

The Tower



June 2021 & the Weekly News of
May 30th, 2021 & June 6th, 2021

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A Note on the Tower & Weekly News

Please Note: The Bethel June 2021 Tower newsletter and the Bethel Weekly News for May 30th, 2021 and June 6th, 2021 are combined in this publication. Blessings to you in the coming weeks and month!

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As This Elder Sees It & The Weekly Message



WILL YOU STAND?

Looking at my church family, I see and feel the concern on your faces about the future of our beloved Bethel. Everyone seems to have the same amount of worry, angst and frustration; although we all may have different concerns, we are all in the same boat. It feels we're paddling upstream with no paddle.

I know there are many things that affect all decisions and unfortunately money always seems to be the first consideration. Call me crazy, but I believe the only thing that will keep our boat afloat and our church family worshipping together is the very thing that should bring us all to church in the first place. Our faith. If we don't take a stand for our faith and stand up for our faith, and stand firm in our faith, we will lose everything. 1 Peter 5:8-9 says, "be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong."

As we move to exit PCUSA, our congregation is questioning everything, as they should be. PCUSA's stance on social issues has been changing rapidly, they have become one-sided, not all inclusive, funneling moneys to organizations that we aren't aware that we (Bethel) are supporting. And most importantly, their views are not based in faith, at best the new viewpoints are using skewed versions of scripture to sell them. 1 Peter 5:8-9 "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings."

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Much of the concern of our church family is over the struggle of our views of PCUSA's new polity... or maybe it's how we will all be perceived for our individual views of the new polity. Are we afraid that we will be judged for taking a stand? For instance, if we say we do not support BLM, does that send the message that we are prejudiced? Or does it send the message that we believe all lives matter? If we do not agree with their support of "diverse sexual orientations and gender identities in the church", does that mean people will judge us and think we don't love these people? Isn't it possible that we can love all these people without forfeiting our rights for their gain? If we do not agree with PCUSA's statement about police brutality, are we less faithful than they? The more research I do on new polity, the more alarming it is the way scripture is being twisted. God gave us scripture. He did not provide us with scissors and tape and tell us to rearrange it for our personal benefit.

We will always be challenged as Christians, but should social issues sway our hearts, souls and our mind? Shouldn't the promises of scripture keep our feet firmly planted in our faith? Matthew 7¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it."¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

As we travel this road together, let us reflect on this verse: Romans 12:2, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. ... Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Peace & Love,
Penny Lee, Elder

"If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all." Isaiah 7:9

Welcome to our Worship Service!

WELCOME TO BETHEL CHURCH!

We are so glad you have chosen to join us today as we worship the Lord together in the beautiful and great outdoors (or indoors if rainy) on this Memorial Day weekend!

It is always an awesome moment when you look at others in worship and see people of all ages worshipping God in their own unique way.

Scripture helps us to understand why worshipping God with other believers is essential. Bible verses let us know that fellowship is the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), obtain spiritual growth, and encourage one another (Hebrews 10:25).

"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

- Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

Sunday Morning Worship Information
(May 30th, 2021)

GUEST SPEAKER, MAY 30th, 2021



Bethel welcomes Mark Wilson who will be the Guest Speaker on Sunday, May 30th.

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 May 30th!

Sunday Morning Worship Information
(May 30th, 2021)

WORSHIP
LEADER,
MAY 30th

Jill Webb

ATTENDANCE

MAY 23rd, 2021:

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We would like to welcome Nancy Carrie Logan as our special musical guest and soloist on Sunday, May 30th, 2021. She is the daughter of

Debbie Logan Wilson & step-daughter of Mark Wilson.

Nancy Carrie is a New York City based actress originally from Harrisonburg, VA. She has been performing since she was a child before attending the American Musical and Dramatic Academy to pursue musical theatre.

Since graduating she has performed around the city as well as around the country!

