

Bethel Banner

June 2016

Vacation Bible School is June 13-17, 9am-noon!

Register today for all kids 4 and up!

Leadership roles too for middle and senior high youth!

Register at: bit.ly/BethelVBS



HELP HELP HELP! This year we are helping out the “Therapeutic Day Treatment” program run by Lutheran Social Services which helps kids in Science and Math during the summer. We will be gathering many supplies to help local kids who are given a unique opportunity to learn and grow together.

Join us for **Cave Constructing, Saturday, June 11th @ 9am** at Bethel. We have a tunnel maze, 60 foot cave, and massive classroom decorating to do. Come help!

Please connect with bryan@bethelwinchester.com if you'd like to love kids through being a Group Guide or serve at a rotation station.

Bethel BREAD Talks

Have you heard of TED talks? They are popular talks where people share a story, an insight, a passion about something related to Technology, Entertainment, or Design (hence TED). You can watch them at www.ted.com. If you are familiar with them, you know that there is a TED radio hour on NPR and a TED Talk podcast.

Well, I had an idea about doing BREAD talks at Bethel. Based on Jesus words in John 6, "I am the bread of life", I thought it could be really cool to have the people of our congregation give similar talks. For our purposes, these talks at Bethel will relate to the following: *Bible, Religion, Ethics and Discipleship*, i.e. BREAD.

I can't tell you how excited I am that we will begin this new testimonial ministry during our summer midweek worship experiences. At each of our midweek services, a person from Bethel will share the message, their BREAD talk, and we will video tape them. My vision is to have them on our website so that others may watch them as well.

June 8 – Doug Newell
June 22 – Mike Stanfield
July 13 – Mary Duvall
July 27 – Michelle Young
August 10 – Campers from "Bethel Week" at
Caroline Furnace
August 24 – Pastor Dave

So, while the midweek worship services will offer an alternative for you during the summer months when you may be out of town on a Sunday, I hope you will also see them as a great opportunity to hear and learn from your brothers and sisters who will be giving their BREAD talks. I have asked some exceptional storytellers and people familiar with the concept. I believe you will be blessed significantly by their wisdom.

I see this ministry continuing through the year. If you feel that God may be nudging you to give a BREAD talk, I simply ask that you come and talk with me about it. I am absolutely open to using this ministry throughout the year during our regular worship services as well. I can see this ministry being a true blessing to our entire community of faith.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

Summer Worship Schedule

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

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

June 8 and 22
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.

Inquirer's Meeting

Sunday, June 12, 10:45 a.m.
(after our one worship service)
Discipleship Hall

Bethel will be hosting our next inquirer's meeting on Sunday, June 12 after our one worship service for all families and individuals interested in learning more about our ministry at Bethel and culminating in joining our congregation. The informational will offer more details about how Bethel is organized, our mission and vision, and the ways that you can become more involved in our life together.

If you have questions or would like to RSVP, please do so by contacting Pastor Dave (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com) or Pat Shields (betheldatabase@aol.com).

Council Highlights from May

Pastor's Report

Pastor Dave Young provided a quick overview of May. He highlighted the Apple Blossom Sports breakfast at which he was asked to speak. He updated council on his involvement with obtaining a new pastor for a church in Mt. Sidney, VA. F3 ministry for 1-4 graders is now up and running; the Inquires class will take place May 22; Pastor Dave is serving as the webmaster for our website; all are invited to participate in the Pub and Praise, June 13, 6-7:30 p.m., Piccadilly Pub. He also stated that the Bethel podcasts (Bethelcasts!) are going well. He also added that there are approximately 40 people viewing the on-line Daily Devotions.

Treasurer's Report

Traci Shoberg stated that April's financial standing has improved due to increased giving after Pastor Dave Young's sermon and the letter sent to Bethel's membership providing a financial update and giving options. Pastor Dave Young provided for Council's review and consideration a financial breakdown with possible decreases/changes in financial spending. Discussion continued on how Bethel can continue to decrease expenses as well as questioning if our expenses and our overall ministry involvement are within normal ranges. It was also agreed that Council should keep reminding Bethel's membership to consider changing how they allocate their giving and to prayerfully consider if they can give more toward our ongoing expenses.

Parsonage Status Update – Property Disposition/Maintenance

Tom Milburn stated that the Parsonage sale is in the hands of the trustees and it will be sold per the directions in the Will. Further updates will be provided monthly.

Music Ministry Status

Pastor Dave Young reported that he and Darline DeMott are discussing the role of Director of Music. He stated that Grace Eisenhauer will continue to serve as Interim Director of Music through the summer.

