

# Bethel Banner

**July 2016**

## **Guatemalan Youth Mission**

*“Vamos a participar en la obra transformadora de Cristo”*  
*“We go to participate in the tranforming work of Christ.”*



*La Flor Blanca tasting Guatemalan food*

In the revolutionary story called Acts of the Apostles the rushing wind of the Spirit breathes into the newly minted apostles POWER to be like Jesus at home, in the local community, and to the “ends of the earth”. This Spirit has called us to a new challenge and adventure in Antigua, Guatemala.

Thank you for giving over \$3,500 toward feeding, clothing and housing kids and families in Antigua! We joyfully give our time, gifts and possessions on behalf of Bethel.

Please pray for the Spirit’s transformative power to be known by our mission team! Beth Garner, Bruce Lothrop, Bryan Jaster, Clara Shanabrook, Connor Lothrop, Darby Garner, Emma Shanabrook, Hannah Lothrop, Jordan Branham, Julie Shanabrook, Payton Grooms, Powell Benedict, Sophie Garner, and Stephanie Mahan.

July 3 – Blessing and commissioning of our Guatemala mission team in worship

July 9-17<sup>th</sup> – We depart for a week with *La Escuela Integrada* in Antigua, Guatemala. Please head to [wearegraces.org](http://wearegraces.org) for stories of the school and the community.

July 31<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30am. We share about God’s mission that we have been and will be part of in Guatemala in worship and after.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."

- Romans 12:1-2

## Pastor's Page

### Thank You!

We asked and you responded. During the month of May, we asked for you all to help us with a transfusion of capital for our operating budget. You have done so!

Through your generosity, we have made up our deficit for the year and then some. Additionally, we have funded our emergency funds back to \$25,000. This has been a huge assistance to our congregation!

Now, we ask that you keep it going!

As we move through the summer and into the remainder of the year, we still need to be intentional about meeting the operational budget. To help assist in this way, Bethel will be offering a "Simply Giving Summer" instructional program sometime this summer. We will have computers available for you on several Sundays in a row if anyone would like to sign up for "Simply Giving". Be on the lookout for this opportunity.

As always, Bethel responds when called upon. This we have come to know.

And for this faithful response, we are incredibly blessed!

God's Peace,  
Pastor Dave

### Germany Trip 2017

The time is upon us to get a solid idea of who is planning to attend our scheduled 2017 trip to Germany. There will be another informational gathering for those who have not yet been able to ask questions on **Sunday, July 17** after worship in the sanctuary. We will offer additional ones in August, September, and October as we get closer to the November 1 registration due date.

If you have questions you email Pastor Dave ([pastordave@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:pastordave@bethelwinchester.com)).

### "Holy Grounds" Coffee House Worship and BREAD Talks

*July 13 and 27*

Join us for our Holy Grounds coffee house worship and to hear some exciting BREAD talks during the month of July. If you are traveling and will miss a few Sundays or if you simply would like a midweek recharge, these are the services for you! Our plan for July is to worship OUTSIDE!

July 13 – **Mary Duvall** will share the BREAD Talk. Our guest pianist will be Rev. Delyn Celec from Shenandoah.

July 27 – **Michelle Young** will share the BREAD talk. Our guest pianist will be Larry Correll.

Again our BREAD talks are fashioned after the popular TED talks. TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, and Design. For our purposes at Bethel, BREAD stands for Bible, Religion, Ethics and Discipleship.

### Summer Worship Schedule

One Service on Sunday Morning at 9:30 a.m.

Midweek services at 7:00 p.m.  
(Discipleship Hall or Outdoor amphitheatre)

July 13 and 27  
August 10 and 24

Our summer worship schedule will extend through Sunday, September 4 (Labor Day weekend). We will return to 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on Sunday, September 11.

### Martin's Cards

Do you shop at Martin's? If so, buy a "Cash for Causes" card to support the ministry of our youth! We receive 5% back for every purchase. Please see Suzanne Gregory after service on Sunday. Thank you thank you!

