven week series on the unlikely, ironic, and surprising stories in the book of Acts.*

*May 19th, 2019* 5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 148 and Acts 11:1-18

Message: “An Unexpected Change”

*May 26th, 2019* 6th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 67 and Acts 16:9-15

Message: “An Astonishing Detour”

*June 2nd, 2019* 7th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 97 and Acts 16:16-34

Message: “An Ironic Escape”

*June 9th, 2019* Day of Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9 and Acts 2:1-21

Message: “Surprise!”

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### 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.*



*Easter Sermon Series: "The Unexpected Acts of God"  
(continued)*

*A seven week series on the unlikely, ironic, and surprising stories in the book of Acts.*

*June 16th, 2019 Trinity Sunday  
Scripture: Psalm 8, Proverbs 8:1-9, and Romans 5:1-5  
Message: "Wisdom Wanders"*

*Summer Series, Part 1: "Intervention"  
A four week series on the fact that we serve a God who sees, cares, and will intervene in human affairs if necessary.*

*June 23rd, 2019 2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
Scripture: Psalm 42 and 1 Kings 21:1-21a  
Message: "Oh, Jezebel..."*

*June 30th, 2019 3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
Scripture: Psalm 43 and Luke 8:26-39  
Message: "Empowered"*

*July 7th, 2019 4th Sunday after Pentecost  
Scripture: Psalm 77 and Luke 9:51-62  
Message: "Enlightened"*

*July 14th, 2019 5th Sunday after Pentecost  
Scripture: Psalm 30 and 2 Kings 5:1-14  
Message: "Blessed"*

Where's Jesus in the Bethel Tower?  
Jesus is always with us so see if you can spot him in the May Tower.

*"I am with you always."  
- Matthew 28:20*



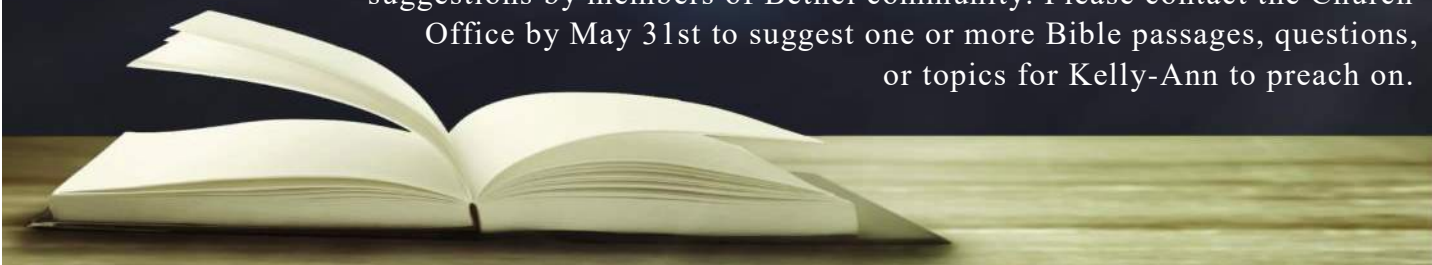
*"Old McDonald Had a Church?"*

City girl turned farmer? Well that might be a "stretch" even for a former gymnast like myself! However, I have been thinking about how little I know about farming and since many folks in the Bethel congregation (members & friends) farm, I thought it prudent to learn more! I am an adventurous gal and a life-long learner, so I am inviting myself to your farm! What is more, you get to decide what you want me to do and learn! I am looking forward to getting to know more about farming, your family, and crew! I have allocated Monday's for my farm tours. The dates I am still available for the first segment are listed below. If for any reason Monday's do not work for your schedule, please contact me directly so that we can work together to find a time that works best for you! Please email or call me if you would like to "book" me for a farm tour!  
(434-327-7330 or  
bethelpcpastor@gmail.com)

Pastor Kelly - Ann <><  
May 20th Afternoon  
June 3rd Afternoon  
June 17th Afternoon  
June 24th Afternoon  
July 1st Morning & Afternoon

**ATTENTION BETHEL!**

Is there anything you want covered? Anything scripturally you have questions about? Join me in organizing our "Summer Series, Part 2 - "I Was Just Wondering..." A 6 Week Series: From July 21st through August 25th our Summer Sunday Scripture and Sermons will be based on requests & suggestions by members of Bethel community. Please contact the Church Office by May 31st to suggest one or more Bible passages, questions, or topics for Kelly-Ann to preach on.



