

THE *Tower*

APRIL 2022

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—AS THIS— ELDER SEES IT

Greetings from the recliner.

By the time you read this, we will be more than halfway through our Lenten journey and Lord willing, I will have a new hip.

I hope you have taken advantage of the weekly devotionals titled *"Making the Road"* provided by the Worship Committee and written by Teri McDowell Ott that are included in our weekly bulletin. Each week we travel the road to Jerusalem through the following themes: Walking through Lent, in the wilderness, in prayer, with others, in hope, and through Holy Week.

Teri M. Ott, to my knowledge does not know Bethel, but yet in week one of the devotional her prayer says, "God our Companion, the future is uncertain... unaware of this journey that feels altogether new. ...help us make a road that is straight and sure and free of obstacles." Might we all pray this as we travel a new road and pray that Presbytery will accept our request to join ECO? Week two tells us through Jesus, with Jesus, he will help us to "reboot" our lives remembering we are not traveling alone. Reading the message from 3/15 that cites Exodus 16:2, I was struck by all the griping. How often do we gripe instead of looking for a positive solution or thought? How can I help fix it? If you see something that needs attention, tell someone.

Choir, can you hear the message from the pulpit? No? Tell Alex. Did you know we have a Deacon's Task Book in Memorial Hall where you can note things you see that need attention? Week three tells us to pray. How old were you when you learned the Lord's Prayer? Have you heard the story of the young boy sitting quietly saying the alphabet over and over again? When his parent asked what he was doing he said, "I don't know the right words to pray to God, but HE knows what is in my heart, so I just say the letters and He can put them together." We don't need fancy words, just talk to Him. In week four, we discover that love is the way to treat others, re-read March 28th. But for the Grace of God go I. Have you ever thought how blessed you are to be you. I have, even with all my faults, I have been blessed. Week five - we walk in Hope. Can we walk at all? How is your posture? Are you standing tall ready to take on the world or bent over ready to crumble? Jesus is our strength - trust Him.

This brings us to Holy Week with its ups and downs. We all know the scriptures and what Jesus went through. Thankfully, it ends on a high note. Or does it end? As our author says, we "have work to do. A new road needs to be made." Let us walk this road together in HOPE and LOVE, standing up for what we believe and always PRAYING for God's guidance.

I remain your Elder in service to Bethel and more importantly to God, Jill

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 3, 2022 5th Sunday in Lent
Guest Speaker: Brian Lee, Bethel Ruling Elder
FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP!

April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday
Guest Speaker: Derek Almarode,
Bethel Ruling Elder

April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service Chapel in the Woods; 7:15 am
Guest Speaker: Derek Almarode,
Bethel Ruling Elder

Traditional Service Sanctuary; 11:00 am
Sacrament of the Holy Communion (*11:00 am only*)
Guest Speaker: Derek Almarode,
Bethel Ruling Elder

April 24, 2022 2nd Sunday of Easter
Guest Speaker: James Dye, Ruling Elder
(Harrisonburg First Presbyterian)

APRIL WORSHIP LEADER Penny Lee

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

11:00 am Chapel in the Woods
May 15th, 2022 - October 2022 (*weather permitting*)

PRAYER LIST

(*updated 3/22/22*)

Bethel (*our* church)
Leaders & Congregation

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS

Debbie Hughes Margaret Liptrap
John Pilson Jill Webb

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION

Kimberleigh Bush Matt Koogler
Jamie Pirkey Van Pirkey
Bill Ross

SYMPATHIES & CONDOLENCES

Family & Friends of Betty Heizer
Family & Friends of Louise Caldwell

COMMUNITY & WORLD

Bridgewater College & Bridgewater
Community
Ukraine & the Ukrainian People

Copies of Prayer List in vestibule.

DONATIONS FOR THE VALLEY MISSION NEEDED

The Valley Mission in Staunton, Virginia is in need of donations of the following items:

sandwich bags and lunch bags

Windex

laundry detergent

umbrellas/ponchos

Lysol wipes and spray

bathroom cleaner

aluminum foil

work gloves

Please leave all donations in the designated box next to the Church Office.
Contact Beth Miller if you have any questions. Thank you!