# Bethel's Annual YARD SALE

Donations accepted in Discipleship Hall starting Sunday, July 10

Yard Sale Organization Week: July 10-15

Yard Sale: July 16

**Please clean out your closets and donate items you no longer love or use, that someone else would want to love and use!**

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 **Traci Shoberg** at (540) 303-7771 or email: [tracishoberg@mrisc.com](mailto:tracishoberg@mrisc.com)



# Bethel Night at the Winchester Royals

July 15, 6:00 p.m.



This is always a fun night of fellowship for all as we watch Winchester Royals baseball at Bridgeforth Field in Jim Barnett Park. Enjoy the excitement all night long from the singing of the National Anthem to the first pitch to Bethel's rendition of "the wave"!

**Free tickets** are available in the office. Mark your calendars, grab some tickets, wear your "Bethel Lutheran" T-shirt and come join us!

## Power in the Spirit

July 14-16 at Roanoke College

Power in 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 fellowships. Everyone in attendance will find **POWER IN THE SPIRIT** to be nurturing and challenging as they consider their mission and ministry.

For more information go to:

[www.vasynod.org](http://www.vasynod.org)  
(Click on the "Events" tab)

*Dear Bethel,*

*Thank you ever so much for letting me teach piano at your church each Monday! Also for allowing me to have my recitals here. You have always been so welcoming and accommodating and I appreciate it.*

*God Bless, Betty Cunningham*

## Camp Follow the Leader

July 25-29

Within weeks of our arrival in Winchester, I found myself learning what it takes to provide a traditional day camp experience for children with special needs. This satisfying effort requires an array of caring professionals and lay volunteers. I am eager to help again this month as Bethel hosts this camp for the 12<sup>th</sup> year.

Each camper needs a teen 'buddy' available from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29. Volunteer adults assist in a variety of roles and can come for just one or two mornings. Bethel volunteers are especially needed to help with the closing picnic lunch on Friday.

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.

More details are located on the community bulletin in the Crossroads. The contact at Valley Health is Molly Connor and she can be reached at [Mconnor@valleyhealthlink.com](mailto:Mconnor@valleyhealthlink.com).

Think about contributing your spiritual gifts to these children of God as they learn about the fruits of the spirit. Campers are eager. Can you be too?

Norma Reed

When I see you through my eyes,  
I think that we are different.



When I see you through my heart,  
I know we are the same.

-Doe Zantamata

## Harvest Sunday

Sunday, August 7

Bethel's 15th annual Harvest Sunday will take place on the front lawn after morning worship on Sunday, August 7.

Garden fruits and vegetables, homemade jams, baked goods, crafts, and jewelry will be on sale on the front lawn under the big white tent. The proceeds from our sale will benefit Lutheran World Relief's efforts to stop world hunger.

Your donated items may be left in the Office Meeting Room or tagged in the refrigerator the week before the sale. Come join us for a delicious and fun time!

Contact Julie Shanabrook at 535-9379 with any questions.

## Help Needed!

Saturday, July 23! Mark the date if you like chain saws and cutting down dead trees! We'll start at about 8:30 am. We have several dead trees that need to come down, and there's a good bit of firewood in them. 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  
Facility Manager

## 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!



## **Yard Sale Organization**

*Thursday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m.*

The WILD Women will meet the Thursday before the yard sale for pizza and pricing! It's not too early to start organizing items to donate! The yard sale is Saturday, July 16.

## **Pool Party**

*Sunday, August 14, 3:00 p.m.*

The Wild Women will end the summer with a pool party at the home of Traci Shoberg. We will gather for Pool, Praise, and Prayer!

## **Inflatable 5K Race**

*October 15*

**3 John 2:** "I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit."

On October 15, several members of Bethel are planning on participating in an inflatable 5K race sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the Relay for life. The race is being held at the Prince William County Fairground in Manassas, VA. For more information, go to:

<http://insaneinflatable5k.com/washington-dc/>

Please contact Donna Turrill at 540-409-7015 if you are interested in participating.