## Musical News & Notes . . .

### Eli's (Updated) Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and make music to the Lord in your hearts.

Ephesians 5:19



Sanctuary Choir on Vacation The Sanctuary Choir will be on vacation starting Wednesday, May 29th and the months of June and July. Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday nights in August at 7:00 pm. There will be occasional special music during worship on Sunday mornings.

During June and July there will be special Vesper's Worship services on Wednesday evenings. More information about these services will be available in the June Tower.



## Church Office News & Notes . . .



The June Tower Deadline will be Thursday, May 16th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Early submissions before the

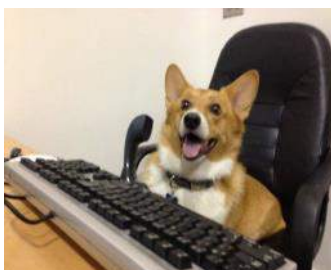
16th are much welcomed and appreciated! Articles and announcements for the June Tower can be left in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or you can email them to: [bethelpc@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpc@gmail.com). If you turn in items after the deadline Adrienne cannot guarantee they will be included in the Tower. When writing announcements for the newsletter please keep in mind the 5 W's: Who? What? When? Where? Why?. Thank you!



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Reminder: Please contact Adrienne (540/886-6041 or [bethelpc@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpc@gmail.com)) if you would like to receive a printed copy of the Tower by mail. Additional printed copies of the Tower will also be available at the church.

The Tower will be emailed and available on the church website by the first of the month.\* (\*Unless otherwise noted in the weekly announcements.)



Adrienne will be on vacation on Tuesday, May 28th. If you need assistance, Eli will be in the Church Office from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.



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

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

\*Only Eli in the office

## *Session News & Notes . . .*

### NEWS & NOTES

The Session met on Tuesday, April 9th, with all members and the Moderator Kelly-Ann, present, and Deacon Alex Sproul.

The Bethel 2018 Session Minutes were reviewed and approved by the Shenandoah Presbytery on March 30th, 2019.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Bethel on July 22nd - July 26th, 2019.

We will have new “Bethel Presbyterian Church” directional signs installed at the intersections of Middlebrook Road and Route 11.

Outreach & Evangelism will have a Bethel Presbyterian Church booth at Middlebrook Days on June 6th & June 7th, 2019.

Stewardship & Finance will produce Bethel’s financial reports to the congregation in annualize form in the future.

The Mission Committee will have a Baja Tree with tags for donations of building supplies and household furnishings, in the church May 5th through June 9th. Monies raised will be deposited into the Mission Committee’s account.

We will continue to support both the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and Joy Gift Offering.

The Youth Committee will host a cookout at the Eagle’s Roost to recognize this year’s graduates on May 19th.

Derek Almarode asked for members interested in the finances of Bethel to join the Stewardship & Finance Committee. This committee meets at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The next Session meeting is May 14th at 7:00 pm.

- David Schooley, Clerk of Session

## *Trustees News & Notes . . .*

The Trustees will be working on improving the cemetery this summer including landscaping, cleaning tombstones, mulching, and doing general maintenance work. Please remove any planters, flowers, wreaths, or keepsakes that you would like to keep by June 1st. Do not put these items or any additional items in the cemetery until we are done with the clean-up and landscaping. We do not want to remove or misplace any items that may be important to you and/or your family while this project is taking place. The items you remove can be placed back in the cemetery in the fall. If you have any questions please see Guy Brooks. Many thanks for your understanding and patience!