We appreciate Nancy Carrie sharing her time and talents with us on Trinity Sunday and the Memorial Day weekend!

The flowers at the Chapel on May 30th, 2021 are given by Alice Wooddell in loving memory of John Wooddell.



WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
TRINITY SUNDAY?
MAY 30th, 2021

Trinity Sunday commemorates and honors not an event, but a reality: the Holy Trinity. Trinity Sunday always falls on the Sunday after Pentecost. In 2021, this special Sunday falls on May 30th, 2021.

Trinity Sunday, officially called "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity," is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, Christians remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity.

Source: <https://prayerist.com/trinitysunday.html>

HOW ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY?
MAY 31st, 2021

While most of us associate Memorial Day with cook-outs and outdoor activities along with the unofficial start of summer this holiday is so much more than that! **Memorial Day** is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday is observed on the last Monday of May.

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."

Sunday Morning Worship Information (June 6th, 2021)

GUEST SPEAKER, JUNE 6TH, 2021

Bethel welcomes Scott Dove who will be the Guest Speaker on Sunday, June 6th.



Scott Dove is a lifelong resident of Rockingham county and his family has been settled in the Shenandoah Valley for over 250 years. He has been married to his wonderful wife Loree for 20 years. He has been a member of First Presbyterian church (Harrisonburg) for 11 years and teaches Sunday school and is a Commissioned Lay Pastor through ECO. He loves church history, missions and theology and has been to Romania working with the Roma (gypsy) peoples and in Turkey with Iranian refugees and has been blessed to proclaim God's word in both places. (don't get him started about these trips or you may not get away for a while!)

He loves meeting new folks and is honored and thrilled to be at Bethel!

Please let him know how excited we are to meet him and how much we appreciate his joining us for worship on June 6th!

WORSHIP LEADER, JUNE 6TH

Brian Lee



The flowers at the Chapel on June 6th, 2021 are given by Jill Webb in memory of Doris True and in honor of all those who attended Pilgrimage.



Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 30th, 2021

Trinity Sunday

10:00 am Worship at the Chapel
in the Woods
(rain location: sanctuary)

Monday, May 31st

Happy Memorial Day!
Church Office Closed



Tuesday, June 1st

Church Office Closed
(for Memorial Day holiday)

Wednesday, June 2nd

Church Office Closed
(Adrienne on vacation June 2nd–June 4th)
(Moon Phase: Last Quarter)

Thursday, June 3rd

Church Office Closed
(Adrienne on vacation June 2nd–June 4th)

Friday, June 4th

Church Office Closed
(Adrienne on vacation June 2nd–June 4th)

Saturday, June 5th

2:00 pm Memorial Service for
Doris True at the Chapel
in the Woods

3:00 pm Reception & Visitation
following service at the
Picnic Pavilion
(Rain Location:
Bethel Fellowship Hall)

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Weekly Calendar of Events (continued)

Sunday, June 6th

10:00 am Worship at the Chapel
in the Woods
(Rain Location: Sanctuary)

11:15 am Deacons Meeting
(at Pavilion)

Monday, June 7th

Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 8th

9:00 am–3:00 pm Church Office
Hours

9:00 am Deadline: Order of
Worship & Weekly News
(June 13th)

Wednesday, June 9th

9:00 am–3:00 pm Church Office
Hours

Thursday, June 10th

9:00 am–3:00 pm Church Office
Hours

(Moon Phase: New Moon)

Friday, June 11th

9:00 am–3:00 pm Church Office
Hours

Sunday, June 13th

10:00 am Worship at the Chapel
in the Woods
(Rain Location: Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Session Meeting
(Meeting Location:
Fellowship Hall)

Session News & Notes

REPORT FROM THE MAY SESSION MEETING

The Session met Sunday May 16, 2021 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall, both in person and thru Zoom. We had 11 Elders and the Moderator Patrick Pettit present.

⇒ Cash flow and balance statements were distributed by the treasurers.

