



The Tower

October 2019

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As This Elder Sees It . . .

World Communion Day 2019

October 6th, 2019 is World Communion Day. The idea of World Communion Day was hatched in the early 1930s in an attempt to bring all churches together in a service of Christian unity. It was adopted by the Presbyterian Church in 1936 and has continued to spread to other denominations over the years.

The word “communion” means “sharing”. It is breaking bread together. The intent is not for us to mindlessly perform a ritual, but to set aside a time to remember what Jesus did and why he did it. The apostle Paul wrote: “Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgement on themselves.” I Corinthians 11:28-29.

The bread used in Communion services varies from church to church. Unleavened bread is commonly used since it is believed to have been the type of bread Jesus served at The Last Supper (among other reasons). The unleavened bread commonly used at Bethel comes from a recipe passed down in the family for generations. My mother, Charlotte (Fall) Williams, married my father, in 1950. She assumed the duties of preparing the Communion bread and Communion for Bethel from my paternal grandmother Ella Williams, soon thereafter. Charlotte faithfully served Bethel in this capacity until her death in 2008. My brothers, myself and our wives have tried and continue to uphold the tradition since.

This is because it's important to feed those who are hungry, not only in their stomachs, but in their spirit - the thinking, feeling part of a person deep inside. Jesus fills that spiritual hunger and we know that Communion is coming to Jesus' table to be fed in our spirit. So please join us at worship on October 6th, World Communion Sunday, as we join with our Christian brothers and sisters around the globe and we let Jesus fill the spiritual hunger that all of us have.

It is a privilege and a joy to join together and participate in the sacrament of Communion with the covenant community!

- Mac Williams, Elder



Session News & Notes . . .

Elder-on-Call, October 2019

While all Elders are willing to assist you if you have a pastoral need, the Elder-on-Call for the month of October is David Schooley. Please feel free to reach out to David (540/255-6070; dschooley05@gmail.com). The Elders on the Session are volunteering on a rotating basis each month to be “on-call”. This will continue until Bethel hires an Interim or Stated Supply Pastor.

- The Bethel Session



Music News & Notes . . .



Please note that Eli no longer has set office hours during the week. If you need to meet with him please email or call him. He will be happy to set-up a time to meet with you. Thank you!

Eli's Contact Information

Email:
BethelPCMUSIC@gmail.com
Phone: (919) 649-0855

New Bethel Choir Members Welcome!

The Bethel Choir practices on Wednesday evenings, at 7:00 pm. Whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor, or bass they can use your voice! No experience is necessary and you don't have to be able to read music!



NEW CHOIR



MEMBERS WELCOME!

♪ “I’ve got peace like a river;
I’ve got peace like a river;
I’ve got peace like a river,
in my soul.” ♪

Church Office News & Notes . . .

The November Tower Newsletter Deadline will be Tuesday, October 22nd. You may leave articles and announcements for the Tower in Adrienne’s mailbox in Memorial Hall or email them to: bethelpc@gmail.com. We welcome and appreciate early submissions before the 22nd! All announcements for the newsletter should include: Who? What? When? Where? Why?



All information printed in the bulletin and the Tower is subject to editing. Adrienne does not edit the information but rather has several proofreaders that help with this task weekly with the bulletin and monthly with the Tower. Please do not be upset if something you wrote is changed. It may have been edited for any number of reasons and is not anything personal against you. Thank you!

Church Office News & Notes (continued) . . .

Please note!

Please have all bulletin announcements for the following Sunday to the Church Office by Tuesday at noon (*unless otherwise noted*). Thank you!

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, October 7th, and Tuesday, October 8th while Adrienne is on vacation. If you have a pastoral need please contact the Elder-on-Call. Thanks!



Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

(Lunch usually
taken 12:30 pm -
1:00 pm)

Church Office Hours



Excellent . . .

Congregational Care News & Notes . . .

Bethel Prayer Group Meeting

Tuesday, October 15th &
Tuesday, October 22nd

2:00 pm in the Bumgardner Classroom

ALL ARE WELCOME!

