

Bethel Banner

July 2017

Christmas in July! Missions of the Month



During the month, we will highlight three of our local missions:

CCAP Angel Tree which collects Christmas presents for needy children in our community.

Faith In Action which assists the elderly in our community and provides door-to-door transportation to area residents who have no means to get to and from medical appointments and scheduled treatment.

Bright Futures which helps to identify specific needs of school children in our community and then address the needs in a meaningful and efficient way.

Stop by the Christmas in July display in the narthex, pick an item or two from the designated mission trees and return the items during the month. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please use the **RED** pew envelope and write which ministry you are supporting.

Thank you once again for your continued generosity!

Bethel Baptisms at the Lake

“A Place Apart to be Set Apart”

I have people tell me from time to time about friends of theirs who are not baptized and would like to be baptized. Perhaps they have never been to church or have not been in a long time. To help ease this transition, I am offering a special opportunity this summer for others to talk with me about baptism and consider being baptized at Lake Holiday where I live. This would be for those especially who are not yet comfortable in a congregation, but who we might be able to ease into our congregation or another community of faith. Either way, my desire is to offer “a place apart to be set apart” where we can gather and baptize this summer.

If you have a friend, relative, co-worker, neighbor, etc. who has expressed an interest in getting baptized, please have them contact me (Pastor Dave) at (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com). I will be asking people from Bethel to serve as “sponsors” so if I come to you, please prayerfully consider doing so.

I will offer this throughout the summer as the need and desires arise. I hope that this opportunity will allow folks to begin a journey with Jesus in a new way!



First Communion Celebration

Two of our young people who have completed their Holy Communion instruction will celebrate this faith milestone with First Communion Sunday on July 2! Pray for **Luke LaFollette** and **Sarah Myers** on this special day. **Nicholas Bowman** celebrated his First Communion on June 18! Congratulations to all!



Blessing of the Animals

Outdoor Worship, July 16, 9:30 a.m.

Join us on Sunday, July 16 for another Outdoor Worship service at our Bethel amphitheater. We will offer a “Blessing of the Animals” and so we hope you will bring your pets with you for this special service of giving thanks for all of God’s creatures. Hope you can join us with your special pets! And remember, invite friends!

New Members Sunday

Sunday, July 30, 9:30 a.m.

If you have not already indicated your intention to join our congregation, but would like to do so, please contact Pastor Dave (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com).

Our process for joining the congregation is three-fold:

- 1) Meet personally with Pastor Dave (receive a New Member notebook)
- 2) Attend the Fellowship gathering with other new members
- 3) Attend New Member Sunday @ Bethel

Our New Member fellowship will be **Saturday, July 8**. Pastor Dave will host a breakfast gathering at his home in Lake Holiday (9:00am-11:00am).

As indicated above, our New Member Sunday will be **Sunday, July 30**.

Power in the Spirit

July 13-15 at Roanoke College

Hosted at beautiful Roanoke College in Salem Virginia, **Power in the Spirit** is an inspirational conference for everyone who wishes to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible study, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship.

The Reformation didn't "fix" the Church. In fact, you might say it's just one example of how we're always "recalculating" our way forward as individuals and as a Church. In that spirit, this year's theme for Power in the Spirit 2017 is: **On Our Way Reforming!**

For more information go to:

www.vasynod.org
(Click on the "Events" tab)

Bethel's Annual YARD SALE

Donations accepted in Discipleship Hall starting Sunday, July 9

Yard Sale Organization Week: July 9-14

Yard Sale: July 15, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Please donate items you no longer love or use, that someone else would want to love and use! NEW THIS YEAR—WE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT CLOTHING OR SHOES!

We'd love to have *almost** anything that's clean, in good repair and in good condition, such that YOU would want to buy. The end of the school year and the beginning of warm weather is a great time to go through your home and storage areas and clear out items you no longer love and use! **Sorry, we're not able to accept mattresses, computers, computer monitors, printers or televisions.*

Volunteer to help organize donations beforehand, and/or volunteer to help out during the yard sale!

Questions? Please contact **Gretchen Meade** at gretchenjoyce8@gmail.com or **Traci Shoberg** at (540) 303-7771 or email: tracishoberg@mris.com



Women's Ministries

WILD Women is our women's ministry at Bethel. All women ages 18 years and older are invited to all **WILD Women** events. We hope that you will join us!

