



# The Bethel Weekly News

## Week of July 19th, 2020

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS



#### Today, Sunday, July 19th

Mark Wilson, Guest Speaker

10:00 am      Worship at the Chapel  
in the Woods  
*(if it's raining, please  
meet in the Sanctuary)*

#### Monday, July 20th

12:00 pm      August Tower  
Newsletter Deadline

12:00 pm      Bulletin &  
Weekly News  
Deadline for July 26th

#### Next Sunday, July 26th

Rev. Clayton Rascoe,  
Guest Minister

10:00 am      Worship at the Chapel  
in the Woods  
*(if it's raining, please  
meet in the Sanctuary)*

### ELDER-ON-CALL JULY 2020

If you have a pastoral need  
during the month of July,  
please contact Bill Brubeck.

(540) 885-5871 (call)  
(540) 290-1172 (call or text)  
brubeck@mgwnet.com

The flowering plants at  
the chapel this morning (July 19th)  
are given to the Glory of God by  
Tom & Tammy Barbour.

### MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

Have you ever been confused? When I looked at the scriptures of this week's lectionary, I tried to look up Solomon 12:13. Well, the book of Solomon only has 8 chapters. What? Must be a misprint. Nope. I had not read the title of the book correctly. The *Wisdom of Solomon* – not the *Song of Solomon*. I'm sure we studied it in college 50 some years ago, but it definitely was not in my memory bank. Yes, the *Wisdom of Solomon* is in the Apocrypha, one of the books that did not make it into the Old Testament.

*There's no god, other than you, caring for everyone.  
There's no one to whom you must prove that your  
judgments are right.* CEB

Actually, I thought maybe they meant Ecclesiastes 12:13... since this book is attributed to Solomon.

*After all this, there is only one thing to say: Have reverence for God, and obey his commands, because this is all that we were created for. God is going to judge everything we do, whether good or bad, even things done in secret.*

Well, that brings us to Matthew 13:24-25- the parable of the Weeds -

*<sup>24</sup> Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.*

In Matthew 13:36-43 Jesus explains the Parable of the Weeds.

*<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."*

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*(Message of the Week continued)*

*<sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.*

*<sup>40</sup> "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> They will throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears; let them hear.*

Remember that God is in control. He cares for all of us. He will judge, his angels will do the weeding. All we need to do is trust him and to be prepared.

Jill Webb, Elder

## GUEST SPEAKER - TODAY, JULY 19TH

Bethel welcomes Mr. Mark Wilson as the Guest Speaker today.

Mark is from Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church in Ft. Defiance where he is an Elder and Trustee. He has done pulpit supply for a number of local Presbyterian churches, most recently from Hebron Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Debbie, just recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

Bethel appreciates and is grateful to Mark for preaching and worshiping with us today!

## JULY WORSHIP LEADER: TIM TURNER



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*ALL SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES START AT 10:00 AM!*

### July 26th - August 16th Supply Ministers & Speakers

July 26th - Rev. Clayton Rascoe

August 2nd - Rev. Malcolm Brownlee

August 9th - Jill Webb

August 16th - Rev. Malcolm Brownlee

Church  
Attendance  
July 12th - 70



Please Note: If the weather is rainy, worship will be held in the Sanctuary and/or Fellowship Hall (depending on number attending). Social distancing will be observed and masks will be required. Extra masks will be available if you need one. All services will begin at 10:00 am whether we meet indoors or outdoors.

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## Church Office News & Notes

- ⇒ The August Tower Newsletter Deadline is tomorrow Monday, July 20th, at noon. You may leave articles and announcements for the Tower in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or email them to: [bethelpc@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpc@gmail.com). We welcome and appreciate early submissions before the 20th! All announcements for the newsletter should include: Who? What? When? Where? Why?.
- ⇒ The deadline for worship information and weekly news for Sunday, July 26th is due tomorrow, Monday, July 20th, at noon. Note that the deadline is a day earlier than usual. Please email the information to Adrienne or place it in her mailbox in Memorial Hall. Thanks for your cooperation!
- ⇒ Copies of the weekly "Daily Family Devotionals" are available in Memorial Hall and on the table across from the Choir Room.
- ⇒ The "These Days" devotionals 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.

## 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](mailto:bethelpc@gmail.com)

## Stewardship & Finance Committee

### Weekly Financial Report

Estimated Weekly Budget: \$4,317.00  
Offerings Received July 12th: \$2,596.00

## PRAYER LIST

(updated 7/14/20)

### 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    | Bernice English |
| Joe Fleming       | Paul Harper     |
| Matt Koogler      | David Law       |
| Cecil Layman      | Mattie Marsh    |
| John Michael      | Roy Pilson      |
| Jamie Pirkey      | Van Pirkey      |
| Barbara Shaner    | Beth Shaw       |
| Lee & Katie Simon | Walter Wade     |

Dennis & Sarah Russell & Family\*

### Sympathies & Condolences

Rev. Roxana Atwood & Family

### Community, Country, & World

Doctors, nurses, & those in healthcare including volunteers who are working with COVID-19 patients  
Those in our community who are homeless &/or struggling with addiction  
All Military Leaders & Personnel  
Police, Firemen, and EMS workers & volunteers  
Michael & Rachel Weller,  
Missionaries in Ethiopia

\*Please see note -  
"Special Prayer Request" on page 4 for an update on this prayer request.

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## Personnel Committee

### 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.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in the position, please tell the person that information can be obtained by checking indeed.com: search "Choir Director" and "Virginia".



## Special Prayer Request Update

Many of you know Pastor Dennis & Sarah Russell had a baby girl named Havilah a few weeks ago. Havilah was born with some physical problems as well as possibly having Downs Syndrome. We wanted to give you a small report on her progress since we mentioned the family's situation last week.

Havilah continues to make progress on swallowing and eating and was moved from the NICU to the regular pediatric wing at UVA last weekend. She finally had all the wires and tubes removed from her last Sunday! Mom and Dad have been shown how to use a nasogastric (NG) tube when Havilah returns home for feeding and have been notified that Havilah is a good candidate for a home feeding program. She should be home within the next few days if she isn't already! (UPDATE: Havilah came home on Wednesday!)

Our local community churches are asking that you continue to bless Dennis, Sarah, little baby Havilah and big sister MacKenzie with your prayers but gift cards, monetary donations, or providing dinner one evening would also be a huge help. Gift cards from Aldi and Kroger would be appreciated for groceries. Slots are also available this week if you would be willing to donate a meal: Please go to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/v1k2eg> if you can help. There is also a link there for online giving and monetary donations are welcome! Electronic gift cards can be sent to: [sesrussell@gmail.com](mailto:sesrussell@gmail.com) or regular gift cards can be mailed to: 401 Marquis Street; Staunton, VA 24401.

Thank you for your help and most importantly your prayers! Please continue to pray especially for Dennis & Sarah that they learn all the information needed to know to care for Havilah. Also, they can easily handle any challenges that may arise as they bring her home.