*Christian Education Opportunities*

Bible Study & Prayer

Tuesdays at 2:00 pm in the Bumgardner Classroom\*

Subject: The Gospel of Luke

\*except the second Tuesday of the month and when otherwise noted

Sunday School

Every Sunday morning at 9:45 am

*Youth (Pre-K-6th grade)*

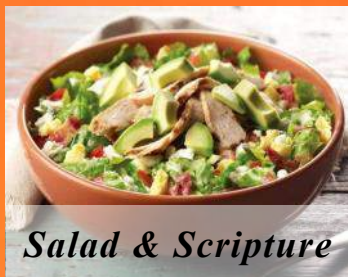
This class meets downstairs in the Christian Education wing and discusses a variety of age appropriate topics and focuses on building a foundation and knowledge of the Bible for children. There is a story, crafts, and activities each week and the class is taught by Donna Bush.

*Adult Study - Conversations in Faith*

This class meets in the Bumgardner Classroom at 9:45 am. The class is multi-generational and tries to live up to its name, being a class that engages in conversation as they learn together what it means to be a Christian in the world today. The class is led by Derek Almarode.

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

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



***Salad & Scripture***

*Topic: The scripture readings for the upcoming  
Sunday*

*All are welcome to join the group as they eat  
delicious salad, bread, and other yummy food  
prepared by Pastor Kelly-Ann while they study  
and discuss the scriptures for the week.*

***Table Talk  
Theology***

*When: Thursday,  
May 23rd*

*Time: 7:00 pm*

*Where: Giovanna's  
in Greenville*

*Topic & Article: Emailed*

*RSVP: By the morning of May 23rd to  
Steve Rayle (skrayle@yahoo.com) or  
Rev. Kelly-Ann (bethelpcpastor@gmail.com)*

***Everyone is invited!***



**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN**

**Lemonade on the Lawn will be on Sunday, May 26th, following worship. Make sure to stay following worship for some snacks, other goodies, and of course lemonade! We will be honoring the 2019 Confirmation Class and all the new members of Bethel who have joined the church in the past year! EVERYONE is welcome!**

Longtime Bethel member and friend Jeannie Lee has moved to Charlottesville but would still love to see you and have visits from you! If you happen to be in Charlottesville and near Rt. 29 please consider stopping by and visiting with Jeannie for a little while. Jeannie lives at the Monroe Center which is just off or Rt. 29 at 1150 N. West Drive. Her phone number is (540) 885-5840 if you would rather call ahead and plan your visit.



IF YOU BELIEVE,  
you will receive whatever  
you ask for in prayer.  
MATTHEW 21:22

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

After two months names will be removed from the Prayer List (excluding congregation members, military, first responders, and missionaries). This will allow us 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. 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 May 13th, 2019)

**Congregation Members**

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|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Betty Cash     | Jarod Davis & Family | Dan & Ginny Gano |
| Karen Koogler  | Sara Ann Lamb        | Evelyn LaPorte   |
| Jeannie Lee    | Margaret Liptrap     | John Pilson      |
| Alice Wooddell |                      |                  |

**Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation**

- |                             |                                      |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Corriea & Mederios Families | Adrienne Barker & Family             | Martha Dubyk |
| Larry Edwards               | Curtis Foltz (Summerlee Trip Leader) | Judy Hughes  |
| Ann Kellogg                 | Matt Koogler                         | David Law    |
| Robin Mitchell              | William McFarlane                    | Roy Pilson   |
| Jamie Pirkey                | Van Pirkey                           | Ruby Rosen   |
| Devin Scott                 |                                      |              |

**Sympathy & Condolences**

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Family & Friends of Lorine Caldwell | Family & Friends of Gray Puckett          |
| Family & Friends of Bob Robinson    | Family & Friends of Nancy Cash Stephenson |

**Community, Country, & World**

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

## Men of the Church News & Notes . . .

### *“Supper & a Speaker” Returns! (sponsored by Men of Bethel)*

When: Tuesday evening, May 21st, at 6:30 pm

Program: “Geriatric Horses: Care & Feeding of the Shifting Views of Working Animals”. The program will focus not only on the care of geriatric horses, but also why this is now a “thing”, and why this is important in any agricultural community. The old horse is a real symbol of how the feelings and view of the greater population have shifted regarding farm animals.