Council and Board Chairs for 2016

President - **Tom Milburn**
Vice President - **Karla King**
Secretary - **Rose Pierce**
Treasurer - **Traci Shoberg**

Worship Board – **Pastor Dave**
Prayer and Care Board – **Pat Blevins**
Learning Board – **Greg Brondos**
Servant Board – **Julie Shanabrook**
Congregational Life – **Tom Beyer**
Ministry Support – **Adrian Pullen**

Graduate Sunday

Sunday, June 5, 9:30 a.m.

We will honor our high school graduates with beautiful quilts during the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 5. These wonderful gifts of love are made by the Bethel Quilting Team. Please plan to attend on this special day.

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
(Click on the "Events" tab)

Pub and Praise

Monday, June 13, 6:00 p.m.
Piccadilly Pub Restaurant

In lieu of our *Table Talk* dinner and conversation in late May, we will instead offer another *Pub and Praise* gathering at Piccadilly Pub on Monday, June 13 from 6:00-8:00. Arrive around 6:00 p.m. and order dinner. At 7:00 p.m., we'll have a time of singing around the piano. It was a great time when we did this back in October, 2015. So, come on out and bring friends to this wonderful time of singing, praying, and enjoying wonderful fellowship.

Shred Day!

June 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Need to shred some confidential documents? Thrivent will have a shred truck for a two hour slot on location at Bethel on Saturday, June 25, from 1:00 – 3:00. There is no cost per pound or box, however, we are requesting a donation of either a dried/canned good or clothing to be donated.



It's time for the Hoe Down!

June 17, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us at the Bethel picnic shelter to enjoy an evening of food, dancing and fun. We are joined by the clients of NW works and their families. This event provides a much anticipated and enjoyed evening for all attending, but requires the generosity of the Bethel congregation to occur. Please look for sign up sheets in the narthex on June 5 and 12 to see how you can help out. Questions? Feel free to contact Dana Francis at francisfamilyfour@gmail.com or 540-662-7668. See you on the 17th!!

Camp Follow the Leader

A tradition at Bethel in its 12th year!

We are looking for “buddy” volunteers who are high school and college age to assist and support our campers ages 5-10 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 25–29 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!

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!



Upcoming Events:

Hoe Down

Friday, June 17 at 5:30 p.m.

The WILD women will be supporting the Hoe Down. Bethel provides an evening of dinner and dance for the members of Northwestern Works

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!

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, June 4, 8:30 a.m.

Our monthly men's breakfast will meet on Saturday, June 4 at 8:30 a.m. 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).

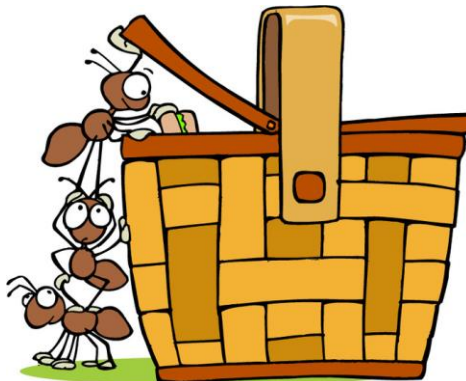
Senior Ministry

I would like us to get together for fellowship and friendship, so I suggest the following times;

June 7	5:30 p.m.	Potluck Picnic Bethel Shelter
July 5	5:30 p.m.	Movie Night Discipleship Hall

I hope you can join us at these times, any suggestion for activities are warmly welcomed. It's your group and your time to share.

Thank you. Irene Cockerham



Youth Ministries

Guatemalan Youth Mission

July 9-16 @ La Escuela Integrada



THANK YOU for all your prayers and mission support. Bethel has given over \$3,500 raised for food, shoes, and clothes for kids in Antigua, Guatemala!

Please continue to pray that we might become humble servant vagabonds sent to listen, serve, love and discover where God is on the move in a different culture and people.



School is OUT Youth Fun Day

Sunday, June 5, Noon- 3pm

Meet at the Carlson's (2273 Hunting Ridge Road) Swimming, food, forest games, and Youth making plans for the school year 2016-2017. Wear your swimsuit, bring some food to share and celebrate school being DONE!

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!

"Kairos is like Hogwarts It's where the magic happens!"

June 26-July 1 at Roanoke College
Current 8-11th graders

Kairos is our annual week-long faith formation event for youth who will be in 9th-12th grades in the coming fall. It is a chance for youth who are already committed to a life of faith to be part of a unique Christian community for an entire week, to have a fresh experience of the grace and presence of God in that community, and to develop habits for discipleship that can be taken home as they live out their call to be "Ambassadors for Christ" with hundreds of Virginia youth. "Kairos" is the New Testament Greek word for "special time." It is used whenever God's people want to talk about a time of change, of renewal, of God's special work in the believer and the community.