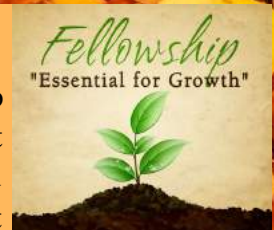


Grab a cup of
coffee or tea
in Memorial
Hall & join us
for prayer!

We all know how important prayers are especially during times of transition so please join us for this time of fellowship as we pray for each other, the church, and our community. Prayers can be kept confidential if needed. Please contact Barb Gough at (540) 255-6521 if you have any questions.

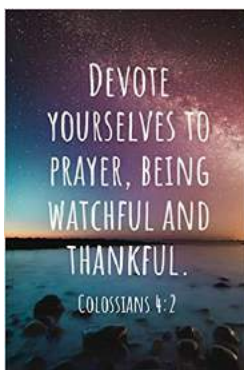
"Fellowship Following Worship"

We are looking for individuals who would be willing to host "Fellowship Following Worship" in October and/or November. Please take a look at the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall and see if you can select a date that would work for you. And for goodness sake it doesn't have to be fancy (unless you want it to be)! It can just be a snack while we chat and visit with one another following the worship service. A box of cookies, crackers, and lemonade will be plenty! Thanks for taking the time to consider helping out with this important time to spend with each other!



Congregational Care News & Notes (continued) . . .

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 traveling over to Charlottesville and will be 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 of Rt. 29 at 1150 N. West Drive. Her phone number is (540) 885-5840 so feel free to call and plan a visit with her!



Bethel Prayer List (updated October 2nd, 2019)

Congregation Members

Jarod Davis & Family	Dan Gano	Bobby Goodson
John Howell	Karen Koogler	Sara Ann Lamb
Evelyn LaPorte	Jane Law	Jeannie Lee
Margaret Liptrap	Shelby Myers	John Pilson
Alice Wooddell		

Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

Sarah Brownlee	Ann Kellogg	David Law
Olivia Lewis	William McFarlane	Roy Pilson
Jamie Pirkey	Van Pirkey	Devin Scott

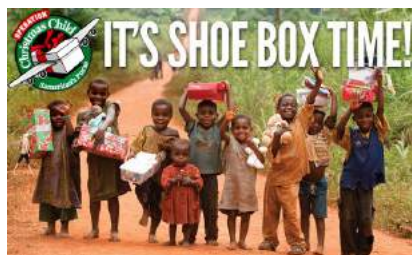
Sympathy & Condolences

Family & Friends of Betty Cash
 Family & Friends of Boyd Wood
 Family & Friends of Rev. Sally Robinson

Community, Country, & World

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

Mission Committee News & Notes . . .



Operation Christmas Child 2019

For the past 24 years, Samaritans Purse has been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl who may not receive anything else for Christmas to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel. You can help by participating in this Mission project by filling a shoebox or boxes for children in need. Brochures with detailed information on filling your shoebox will be included in your bulletin on October 13th. All shoeboxes will need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 17th. There will be a cart in Memorial Hall for you to place your shoebox(es) on. Thank you for your continued support for all of Bethel's mission projects!

Presbyterian Women News & Notes . . .

October 2019 Project - Blanket Offering

*The Afternoon Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 8th, at 1:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the church in the Bumgardner Classroom.

*The Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 8th, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the church in the Bumgardner Classroom.



Bethel has two Women's Circles that meet at Bethel on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The Afternoon Circle meets at 1:30 pm and the Evening Circle meets at 7:00 pm. The Bible Study for this year is on the book of "James" by N.T. Wright. Please contact Barb Gough or Marty Simmers for information about the Afternoon Circle. Contact Irene Elliott or Louise Hoy for information about the Evening Circle. Both circles have a great time with fellowship, study, and mission projects for Bethel and the community!



Gift Cards for Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

Bethel's Presbyterian Women continue a connection to the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands, known as PCHH, in Wytheville, VA. It is a long term residential facility for children in need of hope, purpose, home and education and provides a stable and loving environment that is overseen by God's love and grace.



