



The Bethel Weekly News

Week of May 31st, 2020

Message of the Week . . .

Pentecost, Shavuot, Holy Spirit, wear Red. How do they go together? We wear RED on Fridays in the fall for RHS football games. United in our RED PRIDE. We have worn RED for Jarod after his heart transplant and ask that you do this again Friday for his gallbladder and hernia surgery, prayers too please. We wear RED for those deployed also on Fridays. And we are encouraged to wear RED this Sunday for Pentecost (50 days after Easter/Passover) as we remember that God gave us the Holy Spirit and the early Church was born then.

After the Ascension, Peter and the 11 were gathered together for the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot. Which is known as the weeks/sevens festival. They were united again. When the great wind came they started speaking other languages and making a lot of noise. They were accused of being drunk, but...

Acts 2:14-21

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

*'In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy;
your young men will see visions;
your old men will dream dreams.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
I will show wonders in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'*

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One of my favorite hymns is “Breathe on me breath of God.” If you have read C. S. Lewis’ book *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, you may remember the scene where Aslan breathes on Tumnus and the other frozen statues to bring them back to life. I pray that God through the Holy Spirit will unite us and strengthen us to continue the mission of Bethel as we get back to worship next month.

Can you think of a time the wind was not blowing at Bethel?

Jill Webb, Elder

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

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

Church Office News & Notes . . .

Printed copies of the June Tower will be available in the vestibule and Memorial Hall beginning this Monday. The June Tower will also be mailed out on Monday to those who requested to receive their copy by the USPS.

Printed copies of the current “Bethel Weekly News” are always 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 (as circumstances allow):
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Office Email: bethelpc@gmail.com
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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.

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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

Weekly Financial Report

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$4,317.00

Offerings Received
May 17th: \$935.00

PRAYER LIST

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

Worship Committee News & Notes . . .

In following with our governor's guidelines for churches, Bethel will postpone our 2020 Homecoming celebration in August. Hopefully, we can re-schedule for later in the fall. The good news is our tentative plans to reopen "Out Doors" (weather permitting) June 21st, 28th and July 5th, in the Chapel in the Woods. Starting July 12th, we hope to move into the sanctuary for normal Sunday service.

Many thanks . . .



I wanted to take a moment and thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers, phone calls, texts, emails, and cards when my grandmother passed away at the end of April. Your show of support, love, and caring meant the world to me. I feel so blessed and privileged to be a part of the Bethel "family".

Love in Christ,
Adrienne Barker, Bethel Office Manager

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JOIN US AS
WORSHIP
RESUMES

JUNE 21, 2020
THE CHAPEL IN THE WOODS
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

MORE DETAILS ANNOUNCED
IN THE COMING WEEKS

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