First Friday Fellowship

*Friday, July 7, 9:30 a.m.
Firefly Café*

The group will be reading "Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace" by Ann Lamott. You can either purchase the books online at Amazon.com or contact Diane Milburn.

Third Tuesday Dinner

*Tuesday, July 18, 6:00 p.m.
Los Toltecos
146 Millwood Pike
Winchester*

Dinner and fellowship beginning at 6:00.

Upcoming Events:

Yard Sale

Saturday, July 15 at 8:00 a.m.

Help organize and price items the week of the Yard Sale (July 9-14).

WILD WOMEN E-MAIL

If you are interested in receiving updated information regarding our women's ministry then e-mail Donna Turrill at turrills@comcast.net



Men's Ministries

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, July 1, 8:30 a.m.

Join us at Backseat Bar and Grill (104 Full House Dr.) for our monthly Men's breakfast and Bible study. We invite you to bring friends! Hope to see you there.

Men's Group Outing to the Winchester Royals

Tuesday, July 11, 7:00 p.m.

The Bethel men are invited to a fellowship night out on Tuesday, July 11 to watch our Winchester Royals play Waynesboro. The game begins at 7:00pm. Hopefully you can join us and bring some friends!



Attention Men: There will be an initial planning meeting for anyone interested in forming and taking part in an adult men's support group. This will be a peer-led group at which men can talk together in a confidential setting about any life issues they are struggling with. *Please note that this is NOT a therapy group.*

Ways to contact us if you want to talk further:
Fred Sabia –

Home email: fdsabia@comcast.net

Work email: lcac@lighthousecac.com

Pastor Dave –

pastordave@bethelwinchester.com

This is open to any man who might be interested (friends, co-workers, relatives, neighbors, etc.)

Youth Ministries



Youth Adventure Day!

Saturday, July 22, 8am-5pm

A day of outdoor adventures – hiking, eating, river time and more for rising 6-12th grades. Cost is \$15 to participate and a Bethel release form must be completed. We will meet at and return to Bethel.

Pack in small backpack: Sack lunch, sunscreen, H2O bottle, clothes for water adventures, and water shoes. **Signup by July 15th in the narthex or with Will Sigler – sigler4@comcast.net**



Camp Follow the Leader @ Bethel!

July 24-28, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**High School Youth and College Students
can sign up to be a “Buddy”**

**Go to: valleyhealthlink.com
and search “follow the leader”**

Being a Follow the Leader Camp Buddy offers a unique service opportunity. Teenagers and college students can volunteer as buddies, join the fun and learn from kids with special needs.

High School Graduates Wrapped in Quilts!

This year to properly celebrate the power of Jesus in the lives of our high school graduates we will wrap them in quilts **Sunday August 6th at 9:30am**. We hope this date will give students time to commit to college, jobs or military service, but allow for time for all students and families together in worship. Parents and youth – **please email Pat Blevins ptblevins12@gmail.com** when your son or daughter has made a future plan ☺. Thank you to the whole quilt making team for the great gift of this ministry to help wrap these young adults with God’s love for life!

Bethel Week at Camp

July 30-August 4

REGISTER NOW: carolinefurnace.org for Potomac River, Horse Camp, Survivor Camp and much more. We have a great group registered already of 6 through 16 year old disciples. Bryan Jaster is thrilled to serve as camp chaplain leading worship and shenanigans at camp.

Help Wanted

Faith is something best shared. Bethel needs an individual to coordinate our Small Groups program. Small groups of 6-12 people meet weekly/bi-weekly and generally in the homes of group members. Small groups connect people to Christ's church by bringing God's Word into daily living, serving the church and community, and sharing the love of Christ, mutual support, and having a lot of fun together.

Your church needs someone to match people together, either into existing Small Groups, or in the creation of new ones. This opportunity to share your gifts calls for an outreach to existing small groups and those who are looking to join or create one. Facilitatus Maximus! Put your facilitator skills to use.

Please contact Pastor Dave, the church office, or David Griffin, Congregational Life Board Chair, if you have questions or interests in serving your congregation to grow Bethel's small group program.

THANK YOU!

Calling All Ringers!

