



The Bethel Weekly News

Week of March 29th, 2020

Message of the Week . . .

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

- Isaiah 40:28-31 New International Version (NIV)

As I write this on Wednesday, March 25th, all activities are suspended at Bethel. While this is disappointing to me, I know it's necessary. With activities suspended including worship, I encourage you to continue praying for friends, family, church, country and the world. Check on each other whether by phone calls, cards, text messages or emails if possible. Likewise, if you need help, are feeling discouraged, or need someone to talk with please feel free to call the Elder-on-Call or one of the Elders listed on page two. As we all adapt to this new way of life, maintaining unity within the church is a priority.

If you are staying home and would like something to do to keep busy, there is a suggestion from Shenandoah Presbytery on how to sew facemasks. These masks are cotton and you can make them for yourself, family, and/or some to donate. Cotton fabric and elastic rope are the only materials needed. If you are interested in making a mask(s) you can contact Adrienne by email at bethelpc@gmail.com and she will send you the pdf of the instructions. If you do not use email you can call me and I will help you with the details on how to make them. *(Please note that you will need a sewing machine in making the masks.)*

Every attempt will continue to be made to keep you informed during this period through social media and email. If you do not have email you will receive information by US mail.

The Session is continuing to stay positive and think ahead to when we can be together again in worship and fellowship! We hope you are able to do the same!

Please stay safe, and God bless you,
Dave Schooley, Clerk of Session

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A Few Special Announcements . . .

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

Announcement Regarding Easter Lilies & Donations: Due to current circumstances there will not be any Easter Lilies ordered this year. If you have already paid for your lily, Adrienne will mail your payment back to you. We apologize for the inconvenience.

There will also not be any specific Easter donations to the Bethel Emergency Relief Fund (BERF) but you are still welcome to contribute as there have been several calls for assistance since the beginning of the year. Please send donations to: Bethel Presbyterian Church; Attn: Joyce Miller; 563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401 or Joyce Miller; 65 Dove Hill Lane; Staunton, VA 24401. Thank you!

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



In 2019 Bethel gave \$750, from our benevolence budget, to help support the Kingsway Help Center. There were also donations of clothing, household items and food as well as Bethel congregation members who volunteered.

Because of support from individuals, area clubs, churches and schools, Kingsway distributed 153,478 pounds of food in 2019, which is an average of 12,790 pounds per month. There was an average of 146 families served per month and a total of 424 individuals. Thank you for your continued support of Bethel's mission projects!

- Bethel Mission Committee

Personnel Committee

During this time of suspended activities Adrienne will be working in the office and at times from home. Please call before stopping by the Church Office. Phone messages will be checked daily and emails will be returned as soon as possible. The custodians will use this time to do a room by room thorough cleaning and disinfection of the church. Several Deacons and Elders will also be stopping by and checking the property throughout the day.

Worship Committee

Username, password, and Facebook are all familiar words to our kids and grandkids but only words of frustration for most of at Bethel. The thought that this would be our link to the outside world seemed years away, but here it is! Many of our area churches streamed their Sunday service using Facebook and their website this past Sunday. Bethel has both a Facebook page and a website, but we cannot live stream our services until we update our CCLI license. We would encourage you to use social media, Facebook or Internet, to view and listen to other churches Sunday's message. Please remember that not all members have access to the Internet. When possible share with your neighbors.

Community News & Notes . . .

From the Valley Mission . . .

We wanted to reach out and say that we are incredibly grateful for everyone's thoughts and prayers. At this time, none of our clients or staff have tested positive for the virus, and for that, we are absolutely grateful.

That being said, we are experiencing a massive financial hit as people aren't shopping at our thrift stores due to self-isolation and we are having to postpone fundraising events. Additionally, we are in need of some supplies to help keep everyone healthy at the shelter.

If you are looking for a way to support us, please consider either 1) donating financially through our website at www.valleymission.net or 2) dropping off some of the following supplies: Latex Free Gloves, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Anti-bacterial Hand Soap, and Lysol Spray.

We are absolutely grateful for this community that has banded together to make sure we are all taken care of. We are so grateful for the support!

Elder-on Call April 2020

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

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almarodes@verizon.net

PRAYER LIST

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 Alice Wooddell

Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

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

Sympathy & Condolences

Family & Friends of Erle Potter
Family & Friends of Richard Whitesell

Community, Country, & World

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



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JOHN 11:1-45

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