



The Bethel Weekly News

Week of November 15th, 2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 15th

Mark Wilson, Guest Speaker

11:00 am Worship

DEADLINE: OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOEBOXES



Monday, November 16th

Church Office Closed

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Riverheads WRE Council
Meeting at WRE
Building



Tuesday, November 10th

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Church Office
Hours

9:30 am Shenandoah Presbytery
Meeting & Communion
(via Zoom)

12:00 pm Deadline: Bethel
December Tower
Newsletter

12:00 pm Deadline: Order of
Worship & Weekly News
(November 22nd & 29th)

Wednesday, November 18th

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Church Office
Hours

Thursday, November 19th

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Church Office
Hours



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GENERAL CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

Do you have risk factors that make you more vulnerable in contracting the coronavirus and you can only be around those wearing a mask when indoors?



The Worship Committee has set things up so the worship service (& audio) is streaming on the TV in Memorial Hall. Audio of the service is also available in the Church Kitchen. (TV streaming of the service will also be offered in the Fellowship Hall soon!)

The Session wants to keep everyone comfortable but also safe by considering the needs of those with higher risk factors. Thanks for your cooperation!

NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADER:
DAVID SCHOOLEY

GUEST
speaker

GUEST SPEAKER
NOVEMBER 15TH

Bethel welcomes Mr. Mark Wilson as the Guest Speaker on Sunday, November 15th.

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.

Please let Mark know how much we appreciate his joining us for worship again!

The flowers on Sunday, November 15th, are given to the Glory of God by Tom & Lee Ann Heizer.

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GENERAL CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION



ELDER-ON-CALL NOVEMBER 2020

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

(540) 885-5871 (home)

(540) 290-1172 (cell - call or text)

brubeck@mgwnet.com

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, December 6th

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, December 6th, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect five members of the congregation to the Nominating Committee. Be thinking and praying about who God may be calling to serve on this committee - could it even be you?

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS & NOTES

The December Tower Newsletter & the Weekly News deadlines for November 22nd & November 29th will be Tuesday, November 17th, 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. We welcome and appreciate early submissions before the 17th! All announcements for the newsletter should include: Who? What? When? Where? Why?

The Tower and November 29th Weekly News deadlines are early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks for your cooperation!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS (continued)

Friday, November 20th

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Church Office Hours

Sunday, November 22nd

Christ the King Sunday

Mark Wilson, Guest Speaker

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting



Church Attendance

November 8th: 31

NEW OFFICE HOURS

(effective 11/16/20)

MONDAYS: OFF

TUESDAY - FRIDAY:

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

(lunch usually taken

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)



MISSION COMMITTEE



Operation Christmas

Child 2020

ALL SHOEBOXES ARE
DUE NOVEMBER 15TH!

Please contact Kathy Swisher
if you have any questions.

(540/885-7397; kswisher@gmail.com)

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Nomination of Church Officer forms are included with the Weekly News this week. The Session & Nominating Committee are requesting that EVERY member of the congregation participate in the process of nominating potential officers! All forms are due Sunday, November 29th, 2020. For more information please take a look at the attached Nominating Form and please remember to pray for our current and future officers.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The updated Presbyterian Women Yearbook for 2020-2021 is now available in Memorial Hall and on the table in the Bumgardner Classroom. Please let Adrienne know if you would like her to mail you a copy! Thanks!

Presbyterian Women Community Outreach



DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED AT THE VALLEY MISSION THRIFT STORES

THEY ARE SEEKING: CLOTHING,
HOUSEHOLD WARES, & FURNITURE

There is a box in Memorial Hall for clothing donations (only). Please place any gently used or new clothing in the designated box by Sunday, November 29th, at noon. You can also drop off donations of clothing and/or the other items listed above at the thrift stores.

Monday - Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Sunday Closed

Staunton Store

(604 N Coalter Street; 540/885-7227)

Waynesboro Store

PRAYER LIST (updated 11/12/20)

Congregation Members

Jarod Davis & Family

Dan & Ginny Gano

Karen Koogler & Family

Ken & Evelyn LaPorte

Bobby Goodson

Margaret Liptrap

Doris True

Sam Leonard

John Pilson

Alice Wooddell

Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

Sarah Brownlee

Brad Langdon

Roy Pilson

Van Pirkey

Beth Shaw

Lee & Katie Simonds

Joe Fleming

David Law

Jamie Pirkey

Barbara Shaner

Walter Wade

Sympathies & Condolences

Family & Friends of

Dr. & Mrs. John Forbes

Family of Maegan A. Hoy

Family & Friends of Allen Quick

Family of Mark Sawyer

Family of Rob Schnurr

Community, Country, & World

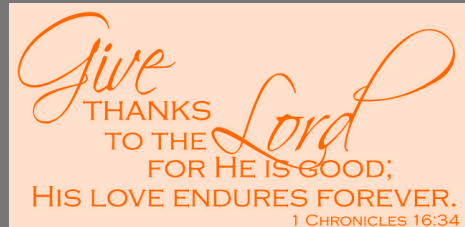
Doctors, nurses, & those who work in
healthcare including volunteers

All Military Leaders & Personnel

Police, Firemen, and EMS workers

Michael & Rachel Weller,

Missionaries in Ethiopia



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Presbyterian Women Community Outreach (continued)

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Help the Valley Mission provide Christmas this year to homeless individuals of all ages. Please consider donating a gift card (*Walmart preferred*) so that the Valley Mission Case Management Team may shop for specific items and sizes that are most needed by those in their care. Gift cards must be dropped off at the Valley Mission by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2020.