## **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](mailto:turrills@comcast.net)

## Men's Ministries

### **Men's Breakfast**

*Saturday, July 2, 8:30 a.m.*

Our monthly men's breakfast will meet on Saturday, July 2 at 8:30am at Backseat Bar and Grill. Join us for great fellowship, wonderful food, and a time of Christian friendship and sharing. Invite your buddies!

RSVP to Pastor Dave  
([pastordave@bethelwinchester.com](mailto:pastordave@bethelwinchester.com)).

## Senior Ministries

### **Movie Night!**

*Tuesday, July 5, 5:30 p.m.*  
*Discipleship Hall*

Anyone 55+ is welcome to join us! Any suggestions for activities are warmly welcomed. It's your group and your time to share.

Thank you. Irene Cockerham

### **Monday Evening Music Series**

*Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.*  
*The Chapel at The Village at Orchard Ridge*

Presented by the Winchester Chapter of the  
American Guild of Organists  
Free & Open to the Public

July 11 – Music for Organ & Trumpet  
August 8 – Golden Age: Buxtehude, Bach & Friends  
September 12 – A Little Bit of Jazz  
October 10 - Performers Old & New  
November 14 – Wedding Music  
December 12 – Anticipating Christmas

For more information, see the flyer on the  
Community Bulletin Board in the Cross Roads.



## Cave Quest Vacation Bible School Celebration!

We just finished a week with over 50 kids, 20 youth and 20 adults who gathered for a week of sharing Jesus the Light of the World together. It was a wondrous time immersed in a cave tunnel, many stalagmites/stalactites, silly skits, creative science, stories of kids being disciples, interactive bible stories and high energy songs!

Thank you to all who gave time, supplies, and many gifts to make this significant week for our children. We were able to provide many supplies for the Therapeutic Day Treatment School which helps with Science and Math for Winchester children.

**Thanks to all who made Cave Quest fantastic!**

## Bethel Week at Camp

*July 31-August 5*

We have 18 kids and youth from Bethel coming to camp Caroline Furnace AND there is still space for you! Come for horse camp, Potomac River canoe camp, stars/rocks/dirt and the glorious wonder that is living in Christian community together. We gather Sunday July 31 @ 1:30 pm to carpool from Bethel. Bryan Jaster is excited to be "Camp Chaplain" for the week and fill camp with Bethel people.

See [carolinefurnace.org](http://carolinefurnace.org) to register and for more information.



# Facts & Figures

## *July Birthdays*

- 03 - Ann Brancato
- 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  
Sheri Wernecke
- 17 - Tess McAllister  
Bernetta Jenkins  
Madison Barnes  
Luke LaFollette
- 19 - Genevieve Asmussen
- 20 - Kaleb Nguyen
- 21 - Mark Dodson
- 22 - John Tilelli
- 23 - Marie Funk  
Dianna Barnes
- 27 - Cindy Savarese  
Earl Cockerham
- 28 - Josh Russell  
Wayne McCaughey
- 29 - Sally Marsh  
Dale Nichols
- 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
- 19 - John and Lisa McAllister
- 25 - Bill and Becky Hall
- 28 - Forrest and Jenny Grooms
- 31 - Cory and Rachel Carlson  
Allen and Rose Pierce



### Designated Ministries Offering Thru May

**For the World:**  
World Hunger Appeal  
\$3,705

Global Missions  
\$9,080

**For the Community:**  
CCAP  
\$3,539

Jones Music Fund  
\$2,696

Good Samaritan  
\$174

**For the Bethel Community:**  
Student Missions  
\$445

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal  
\$10,334

Average Worship Attendance May

273

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 31, 2015	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of May 22, 2016	Decrease in Mortgage Principal 2016
\$392,128.39	\$359,119.38	\$33,009.01

	MSP	Offerings	% of MSP	Total 2016 MSP
	Needed to meet MSP	Actual		\$528,255
May 2016	\$41,574	\$70,113	169%	
YTD as of May 2016	\$212,940	\$204,696	96%	

For more detailed information, please visit [www.bethelwinchester.com](http://www.bethelwinchester.com).  
The most current financial update will be located under the "Publications" headline.

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is 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 20.**