Program Presented By: Dr. Tracy E. Norman, VMD, MA.

Dinner Time, RSVP, & Menu: Dinner will be at 6:30 pm (free will offering).

Please RSVP to (540) 886-6041 or bethelpc@gmail.com by Monday, May 13th if you plan to attend the meal. MENU: BBQ Chicken Quarters, Baked Mac & 4 Cheeses, Green Beans, Traditional Cole Slaw, Sweet Corn Medley, Bread, Tea, Dessert.

If you cannot make the dinner the program will begin at around 7:15 pm. This dinner and program are open to everyone in the community and surrounding area especially if you are or if you know farmers, horse enthusiasts, animal lovers, or you would like to gain more knowledge about horses and/or equine practices.

Dr. Norman is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Veterinary Medicine, completed a rotating internship at Blue Ridge Equine Clinic in Staunton, Virginia and a residency in Internal Medicine at Texas A&M. She has spent time working in both private and academic practices since then, returning both to Texas A&M and Blue Ridge Equine Clinic at different times. She currently provides Internal Medicine and ultrasound services to Blue Ridge Equine Clinic and consulting services through her company, Valley Veterinary Ultrasound, LLC.



## Mission Committee News & Notes . . .

### SUMMERLEE MISSION TRIP

The Summerlee Mission Trip is a one week trip during the month of July where your family and church can serve Christ together by working homes and building relationships with others in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia.

When: July 7th - July 12th

Travel: Self-Arranged

Cost: All food, building supplies and ministry needs are paid for by donations from individuals, churches, and business in the area

Kathy Swisher will be attending a planning meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 2nd, at 3:00 pm so more information will be available soon!

*\*Pastor Kelly-Ann plans on participating in the trip from July 7th - July 9th.*





## Mission Committee News & Notes (continued) . . .

You may have noticed the cute Baja Mission Tree that has been set up in the vestibule at the back of the Sanctuary. This is a Bethel Mission Committee approved fundraiser to help raise funds for supplies needed when building and working in Mexico on this year's mission trip. Want to help &/or get involved?! Here's how:

### *Baja Tree Instructions:*

The 2019 Bethel Baja Mission Team invites you to help support us on this year's Baja Mission Trip from July 7th - July 13th, 2019.

Here's how:

1. Select an ornament from the Baja tree
2. Pick up an envelope from the table
3. Place your check or cash in the envelope along with the ornament.
4. Place your envelope with your donation in the offering plate on Sunday or leave it in the basket on the table.
5. Any donation is welcome and can be designated by writing Baja Mission Team in the memo line of the check and placing it in the basket or offering plate.

*\*Please make all donations by June 9th!\**

Thank you for your generosity & support as we go join in God's mission in Baja!

Building a home in Baja, Mexico - 2018



## Presbyterian Women News & Notes . . .

### Presbyterian Women News - May 2019

Emphasis: Christian Family Education; Birthday Offering

\*The Afternoon Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 14th, at 1:30 pm. The meeting will be at the church in the Bumgardner classroom.

\*The Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be at the church in the Bumgardner classroom.



**The 2019 Birthday Offering will be collected at the May Circle meetings. After receiving numerous proposals, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee chose four projects to receive grants from the 2019 Birthday Offering. Your gift to the 2019 Birthday Offering will allow help to these four ministries: Disaster Response Team of the Presbytery of Charlotte NC; Effingham Child Development Center (inclusive playground in Effingham, Illinois); Presbyterian Homes & Services of Kentucky, Inc. - Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center in Phelps, Kentucky; Wings of Refuge - Restoration Home (in Iowa Falls, Iowa - provides a safe and healing space for women victimized by human trafficking).**

## Presbyterian Women News & Notes (continued) . . .



### Annual Catered Dinner

Believe it or not, it is time to save the date for the Ladies Annual Catered Meal! The meal will be held on Tuesday, July 9th, at 6:30 pm at the Middlebrook Community Center. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. Please RSVP by June 23rd to Irene Elliott or Barbara Gough. The entertainment for the evening will be provided by Bethel's Music Director Eli English and his fiancée Sarah Duttlinger.

