

Bethel Banner

November 2016

Congregational Meeting and Stewardship Sunday

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place at the church on Stewardship Sunday, November 13, 2016, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, in Discipleship Hall. There will only be one worship service on that day. A celebration luncheon will follow at the conclusion of the meeting.

All active members and friends should have received a letter during the past week detailing the specifics of the meeting and the importance of your participation.

Available now:

- 2017 Ministry Opportunities Booklets (on the Bethel website, select Publications, then 2017 Ministry Opportunities or pick up a paper copy in the narthex).
- 2017 Ministry Response Forms (on the Bethel website, select Online Forms, then 2017 Ministry Response Form, or use one of the copies included at the back of the 2017 Ministry Opportunities Booklet if you wish to use a paper form).
- 2017 Estimate of Giving Card (on the Bethel website, select Online Forms, then 2017 Estimate of Giving Card, or pick up a paper copy in the narthex).

**All Ministry Response Forms and Estimate of Giving Cards
must be completed on or before Stewardship Sunday.**

REFORMATION 500

In observance of the anniversary of the posting of the Ninety-Five Theses by Martin Luther in 1517, many events will take place during 2017. This column will highlight those events not only in our own congregation but in other parts of Virginia as well. All events are free to the public unless otherwise stated.

Roanoke College, the second oldest Lutheran college in the USA, will offer free public lectures aimed at a general audience and presented by internationally recognized experts, assuring the highest level of scholarly treatment of issues and questions involved in consideration of the heritage of the Reformation for us today.

Each public lecture series begins at 6 p.m. and runs for 45 minutes. A half-hour dessert reception intervenes before a panel of Roanoke faculty and other invited guests respond to the lecturer. Then the floor is opened for audience questions and comments, finishing no later than 8:30 p.m.

The next lecture is:

Martin Luther and American Evangelicals

Tuesday, November 29, 6:00 p.m.
Wortmann Ballroom, Colket Center

Panelists: Dr. Kelly Anderson
Dr. Matthew Fleenor
Dr. James Peterson
Dr. Gary Whitt
Moderator: Dr. Paul Hinlicky

Dr. Molly Worthen, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prof. Worthen's presentation makes informative comparisons and contrasts between contemporary North American evangelicalism and Martin Luther who advocated the doctrine of justification by faith alone.

Germany Trip 2017

Reservations and \$350 deposit per person is due to the church office.

The time is upon us to get a solid idea of who is planning to attend our scheduled 2017 trip to Germany. The initial due date is November 1. However, you can still participate if you are interested. Information brochures and reservation forms are available in the narthex.

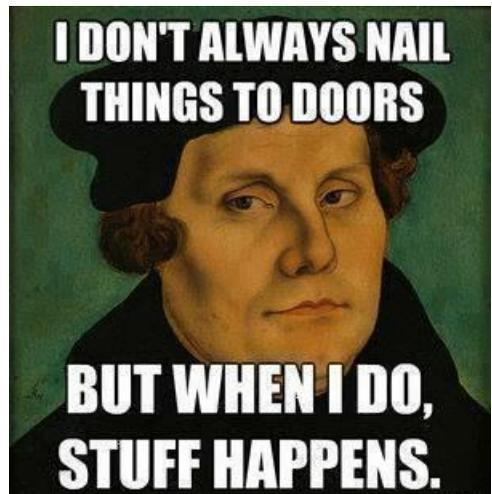
If you have questions email Pastor Dave (revhoops@gmail.com).



Wittenburg, Germany



City of Prague
Czech Republic



Congratulations Confirmation Students!



The following students confirmed their faith on
Sunday, October 30 (Reformation Sunday)

*Jordan Branham
Jack Duvall
Chris Grassi
Will Hall
Justin Hoyle
Maddy Myers
Yeakley Pullen*

We give thanks for their families and of course for their amazing mentors: *Cory Carlson (Will)*, *Millie Hawks (Jordan)*, *Mark Hoyle (Christopher)*, *Brandy Hudson (Maddy)*, *Pete Milam (Jack and Justin)*, and *Donna Turrill (Yeakley)*

