



The Bethel Weekly News

Week of February 21st, 2021

THE WEEKLY MESSAGE

Here I sit, curled up in my recliner, 6.5 inches of snow outside, ABC news in NY talking about a nor'easter hitting New England. My cousin Karen in NJ had 15 inches of snow this afternoon and it was still falling. We commented on how nice it is to be retired! Yes, we are the lucky ones, actually, we are blessed. We have lived long enough and saved enough, that we don't **have to work**. We can enjoy sleeping in, catch up on our reading, practice ukulele or plan a garden. Or sit and do nothing.

I feel for the farmers on a day like this. Thank you for your dedication. I can't think of a farmer that has ever retired. If you know of one, call me.

To those of you working at non-farm jobs, I pray that someday you too can enjoy retirement. Retirement doesn't mean we stop doing anything, we just can choose to do or not do. As we enter this season of Lent, I pray that while we change our Paraments to purple we can also become "purple" in our thoughts and emotions. As you know the colors red and blue make purple. I pray that we can come together as kinder, gentler people who can work together for the common good.

Love another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another.

- Romans 12:10 GNT

In Christian Love,
Jill Webb, Elder

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REMINDER

WELCOME BACK TO WORSHIP!

MARCH 7TH, 2021 11:00 AM

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

GUEST SPEAKER: MARK WILSON

(FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS PLEASE WEAR A MASK)



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GENERAL CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

With worship and church activities suspended, you are encouraged to continue praying for your friends, family, church, and country. Check on each other by phone calls, cards, text messages or emails. Likewise, if you need help with anything, or need someone to talk with, please feel free to reach out and contact the Elder-on-Call or any of the Elders listed below. Until we can return to worship together on March 7th, *maintaining unity within the church is the priority.*

SESSION NEWS & NOTES

If you need help with anything or need someone to talk with please feel free to contact the Elder-on-Call or any of the Elders listed below.

Tammy Barbour (540) 471-0450
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brubeck@mgwnet.com

Brian Lee (540) 649-3020
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ELDER-ON-CALL FEBRUARY 2021

If you have a pastoral need please contact Derek Almarode.

(540) 280-4940 (call or text)
almarodes@verizon.net

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 21st

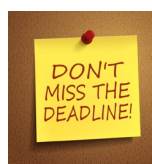
1st Sunday in Lent



Monday, February 22nd

Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Boy Scouts



Tuesday, February 23rd

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Church Office Hours

9:00 am Deadline:
March Tower &
Weekly News
(February 28th)

Wednesday, February 24th

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

Thursday, February 25th

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

Friday, February 26th

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

Saturday, February 27th

9:00 am Shenandoah Presbytery
Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, February 28th

2nd Sunday in Lent



WORSHIP RESUMES MARCH 7TH

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CHURCH OFFICE NEWS & NOTES



WEEKLY NEWS DEADLINE

The deadline for the February 28th Weekly News along with the March Tower is Tuesday, February 23rd, at 9:00 am.

ANNUAL REPORTS 2020

Copies of the 2020 Annual Reports will be available on Sunday, February 28th. You can pick up your copy in the vestibule, Memorial Hall, or on the table in the hallway next to the Choir Room. If you would like to have Adrienne mail you a copy (printed or digital) please contact the Church Office.

The Annual Reports have important information about the life and work of Bethel. It's requested that you would take a moment and review a copy once they are published.

BETHEL OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

(Lunch usually taken 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm)



CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED

Occasionally the Church Office may be closed unexpectedly due to various reasons including inclement weather or illness. If you have a need and no one answers the office phone please leave a message on the answering machine. You will be contacted within one to two business days. If you have an immediate need including pastoral care please call or text the Elder-on-Call.

**You have filled
my heart with
Greater Joy**

Psalm 47

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS & NOTES *(continued)*

MAILING ISSUES I have had several congregation members contact me about items I have mailed to them taking one to two weeks to be delivered by the USPS. Normally, all printed copies of the Weekly News and/or Tower are mailed out on Friday. I will try to mail printed out copies of the above items to you earlier but sometimes it's just not possible.

We all wish mail could be delivered faster. The USPS is still handling a higher than normal volume of mail and packages. Thanks for your patience and understanding!

- Adrienne Barker, Office Manager

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

HELP CONGREGATIONAL CARE KEEP THE PRAYER LIST UPDATED

Please call or text Tammy Barbour at (540) 471-0450 or Barb Gough at (540) 255-6521 with any updates or changes to the Prayer List. You can also contact the Church Office at (540) 886-6041 with any updates or changes. Please don't forget to let us know when people have improved enough to be removed.

If you add a name to the list and have not given us an update after six weeks we will do our best to contact you to see if the person is improving or continues to need prayer. If we cannot contact you, the person may be removed from the list. We all want the Prayer List to be up-to-date. We do care, so please let us know how your friend, neighbor or family member is doing!

- The Congregational Care Committee

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE *(continued)*

PRAYER LIST *(updated 2/17/21)*

New Additions

Family & Friends of Paul "Butch" Davis
(son of Joyce Davis)

Congregation Members

Jarod Davis & Family	Margaret Liptrap
Dan Gano	John Pilson
Bobby Goodson	Doris True
Ken & Evelyn LaPorte	Alice Wooddell
Sam Leonard	

Family & Friends of the Congregation

Sarah Brownlee	Eleanor Feldon
Matthew Fitzgerald	Joe Fleming
David Law	Roy Pilson
Jamie Pirkey	Van Pirkey
Beth Shaw	Jack True
Bill & Jake Sproul	Walter Wade

Sympathies & Condolences

Family & Friends of Melvina Sprunt Busby
Family & Friends of William Heizer
Family & Friends of Cathy Miller

Community, Country, & World

Doctors, nurses, & healthcare professionals including volunteers
All military leaders & personnel
Law enforcement, firefighters, & EMS workers & volunteers

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget: \$4,317.00

Weekly Offering February 14th: \$2,205.00

We so appreciate and are grateful for your continued giving, as it's more important now than ever. With services 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*

WORSHIP

FLOWER COORDINATOR NEEDED!

The Worship Committee is looking for a new flower coordinator. If you are interested in taking on this rewarding role please contact Tammy Barbour or Jill Webb. Either one would be happy to talk with you about what the role of Flower Coordinator entails.

LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021; 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT, MARK 1:9-15



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