

Bethel Banner

October 2018



***Saturday, October 6, 2018
2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Rain or Shine!***

Food and Drinks for Purchase
German/Austrian Band
Local Craft Beer
Contests
Free Inflatables for All Ages
Yard Games
And More!

Admission: \$10/person (ages 13+)

ages 13-22: buy one ticket and bring a friend free*

Tickets available at the church or online at
www.bethelwinchester.com for will call

Adult Forum

Sundays

10:00am in Discipleship Hall

During the fall, Pastor Dave will be leading a video/discussion series called, "Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture". Led by Dr. Walter Brueggemann, America's leading Old Testament scholar and theologian, this series will help you draw connections between Israel's sociological, economic, and spiritual status and that of America today. In doing so, we will discuss and discern what the remarkable poet-prophets of their time have to say to us in our time.

This series will last through December. Each session is unique, even as it is also part of a greater whole. Come and join us as we learn about, wrestle with, and embrace the prophets!

There will be some special events sprinkled into our schedule. Please see below for the complete Adult Forum class schedule.

Sept. 23 – Embracing the Prophets

Sept. 30 – No Adult Forum
(2020 Vision Gathering)

Oct. 7 – Embracing the Prophets

Oct. 14 – Embracing the Prophets

Oct. 21 – **Special Guest Speaker: Mikah Meyer**

Oct. 28 – Embracing the Prophets

Nov. 4 – Embracing the Prophets

Nov. 11 – No Adult Forum (Stewardship Sunday)

Nov. 18 – **Special Presentation by the Global Missions Team**

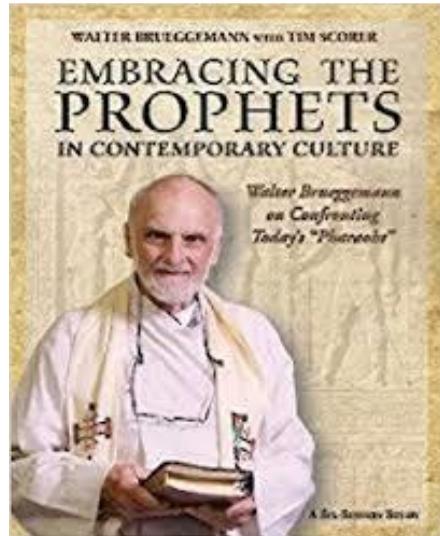
Nov. 25 – No Adult Forum
(Thanksgiving Weekend)

Dec. 2 – Embracing the Prophets

Dec. 9 – Embracing the Prophets

Dec. 16 – Embracing the Prophets

Dec. 23 – No Adult Forum
(Sunday School Christmas Program)



Fall New Member Class

October 2018

Are you interested in becoming an "official" member of the Bethel family? The process to join Bethel is three-fold:

- 1) Meet with Pastor Dave (receive a new member packet)
- 2) Attend the New Member Social (Saturday, October 20)
- 3) Join at either the 8:30am or 11:00am worship (Sunday, October 21)

If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Dave at your earliest convenience (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com).

Seminarian Fund

It has been a great pleasure to have Kyle and Jeneal Duff in our midst over the past couple of years. They moved to Winchester after graduating from Valparaiso University so that Jeneal could complete a Physician Assistant degree at Shenandoah University. She will graduate in December.

Now they plan to follow Kyle as he begins his seminary studies. Kyle and Jeneal will be moving after the first of the year to their new home (which they have not decided upon quite yet). Still, we know that they will be leaving for an awesome reason!

So, we are resurrecting our Seminarian Fund which we had in place for Pr. Anna Havron when she was going through her seminary studies with us here at Bethel. This fund will be in existence throughout Kyle's seminary years. You may give to help support him at any time beginning now. We have already received a generous gift of \$1000 to help the fund get going. These funds will offset costs associated with a seminary education. The funds will be sent to his seminary on his behalf. We will be periodically reminding you of this fund throughout Kyle's time in seminary.

If you choose to give to the Seminary Fund please designate as such on your check or your offering envelope. Help us support Kyle in this wonderful endeavor and calling. We know that he is going to be a fabulous and faithful pastor!

“Theology on Tap”

*Tuesdays @ 7:00pm
50/50 Taphouse, 29 W. Cork Street*

We will meet on the First Tuesday of the month: October 2, November 6, and December 4. Hope you can join us; we invite you to bring friends!