NEW MEMBERS

Scott, Stacy, Abbie, Brady and Molly Robinson, 111 Dornach Court, Stephens City, VA 22655 (540) 729-6420 (540) 409-1844. Scott is a graduate of the University of Texas (the good guys) and is Sr. Dir. of Complex Spine at K2M in Leesburg. Stacy holds a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Texas A&M University (the bad guys) and is the Attendance and Registrar Secretary at Bass Hoover Elementary in Stephens City. Abbie is a senior at Sherando High School and enjoys performing in musicals and plays throughout the area and will pursue a degree in performing arts after graduation. Brady is a junior at Sherando and a member of the drumline in the marching band, as well as a member of the jazz and symphonic bands and enjoys recording his own music. Molly is in eighth grade at Admiral Byrd Middle School. She is a distance runner in both track and cross country and enjoys competing in youth triathlons. Scott and Stacy heard about Bethel while attending a Winchester Royals baseball game, and the message of serving Christ and each other and caring for the marginalized compelled them to attend the following Sunday.

Ginny and Mary Beth Schuweiler, 290 Charming Lane, Bunker Hill, WV 25413 (703) 303-0423. Ginny and Mary Beth have lived in Bunker Hill, WV for the last six years. They have previously lived in Fairfax, VA, Kent, WA (which is outside Seattle), and Bluemont, VA. Ginny is retired and enjoys praying with Bethel's Centering Prayer Group and singing with Bethel's worship ensemble. Mary Beth, Ginny's youngest daughter, is an instructor and lab assistant for the Applied Laboratory Technician program at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College of Martinsburg, WV. Mary Beth also enjoys singing with Bethel's worship ensemble.

Jeff Sargent and Steve Skewes, 523 Paulas Circle, Middleway, WV 25430 (304) 725-8570 Jeff and Steve met in Annapolis, Maryland in 1990, where they lived until 2004. Jeff and Steve moved to Middleway, West Virginia in 2004, where they continue to live with their three dogs and three cats. Steve was born and raised in Nokesville, Virginia and Jeff was born in Kadoka, South Dakota and grew up mainly in the Kansas City area. They enjoy traveling and were joined in marriage in December 2015 in one of their favorite destination spots, Hawaii, by Pastor Heidi David Young along with an intimate group of family and friends. Steve was raised in a Presbyterian family and Jeff's family Assemblies of God. Jeff and Steve began attending Bethel in 2013, and Jeff also has been a member of the ensemble at Bethel for most of that time.

Council Highlights from October

Pastor's Report

A new member group of nine will be joining in October 2016, Pastor Dave is providing three couples pre-marriage counseling, and organizing the 4th Annual Petie Haymaker Golf Outing. He has been invited to serve on the Advisory Board for the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and the planning for 2017 trip to Germany is ongoing.

Treasurer's Report

The September 2016 Treasurer's report is approved.

Ministry Spending Plan (MSP)

Pat Shields provided the Council a complete detailed overview of the 2017 MSP highlighting both increases and decreases in line items from the 2016 MSP. He also provided a copy of an example of the new individualized MSP form to be provided to Bethel's congregational members, which gives a clearer view of their current giving, as well as seeing what their giving estimates would be if increased at four different increments; 2%, 5 %, 7%, and 10% on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis. Council agreed that the revised form accomplished the goal of making it easier for members to understand their giving as well how an increase would both affect them as well as Bethel. Pastor Young also reminded Council that the three-year Jubilee Campaign formally ends this year, and stated his desire for those who want to continue to provide funding have the option to do so. Council and Pastor Young recognized and discussed the importance of keeping Bethel both financially and physically sound this year with Pastor Young suggesting that the Jubilee Funding campaign never end and be allowed to build up and possibly be used for emergencies. Council members agreed with this idea. Tom Milburn opened discussion regarding the possibility of re-amortizing Bethel's mortgage in January, stating this option may provide additional unobligated funds if the monthly mortgage amount were lower and/or giving stayed the same or increased. The additional funding would allow for us to use the funds for other items needed at Bethel.

Stewardship Planning and Timeline

Sunday, November 13 is Stewardship Sunday and Congregational Meeting Sunday. The Congregational Meeting will take place in Discipleship Hall. Starting Sunday, October 2, 2016, Board members will be asked to highlight their board's service during worship.

Stewardship forms will be handed out the week prior for members to fill out and hand in on Stewardship Sunday.

Council Nominations for 2016 Elections

The process for electing new council members is on-going. Several more names have been suggested for contact.

Sabbatical Team Report

The team has met and discussed the process and recommendations and will meet one more time prior to the Congregational meeting. Pastor Young stated that he will open discussions on the report and recommendations at the Congregational meeting.