Bethel Women's Together in Service Project this year is to deliver gift cards to PCHH in early December. The cards suggested by the staff at PCHH include those from Walmart, McDonald's, Wendy's, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, or Family Dollar.

The entire Bethel congregation is invited to participate in this project. If you wish to provide gift cards, please record the purchase amount of the gift on the cards and deliver them to Stephanie Rivers, Barbara Gough, or Joyce Miller before Sunday, November 24th.

Stewardship & Finance News & Notes . . .



Receiving Treasurer Wanted!

Are you detail oriented? Are numbers, math, and finance your thing? The Stewardship & Finance Committee is in need of someone to serve in the role of the Receiving Treasurer at once. The records are computerized and password protected on a church software program, you would be assisted by the Deacons each Sunday, and the Stewardship & Finance Committee would be happy to assist you for the first few months until you get acclimated with the role. If you might be willing to serve Bethel in this capacity, or at least give it a whirl, please contact Derek Almarode (540/280-4940, almarodes@verizon.net).

Worship Committee News & Notes . . .

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October 6th, 2019

17th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Communion

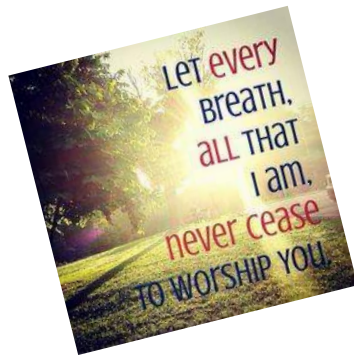
Guest Minister: Rev. Nancy Meehan-Yao

Lamentations 1:1-6 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

October 13th, 2019

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 19:1-7 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19



October 20th, 2019

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8

October 27th, 2019

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

Joel 2:23-32 2 Timothy 4:6-18 Luke 18:9-14



BETHEL KIDS & YOUTH EVENT . . .

Everyone's Invited to the Bethel Harvest Festival!

Saturday, October 26th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Bethel Presbyterian Church

(Fellowship Hall for Activities - Parking Lot for Trunk - or - Treat)

