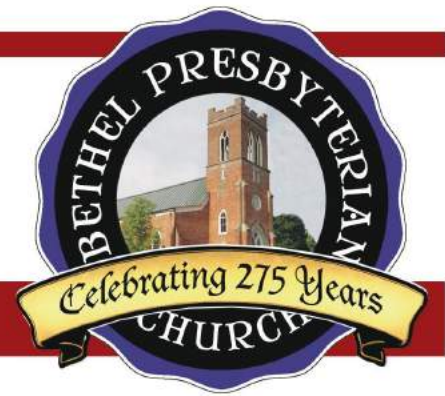


THE *Tower*

JULY 2022

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As This Elder Sees It . . .

“And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.”

Here we are a little over a month after Memorial Day and we have another holiday with red, white and blue bunting and flags. This holiday, Independence Day on the fourth of July, rather than somber memorials is the holiday for celebrations, fireworks, cookouts, and picnics as we mark our nation’s independence from Great Britain.

Though we celebrate now, the period of time leading up to and following the Declaration of Independence were tumultuous and uncertain times. One thing is certain is that based on that final sentence of the document, all 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were fully committed to the cause of independence. I believe it is almost impossible for us today to comprehend the level of commitment these men made. I dare say not too far from the level of commitment of Jesus’ disciples who dropped what they were doing and walked away from everything to follow him.

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. - Galatians 5:13 ESV

In some small measure leaving the PCUSA and moving on with a new denomination, for me, evokes similar emotions and feelings. It is a history making event in the life of Bethel that is exciting to be participating in. Part of the vision of the ECO denomination is “to truly be a movement that recaptures the best of our Presbyterian and Reformed heritage to saturate our broken and hurting world with the transforming power of Jesus Christ.” How exciting is that! To be part of a revitalized and flourishing denomination and a congregation urged on into discipleship.

I am grateful that 246 years ago men of conviction saw fit to establish a government where we can follow our own religious convictions and guaranteed us the ability to worship a savior that over 2000 years ago truly set people free.

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. - Romans 8:2 ESV

Tim Turner, Bethel Elder

July 2022

**NEWS & NOTES FROM
THE SESSION MEETING**

The Session met June 12th, 2022, in the Bethel Fellowship Hall, with 10 members present.

- A meeting was held to update and review the process of Gracious Dismissal with the congregation on June 12th, 2022.
- Rev. Karen Allamon, Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.
- The Elder-on-Call for the month of July will be Derek Almarode. He can be reached by phone at (540) 280-4940 (call or text) or by email at almarodes@verizon.net.
- Tamara Barbour read a letter of appreciation sent to Mark Wilson (Guest Speaker), after his message on Mother's Day, from a visitor from Reston, Virginia.
- A storage cabinet has been designed by D.W. Miller for service supplies at the Chapel in the Woods. He will build the cabinet in the next few months.
- Ellen Fitzgerald has joined the Worship Committee.
- Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Saturday, July 9th, 2022, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Join us for the fun!
- A float is planned for the July 4th, Independence Day, parade. If you would like to be part of the parade, please contact any Elder.
- Robert Olson will be participating in a mission trip to Baja, Mexico. Keep him in your prayers.
- The meeting was closed with prayer by Karen Allamon.

David Schooley, Clerk of Session

PRAYER LIST

(updated 6/23/22)

Bethel (*our* church)
Leaders & Congregation

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS

§ Joyce Davis Jane Law
Margaret Liptrap ∞ John Pilson

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF
CONGREGATION**

Matt Koogler Jamie Pirkey
Van Pirkey Bill Ross

SYMPATHIES & CONDOLENCES

Family & Friends of Debbie Hughes
Family & Friends of Lynn Moore
Family & Friends of George Schnurr

COMMUNITY & WORLD

Ukraine & the Ukrainian People
Families & Community of Uvalde, TX
Copies of Prayer List in vestibule.

*§ Joyce Davis' address for cards is:
186 Old Farm Road; Ruckersville, VA 22968*

*∞ Cards can be sent to John Pilson at Blue
Ridge Christian Home; they are appreciated!
(85 Beulah Drive; Raphine, VA 24472)*

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.

To keep the Prayer List as up-to-date as possible, names will be removed from the list after eight weeks unless Tammy, Ellen, or the Church Office has been notified otherwise.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

11:00 am Chapel in the Woods
July 2022 - October 2022 (*weather permitting*)
(*Rain Location: Sanctuary*)

WORSHIP LEADER Brian Lee

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION - SUMMER 2022

We need you! Willing to provide snacks and refreshments after worship?

See the designated sheet at the worship service to sign-up.

Questions?

Contact Ellen Fitzgerald or Tammy Barbour.

The following date is available *September 25th, 2022* *4 volunteers needed*

BETHEL WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Bethel Presbyterian Women are hosting a Ladies Luncheon (for the gals only) on September 18th, 2022.

Estimated cost is \$15.00 per person.

Reservations due by August 21st, 2022.

Meal catered by Middlebrook Mercantile.

Menu: Quiche, Soup, Salad, Bread

More details will be announced at a later date.

Please contact Stephanie Rivers or Beth Miller if you have any questions.

