



The Bethel Weekly News

Week of March 7th, 2021

Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 7th

WORSHIP SERVICES RESUME! HALLELUJAH!

3rd Sunday in Lent

11:00 am Worship

(*Deacons Not Meeting*)



Monday, March 8th

Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 9th

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

9:00 am Deadline: Order of
Worship & Weekly News
(*March 14th*)

Wednesday, March 10th

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Church Office Hours

Annual Reports 2020 Available



Thursday, March 11th

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

Friday, March 12th

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

Sunday, March 14th

Daylight saving time begins!

4th Sunday in Lent

11:00 am Worship

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



Worship Service Information

MARCH WORSHIP LEADER

David Schooley

GUEST SPEAKER, MARCH 7th

Bethel welcomes Mark Wilson who will be the Guest Speaker on Sunday, March 7th.



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 7th!

The flowers in the sanctuary on March 7th are given to the Glory of God by Libby Smith.

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

Church Office News & Notes

ORDER OF WORSHIP & WEEKLY NEWS DEADLINE

The deadline for the Order of Worship & Weekly News for Sunday, March 14th is Tuesday, March 9th, at 9:00 am.



PUBLICATION & PRINTING OF ANNUAL REPORTS DELAYED

Due to unforeseen circumstances the publication and printing of the 2020 Annual Reports has been delayed.

Copies of the 2020 Annual Reports should be available on Wednesday, March 10th, 2021. 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 email) please contact the Church Office.



Many thanks for your patience and understanding when unexpected issues arise!

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 congregation) to understand your feelings and your reasons why you may want to leave the PCUSA. As you answer their questions you are welcome to ask them any questions you may have.



In the next few weeks you will be receiving a letter (either by email or snail mail) detailing the reasons why the Session has chosen to separate from the PCUSA denomination. We ask that when you receive this letter you read it in its entirety and then do your own research. Pray for God's guidance on this issue and for Bethel as our church continues the process of severing our relationship with the PCUSA. Thank you.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

(occasionally circumstances will arise where the 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



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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!

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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Congregational Care

PRAYER LIST (updated 3/5/21)

New Additions

Bethel (*our* church) - Leaders & Congregation
Shenandoah Presbytery Listening Committee

Congregation Members

Jarod Davis & Family

Margaret Liptrap

Dan Gano

Bobby Goodson

Ken & Evelyn LaPorte

Sam Leonard

John Pilson

Doris True

Alice Wooddell



Family & Friends of the Congregation

Sarah Brownlee

Matthew Fitzgerald

David Law

Jamie Pirkey

Carly Pond

Bill & Jake Sproul

Walter Wade

Eleanor Feldon

Joe Fleming

Roy Pilson

Van Pirkey

Beth Shaw

Jack True

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

Doctors, nurses, & healthcare professionals
including volunteers

All military leaders & personnel

Law enforcement, firefighters, & EMS work-
ers & volunteers



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

Stewardship & Finance

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget: \$4,317.00

Weekly Offering February 7th: \$1,645.00

Weekly Offering February 14th: \$2,205.00

Weekly Offering February 21st: \$1,200.00

Weekly Offering February 28th: \$4,920.00

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!