⇒ For the upcoming celebration of Bethel's 275 years of service to Christ, two people have graciously volunteered to Co-Chair the committee planning the celebration: Penny Lee and Tammy Barbour. Please support them in all ways possible. You can make a difference and be a part of Bethel's history by volunteering and sharing your ideas with them for this special celebration!

⇒ There is once again music and singing as we worship together on Sunday! So join us as we sing and praise our Lord!

SEE YOU SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM!

Dave Schooley, Clerk of Session

ELDER-ON-CALL MAY 2021

If you have a pastoral need please
contact Derek Almarode.

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

ELDER-ON-CALL JUNE 2021

If you have a pastoral need please contact Tim Turner.

(540) 448-1431 (call or text) timturner@lomos.net



Session News & Notes

UPDATE: The Presbytery Listening Committee is continuing to gather information and opinions from you (the congregation). After the entire (active) congregation has been contacted the Committee will meet and discuss the survey results. This may take some time but stay tuned as we hope to have updates and additional information for you in the coming months.

Please feel free to speak with any of the active Elders. Derek Almarode, Brian Lee, and David Schooley have met with congregants specifically on this issue and are open to future meetings if you so desire. All the Elders are prepared to discuss this matter with you in private to address your concerns and answer any questions you may have regarding this matter. The members of the Session invite you to contact them.

Also, the Session will meet with you frequently immediately following worship during the time allotted for the "Disciples Round Table". These meetings will be announced in your weekly news.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION CLASS OF 2024 OFFICERS

During the worship service on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, Wade Cash was ordained and installed as an Elder for the Class of 2024.

His willingness to serve God with his time and talents is a huge blessing! Please pray for Wade and all the current officers as they discern the will of God for the congregation and for the ministry of Bethel in the community and beyond.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! We are currently in the process of organizing and getting our committees going again after the unexpected time off. (Most committees plan to resume meetings and activities in August or September.)

And you can change the world (really!) by giving Glory to God and serving on one of our Bethel committees! All the committees make a difference and work in tandem together to bring the message of God's love to our congregation, community, and even the world!

Our Elders and Deacons can't do all the work alone – they need your talents and ideas.

You are uniquely made so don't think that you don't have anything to contribute. Can't make it to a committee meeting? That's okay! Simply show up to events where you can help and/or call the Chair of the committee if you have any ideas or recommendations. We would love it if every member could join or help with one committee!



WHEN EVERYONE IS INVOLVED THINGS TURN OUT AWESOME!

WE ARE ALL MAD* HERE!

*MAD = Making A Difference

(a list of all committees and those who are chairing them are on the next page)

MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

If you would be interested in helping with any of the committees below or have ideas for events, etc. please contact the person listed below who is the committee chair. Get involved with Bethel activities and get *MAD (*make a difference)!

◇ Christian Education	Cindy Almarode
◇ Communications	Tim Turner
◇ Congregational Care	Ellen Fitzgerald (Deacon Committee)
◇ Continuing Education	David Schooley
◇ Mission	Bob Olson
◇ Nominating	David Schooley
◇ Outreach & Evangelism	Penny Lee
◇ Personnel	Jill Webb
◇ Stewardship & Finance	Derek Almarode
◇ Worship	Tammy Barbour
◇ Youth	Brian Lee



DEADLINES - WEEKLY NEWS & THE TOWER

The Order of Worship and the Weekly News deadline is usually on Tuesday the week before at 9:00 am. For example the deadline for Sunday, June 13th is Tuesday, June 8th, at 9:00 am.

The deadline for the Order of Worship and Weekly News for June 27th along with the July 2021 Tower will be Tuesday, May 22nd, 2021, at 9:00 am.

You may leave articles and announcements in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or email them to: bethelpc@gmail.com (*email is preferred*).

