

THE *Tower*

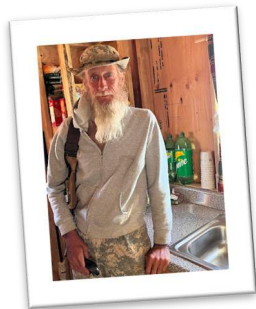
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As this Elder Sees It . . .

The following is a summary from Elder Bob Olson of the mission trip to Baja, Mexico he participated in this past July.



Between Friday and Saturday, Mission participants gathered in San Diego. Although we were called the Virginia Team, we had volunteers join us from Texas, North Carolina and a couple from Hawaii. As we departed San Diego, we stopped at In & Out Burger where we got lunch and were joined by another group from Idaho. From there it was, an eight-hour ride to Vicente Guerrero, Baja California Mexico. Upon arriving at the mission base, luggage was unloaded and then everyone proceeded to Papa Ruben's for tacos and quesadillas.

Monday morning, because we had 20 people in our group, a decision was made that a small group would do special projects around the mission base and the rest would go to the build site. During the week the build group lovingly built a home for Felipe and Angelica and their two sons. As the home was dedicated and Angelica opened the door to their new home, tears of joy flowed. The house was stocked with food and she had a real countertop and a table that the whole family could sit at and eat. She kept admiring a new four-burner stove.



The special projects team, which I had the honor of leading, completed a lot of projects. The question I would get all the time was "Can you fix this?" So, I guess the Lord wanted to use all my talents. Best of all I had two young men to teach as we worked. A small list of projects that we were asked to do included: repair showers in both men's and women's baths, replace roofing on a guest room, install two new ventilation fans in a kitchen, put roofing material on a previously constructed house, install solar panels on two houses, repair five generators and fix some electrical problems. Thursday morning, we were drafted to the build site to install a countertop with a sink.

All in all, it is the ones that go and do this that are blessed just as much as the ones we go to serve. Giving back to families that we have built for before, you see their eyes light up as they welcome us in. The relationships now span twenty years as we have watched children grow into adults.

I wish to thank Bethel for supporting me to be able to answer this call to serve.

-Bob Olson, Elder



WORSHIP LEADER

Brian Lee

PRAYER LIST (updated 9/23/22)

Bethel (our church) Leaders & Congregation

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS

Joyce Davis Jane Law
Margaret Liptrap John Pilson
Shawn, Melissa, & Mallory Swisher

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION

Christina Crawford Ariana Crawford
Orlando & Sandra Dinicolantonio
Matt Koogler Van Pirkey
Dan Sumner

SYMPATHIES & CONDOLENCES

Family & Friends of Kenneth LaPorte
Family & Friends of Brenda Shiflett

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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 8 weeks if we haven't received an update. (This does not apply to Bethel members.) Thanks for your cooperation!

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Please continue to pray daily for one another. 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!

WORSHIP SERVICES LOCATION OCTOBER

OCTOBER 2nd, 11:00 am - Sanctuary
OCTOBER 9th, 11:00 am - Chapel in the Woods
OCTOBER 16th, 11:00 am - Sanctuary
OCTOBER 23rd, 11:00 am - Sanctuary
OCTOBER 30th, 11:00 am - Sanctuary

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!
FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM...

At the September Session meeting a Family Christmas outdoors program was approved. Bethel's traditional Christmas Eve program will stay the same at 8:00 pm on Christmas Eve!

The Worship Committee has proposed a family-oriented Christmas program to reach out to our families with younger kids. Here's what the Worship Committee has proposed as our Christmas program.

LOCATION: Chapel in the Woods
TIME: 6:00 pm
LIVE ANIMALS: sheep and a donkey
REFRESHMENTS: cookies & hot chocolate/cider
BONFIRE WITH SINGING
PROGRAM: lessons, carols,
DATE: tentatively planned for the 2nd OR 3rd Saturday night in December



NEWS & NOTES FROM THE SESSION MEETING

The Session met September 11th, 2022, in the Bethel Fellowship Hall, with all Elders present. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, John Craft, from Bethany Presbyterian Church.

- The Elder-on-Call for the month of October will be Derek Almarode. He can be reached by phone at (540) 280-4940 (call or text) or by email at almarodes@verizon.net.
- Negotiations are being worked out with the Shenandoah Presbytery Commission and more information is being gathered.
- The Shenandoah Presbytery met by Zoom on August 27th, 2022. David Schooley gave a report on the meeting.
- The church security cameras have been installed for church security and protection.
- The next celebration of the Lord's Supper will be October 2nd, 2022, World Communion Sunday.
- A motion was approved to have a family Christmas program in the evening, date TBA, at the Chapel in the Woods.
- The next Bible Study will begin after January 1st, 2023.
- The Youth Committee is planning Trunk or Treat, a movie night, and dinners in the future.
- The meeting was closed with prayer by Derek Almarode.

David Schooley, Clerk of Session

A NOTE FROM STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

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

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!*

Yard Sale

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church



Saturday, October 8th

8:00 am to 12:00 pm
(rain or shine)

334 Mt. Tabor Road, Staunton, VA

*Fundraiser sponsored by Mt. Tabor Youth to
support their pavilion building project.*

October Happy Birthday!

Bruce Lamond. October 1
Jane Law October 7
Emily Williams October 7
Adrienne Barker October 8
Pat Quick. October 11
Tish Folsom October 12
Louise Hoy. October 14
Dan Gano. October 21
Sarah Ralston October 22

Libby Smith. October 24
Mark Wade October 25
Dinah Johnston. October 28
John Pilson. October 31
Carol Sprouse. October 31

BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER

Leona Ware. November 1

October Happy Anniversary!

Keedie & Kyle Leonard October 14

Mary Ann & John Anderson October 29, 1955

BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER

Luanne & Sam Leonard November 1, 1980

A Note About Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you have a birthday and/or anniversary 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.



October 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 World Communion Sunday 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary) & Communion 12:15 - PWCT Meeting	3 Church Office Closed	4 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (October 9th & 16th)	5 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	6 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 2:00 Adult Choir 3:00 Handbell Choir	7 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	8 8:00 - 12:00 Mt. Tabor Lutheran Yard Sale
9 11:00 Worship at the Chapel (Rain Location: Sanctuary) 12:45 Session Meeting	10 Church Office Closed (Adrienne on vacation 10th - 14th)	11 Church Office Closed	12 Church Office Closed	13 Church Office Closed 2:00 Adult Choir 3:00 Handbell Choir	14 Church Office Closed	15
16 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary)	17 Church Office Closed	18 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (October 23rd)	19 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	20 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 12:30 Circle Meeting 2:00 Adult Choir 3:00 Handbell Choir	21 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 12:00 Deadline: November 2022 Tower 6:00 - Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)	22 Wedding (Chapel)
23 11:00 Worship & 5 Cents A Meal Offering (Sanctuary)	24 Church Office Closed	25 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (October 30th)	26 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	27 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 2:00 Adult Choir 3:00 Handbell Choir	28 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	29
30 Reformation Sunday 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary)	31 Halloween Church Office Closed 					