We are presenting a chime anthem on Sunday, July 30. We will rehearse Thursday, July 27, 7:00-8:00pm in the sanctuary. Open to middle school, high school, and adults (old school!). You must be able to make the rehearsal in order to play on Sunday. If you are interested in playing, let Darline DeMott know by Sunday, July 2.



Health and Wellness

Blood Pressure Checks on Sunday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Blood Pressure Checks on Sunday, July 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Camp Follow the Leader

July 24-28

A tradition at Bethel in its 13th year!

We are looking for “buddy” volunteers who are high school and college age to assist and support our campers ages 6-10 with physical and/or developmental challenges. Activities throughout the week include arts and crafts, sports, music, games and field trips and promote the theme of the Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. It would be a weeklong commitment July 24–28 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Volunteers are required to attend a one hour training session before the camp. At this training session, they will also receive information on their buddy. Additionally, buddies will have the opportunity to work with OTs, PTs, teachers, and special education professionals.

We are also in need of adult volunteers who are available to help throughout the week, including a picnic on Friday.

For more information, please e-mail Molly Connor at Mconnor@valleyhealthlink.com.

Thank you for your consideration of contributing your unique spiritual gifts to camp!! Campers look forward to this camp every year and the camp would not be possible without your help!



“Caring for Vulnerable Children”

Above is the Mission Statement for *Bethania Kids*; it's simple and it's clear. Our biblical friend James, never one to mince words in his messages, makes it equally clear in his scripture passage 1:27..... *“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world”*. This is exactly what the BK's **Shalom** Home for Girls is all about and why Bethel is supporting the campaign to build their new home in India.

Currently, there are 43 girls in the old, leased, **Shalom** Home but let me make it clear.....these girls are not just a number! They are real “flesh and blood” girls that have either lost or been abandoned by their families.....they are **orphans**. Without **Shalom**, many would be wandering the streets begging for food or be forced to earn a pittance by miserable, perhaps even “unsavory” means. Instead, they're in a home with shelter, food, clothing, medical care and, extremely important, with love and hope for their future. They will be cared for through High School graduation and even further for those that take advanced education.

Since our **Shalom** campaign-kickoff in May, a number of caring Bethel members have already contributed or pledged nearly \$14,000 toward our interim goal of \$17,500. If you are part of this, we give you our most sincere, heartfelt thanks. However, we have not given up on reaching our \$17,500 goal which, if met, will be matched by a small group of donors allowing us to meet our final goal of \$35,000. Contributions and pledges may be made throughout 2017 and well into 2018 as the campaign continues.

We request your prayerful consideration in making a gift for the **Shalom** Girls home. Yes, we want the dollars but we also want to tell 43 girls and their caretakers about the many caring members of the Bethel family. So, even if your finances are currently “a bit strained”, please

give what you can afford and we'll tell them how many Bethel friends have shared their blessings. This may seem insignificant to you and me but, to someone concerned about their future without a supportive family, it can mean the difference between despair and hope. I'd like to believe that James would agree with that!

Shalom!



Legacy Giving

Several people have told us that they intend to bequest funds to Bethel in their Will. We encourage you to advise us, in complete confidence, of your intentions so that we may say a discreet and sincere thank you during your lifetime. By knowing of your intentions now, we can make sure that we will carry out your specific wishes as stated in your Will.

You don't have to tell us if you choose to leave a gift to Bethel, but if you do, it will help us to plan future work, and we will keep your decision completely confidential.

Please contact Pastor Dave, Pat Shields or Kim Williams to share your intent to bequest funds.

... and there was light!

Many thanks to Charlie Moyer for his dedication in seeing that we were provided with a new light pole to enlighten our upper parking area. Check it out after dark - it's bright! We are also grateful to Clark Jackson for helping replace numerous light tubes that were out (and for helping clean the gutter downspouts adjacent the playground area). While we're thanking, Pete Milam expertly replaced ballasts in several light fixtures with Charlie's able assistance. We are truly blessed with hard-working and capable volunteers!

we came, we sawed . . . Saturday, July 29! Mark the date if you like chain saws and cutting down dead trees! We'll start at about 9:00 am. We have a couple of dead trees that need to come down, and some pruning to do. If this seems like your kind of work, then just show up with your chain saw, pruning saw, splitting maul, or, very hopefully, a hydraulic wood splitter if you have one. As an added value for helping out, you may end up with a load of firewood for this coming winter (additional generous donations to our church operating fund for the value of good firewood - mostly ash - will be accepted with gratitude). Bring a lunch, some good snacks, and something cool to drink. It will be lots of work, but also good fun and fellowship. See you then.

