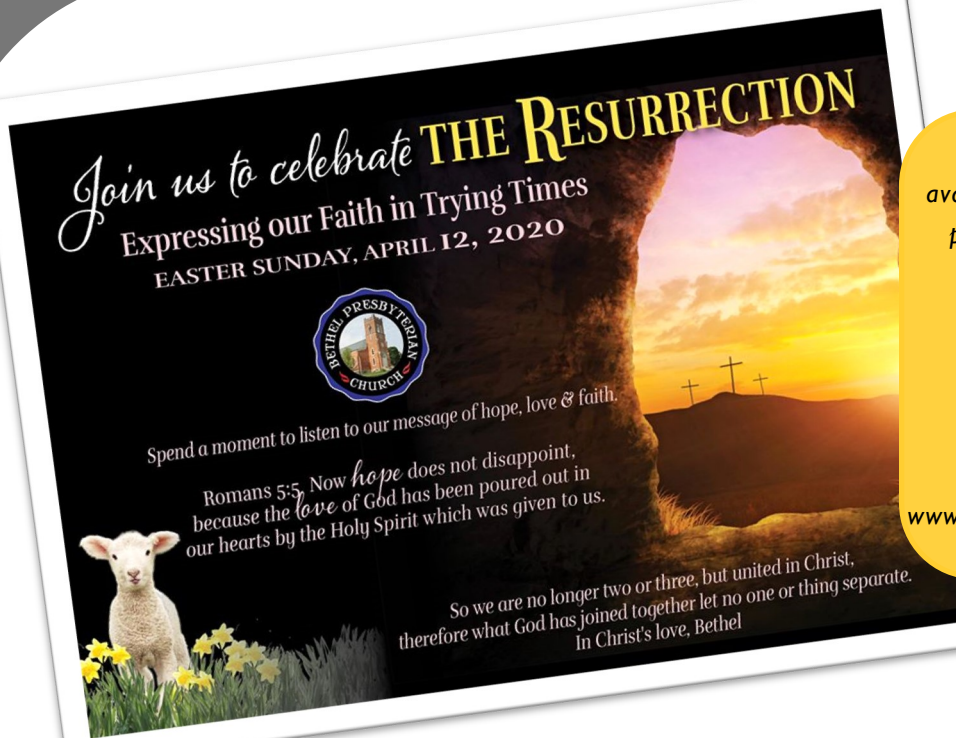




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Message of the Week . . .

We may be apart, we may not be able to see one another, but we are connected by our faith and belief in Jesus Christ. This will soon pass, and we'll see and worship together again with stronger love and faith than ever. For our Lord and Savior will conquer like he always does. While we are staying at home protecting our physical body, we also need to protect and strengthen our spiritual body.

Matthew 17:20

Because you have so little faith, truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'move from here to there,' and it will move, nothing will be impossible for you."

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

We must keep praying and loving one another and reaching out to people in need for there may be someone that needs uplifting or help finding and seeing the light of Jesus Christ. They may only need a little push, or they may need a little more, it's our duty to do so. Therefore, plant a seed of hope and inspiration in a friend or a stranger.

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Matthew 13: 31-32

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in a field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of all garden plants and becomes a tree, that the birds come and perch in its branches.

Psalm 107:20

He sent out His word and healed them and delivered them from their destruction.

Love, belief and prayer will get us through these troubling times. We will overcome together by helping and giving.

Ecclesiastes. 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have good return for their labor; if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Luke 3:11

"Anyone who has two shirts should share with one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

Anxiety and fear of the unknown is natural but as Christians these feelings are diminished through God.

I John 4:18-19

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us.

Be strong, be safe and be fishers of men!!

My prayers, my love to all,
Brian K. Lee, Bethel Elder



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If you need help, are feeling discouraged, or need someone to talk with please feel free to contact any of the Elders listed below.

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From Stewardship & Finance . . .