Global Missions

Adrian Pullen discussed that Global Missions is considering adding Guatemala as part of their Global Mission Partners. He also asked the Council's approval to have their yearly Christmas fundraiser. Council approve the request.

***** All Minutes and Financial Information are up to date and posted on our website at www.bethelwinchester.com under the "Publications" tab.*****

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**

Learning Opportunities

Adult Forum

On Hiatus until January 8

After a wonderfully thought-provoking and engaging study on Politics, Morality, and Religion entitled, "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" we will be taking off until January. The reason is because we have only one service on October 30 for Reformation and Confirmation and then again on November 13 for our Annual Stewardship Sunday. There will be no Sunday school on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27, and instead we will be making Advent Wreathes as families and friends during the Sunday school time.

On the subsequent Advent Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18 we will be gathering for Cross-Generational learning activities during Sunday school time.

And we will not have Sunday school on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

We will be back at it together on Sunday, January 8 as we begin our year-long emphasis on our Lutheran heritage as part of the Year of Reformation 500 celebration. Our adult studies will include looking at Lutheran theology, Lutheran history, and the meaning of the Reformation 500 years later!

Advent Traditions Wreath Making

Sunday, November 27, 9:45 a.m.

Please join us for this unique and meaningful multi generational Bethel Tradition. This year we will gather in Discipleship Hall during the Sunday School hour to create original advent wreaths from live greenery.

Please bring small garden pruners or scissors for working with the greenery. Greenery, candles and all other materials are provided.

Please feel free to bring more greenery to share! Holly with red berries and pines with pinecones are especially popular!



Advent Midweek Series

"Tidings of Comfort and Joy"

Holden Evening Prayer – 7:00 p.m.

During the season of Advent, we will offer midweek worship experiences with Holy Communion on the four Wednesdays before Christmas. We will gather at 7:00pm.

Wednesday, November 30 – The Angel Speaks to Zechariah's Fear (Luke 1:5-20)

Wednesday, December 7 – The Angel Speaks to Joseph's Confusion (Matthew 1:18-25)

Wednesday, December 14 – The Angel Speaks to Mary's Doubt (Luke 1: 26-38)

Wednesday, December 21 – The Angel Speaks to the Shepherd's Curiosity (Luke 2: 8-20)

Join us and bring friends!



Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter

Just a reminder Bethel will be helping to provide Christmas week Shelter and Hospitality to WATTS guests by hosting the shelter on: **TUES 12/20 5:30PM – WED 12/21 7:00AM**

**THE CHRISTMAS WEEK SHELTER IS LOCATED AT THE ROUND HILL RURITAN
164 POORHOUSE RD, WINCHESTER, VA 22602**

BETHEL'S FULL WEEK TO HOST OUR GUESTS AT BETHEL IS FEBRUARY 20 – 27 2017

Judy & Marion are pleased and grateful to announce that Susie & Molly Beyer have graciously accepted our invitation to help co lead Bethel's WATTS planning & activities.

Judy, Marion, Susie & Molly will be available to let you know what is needed and how you can help out. Please do not hesitate to check with any of us if you have any questions.

Also please check your calendars and prayerfully consider how you might be able to help and/or support WATTS on December 21, 2016 and/or during our host week in February.

WATTS is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides a safe, temporary, overnight, cold-weather shelter for homeless guests in Winchester and Frederick County, Virginia.



Advent Food Drive

November 27-December 18

Frederick Co. Social Services helps provide food baskets for the elderly in our community and those with low income. Our help is needed more than ever this year. Both the Moose Club and the Host Lions Club are not able to help with food baskets this year. Please know that if you can't provide any of the items listed below, that cash and gift cards will be used to purchase meats and fresh fruits. As always, Bethel Lutheran's commitment to helping the local community, does not go unnoticed by those we serve or by our staff here at DSS.

As usual, we need: canned vegetables, canned fruit with no sugar and diabetic foods, canned meats, breakfast items, peanut butter, jelly, honey, coffee, juice, and pastas and spaghetti sauce. Postage stamps are always welcome as well as personal care products, paper products, and cleaning products.

Look for the brightly wrapped boxes in the narthex. As always, "It's the reason for the season".