Ministry Moments in Worship

As we have done in the past, we are offering periodic "Ministry Moments" where our people share special experiences of their life and faith, where God was active in their life, and how Christ comforted, supported, and guided them. If you are interested in sharing a "Ministry Moment" please contact Pastor Dave.

Student Care Packages

Are you the Parent of a College Student? Have a Child in the Military?

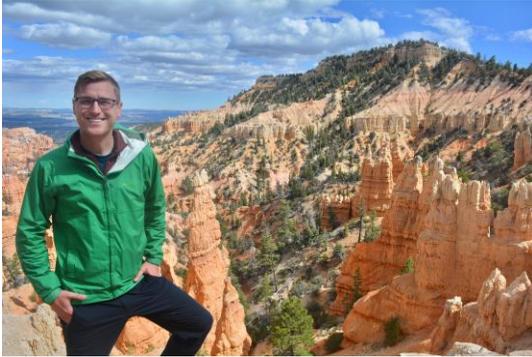
We want to be able to send them mail!

Send their current Mailing address to Asmussen10910@gmail.com. Don't worry! Susan will make sure the church database gets updated too!



Guest Speaker Mikah Meyer

October 21



Join Today Show-featured Lutheran and National Cathedral countertenor singer, Mikah Meyer, on Sunday, October 21 at the 8:30am/11am services and Adult Forum as he sings songs and shares a ministry inspired by his nonstop, 3-year road trip to all 417 National Park Service sites. As heard on NPR, and seen in Living Lutheran, Mikah has spent the past 30 months living in a cargo van while attempting to set a world record as the youngest person to visit the entirety of the National Park System. He's been using the media attention to share a carpe diem message inspired by his father's passing from cancer (ELCA pastor Larry Meyer), to break stereotypes about LGBT people, and to foster acceptance for LGBT Christians. To keep this project going he "sings for his supper" at churches across the country. Join the Adult Forum between services as Mikah presents his mission and will answer questions.

Reformation/Confirmation

October 28

The Liturgical color for Reformation Sunday is red so **Rock your RED** on October 28! Confirmation Students will give their Faith Statements and be confirmed at the 11:00 service. Join us for cake in the narthex after service.

Congratulations to:

Katie Bellingham

Katie Bere

Ryan Hoyle

Molly Robinson

Noah Young

Global Missions News

Please join the Global Missions Team for two upcoming events. On Sunday, November 18, the team will present an information session about our four mission partners between services in Discipleship Hall. We look forward to sharing how Bethel reaches out to our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

The other event will be a silent auction where we will offer items from several of our partner countries. The auction items will be on display and available for bid on November 11 in the Narthex and on November 18 in Discipleship Hall. This is a perfect opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping!

SILENT AUCTION

Global Missions Continued...

Tanzania - The Success Story Continues!

From a mud hut in Maasailand just south of the Serengeti plains a shy, bright girl left her family to be educated at the Maesae Girls Lutheran Secondary School. Six years later she graduated with high honors and was immediately accepted into one of Tanzania's top medical schools. The problem was that she did not have two shillings to rub together. At this juncture Dr. Mark Jacobson heard about this bright student with great potential and he approached Dr. Jack McAllister with another "wonderful opportunity" to support God's calling and to help the healthcare efforts in East Africa. Dr. McAllister brought the opportunity to provide Nanyoke Nasira with a five-year scholarship to the Bethel Global Missions Team. In November 2012, Nanyoke completed medical school to become the first female Maasi physician. She then served an internship at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center in Moshi, Tanzania. The next step of her journey was to work as a physician at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center for five years, fulfilling a requirement of the scholarship provided by Bethel. The new news: Dr. Nanyoke Kidoko (nee Nasira) began a four-year surgical residency at Makerere University Hospital in Kampala, Uganda. She shall become a surgeon. Thanks be to God!

Dianne Jacoby from Operation Bootstrap Africa attended the graduation of 43 Form 6 students from the Maesae Girls Lutheran Secondary School. Form 6 is equivalent to the US 12th grade, plus one year. This was the largest form 6 graduation in the school's history. She also shared a touching story about a Maasai family whose daughter graduated. The girl's family had opposed her attending the school when she was accepted, and she had not been able to return home for seven years while she attended MGLSS. Even so, her parents and twelve male relatives attended the graduation to celebrate her achievement. The ceremony was the first time her family had visited the school. This shows that girls' education is slowly but surely gaining acceptance among the Maasai.