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Car Decorating Contest

Ghostly Games

Trunk - or - Treat

Costume Contest

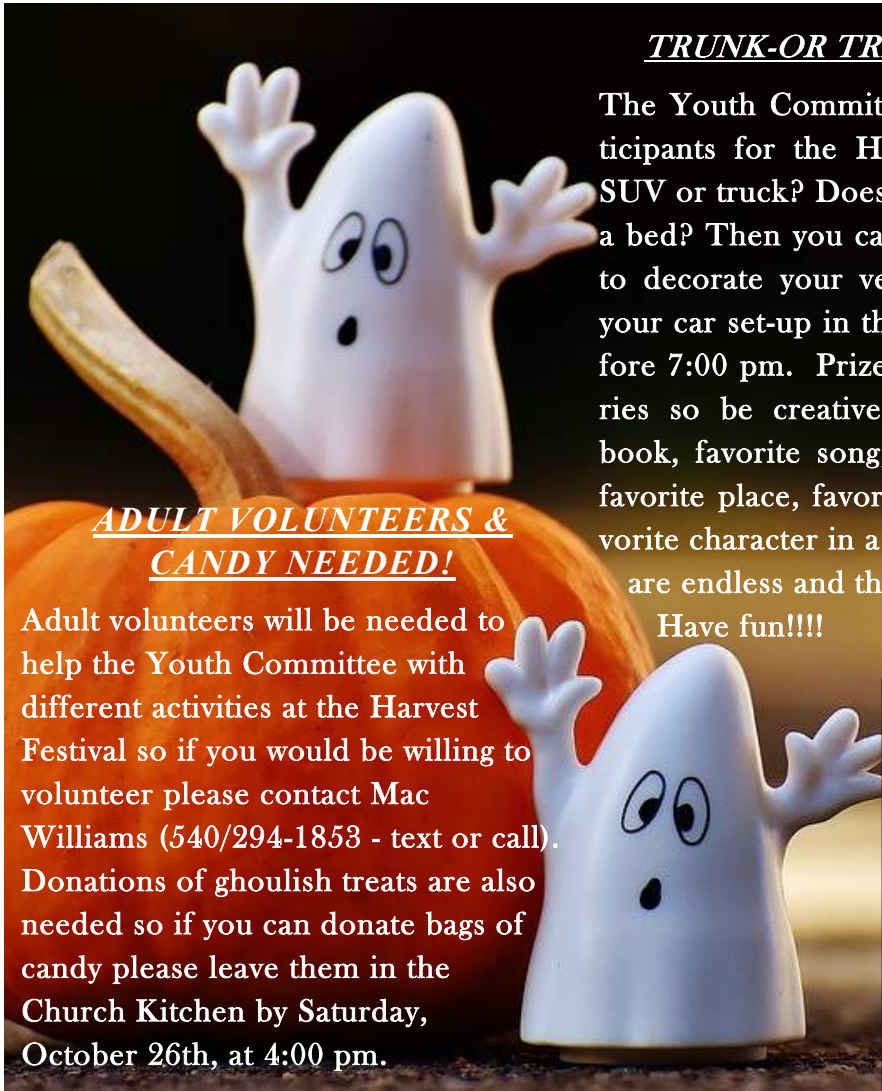
Harvest Time Crafts

Scrumptious Snacks

& so much more!

Prizes given for pumpkin carving,
costumes, & car decorating.

All ages (young & old) are invited!



TRUNK-OR TREAT PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

The Youth Committee is asking for Trunk-or-Treat participants for the Harvest Festival. Do you have a car, SUV or truck? Does it have a trunk, space in the back, or a bed? Then you can participate! If you would be willing to decorate your vehicle for trunk-or-treat, please have your car set-up in the parking area by the playground before 7:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded in different categories so be creative! Some ideas include your favorite book, favorite song, a specific decade, favorite holiday, favorite place, favorite Bible story, favorite TV show, favorite character in a book, favorite movie . . . the options are endless and the only limit is your creativity!

Have fun!!!!

ADULT VOLUNTEERS & CANDY NEEDED!

Adult volunteers will be needed to help the Youth Committee with different activities at the Harvest Festival so if you would be willing to volunteer please contact Mac Williams (540/294-1853 - text or call). Donations of ghoulish treats are also needed so if you can donate bags of candy please leave them in the Church Kitchen by Saturday, October 26th, at 4:00 pm.

**BETHEL HARVEST
FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 26TH
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
WE NEED YOU BETHEL
CONGREGATION &
FRIENDS!
CAN YOU HELP?**

Other Announcements & Church News . . .

Blessings on the birth of Cooper Brian Dietz who was born on Wednesday, September 4th, weighing 9 lbs, 3 oz, and was 20 inches long. The proud parents are Brian & Carrie Dietz and the proud grandparents are Bruce & Linda Lamond. He also has a proud big sister Kelly. Congratulations on the special arrival of Cooper!



Blessings on the birth of Liam Anderson McElveen who was born at 9:13 pm on Friday, September 20th, weighing 6 lbs, 14 oz, and was 20 1/2 inches long. The proud parents are Wes & Katie McElveen and the proud grandparents are Charlie & Rhonda Johnson. Congratulations on the special arrival of Liam!



Other Announcements & Church News . . .

Our sympathies & condolences to Jane Law & her family on the passing of her special friend and companion Boyd Wood on Tuesday, October 1st. Please keep Jane and her family, in your thoughts and prayers in the coming days and weeks.



Schedules & Such . . .

Flower Schedule October 2019

October 6th - Drury Whitaker (*Communion*)

October 13th - Faye Brown

October 20th - Jane Law (*Memorial*)

October 27th - Tammy Barbour



Offering Schedule

October 2019

D.W. Miller

Alex Sproul

Linda Tenney

Drury Whitaker



October Greeters

October 6th -
David & Betty Schooley

October 13th through
October 27th -
Joe & Tabby Moore



Nursery Schedule October 2019

Children's Church - Penny Lee

October 6th - Stephanie Rivers

October 13th - Joe or Sally Williams

October 20th - Tabby Moore

October 27th - Mac or Emily Williams



Around the Community . . .



