



The Bethel Weekly News

Week of May 3rd, 2020

Message of the Week . . .

The following is from Proverbs 3, versus 1--6 in the NIV Bible

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

I hope everyone is doing well and practicing social distancing. We all want to get back to our normal routines. We are creatures of habit and none of us like our routines, or things we are familiar with changed. We miss visiting with our family and friends, going out to eat, going out without a mask, going to work and especially attending worship with our friends.

In our mission work, we have had to postpone our pork loin meal, but we look forward to getting together soon. The fundraiser at The Meating Place is canceled, and the Shenandoah Presbytery's mission trip to Baja will not take place this July.

This will get better. Participating in worship remotely is definitely different. We can still read our daily devotions, or watch them online. Also, we can still read our Bibles. God is always with us, and will guide us, if we allow him. We cannot understand all that is happening, but we have to rely on God to lead us at this time.

Yours in Christ,
Kathy Swisher
Elder

Session News & Notes . . .

The Session met April 19th, 2020 with Rev. Patrick Pettit as Moderator and seven Elders present. The Session met remotely using Zoom. The minutes of the last Session meetings were approved.

David Schooley,
Clerk of Session

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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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Church Office News & Notes . . .

- ◇ Adrienne will not be available to check email or phone calls this Wednesday, May 6th. If you have any announcements or articles for the May 10th Weekly News please have them turned in by this Tuesday at noon. Thank you!
- ◇ Printed copies of the current “Bethel Weekly News” and the April Tower are available in the vestibule and Memorial Hall. Please note that there will not be a May Tower published - May birthdays, anniversaries, and a May calendar are available starting on page 5 of this issue of the Bethel Weekly News.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Please let Adrienne know if you would like to be added to the list to have a printed copy of the “Bethel Weekly News” mailed to you.
- ◇ At this time, Adrienne is usually in the office on Thursdays from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, if you have a need. (email: bethelpc@gmail.com; phone: (540) 886-6041)

Elder-on Call May 2020

If you have pastoral need during the month of May please contact
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Mission Committee News & Notes . . .

The Augusta County schools continue to provide breakfast and lunch to any student that requests them. If parents are unable to pick up meals at school, they are delivered to homes Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.



The Food on Friday's program that Bethel supports is continuing to supply food. They also, have provided laundry detergent and other hygiene items to students. These are given out when the families, that signed up for this program, get their school meals.

Please continue to check on your family and friends. We hope to get back to our regular mission projects soon. We plan on rescheduling the pork loin meal and our other projects as soon as possible.

Prayers,
Kathy Swisher
Mission Committee

Personnel Committee News & Notes . . .



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. Deacons and Elders are checking the property daily. 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.

PRAYER LIST

New Additions

Family & Friends of Edna Bays
(Adrienne Barker's grandmother)
Family & Friends of Sara Ann Lamb
Linda True (niece of Doris True)

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
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

If you're
praying about it
God is
working on it.

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Presbyterian Women News & Notes . . .

Ladies Night Out Dinner Canceled

After speaking with several members of the PWCT, we feel it is best to cancel the Ladies Night Out Dinner scheduled in July. With the present concerns and social restrictions regarding COVID-19 it is difficult for us to plan catering and commit to have the necessary number of people attend to break even on this event. We continue to pray for a quick end to this epidemic and return to normalcy when we can all meet again and return to worship. Until then, stay safe.

Blessings,
Cindy Almarode, Bethel PWCT Moderator

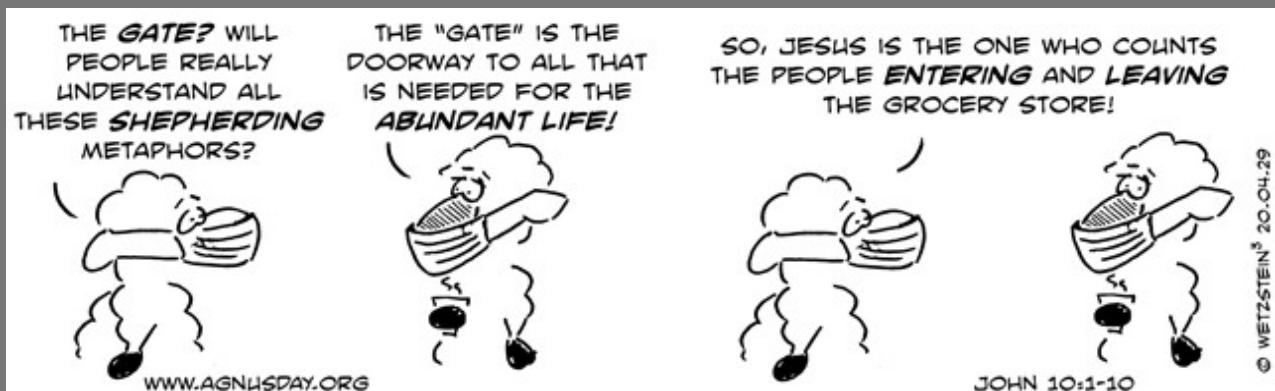
Stewardship & Finance News & Notes . . .

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 Stewardship & Finance Committee



Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org

I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. - John 10:9-10

The Bethel May 2020 Birthdays & Anniversaries . . .

May Birthdays



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



Mac & Emily Williams *May 17, 2008*
Jimmy & Debbie Callison *May 19, 1984*
Bill & Sally Brubeck *May 21, 1955*
D.W. & Beth Miller *May 23, 2005*




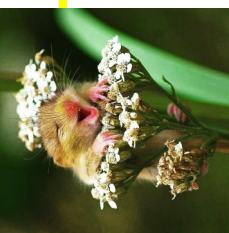
Kay & Warren Agee *June 3, 1995*
Katie & Wes McElveen *June 6, 2015*



May 1st May Friendship Day
 May 7th National Day of Prayer
 May 10th Mother's Day
 May 16th Armed Forces Day
 May 21st Ascension of the Lord
 May 25th Memorial Day
 May 31st Pentecost Sunday



May 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>May Friendship Day</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> HAPPY MOTHERS DAY 	11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
17	18	19	20	21 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	22	23
24	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	26	27	28	29	30 
31 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>						