The PWCT will collect items for the Valley Mission that night. Items needed by the Valley Mission include personal care items such as: deodorant (for both men and women), shampoo, and body wash. Other shelter items needed include: laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, liquid hand soap, kitchen size trash bags, rubber gloves, and cleaning supplies (any type and/or size). If you would be willing to donate any of the items listed above please bring it with you on July 9th. There will be a designated box at the dinner for you to place your donations in. Thanks for your generosity in helping out our neighbors in need!

## Stewardship & Finance News & Notes . . .



### General Fund Report - 2019

Estimated Budget through April 30th: \$67,643.00

Actual Budget Receipts: \$64,297.00

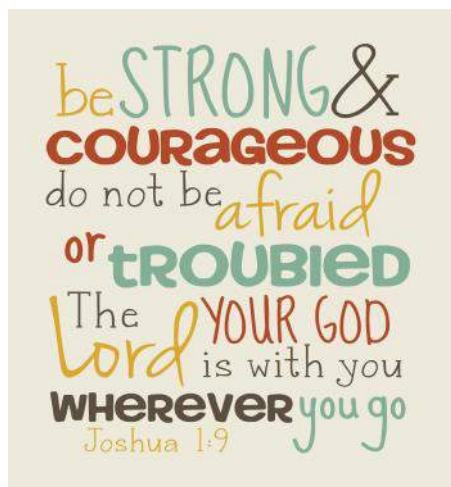
## Worship Committee News & Notes . . .



Communion will be held on May 5th, 2019.



Do you know of any Class of 2019 graduates that you would like Bethel to recognize? If so, please contact Adrienne by Wednesday, May 15th. Sending the information by email is the easiest way but you are welcome to call her or leave the information in her mailbox too. Please give the graduate's name, parents names, school name, name of the major (if applicable), what their future plans are and any other information you would like to include. This information will be in the bulletin on Sunday, May 19th, and the June Tower.



Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held during the worship service on May 19th. At 1:00 pm there will be a picnic at the Eagles Roost Pavilion in the woods to celebrate the 2019 graduates and the beginning of the summer break. Everyone is invited - young and old!



# GRADUATION SUNDAY



# Bethel Youth News . . .

## "School's Out" Youth Gatherings & Fellowship!

Join us this summer to explore Christian discipleship through Bible chats, fellowship, service, music, & games!

June 23rd - Pool Party at Mac & Emily Williams house following the worship service - food, fellowship, & swimming!

July 21st - Youth Service Project - setting up for VBS at Bethel - meal will be provided  
Time TBD

Remember your friends are welcome and encouraged to join us!



### 2019 Summer Youth Conferences & Mission Trip Opportunities

#### Open to All Ages

#### 1. **Summerlee Mission Trip: "HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME!"**

(see page 8 of the May Tower for more information about this trip.)

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# Bethel Youth News . . .

## *2019 Summer Youth Conferences & Mission Trip Opportunities (continued)*

### Middle schoolers (rising 6th through 8th graders)

#### **1. Massanetta Middle School Conference: "OPEN THE DOOR"**

Pastor Kelly-Ann's daughter Emily has been asked to serve on the ministry team for this conference. Emily has been a camper, counselor, and program leader...This is Emily's "favorite place in the world." Wonderful faith-filled things happen at "Netta!"

**When: JUNE 25-28**

**Cost:** Bethel's Youth Fund will cover the cost for ANY Bethel Youth who would like to attend.

**Travel:** Self arranged

**Please use this web address for more information:**

**<https://massanettasprings.org/programsarchive/msc>**

### High schoolers (rising 9th - young adults)

#### **1. Montreat Youth Conference: "LET LOVE LEAD"**

Montreat Youth Conference (MYC) is designed for high school students, entering freshmen through graduated seniors, and for young adults and their group leaders.