As always we welcome and appreciate early submissions before the stated deadlines! All announcements should include: Who? What? When? Where? Why? All announcements should also be fully written out in a concise and understandable format with ALL details included. Please don't assume Adrienne will understand what you would like your announcement to say unless you write it out. Many thanks for your understanding of this issue!

Church Office News & Notes



Mondays Office Closed

Tuesday–Friday 9:00 am–3:00 pm

*lunch usually from 12:30 pm–1:00 pm

(540) 886-6041

bethelpc@gmail.com



The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, June 2nd – Friday, June 4th, 2021 while Adrienne is on vacation.

Many thanks to Kay Thompson for checking and picking up the mail and Jill Webb for handling messages and other misc. office tasks.

If you need anything including pastoral care please contact the Elder-on-Call or any Elder. Adrienne will be back in the office on Tuesday, June 8th, 2021.



Communications Committee News & Notes

Important
Notice!

Beginning immediately printed versions of Bethel Weekly News will no longer be mailed. Copies will be available for pickup at any time in the vestibule or Memorial Hall (beginning on the Sunday of that week). This is necessary to get back to normal with mailing expenses as we are emerging from the pandemic shutdown. If you still need a printed copy of the Weekly News mailed to you let Adrienne know in the church office. The monthly Tower newsletter will continue to be mailed as usual to those who have requested printed versions.

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For the sake of space and to reduce redundancy we are limiting the announcements for the Weekly News to only information about current church events and/or critical information. The Prayer List will be updated and will still appear each week along with other standard announcements such as the flowers, attendance, and offering numbers. All other announcements will be limited to the monthly Tower.



Thanks for your understanding and cooperation!

Congregational Care Committee

PRAYER LIST (updated 5/28/21)

Bethel (our church) – Leaders & Congregation

<u>Congregation Members</u>	Jarod Davis & Family	Larry Edwards	Dan Gano
Bobby Goodson	Ken & Evelyn LaPorte	Sam Leonard	Margaret Liptrap
John Pilson	Alice Wooddell		

Family & Friends of the Congregation

Tina Dotson & Family	Roy Pilson	Sarah Brownlee	David Law
Carly Pond	Ryland Poole & Family	Jamie Pirkey	Van Pirkey
Bill & Jake Sproul	Todd Wade	Tony Pugliese	Beth Shaw
		Jane Campbell Wilson	

Sympathies & Condolences

Family & Friends of Doris True Family & Friends of Ken Wilkinson

Community, Country, & World

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

Congregational Care Committee



PRAYER LIST UPDATES: If you have any changes, additions or updates to the Prayer List please contact Tammy Barbour (540) 471-0450 or Ellen Fitzgerald (540) 292-2914. You may also contact Adrienne in the Church Office. In order to keep the Prayer List up-to-date names may be removed after 6 weeks if we haven't received an update. (This does not apply to Bethel members.) Thanks for your cooperation!

Please continue to pray daily for one another. And don't forget to check on each other whether by phone, text messages, cards or email. It takes just a moment and is a great way to show others you care about them!



Sympathies & condolences to the family & friends of Doris True who passed away on Saturday, May 15th, 2021.

Doris was a member and tireless volunteer of Bethel serving on almost every committee at some point and was particularly active with the missions program and with the Presbyterian Women. Words cannot describe how much she will be missed here at Bethel.

Below is a portion of Doris' obituary:

"Doris was a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, the Virginia Native Plant Society, Flairs and Squares Square Dance Club, and a former volunteer for the Hospice of the Shenandoah. Doris enjoyed hiking, gardening, planting and watching the flowers grow.

Surviving are two sons, John Edward "Jack" True and his wife Wanda of Staunton and Michael Alan "Mike" True and his fiancée Susan Painter of Verona; two daughters, Jean T. Stephens of Staunton and Carolyn T. Strand and her husband Scott of Culpeper; a brother, James E. Beahm of Verona; eleven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

It is suggested those desiring make memorial contributions to the Augusta Health Foundation, c/o Hospice of the Shenandoah, Post Office Box 1000, Fishersville, Virginia 22939 or the Bethel Presbyterian Church, 463 Bethel Green Road, Staunton, Virginia 24401."