More details and signup:
vasynod.org/youthministry

Bethel Week at Camp

July 31-August 5

For kids and youth entering 1st through 12th grade there is horse camp, Potomac river canoeing, Caving, and tons more.

Register now online:
carolinefurnace.org
Contact Bryan Jaster for more info.



Health and Wellness

In the past, we were able to provide blood pressure checks monthly for worshipers at Bethel. I would like to reinstate this practice and ask for volunteers to perform this important task. Please contact me if this is something you can do.

I am looking into some future events that might incorporate a fitness event on our walking trail as well as a chair yoga class. We have beautiful grounds that I'd like us to use to promote the health and well-being of our congregation. I urge anyone to come forward with suggestions to promote vibrant health and well being.

Thank you. Irene Cockerham

And Speaking of Health and Wellness....

1st Annual Bethel 1/2K Fun Run and Picnic

June 26, 10:30 a.m.

Have you been on the Bethel Park path yet? No? Well here is a fun way to see what's down over the hill! On June 26 after the 9:30 worship service, we will have a great fellowship event. It will start with a fun run or walk, skip, gallop around the path (which is really not even a ½ K but we are going to pretend it is!). There will be water stations along the way to stay hydrated and if you are feeling like you need an extra spiritual boost at the end of the "race", you can take a side trip around the labyrinth.

All participants will need to register to get a number. We encourage single "runners" and relay teams if you wish. Age groups will be determined so there will not be any overcrowding on the path. The course will begin at the left entrance to the Bethel Park walking path and ends at the right entrance of the path.

Please join us for fun, fellowship and food! We will have a potluck picnic at the conclusion of the event. Hotdogs, hamburgers and lemonade will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

If you do not plan to participate in the actual race, come support our runners, cheer on your friends, and enjoy a leisurely walk around the path when the races are over.

Look for more information in the weekly Sunday bulletin and start training!



Global Missions

Howard and Earline Kemnitz visited our mission partners at Concordia Children's Services in Manila in the Philippines in April. Howard serves on the Board of Directors for CCS, and their visit coincided with a meeting of the Board. Howard and Earline shared about their experience with the Adult Forum Sunday School Class on May 15. Some key points from their report:

- In the third quarter of 2015, 29 babies were taken in by CCS
- 14 children were adopted
- 7 babies are being treated for TB, and 3 are being treated for scabies
- Sponsored children include 47 elementary school age children, 30 high school students, and 5 college students
- Cash reserves for CCS total about \$10,000, which represents a significant safety net, and opportunity for maintenance or improvements to facilities
- The director of CCS in Manila resigned due to family health concerns. An interim director is in place, and a candidate for a permanent replacement has been identified.

Planning for a Bethel mission to visit CCS is in the works. The planned timeframe is April 2018. The trip will include six or seven days in the Philippines, and participants will learn about Philippine life and culture, visit sites of general interest, and spend time interacting with children at CCS to better understand the needs of the children and the role that CCS can play in their lives.



We also heard news from Neema Landey, a student who attended the Maasi Girls Lutheran Secondary School near Arusha Tanzania from 1998 through 2005 with the aid of sponsors from Bethel before attending the University of Dar es Salaam.

Because of her leadership while working with the WYCA in Dar es Salaam, Neema has been selected for a slot in the Mandela Washington Fellowship Program, which is designed to empower youth from Africa through academic coursework, leadership training, networking and mentor-ship programs. She will spend time at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA and attend a Presidential Summit in Washington D.C.

Neema was born in a rural village in Tanzania where most girls never have the opportunity to be educated beyond the primary level. In her letter to Diane Jacoby, OBA Director, Neema wrote:

"All this could not be possible if not for the seed planted by OBA. I am so thankful and grateful for OBA. May the Good Lord bless you all. I hope to share the knowledge and experience with my community and youth in my country."

These two stories, taken together, remind us that supporting education for the poorest of the poor through our mission partners not only helps a child in poverty, but also helps that child grow into a potential leader that can become a blessing to her people and can support the growth and development that can lead to real change for the better.

Thank You!

Dear Pastor Dave,

We at Concordia Children's Services (CCS) would like to acknowledge and thank Bethel Lutheran Family for your continued support and your Missionary Representatives Howard and Earlene Kemnitz. Their endless involvement and commitment have given me and my staff the nurturing care, love and support needed to help turn things around. We are glad to inform you that Howard and Earlene also worked hard to involve and gained financial support from local Corporations and individuals from their contacts through his past work in the power industry here. The Bethel Family has been a committed and generous financial supporter of CCS for the past many years for which we give God the Thanks and Glory.

