



The Bethel Weekly News

Week of June 7th, 2020

Message of the Week

Psalm 34:3

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Bethel is a beautiful church. It is not the most ornate, or grandest church, but almost everyone that visits remarks at how beautiful it is. I believe subconsciously everyone appreciates the skill and craftsmanship it took to craft and erect those beautiful rafters and roof in a time before forklifts and cranes. Those rafters and roof bring their own special endearing qualities like the creaks and pops on a summer Sunday as the morning sun warms the roof and the copper expands pulling on the wood beneath, or those services where a pounding rain competes with the preacher to be heard. It is those rustic qualities that make the Bethel sanctuary a special place.

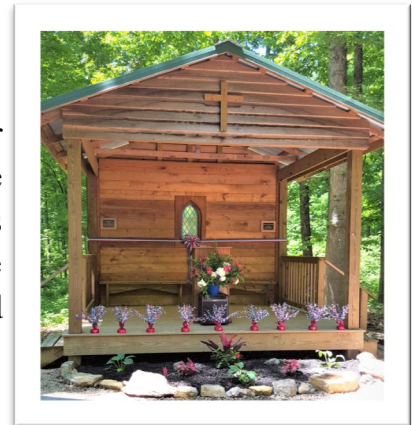
Thanks to the continuous support of the Boy Scouts of America Bethel has another rustic but beautiful place that many members have had the chance to appreciate, the Chapel in the Woods. Judging from the growing attendance at the now annual, well until this odd year, Easter sunrise service the word is getting around that it is also a special place. For me it harkens back to when early Christians sought remote areas to worship to avoid persecution, yet we can appreciate worshipping there in peace and security.

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

The session is making plans to start meeting together again which will begin with services at the Chapel in the Woods. Rather than consider this an inconvenience let us consider it an opportunity to enjoy our fellowship in the midst of God's creation while allowing people to attend that still need to minimize their risk.

Tim Turner,
Elder



Join us at the Chapel!

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Church Office News & Notes

- ⇒ The “These Days” for the July - September quarter have arrived! Pick up your copy in the vestibule, Memorial Hall or on the table in the hallway next to the Choir Room.
- ⇒ Printed copies of the June Tower and the current “Bethel Weekly News” are available in the vestibule and Memorial Hall.
- ⇒ Please have all announcements for the “Bethel Weekly News” to Adrienne by Wednesday, at 9:00 am.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
(as circumstances allow)

Lunch *usually* taken : 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Phone: (540) 886-6041 Email: bethelpc@gmail.com

Mission Committee News & Notes

Mission Work

Summerlee Mission 2020 will take place July 6th - July 10th. It is organized by Westminster Presbyterian Church. Homes will be repaired in the Waynesboro to Moscow area. This will be outside work and you will return to your home each night. *If you are interested in participating, please call me immediately* so we can let Westminster know who is interested.

Thanks,
Kathy Swisher

(540) 885-7397, phone or text

Elder-on Call June 2020

If you have pastoral need during the month of June please contact Kathy Swisher.

(540) 885-7397 *(call or text)*
kswisher@gmail.com

PRAYER LIST

New Addition

Barbara Shaner

(in ICU, friend of Jill Webb)

Congregation Members

Jarod Davis & Family

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

Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

Sarah Brownlee	John Cordle
Bernice English	Joe Fleming
Paul Harper	Matt Koogler
David Law	Cecil Layman
Mattie Marsh	John Michael
Roy Pilson	Jamie Pirkey
Van Pirkey	Lee & Katie Simon
Gwen Stevenson	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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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.

Weekly Financial Report

Estimated Weekly Budget

\$4,317.00

Offerings Received

May 24th: \$910.00

Stewardship & Finance News & Notes

We appreciate and are grateful for your continued giving! Even though events and activities are still suspended, bills continue to come in and must be paid. If you are able to contribute to Bethel's budget, please mail checks to:

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

Thank you and please stay healthy!

- Bethel S & F Committee

Worship Committee News & Notes

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

JUNE 21, 2020

CHAPEL IN THE WOODS

Rev. Bernard Banglely, one of our favorite Guest Ministers will help us out as we resume worship services on June 21st! Then Rev. Malcolm Brownlee, another Bethel favorite will be helping out on June 28th and July 5th.

More details will follow next week with Phase 2 starting this Friday, June 5th so stay tuned!



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

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (NRSV) Trinity Sunday, June 7th, 2020