



The Bethel Weekly News

Week of May 17th, 2020

Message of the Week . . .

Mothers Love

Proverbs 31:26-28 (NIV)

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

From the beginning, God has given a woman a very special role in his world but the role of a mother is one that wears many hats and uniforms. I can't and won't even try to list every one. For each one I'd list, there's a million more I would miss. Mothers are very special to each one of us, for we all have one, but have you taken a moment and thought what and where you'd be without the love of a mother.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.

A mother's love is something to be cherished, honored, and revered. The Bible has many verses on our beloved moms. Each one I read brought back memories growing up and remembering that the one person who was always there and never wavered was mom. Society has changed dramatically throughout history, but the role of the mother has become so multifaceted. If you fathers have ever tried to do what the mothers do in a day and succeeded, then you're a better man than I. Moms have talent's that God has given to them, passed on to each generation, and the greatest of these is a mother's love.

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 23:25 (NIV)

May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!

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Song of Songs 8:2 (NIV)

I would lead you and bring you to my mother's house — she who has taught me. I would give you spiced wine to drink, the nectar of my pomegranates ...

Proverbs 31:29 (NIV)

"Many women do noble things, But you surpass them all"

Philippians 1:3 (NIV)

I thank my God every time I remember you.

This was the hardest of messages to write for there are not enough words or paper to praise, thank, and commend all mothers for what you have done and what you'll always do. We love you moms, I hope you had a special and blessed Mother's Day!

Love and Prayers,
Brian Lee, Elder

Church Office News & Notes . . .

- ◇ Church Office hours will resume this week on Monday, May 18th. Adrienne plans to be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- ◇ *The June Tower deadline is Tuesday, May 26th, at 9:00 am.* Please have all announcements and articles for the June Tower to the Church Office by the above date and time.
- ◇ Please have all Bethel Weekly News announcements to Adrienne by Wednesday, at 9:00 am.
- ◇ Printed copies of the current "Bethel Weekly News" are always available in the vestibule and Memorial Hall.
- ◇ The "Daily Family Devotions" are left out each week in the vestibule and the hallway next to the Choir Room.
- ◇ The "These Days" devotionals for this quarter are available in the vestibule, Memorial Hall and the hallway next to the Choir Room.

Elder-on Call May 2020

If you have pastoral need during the month of May please contact Tammy Barbour.

(540) 471-0450 *(call or text)*
barbour.tamara@yahoo.com

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Christian Education News & Notes . . .



Class of 2020 Recognition

Do you know of any Class of 2020 graduates that you would like Bethel to recognize? If so, please contact Adrienne by Tuesday, May 26th at 9:00 am. Sending the information by email is the easiest way but you are welcome to 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 June Tower and the Bethel Weekly News in the future.

Continuing Education 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.

PRAYER LIST

New Additions

Mattie Marsh
*(daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Marsh,
spinal cord problems)*

Congregation Members

Jarod Davis & Family
Dan Gano Bobby Goodson
Karen Koogler 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 John Cordle
Ann Ellinger Bernice English
Joe Fleming Paul Harper
Matt Koogler David Law
Cecil Layman John Michael
Roy Pilson Jamie Pirkey
Van Pirkey Gwen Stevenson
Lee & Katie Simon Linda True
Walter Wade

Sympathies & Condolences

Family & Friends of Sara Ann Lamb

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

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Mission Committee News & Notes . . .



Summerlee Mission Work We have been participating in the Summerlee Mission organized by Westminster Presbyterian Church and this year it will take on a new look because of the pandemic. It is still planned for July 5-11 but will be called Summerlee at Home. There will be local construction projects carried out and individuals that would like to participate will stay at home and travel each day to a site locally, for outdoor repairs on homes. Westminster is looking for local families with home repair needs. If you are interested in participating, please contact me and I will give you information.

Hope you are all staying safe and well.
Kathy Swisher, Mission Committee Chair

Personnel Committee News & Notes . . .

Organist/Music Director Needed

Eli will be leaving us in August to continue his study of voice. We are actively searching for an organist/choir director. If you have suggestions, contact Bill Brubeck, Dale Thompson or Jill Webb.

Youth & Youth Committee News & Notes . . .

The Youth Committee has come up with a proposal to serve the congregation. Our youth and young adults have shown an interest in you, our loved ones of Bethel. They have suggested and offered to help with weekend debris removal and yardwork at your home. All work will be outside only so we can maintain guidelines associated with the ongoing pandemic. Tasks that will be offered but are not limited to include: leaf and grass raking, flower bed maintenance, removal of debris from storms, and mulching. (Cost of supplies and/or any other out-of-pocket expenditures will be the only cost for home jobs; i.e. mulch, flowers for planting, etc.) Hauling of any materials you need us to purchase will be done with care. Please feel free to contact the Youth Committee with any interest or needs.

Brian or Penny Lee
Derek or Cindy Almarode

Stewardship & Finance News & Notes . . .

We so appreciate and are grateful for 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 S&F Committee

A Note From the Deacons . . .

We'll be doing a little work around Bethel on Saturday, May 30th, starting at 9:00 am. There should be about 10 of us. So stop by and say hi!

- Wade Cash, Diaconate Chair