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A Memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 5th, 2021 at the Chapel in the Woods adjacent to Bethel Presbyterian Church. There will be refreshments at a reception at the Picnic Pavilion following the service. The family encourages those who wish to share memories of Doris do so during the reception. Please bring a lawn chair. Dress is casual. People are welcome to visit with the family and/or leave following the service as they desire.

In case of inclement weather, the service and reception will be in the Bethel Fellowship Hall.

Missions Committee

SUMMERLEE MISSION PROJECT 2021

The Summerlee Mission Project will be held locally again this year. The work week will be July 11th, 2021 to July 16th, 2021. At this time, coordinators are searching for projects for participants to work on. They also need to get a count on participants.

They are requesting three things from participants which include (1) labor (2) financial support (3) prayers.

An organizational meeting will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church the first Sunday in June.

If you are interested in participating please contact Summerlee Coordinator, Curtis Foltz at curtisfoltz@antelos.net, cfoltzicc@gmail.com, (434) 962-9755 cell, or (540) 943-3870 home.

GOD HAS GIVEN EACH OF YOU A GIFT FROM HIS GREAT VARIETY OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS. USE THEM WELL TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER.
- 1 PETER 4:10 (NLT)

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget:	\$3,365.00
Weekly Offering May 2nd:	\$2,342.00
Weekly Offering May 9th:	\$2,185.00
Weekly Offering May 16th:	\$2,185.00
Weekly Offering May 23rd:	\$2,420.00

APRIL 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Monthly Budget:
\$14,582.00

Offerings April 2021: \$9,799.37



Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women are excited and ready to resume meetings and activities in August.

Would you like to make a difference at Bethel? Any gals who are interested in helping with the Presbyterian Women are welcome and encouraged to join them!

Please contact Cindy Almarode (540) 490-2121 or Stephanie Rivers (540) 849-9839 for more information!



Stewardship & Finance Committee

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

Baskets have been placed on the designated table outdoors. Please feel free to drop your tithe or offering in the basket as you leave the worship service.

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

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A
DIFFERENCE THROUGH YOUR
GENEROSITY & CONTINUED
FINANCIAL SUPPORT!



Worship Committee

Five Cents A Meal Offering will be collected Sunday, June 27th, 2021. A designated basket will be placed outdoors. Feel free to drop a little something for this offering in the basket on your way out. A portion of Five Cents a Meal goes to support BERF.

JUNE WORSHIP LEADER

BRIAN LEE
(JUNE 6th –
JUNE 20th)

**JUNE 27th
VOLUNTEER
NEEDED!**



**OUTDOOR
WORSHIP
SERVICES HAVE
RESUMED!**

SUMMER 2021

10:00 AM (Please note the time change!)

WORSHIPING INDOORS (SANCTUARY)
IF WEATHER IS
FOGGY &/OR RAINY

JUNE LECTIONARY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP IS AT 10:00 AM AT THE CHAPEL IN THE WOODS!

(RAIN LOCATION: BETHEL SANCTUARY)

<u>June 6th, 2021</u>	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	
Guest Speaker	Scott Dove, Commissioned Lay Pastor (ECO) (Harrisonburg First Presbyterian Church)	
Genesis 3:8-15	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
<u>June 13th, 2021</u>	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	
Guest Speaker	Elder Patrick Werner (Harrisonburg First Presbyterian Church)	
Ezekiel 17:22-24	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Mark 4:26-34
<u>June 20th, 2021</u>	4th Sunday after Pentecost	Father's Day
Guest Speaker	Elder Derek Almarode	
Job 38:1-11	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
<u>June 27th, 2021</u>	5th Sunday after Pentecost	
Guest Speaker	Elder Jill Webb	
Lamentations 3:22-33	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is happy to announce that Mo Kyle will be our new fabulous flower master (aka Flower Coordinator)!