THANK YOU for helping this Christmas be special for those in need!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Weekly Financial Report

Estimated Weekly Budget: \$4,317.00

Offerings November 8th: \$1,810.00

October Financial Report

Estimated Monthly Budget: \$18,702.00

Offerings October 2020: \$7,341.00

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Upcoming Supply Ministers & Speakers

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| November 15th | Mark Wilson |
| November 22nd | Mark Wilson |
| November 29th | Derek Almarode (1st Sunday of Advent) |
| December 6th | Rev. Malcolm Brownlee (Congregational Meeting) |

THE VOTES ARE IN!

After receiving several responses from the congregation the decision has been made that the Christmas Eve service will remain at 9:00 pm. Thanks to EVERYONE who took the time to respond to the survey. It is hoped that the Worship Committee will still see all of you on Christmas Eve!

1st Sunday of Advent Make sure to join us on Sunday, November 29th, 2020, as we celebrate the beginning of the Advent season! Derek Almarode will be the Guest Speaker and worship will be a special Advent service. The symbols of Advent will be explained and we will light our Christmas tree for the first time this season! Join us for this traditional holiday service!



Candles of Advent Advent means "coming," and during this season, we prepare for the coming of the Christ child. We will light a candle on the Advent wreath each week. Shaped in a perfect circle of evergreens, it symbolizes God's eternity. These four Sundays preceding Christmas are recognized for four virtues. The candles symbolize hope, peace, joy and love. The fifth and final candle is the Christ candle which will be lit on Christmas Eve to remind us of the light Jesus Christ brings to the world.



Bethel Presbyterian Church

Nomination of Church Officers

It is time to start the process of electing officers for the Class of 2024, so they can attend training in February and be ready for ordination/installation in March. The Session & Nominating Committee is requesting that EVERY member of the congregation participate in this process! Help identify potential officers with your suggestions to the Nominating Committee.

Do not worry that they may have already been suggested!

When thinking and praying about those congregation members to nominate, ask yourselves if they faithfully try to live their lives demonstrating the fruit of the spirit from Galatians 5:22-23 “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control”? Ask God who also might best be able to aid and assist in leading Bethel during this time of transition.

After receiving your advice and after much prayer, the Nominating Committee will meet and nominate four elders, three deacons, and two trustees for a three-year term to fill positions that will be vacant at the end of February. After the nominees are announced, the congregation will meet in January to elect church officers for the Class of 2024.

Support the Nominating Committee by praying for them as they work to discern those who God is calling to service and leadership at Bethel.

You have a few options in submitting a nominating form: (1) You may print off the form on the back (if communication is by email) and complete the information and return it to one of two “Nominations Boxes” located in the vestibule or Memorial Hall (beginning November 15th) or mail to the Church Office (2) Fill out the printed copy of the form (available at the church) & return to one of the available boxes in the vestibule or Memorial Hall (beginning November 15th) (3) You may email your suggestions to Adrienne in the Church Office at bethelpc@gmail.com.

ALL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, NO MATTER HOW THEY ARE SUBMITTED. Please note that ALL suggestions remain confidential and will not be discussed except within the Nominating Committee. Thank you for your suggestions, support, and prayers!

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| <u>SESSION</u> | <u>CLASS OF 2021</u> Derek Almarode **Bill Brubeck Pat Quick *Kathy Swisher | <u>CLASS OF 2022</u> Jimmy Callison Bob Olson Dave Schooley Tim Turner | <u>CLASS OF 2023</u> Tamara Barbour Brian Lee Dale Thompson Jill Webb |
| <u>DEACONS</u> | <u>CLASS OF 2021</u> Katie McElveen Joe Moore Linda Tenney | <u>CLASS OF 2022</u> Wade Cash Ellen Fitzgerald Charlie Johnson Alex Sproul | <u>CLASS OF 2023</u> Tom Heizer Mitch Lathrop D. W. Miller |
| <u>TRUSTEES</u> | <u>CLASS OF 2021</u> Charlie Johnson *Dale C. Smith | <u>CLASS OF 2022</u> Bill Brubeck James Williams | <u>CLASS OF 2023</u> Guy D. Brooks Lee Ann Heizer |

*Designates those ineligible for re-election to the same office but may be eligible for any other office. **Will be rotating off the Session after this year.

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Suggestions for the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2024.

Please complete *both* #1 and #2 for each nominee.

1. I suggest (name) _____
for the nomination to the office of
(Circle one) elder deacon trustee

2. I suggest this person because:

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for the nomination to the office of
(Circle one) elder deacon trustee

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You may contact me for more information or if you have any questions. *(optional)*

Name _____ Phone _____