Raise Your Fork for

Meals on Wheels!

All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - Sunday, October 20th

Since 1973, Martha's Meals on Wheels has continuously served meals to homebound residents in the Staunton area. Over 4,000 meals are delivered each year by volunteers and are provided free or at lower cost for clients in need. Martha's Meals on Wheels will have a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help support their mission work on Sunday, October 20th, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Moose Lodge in Verona (1510 Commerce Road, Verona/Staunton). The tickets are \$10 for adults (12 & up), \$5 for children ages 5 to 11, and free for children under age 5. Tickets are available at the door or you can purchase tickets from one of the board members. Call (540) 886-1219 for tickets and more information. They hope to see you and your family on October 20th!

Birthdays & Anniversaries . . .



Bruce Lamond	October 1	Dan Gano	October 21
Isabelle Bosserman	October 5	Sarah Ralston	October 22
Jane Law	October 7	Debbie Hughes	October 24
Richard Whitesell	October 7	Libby Smith	October 24
Emily Williams	October 7	Mark Wade	October 25
Adrienne Barker	October 8	Eloise Moore	October 27
Pat Quick	October 11	Diane Wright	October 27
Tish Folsom	October 12	Dinah Johnston	October 28
Louise Hoy	October 14	John Pilson	October 31
Evelyn LaPorte	October 16	Doug Smith	October 31
Sara Ann Lamb	October 17	Carol Sprouse	October 31
Dale K. Smith	October 17		



Lisa & Eddie Surface	October 3, 1987
Bethany & Larry Fresh	October 5, 1991
Keedie & Kyle Leonard	October 14
Paige & Andrew Heizer	October 14, 2017
Angela & Chuck Wiseman	October 21, 1977
Mary Ann & John Anderson	October 29, 1955
Myra & Roscoe Botkin, Jr.	October 31, 1998



October 14th - Columbus Day
October 31st - Halloween



October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 6 World Communion Sunday 9:30 - Sunday School (A) 9:45 - Sunday School (K) 11:00 - Worship & Communion 12:30 - Deacons Meeting	7 Church Office Closed (Adrienne on vacation) 6:30 - Cub Scouts 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life	1 Church Office Closed (Adrienne on vacation) 1:30 - Afternoon Circle 7:00 - Evening Circle 7:00 - Session Meeting	2 1:15 - Worship Planning Meeting 7:00 - Bethel Choir 7:00 - Handbell Choir	3	4	5
13 9:30 - Sunday School (A) 9:45 - Sunday School (K) 11:00 - Worship 12:30 - Christian Education Comm. 12:30 - Stewardship & Finance Comm. 12:30 - Worship Comm.	14 Columbus Day 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life (No school for Augusta County) 	15 2:00 - Prayer & Fellowship Group	16 World Food Day 1:15 - Worship Planning Meeting 7:00 - Bethel Choir 7:00 - Handbell Choir	17	18	19
20 9:30 - Sunday School (A) 9:45 - Sunday School (K) 11:00 - Worship 12:30 - Mission Comm.	21 6:30 - Cub Scouts 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life	22 2:00 - Prayer & Fellowship Group November Tower Newsletter Deadline	23 1:15 - Worship Planning Meeting 6:00 - Communications Comm. 6:00 - Congregational Care Comm. 7:00 - Bethel Choir 7:00 - Handbell Choir	24 United Nations Day 	25	26 6:00 - 8:00 - Annual Harvest Party & Trunk-or-Treat Scouts Camp-Out at Eagles Roost Pavilion
27 Reformation Sunday 9:30 - Sunday School (A) 9:45 - Sunday School (K) 11:00 - Worship & 5 Cents A Meal 12:30 - Youth Comm.	28 6:30 - Cub Scouts 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life	29	30 1:15 - Worship Planning Meeting 6:00 - Personnel Comm. 7:00 - Bethel Choir 7:00 - Handbell Choir	31 Halloween 		