Thank you, Karen Shipp

Global Mission Ministries

Bethel's mission partner in India, Bethania Kids, has laid out a five-year plan for investment in the future of their mission. The centerpiece of the project is a plan for a dedicated building for the Shalom Home. Shalom home is a facility that houses and cares for girls from poor families that have lost one or both parents. Many of the girls have been abused or exploited. The goal is to construct a new facility that can house fifty residents in a safe, clean, modern environment. Girls at Shalom Home are supported and encourage to achieve in academics, sports and art. Other features of the Bethania's plan include micro loans to help women start small businesses, vocational training, scholarships for continuing education, maintenance of current facilities, and salary increases to attract and keep excellent staff. Watch this space for opportunities to support Bethania's projects.

Global Christmas is Back!

The Global mission's team will be offering opportunities to share your blessings through "Bethel's Global Christmas" again this year. Between Thanksgiving and New Years, we will accept donations targeted for specific needs, and provide gift cards so that you can, for example, give a chemistry lab equipment for a high school girl in Africa on behalf of Great Uncle Fred, rather than giving Great Uncle Fred an ugly sweater and a fruit cake. Please consider this as an option to share your blessings with your Brothers and Sisters in Christ, while sparing love ones the task of disposing of stale fruitcake.



Facilities Update

Look down when you come in the front entrance! Wayne LaFollette volunteered his services recently and fixed the cracked and chipped tile and concrete sloping lip at the front entrance to the narthex. Great job Wayne! We appreciate this sharing of your expertise and contractor skills.

If anyone sees something around our church that you think needs some work, don't hesitate to volunteer! And if you would like to take on a not-too-burdensome fix-it or maintenance task, don't hesitate to let me know and I will be glad to share with you some of the things that you might want to do. It is a joy to serve.

You Should Have Been There! . . . the view from the roof is great! A bunch of work got done on Saturday, October 22. Shawn Garner, Pete Milam, Steve Miller, Charlie Moyer, and I had a wonderful time! We power washed the 90 foot long gutters on both sides of the classroom/Underground area along with the downspouts, installed good metal gutter guards along the full length on each side and took apart portions of the downspouts to clean out the accumulated acorns, sticks, leaves, etc. that were blocking flow. We wouldn't let Charlie on the roof, so he worked on lighting inside the church with assistance from Shawn along the way.

Also, several other gutters were cleaned and repaired. As a final touch to the clean-up work, the ramp leading down to the Underground was cleaned of leaves and debris. By the way, that ramp needs regular monitoring to keep it free of leaves, etc. so the drain at the bottom can do its job. Anybody want to volunteer to handle that on a regular basis - especially when the leaves are falling??

Work is a joy when you have such nice people to work with. Thanks guys! (And in case you noticed the broken window along the Mission Hall, it will be fixed soon.)

Cliff Crowder, Facility Manager

Women's Ministries

WILD Women is our women's ministry at Bethel.

Wild Women Planning Meetings

November 7 and January 9

If you are interested in participating in the planning of Wild Women events, please join us at Bethel at 7:00 on 11/7 and 1/9/17!! Our November meeting will finalize information for our Christmas Banquet and to begin organizing January through March events. The January meeting will be to begin organizing events for April through May.

First Friday Fellowship

November 4, 9:30 a.m.

We will meet at the **Espresso Bar and Café** at 165 N. Loudoun St. Winchester, VA 22601 the first Friday of every month beginning Friday November 4 at 9:30. The coffee shop offers a variety of drinks and pastries for you to enjoy if you choose. Karen Nguyen will lead a short devotional.

Pre-Thanksgiving Banquet

November 16, 5:30 p.m.

Discipleship Hall

Gather and mingle at 5:30 and then enjoy a covered dish meal beginning at 6:00. Please bring a dish to share. We will be "returning thanks" by gathering items for blessing bags to be handed out to homeless/less fortunate people with whom our paths cross. After the meal, we will create the bags and each one of us will take a bag home at the conclusion of the Banquet. Possible items for the bag include but are not limited to the following: Protein bars, snack bags, small water bottles, wipes and travels size: deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush

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 Retreat

November 4-6 – Annual Fall Men's Retreat @ Graves Mountain Lodge. The theme will be "Jesus, CEO: Using Ancient Wisdom for Visionary Leadership". Please sign up in the narthex. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Dave (revhoops@gmail.com).