**When: JUNE 9-15**

**Cost:** Bethel's Youth Fund will cover the cost for ANY Bethel Youth who would like to attend.

**Travel:** Chaperones

**Please use this web address for more information:**

**<https://montreat.org/events/myc>**

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# Bethel Youth News . . .

## 2019 Summer Youth Conferences & Mission Trip Opportunities (continued)

### 2. Youth Triennium: "HERE'S MY HEART"

Get READY for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium - **THIS EVENT ONLY TAKES PLACE ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS!**

When: JULY 16-20

Where: Purdue University, Indiana

Cost: Presbytery Scholarships and Bethel's Youth Fund will cover the cost for ANY Bethel Youth who would like to attend.

Travel: Partnering with Presbytery of the Peaks for charter bus

### Schedules & Such . . .

#### Nursery Schedule May 2019

Children's Church Penny Lee

May 5th Stephanie Rivers

May 12th Joe or Sally Williams

May 19th Tabby Moore

May 26th Mac or Emily Williams  
(Memorial Day Weekend)

#### May Greeters Bob & Jackie Law



#### Deacon's Offering Schedule May 2019

Ellen Fitzgerald  
Charlie Johnson  
Brian Lee  
Katie McElveen



#### Flower Schedule May 2019

May 5th - Katie Miller  
(Communion Sunday)


May 12th - Mary Ann Anderson  
(Mother's Day)

May 19th - Jean Callison


May 26th - Debbie Callison (Memorial)



*Other Announcements & Many Thanks . . .*

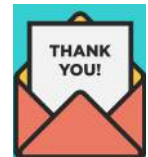


Our sympathies & condolences to Dean Caldwell and his family on the passing of his mother Lorine Caldwell on March 31st, 2019.




Our sympathies & condolences to the family & friends of Nancy Cash Stephenson who passed away on April 16th, 2019.

We would like to thank our Bethel family and friends for all the condolences, cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy shown to us following the passing of my mother Lorine Caldwell. Your caring and concern was such a blessing in our time of loss. Again many thanks,



Dean Caldwell & Family

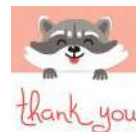



I would like to thank the Presbyterian Women of Bethel for awarding me with the Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women. This was a surprise and adding to the honor was having so many of my family and friends present. After the service we enjoyed a lovely reception in the Fellowship Hall. Thank each of you from the bottom of my heart.

- Sarah Frances Ambler Ralston


I want to thank Pastor Kelly-Ann and my church family for their prayers, calls, cards, and visits during my hospital and rehab recovery. God Bless,

Betty Cash

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who came to the pork loin meal. With your continued support the meal raised \$2,427.25. These funds will help support Bethel's mission projects throughout the year. Thank you! - Bethel Mission Committee


Massanetta Springs was very successful in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham one-day fundraisers for not-for-profit businesses. Massanetta had 347 donors and received \$42,613 in gifts and awards in one day! The support you gave is so very important to their mission and ministry! Thank you for your help!



*From Riverheads Weekday Religious Education (WRE) . . .*

We had a great evening at Praise Night on April 28th! We auctioned off a quilt for \$500.00 and \$2,325.00 was donated towards the building fund and \$4,000 for the general fund, for a total of \$6,825.00.

Our community was also issued a challenge that evening. White's Travel Center in Raphine has offered to match dollar-for-dollar any donations that are made to the Riverheads WRE Building Fund before June 30th, up to \$10,000. Wow, what an offer! Please help spread the word! Checks can be mailed to PO Box 352, Greenville, VA 24440. Thanks for your generosity!