The generous gift for air conditioning unit of the resource center will allow full use of the facility. We are finalizing the purchase and hopefully it will be installed within the next 2 weeks. Also, the generous gift from your Global Mission Christmas donors is truly a blessing to the babies and small children in our care.

It is my prayer also that CCS continue to grow and touch many abandoned babies and the poor in a Christ like fashion. "WHAT SO EVER YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN YOU DO ALSO UNTO ME" (Mark 9:37). We pray for the Bethel's Lutheran Family continued involvement and support.

Thanks You all and May God Bless us all most specially the children. It was truly a blessing meeting you all. See you again in the future!

With grateful heart,
Nabelle

Dear Bethel,

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to Bethania Kids with your recent gift from your Christmas Global Missions fundraiser. Our children in India continue to receive much needed care because of your thoughtful gifts. Your support makes a great difference in the lives of these precious children and we so greatly appreciate donors like you who support hits important mission!

May the Lord bless the many seeds you are helping Bethania sow.

With affection in Christ,
Carolyn Frye
Administrative Assistant

Dear Friends at Bethel Lutheran Church,

In behalf of CCS, I want to send my warm thank you for donating the money for the EAS Resource Center Aircon Unit. Truly, it is a great blessing specially in this time of year where the heat is terrible. You just made the children so happy with their newly air-conditioned resource center. Thanks to you they don't have to study anymore bathing in sweat. They can now focus more on studying because they are comfortable.

I can't thank you enough for all your effort and support, but I do believe that our Good Lord in heaven sees you. I pray for your good health also to your family.

Again, thank you and God bless.

My Warm regards,
Nabelle Caballes

June Birthdays

- 01 - Sophie Garner
- 02 - Rose Pierce
- 03 - Melissa Lutz
Paul Kushlak
- 04 - Louise Hostetler
- 05 - Judy McKiernan
Rebecca Sigler
Tanner Wernecke
- 06 - Rod Williams
- 07 - Patrick Sigler
- 08 - Elizabeth Brunson
Hannah Lothrop
Bodie Pullen
- 09 - B. J. Fawcett
- 11 - Logan Miller
June Quintern
- 12 - Karla King
- 13 - Strother Adams
- 15 - Tim Duvall
Sam Savarese
Sara Smith
Tom O'Brien
- 16 - Patty White
Rob Sikora
- 17 - Gail Lauderdale
- 18 - Dianne Lips
Alvin Schultheis
Laura Aldstadt
Rani Hammond
- 19 - Maggie Beyer
John Hudson
- 22 - Steve Miller
- 23 - Crystal Pullen
Susan Rodriquez
- 24 - Terri Tripp
Michael Asmussen
- 25 - Andrea Aldstadt
Bill Culley
Eric Turrill
- 26 - Dana Francis
Ron Dailey
Jeff Spray
Zachery Spray
- 28 - Anne Cesnik
- 29 - Eva Christianson
Bryne Riley
Cassidy Hammond

June Anniversaries

- 01 - Tom and Betsy Pullen
- 06 - Lee Braithwaite and Guy Geiman
- 07 - Pete and Dianne Lips
- 08 - Dean and Suzanne Cole
- 09 - Jim and JoAnn Grooms
- 11 - Khanh and Karen Nguyen
- 16 - Charlie and Carolyn Moyer
Rod and Sheri Forrest
- 18 - Tom and Diane Milburn
- 21 - Jason and Emily Whitacre
Dean and Anna Havron
- 24 - Greg Brondos and Kristin DeHaven
- 25 - Keith and Risse Snelgrove
- 27 - Mike and Judy McKiernan
- 29 - Mack and Carol Cain

Around the Congregation

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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)

<p>Average Worship Attendance April 216</p>

Designated Ministries Offering Thru April 30

For the World
World Hunger Appeal
\$2,815

Global Missions
\$5,997

For the Community
CCAP
\$2,827

Jones Music Fund
\$1,781

Good Samaritan
\$169

For the Bethel Community
Student Missions
\$360

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal
\$8,499

Scatter Memorial Garden
\$3,600

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 31, 2015	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of April 20, 2016	Decrease in Mortgage Principal 2016
\$392,128.39	\$364,302.06	\$27,826.33

	MSP	Offerings	% of MSP	Total 2016 MSP
	Needed to meet MSP	Actual		\$528,255
April 2016	\$37,598	\$27,944	74%	
YTD as of April 2016	\$171,366	\$149,838	87%	

For more detailed information, please visit 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, June 15.**