+55 Senior Ministry

*Wednesday, November 9, 10:30 a.m.
Museum of the Shenandoah Valley*

And Still We Rise: African American Story Quilts narrates four centuries of African American history through the display of nearly 70 handcrafted story quilts created by an international group of artists from the Women of Color Quilters Network. This traveling exhibition is on view in the MSV Changing Exhibitions Gallery.



We will meet in the lobby of the museum at 10:30 a.m. Cindy Lauster will give us a short guided tour and then you will be free to take a closer look at the amazing detail of these quilts.

Please RSVP by calling the church office (662-3245) by Tuesday, November 8. Admission is **FREE** but we would like to know how many to expect.

Contact Terri Hollingsworth with questions.

Youth Ministries



ELCA Youth Gathering Info

*Sunday, December 4 @ 6pm
Underground*

For youth and parents – Information and more! *What is a youth gathering? Why do we go? Why does it matter?* Youth who are in 8th - 12th grade at the time of registration are eligible to attend. (**current 7th-11th grade for 2016-2017 school year**). Adult leaders must be 21 at the time of the Gathering. Come be part of a week of transformation with over 30,000 teenagers!



Rake and Run!

*Sunday, December 4, 12:30-3pm
All Youth 5-12th grades*

Bring a leaf rake and money for lunch and we will rake leaves together. Meet in Discipleship hall to break up into teams and serve our community!

Sock Celebration

Sunday, November 6, Noon-6pm

All Youth Road trip to DC to meet homeless friends and give all 500+ pairs of socks. Steve Jennings of Teens Opposing Poverty says "the socks you will deliver are like diamonds for our homeless friends in DC." Parents please drive and give to an important mission with us! Please RSVP to bryan@bethelwinchester.com

Confirmation Overnight

*Friday, November 11, 6 pm to
Noon Saturday November 12*

Pray for our new confirmation families and mentors as we begin growing to love and live like Jesus together.

“Lost and Found”

7th and 8th Grade Weekend
November 18-20

Our weekend retreat for 7th and 8th grade students and adult shepherds at Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center!

Lost and Found is... Large Group gatherings, small group gatherings, free time, fellowship and a whole lot more!.

Lost and Found runs from November 18-20 2016, from 6:30 pm Friday to noon Sunday at Eagle Eyrie. **Register at vasynod.org. Click “Youth Ministries”**

DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT ATTENDING COLLEGE THIS FALL?

Bethel needs your student's address for college this fall. Bethel would like to send care packages along to our college students during the year. Please email the information to Cindy Lauster, cynthialauster@gmail.com.

Any questions, please contact Cindy at her email address or 317-435-8405. If you would like to contribute items for our students, let Cindy know.

High School Underground

Sunday, December 11, 6-8pm

Life is Busy, Crazy and Stress filled. Come PAUSE. Wear jammies/comfy clothes, bring a phone and your pillow. We will rest in God through candles, music, prayer stations, silence, journaling and ancient/new meditation. Come PAUSE



Winter Celebration!

High School Weekend

January 27-29

Winter Celebration is A Funtastical Weekend Event for ALL 9th-12th Graders! A gathering of youth with singing, worship, faith sharing with hundreds of Virginia high school youth and adults at a large retreat center called "Eagle Eyrie" (it's about 2.5 hours south in the mountains near Lynchburgh)

Early Registration due by December 14th (to save \$\$\$) - Deadline is January 1st!***

Registration: vasynod.org - Online pay or Make checks out to "Virginia Synod, ELCA" when you mail in. See Donna Turrill, Stephanie Mahan or Bryan Jaster for details.

S'more Fires!



Thursdays
6:47pm

- SHARE
- READ
- TALK
- PRAY
- BLESS

Thursdays @ 6:47pm at Bethel

Come roast a marshmallow and assemble your best s'more as God's people of all ages and stages gather around a fire for fellowship and sharing in our lifelong practice of engaging your faith and connecting with one another through 5 little steps. We meet rain or shine Thursdays @ 6:47pm and finish for the fall November 17th.

Coming up in 2017! Put in your phones!

Vacation Bible Camp – June 12-16, 2017 (mornings). Our week of camp at Bethel led by youth, supported by adults and knowing Christ through song, skit, play, art and fun for all kids!