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION HELPFUL HINTS

In case you've never helped with Lemonade at the Pavilion see the hints below:

- (1) *It's always following worship.*
- (2) *If it's raining it'll be in the Fellowship Hall.*
- (3) *Doesn't need to be fancy - a few snacks (chips/dip, crackers, cheese, cookies, etc.)
- drinks (lemonade, tea, water)*
- (4) *Doesn't need to be a lot of stuff - just some snacks (not lunch) while we socialize.*
- (5) *Sign-up with someone and make a plan - you don't have to do it alone.*
- (6) *Contact Ellen Fitzgerald or Tammy Barbour if you have any questions.
They will be happy to help you out!*

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

A fellowship meal will be served by the Bethel Presbyterian Women to all Bible Study participants on July 21st, 2022, at 5:30 pm. A free-will offering will go to the PWCT to cover costs of the meal and annual activities.

Come and join us for a delicious meal and Bible Study following! It'll be a fun and interesting evening of learning!

VBS FOR EVERYONE!



Bethel Presbyterian Church
563 BETHEL GREEN ROAD * STAUNTON, VA
Saturday, July 9th
4pm-8pm

Parable escape room,
scavenger hunt & games for the kids.
Movie and game night for the adults.
We will have a covered dish picnic for all.

RSVP appreciated, but not required.

RSVP: Call or text 540-490-2121
or Facebook Message.

ALL WELCOME!

Hospice Volunteers Needed



If you are a good listener, have compassion for others and a small amount of time on your hands, we can use you! Hospice is in need of volunteers with musical talents, certified therapy pets, licensed hairdressers, massage therapists, gardeners and volunteers that have served our country in the armed forces. Consider this rewarding opportunity to make a difference in someone's life!

Our next volunteer training is planned for:

July 25, 2022 9am-5:30pm

July 26, 2022 10am-3:30pm

For more information, please contact our
Volunteer Coordinator:

Carrie Gibbons 540-332-4977

For on-line registration, please visit:

Augustahealth.com/service/hospice/volunteer-information

Registration deadline is July 14, 2022

Our Volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated.
Boosters are highly encouraged but not required at this time.

**Augusta
Health**

Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah is your local, non-profit hospice serving terminally ill patients and their families in Staunton, Waynesboro & Augusta County.

COMFORTCARE WOMEN'S HEALTH
INVITES YOU TO
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
AT HULL'S DRIVE-IN

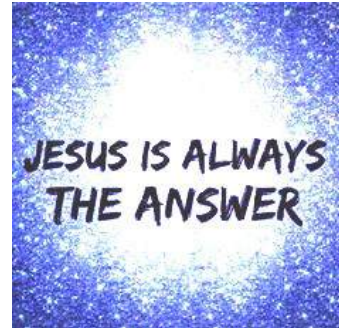
THURSDAY, JULY 14

Gates open @ 6:30 pm Movie starts ~ 8:45 pm

Cost: \$20/car



Learn More + Register to Attend
at SupportCC.org



I'M GLAD I DIDN'T
LIVE BACK IN
BIBLE TIMES!
GOD WAS
TERRIFYING
BACK THEN!



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GOD
HASN'T
CHANGED.



WE'VE ALWAYS
NEEDED SOMEONE
TO STAND BEFORE
GOD IN OUR PLACE.



LET ME
GUESS...
JESUS?



YES, THE
ANSWER IS
ALWAYS JESUS.



EXODUS 24:12-18

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BIRTHDAYS JULY 2022

Faye Brown	July 7	Danny Goodson	July 27
Bruce Lamond, IV	July 7	Isabelle Leonard	July 28
Danny Morris	July 9		
Linda Lamond	July 11		
Betty Schooley	July 12		
Phyllis Cash	July 15		
Odell Smith	July 20		

BEGINNING OF AUGUST

James Williams August 2

ANNIVERSARIES JULY 2022

R.W. & Leona Ware, Jr. July 6, 1966
Frank & Brenda Shiflett July 7, 1967
Dale & Kay Thompson July 7, 1967
David & Betty Schooley July 8, 1967
Harry & Robin Moffett July 10, 1998
Puggie & Carol Sprouse July 16, 1968
James & Cynthia Williams July 17, 1982
John & Stephanie Davis July 30, 1988
Bruce & Linda Lamond, Jr. July 30, 1985

BEGINNING OF AUGUST

Brian & Penny Lee August 1, 2009
Dale C. & Libby Smith August 3, 1963

July 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	2
3 11:00 Worship at the Chapel	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed	5 Church Office Closed	6 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (July 10th)	7 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 6:30 Bible Study	8 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	9 4:00 - 8:00 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
10 11:00 Worship at the Chapel 12:15 PWCT Meeting 1:00 Session Meeting	11 Church Office Closed	12 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (July 17th)	13 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	14 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 6:30 Bible Study	15 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	16
17 11:00 Worship at the Chapel	18 Church Office Closed	19 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (July 24th)	20 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	21 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 1:30 Circle Meeting 5:30 Bible Study Fellowship Meal 6:30 Bible Study	22 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: August Tower Newsletter	23
24 11:00 Worship at the Chapel & 5 Cents A Meal Offering	25 Church Office Closed	26 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (July 31st)	27 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	28 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 6:30 Bible Study	29 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	30
31 11:00 Worship at the Chapel 12:15 Lemonade at the Pavilion						