## Birthdays & Anniversaries . . .



Sally Brubeck	May 1	Lindsey Wright	May 25
Jessica Surface	May 4	Lee Ann Whitesell	May 26
James Gano	May 5	Summer Barmore	May 27
Kim Wiseman	May 6	Willow Bosserman	May 27
Tabby Moore	May 7	Will Sproul	May 28
Caroline Moffett	May 9	Jonah Williams	May 29
David Bussard	May 10		
David Schooley	May 11		
Janice Goodson	May 14		
Keith Folsom	May 15	Moose Lee	June 1
Andrew Folsom	May 16	Matthew Rivers	June 1
Benjamin Folsom	May 16	Jarod Davis	June 2
Rosalee Miller	May 18	Susan Smith	June 2
Alexander Strausbaugh	May 21	Karen Koogler	June 4
Chad Shomo	May 22	May Potter	June 4
Eddie Surface	May 24	Katie Wimer	June 4



<i>Mac &amp; Emily Williams</i>	<i>May 17, 2008</i>
<i>Jimmy &amp; Debbie Callison</i>	<i>May 19, 1984</i>
<i>Bill &amp; Sally Brubeck</i>	<i>May 21, 1955</i>
<i>D.W. &amp; Beth Miller</i>	<i>May 23, 2005</i>
<i>Kay &amp; Warren Agee</i>	<i>June 3, 1995</i>
<i>Katie &amp; Wes McElveen</i>	<i>June 6, 2015</i>

## Community Event . . .



### Community Blood Drive

Augusta Expo is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, May 28th, from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. The American Red Cross will be set-up in the Addition at Augusta Expo, 277 Expo Road, Fishersville, VA 22939. Please consider taking some time out of your busy day to donate. Thank you!



May 2nd - National Day of Prayer  
 May 3rd - May Friendship Day  
 May 12th - Mother's Day  
 May 18th - Armed Forces Day  
 May 27th - Memorial Day  
 May 30th - Ascension of the Lord



# May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>5 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship &amp; Communion 12:00 - Diaconate 12:00 - PWCT Meeting</p>	<p>6 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:00 - Young Life Tuesday Club Set-Up Bethel Kitchen</p>	<p>7 11:00 - 3:00 - Tuesday Club 2:00 - Bible Study &amp; Prayer 7:00 - Table Talk Theology at Giovanna's in Greenville</p>	<p>1 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:00 - Worship Comm. 6:30 - Cub Scouts 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:30 - The Bells of Bethel 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p>2 National Day of Prayer 12:00 - Salad &amp; Scripture</p>	<p>3 May Friendship Day</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12 Mother's Day 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship </p>	<p>13 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:00 - Young Life</p>	<p>14 1:30 - Afternoon Circle 7:00 - Evening Circle 7:00 - Session Meeting</p>	<p>15 1:15 - Staff Meeting 6:00 - Outreach &amp; Evangelism 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - The Bells of Bethel 7:00 - Stewardship &amp; Finance 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p>16 12:00 - June Tower Deadline 12:00 - Salad &amp; Scripture 1:30 - Impromptu Book Discussion "Growing Up White"</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Armed Forces Day  Eagles Roost Picnic Pavilion Off Limits</p>
<p>19 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship &amp; Graduate Recognition Sunday 12:00 - Session Meeting with New Members 12:15 - Mission Comm. 1:00 - Church Picnic Honoring Graduates &amp; Celebrating End of School Year</p>	<p>20 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:00 - Young Life</p>	<p>21 9:30 - Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting at Massanetta Springs 6:30 - Supper &amp; a Speaker (7:15 - Program)</p>	<p>22 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>23 12:00 - Salad &amp; Scripture 7:00 - Table Talk Theology at Giovanna's in Greenville</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship &amp; 5 Cents A Meal 12:00 - Lemonade on the Lawn 12:30 - Youth Comm.</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day Church Office Closed </p>	<p>28 2:00 - Bible Study &amp; Prayer Adrienne on vacation</p>	<p>29 1:15 - Staff Meeting 7:00 - Personnel Comm. 7:30 - Young Life</p>	<p>30 Ascension of the Lord 12:00 - Salad &amp; Scripture</p>	<p>31</p>	