High School Mission Week—July 9-15, 2017. We are sent to listen, learn and live like Jesus together in Nicholas, Green Brier and Clay Counties, West Virginia. We help begin the rebuilding process with Community Lutheran Partners, FEMA and the Red Cross. This experience is open to all current 8th – 12th grade youth and adult shepherds. Total cost per person is \$300. Signup at on our website at bethelwinchester.com. **Trip registration deadline is Sunday, December 4, 2016.**

Bethel Week at Camp - Put in your calendars July 30 – August 4, 2017 for our week of camp for all kids and youth! See carolinefurnace.org for Potomac River Camp, Horse Camp, Survivor Camp and much more. **Registration is live on November 15!**



Campers from Summer 2016!

Health, Wellness and Falling into Winter

Fall 2016 has arrived, bringing along with it beautiful fall colors and a flourish of traditional activities for young and old alike. Unfortunately, fall also signifies shorter days with less sunlight, the start of cold and flu season and the march into winter. Many of us this fall will spend time and money preparing our yards, home and cars for winter, but how many of us are committed to preparing our minds and bodies for winter?

Here are the top ten healthy tips to help prepare you for winter:

- 1) **Get a flu shot!** Influenza is a highly contagious respiratory illness, easily transmitted through talking, coughing and sneezing.
- 2) **Make your work and home environment brighter.** Opening the drapes and blinds, sitting closer to the windows and getting outside in the daylight will improve your mood and create a feeling of well-being.
- 3) **Eat smarter;** what you eat and drink can influence your mood and boost your immune system. Plan to increase servings of fruits and vegetables, and drinking 8 glasses of water a day.
- 4) **Keep physically active;** walking 30 to 40 minutes five times a week has been shown to improve mental health, physical health, reduce depressive symptoms and create an overall sense of well-being.
- 5) **Learn new skills;** consider knitting, painting, learning a new computer or smart phone app. Join a local group or club that shares a common interest.
- 6) **Help others;** volunteer at the local food bank, WATTS, hospital, cancer center, or here at Bethel. Meeting new people is a wonderful benefit.
- 7) **Care for yourself;** set aside time to do the things you enjoy. Everyone has stress in their lives and stress has been known to increase susceptibility to illness.

- 8) **Keep in touch with friends and loved ones.** Human beings are social animals and we need contact to survive.
- 9) **Consider adding a humidifier** to the living room and bedroom. Humidifiers moisten the air and help prevent dry skin, scratchy throats, congestion and nose bleeds.
- 10) **Stay Safe;** slow down when walking or driving on slippery surfaces. Wear gloves, hats and scarves that are water proof. Keep away from friends and family members with a cold or the flu.

Submitted by Arlene Gavitt
Faith Community Nurse



CCAP Update

CCAP (Congregational Community Action Project) is assisting 165 families a day, distributing 4,000 plus diapers a week, and have spent \$174,000 on families in need so far this year. CCAP thanks the community for all that they have done to support the mission of CCAP.

Current needs include: drivers (with strong backs) to pick up donations at local stores, men's clothing, underwear and socks for everyone, diapers- size 2 to 5, and white copy paper.

Upcoming fundraisers:

***Dennys** will donate 10% of profits on November 15th. Turn in your receipt at the register.

***Malloy Ford**- food drive going on currently

***Men on a Mission**- Night of American Cuisine- November 5, 5 to 7pm at First Presbyterian Church. Tickets-\$30. Call 540-533-0347 for tickets.

Thanksgiving Giveaway on November 19th- donations needed by 11-18. See flyer in church hallway for needed items. 600 frozen turkeys are needed as they typically have 250 families participate.

CCAP will have elections in January and are looking for a President, Vice President and Recording Secretary positions to fill. If interested, please call Fran Ricketts, Director, at 540-336-0415.

Around the Congregation

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Sue Cole who passed away on October 7.

Congratulations to Jason and Emily Whitaker on the baptism of their son, Weston Russell, on October 2. Big sister is Lauren.

Congratulations to Shawn Garner who was baptized on October 9, 2016.

Congratulations to Meghan Bullion and John Beatrez on their marriage on October 8, 2016.

Directory Changes

Norma Reed
23 Colony CT
Martinsville, VA 24112 (276) 634-1386

Stephanie Miller new email:
stephaniemiller005@gmail.com



Thank You!

Dear Bethel Community,

On behalf of the Cole family I want to express our grateful thanks and overwhelming appreciation for everyone who helped to arrange and support the memorial service for Suzanne Cole on October 12.

The services, the music, the luncheon afterwards were perfect. It felt like, and was, a family affair for everyone present. Our out of town guests were very impressed by the friendliness and openness of all the 'locals'. I know that Sue approved of it all.