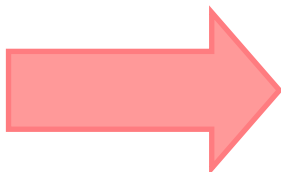
We are grateful that Mo has agreed to take on this special role in making sure our worship services look awesome with flowers and plants!

Thanks to those who provide flowers each week! If a problem arises and you cannot provide flowers on your assigned Sunday please call Mo at (540) 292-8578 and she will take care of it.

Also if you would like to be removed or added to the schedule give her a call. We are always looking for new people who would be willing to provide flowers on Sunday!



Jim Dye (Elder at Harrisonburg First Presbyterian Church) gave a marvelous sermon and assisted us by answering questions about the gracious dismissal following the worship service on May 16th, 2021. Due to the rain we were unable to worship at the Chapel in the Woods but to the right is a poem Jim had planned to read at the Chapel in the Woods. The Worship Committee thought it was so fitting that they have included it here.



SANCTUARY FLOWER SCHEDULE

JUNE 2021

JUNE 6th.....JILL WEBB

JUNE 13th.....PAT QUICK
(Memorial)

JUNE 20th.....PAT QUICK
(Father's Day)

JUNE 27th.....ELLEN FITZGERALD

THE PLACE WHERE I WORSHIP (anonymous)

*The place where I worship is the wide open spaces
Built by the hand of the Lord.*

*And He has given it to you and me for the world to see.
There are no doors, no bars, and all men are free.*

There in the air, like a joyous prayer, you can hear him say,

*"This is your country, this is your home;
Keep its splendor and guard its glory."*

*It's a song of freedom coming from the valleys to the hilltops,
And it never, never stops.*

*And all the birds on the wing
Are like a choir, and you can hear them sing,
"You're free to worship here."*

*All races, all creeds are one before God,
And as you rest beside a silver stream there pours
Into your soul a feeling of peace and quiet.*

*And you give thanks to Him for opening the eyes of your soul
To see the heritage He has given to you and to me.*

*Yes, the place where I worship is the wide open spaces
Built by the hand of the Lord.*

*Where the stars are the candles, and they light up the mountains.
Mountains are altars of God.*

*The place where I worship is the wide open spaces
Built by the hand of the Lord.*



Youth Committee

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021!

GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL . . .

Lydia A. Lee – daughter of Brian & Penny Lee; granddaughter of Dale & Kay Thompson; graduated with honors with a 4.63 GPA from Riverheads High School; attending Eastern Mennonite University in the fall; majoring in biology/nursing and plans to pursue a career as a nurse practitioner



GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE . . .

Ryan B. Sensabaugh—son of Eddie & Marsha Sensabaugh; grandson of Irene Elliott; graduated summa cum laude from Virginia Tech; earned a bachelor's degree in agribusiness with a minor in horticulture

June Happy Birthdays!



Moose Lee	June 1
Jarod Davis	June 2
Susan Smith	June 2
Katie Wimer	June 4
Larry Damico	June 7
Ben Williams	June 9
Skyler Hill	June 10
Robyn Smith	June 10
Joe F. Williams	June 12
Sally Shafer	June 16

Cate Schooley	June 19
Myra Botkin	June 21
Stephanie Davis	June 21
Gloria Potter	June 25
Ronnie Liptrap	June 26
Marion Simmers	June 26
Alex Sproul	June 27
Laura Barmore	June 29
Bill Francisco	June 29
Bob Olson	June 29

Barbara Damico	June 30
Joyce Davis	June 30

BEGINNING OF JULY

Faye Brown	July 7
Bruce Lamond, IV	July 7
Lindsey Lennon	July 7
Danny Morris	July 9

June Happy Anniversary!