Bethania Kids - Shalom Home Update

Did you know that the girls at Shalom Home (40) sleep on bed mats on the floor that are rolled up each morning to allow room for breakfast in the same space? Did you know that there is limited play area at the Shalom Home? Did you know that for 40 girls there are only 3 toilets? These are only a few of the reasons we need your help to close the gap on fundraising to begin the new Shalom Home building.

Progress to date has included the purchase of 3.56 acres in Batlagundu, Tamil Nadu. The concept plan has been reviewed and approved by both the Board of Trustees in India and the Board of Directors in North America. We have also authorized the construction of the compound wall surrounding the property, which is common and required in India. Our next step is the final building construction.

Our total budget is still \$550,000 and we have raised (cash) \$320,000. Thus, we still have approximately \$230,000 to go. There is also \$70,000 in the "Unspecified" category of the Comprehensive Campaign that could be used for the building. **That leaves approximately \$160,000 to raise.** We have a generous offer of a Matching Fund for 10% to the first \$100,000 donated to the Shalom Home. As they say, "we hope you will keep our feet to the fire."



Form 6 Graduates of MGLSS

Women's Ministries

First Friday Fellowship

Friday, October 5, 9:30 a.m.

Firefly Café

We invite all women of Bethel to join us for tea or coffee or goodies at the café. We will fellowship with each other in an informal gathering. We share our stories with one another and delight in our friendships. Come join us for laughter and fellowship of women.

Women's Bible Study

Second Tuesday of each month

October 9, 7:00-9:00pm

It is wonderful to have a few hours set apart in the month for intentional group Bible study. Won't you join us for this intentional study with the Women of Bethel? Let us reach deeper into His Word and share this with each other as sisters of Christ. This month's meeting is at the home of Dana Francis. The Bible study books will be available. All women are welcome!!!

Please RSVP by 10/7 to Dana at francisfamilyfour@gmail.com so we may prepare for enough sisters!

Bethel Women Walk

Saturday, October 13 @ 8:00AM

Meet at Bethel Picnic Shelter



Men's Ministries

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 6, 8:30 a.m.

Join us at Backseat Bar and Grill (104 Full House Dr.) for our monthly Men's breakfast and Bible study.

Fall Men's Retreat

November 2-4, 2018 Graves Mountain Lodge

Cost: \$150 (includes 5 meals/2 nights lodging)

The theme for the retreat will be *How to Read the Bible*. Using videos and downloads from The Bible Project (www.thebibleproject.com) you will come away from this weekend with a greater knowledge and appreciation for Holy Scripture. Here is a description of the series we will use over the weekend:

The How to Read the Bible series walks through each literary style found in the Bible, and how each uniquely contributes to the overall whole. The Bible can be broken into several categories of writing. Approximately 43% of the Bible is made up of narrative, from historical narrative to parables. Roughly 33% of the Bible is poetry, including songs; reflective poetry; and passionate, politically resistant poetry of the prophets. The remaining 24% of the Bible is prose discourse, including laws, sermons, letters, and even one essay.

The Bible is an ancient Jewish collection of sacred literature made up of many different literary styles. Each biblical book uses, to a varying degree, a combination of all the literary styles to make its unique contribution to the story of the Bible.

This series should help you understand what the Bible is, and the story it tells. But, perhaps even more importantly, it will teach you how to read it for yourself considering the various literary styles that make each section of the Bible unique.

By the end of this series, you will be familiar with every part of the Bible and how it uses language to communicate who God is, who we are, and the big, redemptive story that we are all living.

*Please RSVP to Pastor Dave if you plan to attend (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com).

Youth Ministries

New Youth and Family Team

This team is forming to live out our vision of living and loving like Jesus in our world together. We are looking for youth and adults to use their gifts to set long term goals and make specific plans together that will shape the future of Bethel's youth and family ministries. We plan to gather once a month for dessert, prayer, and action! Join us by contacting Jennifer LaFollette at (janevans@comcast.net).

Feed the Need!

Come plan with us Monday, October 15 @ 6pm at 26 W Boscawen St. Winchester. Lots of churches are planning for a city-wide day of service learning called "Feed the Need" that will happen Saturday, April 6. Contact Bryan Jaster at (bryan@bethelwinchester.com) as we get to know neighbors, serve one another and love our community!