Cliff Crowder
Director of Facilities



Classical Cottage School is Coming!

The congregational council approved the building for use by a home school group called Classical Cottage School. Bethel has several families who are a part of this group, and we are very excited to have them renting our space.

The school will be using the building during the school year on Thursdays and Fridays beginning in September. In preparation of welcoming them into our facility, there are several needs.

First, the Sunday School classrooms will be cleaned out and organized starting July 10. If you have items in Classrooms 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, please remove them or label them clearly. After everything is cleared out, you will be given a designated cabinet in your classroom to store your supplies.

Second, please keep your supplies well-marked and organized in your space.

Last, if you move any tables and chairs to other areas of the building for use during an event, **please** move them back immediately following your activity. This will ensure the furniture is available in the rooms when needed.

We look forward to a wonderful partnership with Classical Cottage School and hope Bethel members will welcome them warmly to our campus!

Please extend our thanks from Good Sheperd Lutheran in Front Royal to everyone in the congregation at Bethel for the flowers to recognize our 75th anniversary and for their prayers for us as we search for our new pastor.

We will keep Bethel in our prayers for their faith and work in Christ as Beloved Children of God.

Shalom, Robin Nida

Thank You!

Dear Pastor Dave and Bethel,

Thank you for the use of your church on Monday afternoons for piano lessons. I truly appreciate it. Please accept this donation to show my gratitude.

Betty Cunningham

Dear Bethel,

Our family would like to thank the congregation for the many condolences expressed for the passing of our mother, Dorothy Tiedeman. Pastor Dave and Sue Correll led a wonderful ceremony of Life and the food committee provided a delicious meal, so much more than we expected. Everything was done to make our part as easy as possible. For everything we express our deepest appreciation.

In His love,
Alice & David Matvay and the family of
Dorothy Tiedeman

On behalf of the Street Children, Manila a huge thank you to the following families: Ritchie, McAllister, Gavitt, Karlson, Shanabrook, Lauck, Stanfield, Moyer, LaFollette, Dehaven/Brondos, Temple, Kemnitz.

You have made possible the education for 16 children for the 2017-2018 school year. In June the children return to school following a 2 month break.

Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

Dear sisters and brothers at the Virginia Synod,

Lynda and I would like to thank you all for the gracious gifts of appreciation that were sent in for my retirement. It may be that you were most appreciative that I was retiring! But I choose to believe there was an appreciation for service rendered. Although the 'flat' version of Jim going about the synod was quickly known by me, I was completely taken by surprise at the synod assembly banquet by news of a love gift that also had been shared by so many of you with us!

Please know that for Lynda and me, it has been a holy privilege to serve with you in the gospel of Jesus Christ over these past 29 years in the work of the Synod. We are a close Synod! We do many things in a collaborative way and maintain always a strong partnership. Our congregations and our roster of ministers appreciate and give thanks for one another. We speak well of one another and for the ministry that we know we do together for the sake of the Gospel. Our congregations and our institutions each have a unique and wonderful history of faith.

It has been a privilege to be with you and to hear your stories of faith. It has been a privilege to walk with you in the work of the Gospel.

I give thanks now for the election of the Reverend Robert F. Humphrey as our bishop-elect for the Virginia Synod. Pastor Humphrey is an excellent preacher, teacher, and pastoral presence! He will surely lead this synod with faith, love, and vision. I have a great admiration for his pastoral gifts. I ask you to join me in praying for Barbra and Bob for the coming six years of service as our bishop.