Katie & Wes McElveen	June 6, 2015
Tabby & Joe Moore	June 11, 1994
Sally & Joe F. Williams	June 15, 1985
Valerie & Lee Deacon	June 16, 1984
Julie & Tim Turner	June 18, 2007
Evelyn & Kenneth LaPorte	June 20, 1946
Joyce & Ronnie Liptrap	June 24, 1967

BEGINNING OF JULY

Leona & R. W. Ware, Jr.	July 6, 1966
Brenda & Frank Shiflett	July 7, 1967
Kay & Dale Thompson	July 7, 1967
Betty & David Schooley	July 8, 1967

A Note About Birthdays & Anniversaries . . .

If you have a anniversary or birthday that you would like to have appear in the Bethel Tower and we have missed it, please call or email the Church Office. We can include it in future publications. Thank you!



Community News & Notes

AUGUSTA HEALTH HAS COVID VACCINES READY TO GO! HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR VACCINE YET?



It's simple! Just call their Vaccine Call Center at (540) 332-5122 and you can register over the phone!

If you have names of people who you know still need a vaccine, please let them know they have open appointments during the week. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Registration is also available at: <https://vaccinate.augustahealth.com/vaccine-appointments/>

The following is a portion of a thank you note received from the Valley Mission for Bethel's donation supporting their services . . .



Dear Friends of the Valley Mission,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of Valley Mission, we extend our warmest thanks for your support—it is greatly appreciated! . . . Each year Valley Mission serves between 650 and 700 local homeless at no cost to them. Because of donors such as yourself, the residents of the Valley Mission are fed, clothed, encouraged, and provided the tools that allow them to hope for a better life. For so many, your caring support is life transforming.

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The letter is posted on the Missions bulletin board in the hallway next to the Choir Room if you wish to read it in it's entirety. With your generosity and giving to the church you are making a difference in the community for hundreds of people!



June 14th	Flag Day
June 19th	Juneteenth
June 20th	Summer begins
June 20th	Happy Father's Day!



June 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Church Office Closed (for Memorial Day holiday)	2 Church Office Closed (Moon Phase: Last Quarter) (Adrienne on vacation June 2nd–June 4th)	3 Church Office Closed (Adrienne on vacation June 2nd–June 4th)	4 Church Office Closed (Adrienne on vacation June 2nd–June 4th)	5 2:00–Memorial Service for Doris True at Chapel in the Woods 3:00– Reception & Visitation following Service at Pavilion (Rain Location: Bethel Fellowship Hall)
6 10:00–Worship at the Chapel in the Woods (Rain Location: Sanctuary) 11:15–Deacons Meeting	7 Church Office Closed 7:00–Boy Scouts	8 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours 9:00–Deadline: Order of Worship & Weekly News (June 13th)	9 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours	10 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours (Moon Phase: New Moon)	11 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours	12
13 10:00–Worship at the Chapel in the Woods (Rain Location: Sanctuary) 7:00–Session Meeting (Meeting Location: Fellowship Hall)	14 Flag Day Church Office Closed 7:00–Boy Scouts 	15 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours 9:00–Deadline: Order of Worship & Weekly News (June 20th)	16 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours	17 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours (Moon Phase: First Quarter)	18 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours	19 Juneteenth 
20 First Day of Summer Happy Father's Day! 10:00–Worship at the Chapel in the Woods (Rain Location: Sanctuary) 	21 Church Office Closed 7:00–Boy Scouts	22 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours 9:00–Deadline: July 2021 Tower & Weekly News & Order of Worship (June 27th)	23 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours	24 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours (Moon Phase: Full Moon)	25 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours	26
27 10:00–Worship at the Chapel in the Woods & Five Cents A Meal Offering (Rain Location: Sanctuary)	28 Church Office Closed 7:00–Boy Scouts	29 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours 9:00–Deadline: Order of Worship & Weekly News (July 4th)	30 9:00–3:00–Church Office Hours			

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