
THE *Tower*
SEPTEMBER 2022

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As this Congregation Member (& Elder) Sees It . . .

Homecoming is a time when we renew old acquaintances and by chance visit the cemetery where our loved ones lie at rest, recall fond memories of the past, and look for guidance and inspiration for the days that lie before us.

There is an old hymn, written more than a hundred years ago, which I think might well have been written for us today.

*We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and awful time
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime.*

In our day the old values and ways of life are rapidly changing. The security and certainties of a simpler way of life, which many of us here knew in our childhood, are gone. We no longer feel the security we once knew in the world. Think, for example, how different the life of Bethel church is today from what it was fifty years ago. We look with nostalgia to the past but, know that the past points a way for us in our new and changing world. What would those assembled at the old North Mountain meeting house have to say to us today? Those hardy souls speak to us of faith and courage and would bid us forward in our changing world.

They would tell us to serve the Lord in our generation as they served theirs.

Adapted from a sermon by Dr. Herbert S. Turner

-- Julie M. Turner (former Elder at Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church)

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

11:00 am Chapel in the Woods
(weather permitting)
(Rain Location: Sanctuary)

WORSHIP LEADER Wade Cash

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION

Lemonade at the Pavilion (formerly Lemonade on the Lawn) will be held on Sunday, September 25th, following the worship service.

Make sure to stay for some snacks to munch on, lemonade to drink, and time to hang out with your church friends and family!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO JOIN US!

If worship is held indoors due to weather then this event will be held in the Bethel Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER LIST (updated 8/24/22)

Bethel (our church) Leaders & Congregation

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS

Joyce Davis Jane Law
Margaret Liptrap John Pilson

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION

Meredith Arenson Mark Buchanan
Christina Crawford Ariana Crawford
Reed Miller Van Pirkey

SYMPATHIES & CONDOLENCES

Family & Friends of Dale Earhart
Family & Friends of Scott Fairburn
Family & Friends of Kenneth LaPorte
Family & Friends of Jamie Pirkey
Family & Friends of George Schnurr
Family & Friends of Brenda Shiflett

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE SESSION MEETING

The Session met August 14th, 2022, at the Pavilion in the woods, with all Elders present.

- Elder Derek Almarode opened the meeting with prayer.
- The Elder-on-Call for the month of September 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 will meet by Zoom on August 27th, 2022. David Schooley will be Bethel's representative.
- Church security cameras are in the process of being installed for the church's protection.
- Penny Lee brought up the question of reopening the Bethel preschool or daycare. More investigation is needed and required!
- The meeting was closed with prayer.

David Schooley, Clerk of Session



September Happy Birthday!

Dale GoodsonSeptember 2
Charlie JohnsonSeptember 2
Margaret LiptrapSeptember 5
Beth MillerSeptember 6
Wade CashSeptember 6
Charley SchooleySeptember 9
Billy Wade, IIISeptember 10
Shelby MyersSeptember 11
Ashley NelsonSeptember 12
Bill Brubeck September 15

Tim TurnerSeptember 17
Harleigh LeeSeptember 21
Scott HughesSeptember 23
Samantha MooreSeptember 28
Robin MoffettSeptember 29
Donna BushSeptember 30

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Bruce LamondOctober 1

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to Margaret Liptrap who will be 100 years old on September 5th, 2022! Margaret is a long-time member of Bethel and was the Bethel custodian for a number of years. Happy 100th Birthday Margaret - we hope you have a fabulous one!



*We would love to have a birthday card shower for Margaret. If you would like to send Margaret a card please address it: Mrs. Margaret Liptrap; c/o Jon & Donna Bush; 252 Flint Mountain Drive; Stuarts Draft, VA 24477.
Thanks!

September Happy Anniversary!

Gloria & Benny Potter	September 1, 1973
Phyllis & Wade Cash	September 8, 1979
Faye & Ben Brown, Sr.	September 9, 1967

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Bethany (Olson) & Larry Fresh	October 5, 1991
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September 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 6:30 Bible Study	2 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	3
4 11:00 Worship at the Chapel <i>(Rain Location: Sanctuary)</i> 12:15 PWCT Meeting	5 Labor Day Church Office Closed 	6 Church Office Closed	7 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements <i>(September 11th)</i>	8 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 6:30 Bible Study	9 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	10
11 11:00 Worship at the Chapel <i>(Rain Location: Sanctuary)</i> 12:15 Session Meeting	12 Church Office Closed	13 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements <i>(September 18th)</i>	14 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	15 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 6:30 Bible Study	16 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 12:00 Deadline: October 2022 Tower	17
18 11:00 Worship at the Chapel <i>(Rain Location: Sanctuary)</i> 1:00 Presbyterian Women Fellowship Lunch	19 Church Office Closed	20 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements <i>(September 25th)</i>	21 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	22 First Day of Autumn 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 6:30 Bible Study 	23 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	24
25 11:00 Worship at the Chapel & 5 Cents A Meal Offering <i>(Rain Location: Sanctuary)</i> 12:00 - Lemonade at the Pavilion <i>(Rain Location: Fellowship Hall)</i>	26 Church Office Closed	27 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements <i>(October 2nd)</i>	28 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	29 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 6:30 Bible Study	30 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 	