Bethel Youth Mission

July 14-19, 2019

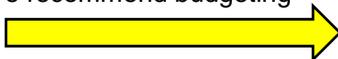
La Escuela Integrada Antigua, Guatemala
Wearegraces.org

Youth currently in 8th grade and up! Come walk alongside children and families with the school Escuela Integrada in Antigua, Guatemala!

+Why? To help the school and Bethel together improve the lives of children living in extreme poverty in Antigua, Guatemala. To give significantly and receive significantly together. To discover who Jesus is calling you to be and become.

+ Location: We stay as a group at a hotel in Antigua and are shepherded by hosts from La Escuela Integrada throughout our whole week.

+ Total trip cost estimate: \$1,500 - flight, hotel, stoves, food for families. We will offset costs by fundraising together. We recommend budgeting \$60 a month to save!



Questions? Contact Stephanie Mahan or Bryan Jaster

LOST AND FOUND

All 7th & 8th Grade Youth

November 16-18, 2018

It's our annual "Synod" weekend youth gathering for 200 youth and adults at eagle eyrie! Signup online: vasynod.org For more information please contact Bryan Jaster at bryan@bethelwinchester.com or 662-3245. **Discount Registration Deadline is October 16!**

White Sock Drop 2018!

Sunday October 14 – Noon to 6pm!

Youth bring pairs of socks and thermals to give to people living in parks on benches and in alleys in Washington D.C. Bring your donation to Bethel in September as we hope to give **500 pairs of socks and 50 thermals** this year! Come serve and love neighbors with Teens Opposing Poverty in Washington DC. **We meet at Bethel at Noon October 14 to carpool.**



F3 (Fellowship, Faith, Fun)

Saturday, October 27, 3-5 p.m.

Bethel Parking Lot

Come join the fun at Trunk or Treat. See more details about the event on page 8 of this month's Banner!

Deadline to make trip deposit of \$200 and sign trip covenant:
Sunday, October 21

Trunk or Treat

October 27, 3-5 pm in the Bethel Back Parking Lot
(Trunk Setup Time is 2:30pm)

Decorate your trunk kid friendly with treats to hand out.



There will be a costume parade and potluck dinner. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share.

Ideas for treats: Candy, popcorn, pretzels, fruit snacks, fun pencils and stickers.

Questions? Contact: Trevor or Laura Brazelton at 757-7059380 or email: lbrazelton1975@yahoo.com

Thank You!

On behalf of the Bethel community, I want to thank Arlene Gavitt for serving as our Parish Nurse over the past number of years. She has been vital in helping us get this ministry back up and going. Because of the nature of her current job, a traveling ER Head Nurse, which keeps her away from Winchester for weeks at a time, she is unable to be as active as she has been in the past with our ministry. Therefore, she has stepped down as our Parish Nurse. However, she has worked with me to identify some possible replacements for this ministry and we hopefully will be able to announce a new Parish Nurse ministry leader in the near future.

In any event, we are thankful for Arlene, her leadership, and her vision for this ministry. Well done, good and faithful servant!

CCAP Update

-CCAP received a large generous donation from an individual this past year and so CCAP has been able to increase the financial assistance to clients to \$125 every six months if needed; it has also allowed CCAP to be able to invest some of the money in to a CD.

-CCAP is serving on average 35 to 70 homeless individuals a day so donated sandwiches are very welcome, as CCAP is not able to prep food on site. **Thank you to all of the volunteers at Bethel who helped prepare over 60 sandwiches as well as laundry kits on God's Work Our Hands day for the homeless.**

-Clean laundry is the number one need that the homeless ask for. CCAP is asking area congregations to Sponsor a Laundry Day at one of the local laundromats in which church members assist individuals with coins and detergent at a laundromat one Saturday. Please let Beth Garner know if you are interested in Bethel participating.

-Current needs: Canned soups, rice, beans, colored t-shirts, underwear, socks, men's sweats, men's jeans, and large diapers

-CCAP is in the process of updating its articles of incorporation and bylaws. 26 area congregations are members of CCAP, including Bethel Lutheran, with each church having a trustee to be a voting and participating representative. Please contact Beth Garner, 540-514-7022, Bethel's representative, if you have any questions/concerns in regards to CCAP.

-A thank you party is in the works for retired president, Fran Ricketts. However, Fran's daughter recently passed away and these plans are on hold at this time. Cards of condolences can be sent to Fran at 213 West Street Winchester, VA 22601.