We so appreciate your continued giving, as it's more important now than ever. As time goes on with services and activities suspended, our bills continue to come in and must be paid. If you are able to continue to contribute to Bethel's budget in the coming weeks, please mail checks to:

*Bethel Presbyterian Church
Attn: Kay Thompson
563 Bethel Green Road
Staunton, VA 24401*

Please stay healthy!

- Bethel Stewardship & Finance Committee



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Committee News & Notes . . .

Continuing Education Loan Fund

The Bethel Presbyterian Church Continuing Education Loan Fund was established a number of years ago by 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 Continuing Education Loan Fund Committee members: Derek Almarode, Bill Brubeck or David Schooley. *The deadline for the return of the completed application together with attachments is June 15th, 2020. (Please note the new date!)* Completed applications may be left in the Church Office or given to Derek, Bill, or David.



Mission Committee

Hope you are all well and practicing your social distancing. During this time the Mission Committee requests that you not put donations in the Kingsway closet, EXCEPT for canned food items. We are trying to continue to provide food to the clients at Kingsway. The Kingsway clients are currently not allowed inside to shop. This is to protect them and those of us who volunteer there. The clients, currently, receive their food by a drive through system.

Because of social distancing, we are not able to hold any activities to raise funds here at Bethel. We ask for your help in participating in Bethel's mission work, by checking on your neighbors, friends and church family through phone calls and texting. Since we can not be together at this time, we need to try to find new ways to help others. PRAY! Pray every day that this ends soon.

Kathy Swisher,
Mission Committee Chair



Personnel Committee

Adrienne continues to work in the office and at times from home. Please call before going to the office. Phone messages and emails will be returned ASAP. The custodians will be waxing the Fellowship Hall floor this week. Also, Margaret Wade has taken down the quilt to clean it and let it rest. Deacons and Elders are checking the property daily. Eli continues to upload hymns and meditations to our Facebook page. We look forward to more contributions.

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Happy Easter!

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Presbytery News & Notes. . .



SAVE THE DATE . . .
APRIL 22ND, 2020

For the third year in a row, Massanetta Springs is participating in the Community Foundation's Great Community Give. The past two years were wonderfully successful, and thanks to all the amazing donors they have been able to build a new playground, install giant silent fans and a new sound system in Hudson Auditorium, and raise money that allowed them to keep program registration costs down for attendees. For 2020, they are pleased to announce the Massanetta Rocks Fundraiser which will help rebuild stonework throughout the campus. The stonework is one of the most recognizable features around the campus and is in need of significant repair in multiple areas. This is not only for safety reasons but also in order to maintain the magnificent beauty of Massanetta.

Please mark your calendars for April 22, 2020, to donate to the Massanetta Rocks Fundraiser. Your donation must come in on the online giving platform between 6:00 am and 8:00 pm in order to be counted towards the Great Community Give which does allow them to earn additional funds through the Community Foundation. Additional prizes are given out to non-profits that have the greatest number of unique donors, most amount of funds raised, and "power-hours". Last year alone Massanetta raised over \$42,000 with matching funds and prizes!

They hope you'll consider giving on April 22nd to the Massanetta Rocks Fundraiser. Every gift of every size makes a difference, so spread the word!

PRAYER LIST

New Additions

John Cordle (*Beth Somer's brother - recovering from surgery*)

Congregation Members

Jarod Davis & Family

Dan Gano	Bobby Goodson
Karen Koogler	Sara Ann Lamb
Evelyn LaPorte	Kenneth LaPorte
Sam Leonard	Margaret Liptrap
John Pilson	Allen Quick
Lucy Sproul	Doris True
Alice Wooddell	

Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

Sarah Brownlee	Ann Ellinger
Joe Fleming	Paul Harper
Matt Koogler	David Law
John Michael	Roy Pilson
Jamie Pirkey	Van Pirkey
Gwen Stevenson	Walter Wade

Community, Country, & World

Doctors, Nurses, & those in healthcare including volunteers who are working with COVID-19 patients
All Military Leaders & Personnel
Police, Firemen, and EMS workers
& volunteers
Michael & Rachel Weller,
Missionaries in Ethiopia

Elder-on Call April 2020

If you have pastoral need during the month of April please contact
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