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE SESSION

The Session met February 27th, 2022, in the Fellowship Hall, with nine members present.

A meeting was held to update and review the process of Graceful Dismissal with the congregation on February 27th, 2022. The Session has agreed to continue having a meeting every month, the 2nd Sunday after worship (or the date of the Session meeting), to keep the congregation informed.

The Elder on call for the month of April will be Derek Almarode. You can reach him by phone - call or text - at (540) 280-4940. Email is almarodes@verizon.net.

Communion will be held on Easter Sunday at the 11:00 am worship service.

Stewardship & Finance presented the budget for 2022. A motion from the committee was approved, and the budget will be presented at a congregation meeting following worship on April 10th, 2022, for review.

As the Session met at such a late date in February, the next meeting will be April 10th, 2022, following the Congregational Meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Derek Almarode.

David Schooley, Clerk of Session

OLD PROVIDENCE PRESCHOOL

Old Providence Church;
1005 Spottswood Rd; Spottswood, VA

Applications are being accepted for the
2022-2023 school year

1/2 day program 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday/Wednesday/Friday class
for 4-year-olds

Tuesday/Thursday class for 3-year-olds

Call (540) 377-5089 or (540) 377-2911 for
information or check oldprovidencechurch.net

THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY

Curtis Nolley, Artistic Director

Presents

Music of Life

Requiem - W. A. Mozart

A Song for St. Cecilia's Day

John G. Barr

Bridgewater Church of the Brethren

Friday, April 8th, 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 10th, 3:00 pm

Tickets available online at
singshenandoah.org and at the door.
Adults \$15; Seniors and Students \$12.

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 2022

Kyle Leonard	April 3	Lucy Sproul	April 21
Julie Turner	April 4	Penny Lee	April 22
Tom Heizer	April 6	Kenneth E. Olson	April 25
Leah Deacon	April 7	Elizabeth Mulcahy	April 27
Jake Leonard	April 7	Kenneth LaPorte	April 29
Mo Kyle	April 9		
Lynn Moore	April 9		
Steve Kyle	April 10		
Jon Bush	April 10		
Joe Heizer	April 12		
Ben Brown	April 14	Sally Brubeck	May 1
Billy Brooks	April 16	James Gano	May 5
Dale Thompson	April 17	Tabby Moore	May 7
Joe Moore	April 20	Caroline Moffett	May 9

ANNIVERSARIES APRIL 2022

Marion & Marty Simmers
April 12

Scott & Debbie Hughes
April 14, 1979

Jon & Donna Bush
April 15, 1972

Joe & Shirley Heizer
April 23, 1960

April 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	2 9:00 Chapel Clean-Up 12:00 Private Event (Fellowship Hall)
3 5th Sunday in Lent 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship Following Worship (Fellowship Hall)	4 Church Office Closed 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Young Life: Campaigners	5 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (April 10th)	6 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 7:30 Young Life: Club	7 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 2:00 Choir Rehearsal 3:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Bible Study	8 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	9
10 Palm Sunday 11:00 Worship 12:15 Congregational Meeting 1:00 PWCT Meeting 1:00 Session Meeting	11 Church Office Closed 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Young Life: Campaigners	12 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (April 17th)	13 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 7:30 Young Life: Club	14 Maundy Thursday 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 2:00 Choir Rehearsal 3:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Bible Study	15 Good Friday 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: May Tower Newsletter	16
17 Easter Sunday 7:15 Sunrise Service (Chapel in Woods) 8:30 Covered Dish Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)	18 Easter Monday Church Office Closed	19 Church Office Closed	20 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (April 24th) 7:30 Young Life: Club	21 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 1:00 PW Circle 2:00 Choir Rehearsal 3:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Bible Study	22 Earth Day 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	23
24 11:00 Worship & Five Cents a Meal Offering	25 Church Office Closed 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Young Life: Campaigners	26 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (May 1st)	27 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 7:30 Young Life: Club	28 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 2:00 Choir Rehearsal 3:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Bible Study	29 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	30