



The Bethel Weekly News

Week of March 14th, 2021

Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 14th

Daylight saving time begins!

4th Sunday in Lent

11:00 am Worship

7:00 pm Session Meeting
(*Fellowship Hall & Zoom*)



Monday, March 15th

Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 16th

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

9:00 am Deadline: Order of
Worship & Weekly News
(*March 21st*)



Wednesday, March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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

Deadline: Easter Lily Orders &
BERF Easter Donations

Thursday, March 18th

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

Friday, March 19th

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

Saturday, March 20th

Spring begins

Sunday, March 21st

5th Sunday in Lent

11:00 am Worship



Worship Service Information

MARCH WORSHIP LEADER

David Schooley

GUEST SPEAKER, MARCH 14th

Bethel welcomes Mark Wilson who will be the Guest Speaker on Sunday, March 14th.



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 for Hebron Presbyterian Church.

Mark has preached at Bethel many times before and always does a fabulous job! Please let him know how much we appreciate his joining us for worship again on March 14th!

The flowers in the sanctuary on March 14th are given to the Glory of God by Sarah Frances Ralston.

Do you have risk factors that make you more vulnerable in contracting the coronavirus and you can only be around those wearing a mask? Or are you more comfortable worshipping indoors with others if they wear a mask too?



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.

The Session wants to keep everyone healthy and comfortable!

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Session News & Notes

ELDER-ON-CALL MARCH 2021

If you have a pastoral need please contact Derek Almarode.

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



UPDATE ON THE PROCESS OF SEPARATION FROM THE PCUSA

Prior to the stated February Session meeting (Sunday, February 14th, 2021) the Session met with the Shenandoah Presbytery Listening Committee. This Presbytery committee is charged with visiting churches who are considering the option of leaving the PCUSA. They gather information along with listening to the concerns and reasoning of the Session in regard to beginning the dismissal process from the PCUSA.

The Bethel Session spent an hour explaining the feelings of the Elders (and Deacons) of Bethel along with their reasoning as to why they believe leaving the PCUSA is the best option for *our* church.

In the coming months the Presbytery Listening Committee will also be gathering opinions from you (the active congregation) to understand your feelings and your reasons why you may want to stay or may want to leave the PCUSA. As you answer their questions you are welcome to ask them any questions you may have.

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You should have received a letter this past week detailing the reasons why the Session has chosen to separate from the PCUSA denomination. This letter is extremely important for you to read so please contact the Church Office if you did not receive a copy. Thank you!

Church Office News & Notes

ORDER OF WORSHIP & WEEKLY NEWS DEADLINE

The deadline for the Order of Worship & Weekly News for Sunday, March 21st is Tuesday, March 16th, at 9:00 am.



ANNUAL REPORTS 2020 AVAILABLE ON MARCH 14TH

You can pick up your copy in the vestibule, Memorial Hall, or on the table in the hallway next to the Choir Room. The Annual Reports have information about the life and work of Bethel. It's requested that you would take a moment and review a copy.

If you would like to have Adrienne mail you a copy (printed or email) please contact the Church Office.



The "These Days" are available for the next quarter (April, May, June). 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 please contact the Church Office.



REMINDER: All Easter lily orders and Easter BERF donations are due to the Church Office by Wednesday, March 17th. For more information and an order form see page 3 of the Weekly News.



MARCH 7TH ATTENDANCE: 39

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EASTER LILY ORDERS AND/OR BERF DONATIONS FORM

You may order lilies at a cost of \$12.00 each (tax included) and/or you may make a monetary donation to BERF (Bethel Emergency Relief Fund). The Easter Lilies purchased and the donations made to BERF will be acknowledged in the Weekly News on Easter Sunday (April 4th) in addition to the April 2021 Tower newsletter. Please fill out the form below, attach the check or cash and place in the offering plate, leave in the Church Office, or mail to the church: Bethel Presbyterian Church; Attn: Church Office; 563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401. If you are purchasing a lily, please make checks payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church. If you are making a donation to BERF, please make the check payable to Bethel Emergency Relief Fund. **The deadline is Wednesday, March 17th.**

*Note: Please fill out the form completely. It can be difficult to compile information for Easter Sunday if forms are unfinished. Also, if you would like to order a lily and make a donation please use two forms (one for the lily and one for the donation). Thank you!

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Lily Order and/or BERF Donation

Number of Lilies _____

Check or Cash Total _____

or

Donation to BERF _____

Check or Cash Total _____

In Honor Of: _____

Given By: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Given By: _____

Remember to pick up your lily following the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 4th.

There are always lilies that have been purchased and are left behind in the Sanctuary after Easter.

Think about blessing one of our shut-ins or a friend with your beautiful lily instead.

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Church Office News & Notes (continued)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

(occasionally circumstances will arise where Office Hours may be different than posted)



Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am until 3:00 pm
(lunch usually taken 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm)

Stewardship & Finance

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget: \$4,317.00
Weekly Offering March 7th: \$4,625.00

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Monthly Budget: \$18,702.00
Offerings February 2021: \$9,970.00

The leadership (& staff!) of Bethel are so grateful for your continued generosity and giving!

Offering plates are on stands next to the doors at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to drop your tithe or offering in the plate as you exit the church following worship.

If you are unable to attend worship but want and can contribute to Bethel's budget please mail your tithe or offering to:

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

WE CAN'T SAY IT ENOUGH:
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY & CONTINUED
FINANCIAL SUPPORT!



Congregational Care

PRAYER LIST (updated 3/12/21)

Bethel (*our* church) - Leaders & Congregation

Congregation Members

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

Family & Friends of the Congregation

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

Sympathies & Condolences

Family & Friends of Melvina Sprunt Busby
Family & Friends of Paul "Butch" Davis
Family & Friends of William Heizer
Family & Friends of Cathy Miller

Community, Country, & World

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

Please contact the Church Office with any additions, updates, and/or changes. Thank you!

To my church family at Bethel,
I want to thank you for all the cards,
prayers and support during the loss of
my son. God bless,

Joyce Davis & Family