Yours in Christ,
The Rev. James F. Mauney
Bishop

July Birthdays

- 03 - Ann Brancato
Steve Skewes
- 05 - Meredith Sigler
- 06 - John McAllister, Jr.
Sterling Grooms
- 08 - Matthew Cesnik
- 09 - Alice Matvay
- 10 - Rex Ritchie
- 13 - Rachel Carlson
- 14 - Risse Snelgrove
- 15 - Andrew Grove
- 16 - Tracy Hulver
- 17 - Tess McAllister
Madison Barnes
Luke LaFollette
- 18 - Larry Correll
- 19 - Genevieve Asmussen
- 20 - Kaleb Nguyen
- 21 - Mark Dodson
Sandee Pangle
- 22 - John Tilelli
- 23 - Marie Funk
Dianna Barnes
- 27 - Cindy Savarese
Earl Cockerham
Liz Bagley
Danny Balser
- 28 - Josh Russell
Wayne McCaughey
- 29 - Sally Marsh
Dale Nichols
John Frederickson
Weston Whitacre
- 30 - Sheila Betit

July Anniversaries

- 03 - Chris and Patti Collins
- 05 - Howard and Earlene Kemnitz
- 07 - Jeremy and Cassey Nichols
- 08 - Jack and Jane McAllister
Gene and Sheila Betit
- 09 - Matt and Windra Bowman
- 11 - Earl and Irene Cockerham
- 16 - Billy and Leslie Hoover
- 19 - John and Lisa McAllister
- 22 - George and Liz Bagley
- 25 - Bill and Becky Hall
- 28 - Forrest and Jenny Grooms
- 31 - Cory and Rachel Carlson
Allen and Rose Pierce

Around the Congregation

Congratulations to Nicholas Bowman on receiving his first Holy Communion on Sunday, June 18.

Congratulations to Luke LaFollette on receiving his first Holy Communion on Sunday, July 2.

Congratulations to Sarah Myers on receiving her first Holy Communion on Sunday, July 2.

Council and Board Chairs for 2017

- President - **Tom Milburn**
- Vice President - **Bob Hollingsworth**
- Secretary - **Rose Pierce**
- Treasurer - **Traci Shoberg**
- Worship Board - **Pastor Dave**
- Prayer and Care Board - **Pat Blevins**
- Learning Board - **Trevor Brazelton**
- Servant Board - **Julie Shanabrook**
- Congregational Life - **Dave Griffin**
- Ministry Support - **Adrian Pullen**

All Minutes from Council Meeting and Financial Information are posted on our website at www.bethelwinchester.com under the "Publications" tab.



Facts & Figures

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

...for your generosity, support, and partnership in ministries here at Bethel, to our community, and to God's world.

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us."
(2 Corinthians 9:11)

Average Worship
Attendance
May
236

Designated Ministries Offering Thru May 31

For the World

World Hunger Appeal
\$3,395

Global Missions
\$21,466

For the Community

CCAP
\$4,794

Jones/Joyner Music Fund
\$2,565

Good Samaritan
\$1,755

For the Bethel Community

Student Missions
\$212

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal
\$18,616

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 31, 2016	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of May 21, 2017	Decrease in Mortgage Principal 2017
\$314,304.00	\$296,824.79	\$17,479.21

	MSP	Offerings	% of MSP	Total 2017 MSP
	Needed to meet MSP	Actual		\$538,441
May 2017	\$45,146	\$29,887	66%	
YTD as of May 2017	\$213,355	\$174,655	66%	

For more detailed information, please visit www.bethelwinchester.com.
The most current financial update will be located under the "Publications" headline.

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

2077 North Frederick Pike, Winchester, VA 22603, 540-662-3245

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

www.bethelwinchester.com

Rev. Dr. David N. Young, Pastor

pastordave@bethelwinchester.com, Ext. 105

Darline DeMott, Director of Music Ministries

darline.demott@gmail.com

Sue Correll, Choir Director/Organist

sueellen.correll@gmail.com

Bryan Jaster, Director of Youth and Family Faith Formation

bryan@bethelwinchester.com, Ext. 104

Terri Hollingsworth, Director of Office Ministries

office@bethelwinchester.com, Ext. 100

Kim Williams, Director of Finance

bookkeeper@bethelwinchester.com, Ext. 103

Pat Shields, Director of Information Management

BethelDatabase@aol.com

Cliff Crowder, Director of Facility Management

office@bethelwinchester.com, Ext. 106

Arlene Gavitt, Faith Community Nurse

office@bethelwinchester.com

Patty White, Director of Custodial Ministries

annwhite54@aol.com

Gretchen Meade, Director of Nursery Care

office@bethelwinchester.com

The deadline for articles for the

August issue of the

Bethel Banner

is 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 19.