Congratulations!

Ron and Cherie Lauck had the winning number for the Quilt Raffle. Many thanks to all who supported and enabled us to continue the Quilt Ministry. We appreciate all of you and look forward to our next raffle.

I hope and pray some of our quilts go to those who have lost everything in the Carolinas in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.

Blessings and Peace to all,
Pat Blevins and Members of the Quilt Ministry

Facilities Update

Due to water damage, the Underground is now off limits until further notice. We have received an assessment from Winchester Environmental Services and are currently receiving estimates for mold remediation. Additionally, we are receiving estimates for waterproofing the Underground. We have already made a claim with our insurance company and have a team working on next steps and considering our options.

We ask that no one go downstairs. Parents, it is very important that you please remind your children to not go down to the Underground.

As we receive more information, we will communicate to you.



October Birthdays

- 02 - Donna Turrill
Evan LaFollette
Kitty Miller
- 03 - Colin Landis
- 04 - Brian Brannon
Anna Griffin
Laurel Griffin
- 07 - Judy Miller
- 08 - Sherry Newman
- 09 - Eddie McKee
- 10 - Emma Shanabrook
Joan Riggleman
- 15 - Ben Marsh
Sarah Duvall
Izzie McKee
Bishop Riggs
- 16 - Lori Milam
Will Whitaker
Riggs Edick
- 18 - Earlene Kernnitz
- 19 - Cherie Lauck
Gene Betit
Emma Brannon
- 21 - Beth Garner
- 22 - Leia Meade
- 23 - Kelly Francis
Michele Longfellow
- 24 - Lori Balsler
- 25 - Lexie Meeker
- 27 - Alexis Grymala
- 29 - Millie Hawks

October Anniversaries

- 02 - Mike & Dianna Barnes
Bryne & Bonnie Riley
- 03 - Mark & Pam Hoyle
Steve & Debbie Miller
- 05 - Pete & Lori Milam
- 06 - Donald & Ruth Jones
- 08 - Matt & Gretchen Meade
- 09 - Michael & Susan Asmussen
- 12 - Wayne & Jennifer LaFollette
- 14 - Bob & Darline DeMott
- 18 - Eddie & Lisa McKee
- 19 - Tim & Kristi Riggleman
- 20 - Jamie & Carrie Turman
- 31 - KC Montgomery & Sandy Sliger

Around the Congregation

Congratulations to **Irene and Earl Cockerham** on the birth of a grandson, Atlas, born to their son **Erik** and his partner Allison.

Directory Updates:

Joyce Myers
joycemyers34@outlook.com

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Coming Events in November

- Men's Retreat – November 2-4
- Daylight Saving Times Ends – November 4
- Returning Thanks – Saturday, November 10, 9:00 a.m.
- One Worship Service – Sunday, November 11, 9:30 a.m.
- Congregational Meeting/Stewardship Sunday – November 11, 10:45 a.m.
- Lost & Found Youth Retreat – November 16-18
- Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 22
- Advent Midweek Worship – Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 p.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
August

194

Designated Offering Thru August 31

For the World:

World Hunger Appeal
\$4,336

Global Missions
\$7,865

Harvest Sunday
\$1,817

For the Community:

CCAP
\$3,588

Jones/Joyner Music Fund
\$2,892

Good Samaritan
\$2,290

For the Bethel Community:

Student Missions
\$505

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal
\$20,085

Scatter & Prayer
Gardens/Bethel Park
\$8,307

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 3, 2012	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of August 22, 2018	Overall Decrease in Mortgage Principal (Jubilee Campaign)
\$802,407.55	\$222,146.34	\$580,261.21

	Actual <u>August 2018</u>	Actual <u>Year-to-Date</u>
Actual Income	\$29,171.30	\$304,873.97
Actual Expenses	\$38,447.96	\$316,145.31
Balance (Shortfall)	(\$9,276.66)	(\$11,271.34)

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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Council for 2018

President - **Tom Milburn**
Vice President – **Traci Shoberg**
Secretary – **Julie Shanabrook**
Treasurer – **Rose Pierce**
Worship Board – **Pastor Dave**
Prayer and Care Board – **Pat Blevins**
Learning Board – **Trevor Brazelton**
Servant Board – **Beth Garner**
Congregational Life – **Dave Griffin**
Ministry Support – **Michael Asmussen**

**The deadline for articles for the
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is 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 22.**