It just goes to show that Bethel is a special place, a House of God. Our thanks to all from the bottom of our hearts. We are humbled by your service in our time of grief. We will pay our debt to you forward.

The Coles. . .Dean, Lisa, Matthew & Nikki

Dear Friends,

The Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation receives and administers all gifts to the various ministries of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina.

We have received the proceeds from the sale of your parsonage. Thank you for your role in carrying out the original charitable intent according to the wishes of Mr. Glaize.

Sincerely,
The Rev. Robert G. Coon
President

Dear Pastor and Members of Bethel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the proceeds from the sale of the parsonage. It was wonderful to get this check in the mail.

This gift will be placed in the Legacy Fund in the name of Martin S. Glaize and Bethel Lutheran Church. The Fund has been established to ensure the strength and growth of Lutheran Family Services programs and services not only today, but for future generations. It will leave a lasting footprint of Mr. Glaize's commitment to ministry – first in providing your congregation with a parsonage and now in service to individuals in need.

Blessings to you and in the work of your congregation.

In Christ,
Julie Swanson
President & CEO

November Birthdays

- Sara Veara
02 - Brenda Adair
Thelma Lundin
Clint Nichols
03 - Jack McAllister
Lucy Nichols
04 - Pat Shields
Katie Anderson
05 - Arlene Gavitt
Anthony Bowman
06 - Terri Hollingsworth
Alex Grassi
Jaxson Stephens
08 - Jimmy Strosnider
Christopher Grassi
09 - Garrett Clark
Tom Carpenter
Hunter Brazelton
Geoff LeMarr
10 - Darcy Cupp
Fadua Houser
14 - Stephanie Miller
Louise Rexrode
15 - Cameron Gregory
Traci Shoberg
Cooper Cahill
Jack Cahill
Abbie Robinson
16 - Kristin Snelgrove
17 - John Gavitt
Mike Cesnik
George Schottelkorb
19 - Kathryn Carpenter
Norma Reed
20 - Gary Nichols
Kristin DeHaven
Allison Williams
23 - Louise Milam
Katie Tolson
Jack Duvall
24 - Michael Grove
Khris Nguyen
25 - Serena Lee
Joan Koontz
26 - Christopher Walker
27 - Daryn Locke
28 - Shawn Garner
Jerry Stull
29 - Melvin Poling

November Anniversaries

- 02 - Alan and Leigh Ann Sweeney-Saville
09 - Dave and Traci Shoberg
Chris and Jenny Stephens
Dave and Pam Nixon
20 - Travis and Kathy Brown
23 - Bill and Crystal Bere
24 - Rodger and Terri Ramsey



Upcoming Events in December:

- WILD Women Friday Fellowship** – December 2, 9:30 a.m.
Holden Evening Prayer – December 7, 14, 21 at 7:00 p.m.
F3 Christmas Party – December 3, 4:30 p.m.
Youth Rake and Run – December 4, 12:00 p.m.
Senior Christmas Tea – December 4, 12:15 p.m.
Women's Christmas Banquet – December 11, 5:00 p.m.
High School Underground – December 11, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Christmas Party – December 18, 6:00 p.m.
WATTS Night – December 20, 5:30 p.m.
Christmas in a Barn – December 24, 3:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – December 24, 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Service of Lessons and Carols at 9:30 a.m.

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
September

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This is the time of year to make sure all reimbursements are turned in so they are captured for the church's records. Check request forms can be found in the workroom in the office as well as on Bethel's website under Publications-Forms. Please contact Kim Williams (bookkeeper@bethelwinchester) with any questions.

Designated Offering Thru September

For the World:

World Hunger Appeal
\$5,779

Global Missions
\$12,308

Harvest Sunday
\$2,077

For the Community:

CCAP
\$6,102

Jones/Joyner Music Fund
\$4,936

Good Samaritan
\$619

For the Bethel Community:

Student Missions
\$680

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal
\$14,604

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 31, 2015	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of September 20, 2016	Decrease in Mortgage Principal 2016
\$392,128.39	\$347,649.00	\$44,479.39

	MSP	Offerings	% of MSP	Total 2016 MSP
	Needed to meet MSP	Actual		\$528,255
September 2016	\$41,310	\$32,784	79%	
YTD as of September 2016	\$379,815	\$349,362	92%	

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