

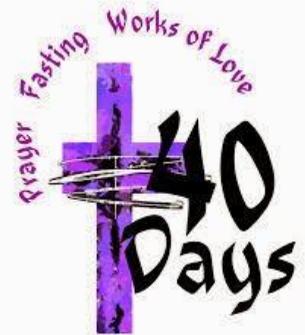
Bethel Banner

March 2019

Lent 2019

The Disciplines of Lent and People of the Passion

As we gather for midweek worship during Lent, we will be focusing on the classic disciplines of Lent: prayer, almsgiving, fasting, and confession. We will be doing so with several of our area Lutheran pastors sharing monologues as characters from the passion story of Jesus. Each character will be representing a different Lenten discipline. We will offer a simple soup/sandwich dinner each evening at 6:00pm in Discipleship Hall before our worship at 7:00pm.



Wednesday, March 6	Ash Wednesday Worship at 12:00noon and 7:00pm
Wednesday, March 13	Midweek Worship (Confession / Thief on the Cross)
Wednesday, March 20	Midweek Worship (Fasting / Joseph of Arimathea)
Wednesday, March 27	Midweek Worship (Almsgiving / Widow at the Temple)
Wednesday, April 3	Midweek Worship (Prayer / Simon Peter)
Wednesday, April 10	Lenten Piano Recital at Grace Lutheran (See page 5)

Holy Week Schedule April 14-21, 2019

Sunday, April 14	Palm Sunday Worship (8:30 and 11:00)
Thursday, April 18	Maundy Thursday Worship (7:00)
Friday, April 19	Good Friday Worship (12:00 and 7:00)
Sunday, April 21	Easter Sunday Worship (8:30 and 11:00) Congregational Breakfast from 7:30am-10:30am

What are you taking on for Lent?

During our midweek gatherings for Lent this year, we will be highlighting the classic Lenten disciplines of prayer, almsgiving, fasting, and confession. We are doing so by hearing from various characters of the passion story and how their life and part of the passion expresses the disciplines of Lent.

Lent is a season for spiritual discipline. It is a season for making time and space to consider what it means to live a Christian life. It is a season for being open to change of heart and habit, of reorienting our lives toward Jesus, and of deepening our relationship with Him. It is a season for acknowledging the parts of our lives that need forgiveness and clearing out space in our lives so Jesus can enter in.

In keeping with this desire, I want to share one of my favorite Lenten stories and the learning that it continues to teach me.

When I was in college at Lenoir-Rhyne, some friends and I in started a spiritual retreat weekend called "Pathway." It was patterned after Teens Encounter Christ, Emmaus Walk, and Via de Christo weekend retreats. It was a formative experience for my faith journey and often put me into relationship with students with whom, other than our faith, I had very little in common.

One student was altogether different from me. We had very little in common and while we shared similar values, we were not close nor were we particularly friendly. We were not antagonistic, mind you, just not chummy.

One day we were talking after class with some other folks. It was standard surface conversation. How are you? Class was pretty boring huh? Then we started talking about what we were giving up for Lent. Some said chocolate, others said TV, and still others, like me, said we had not decided yet. Then she was asked what she was giving up. I'll never forget what she said.

"Well, I am not giving up anything. Jesus did not give up his cross, he took it on. And so, I always try to take something on, something sacrificial that, like the Cross, will ultimately make a difference for others."

So often we make Lent about what WE are giving up ... food, or TV, or something else that only affects us. My Lenten observances have been like this.

She went on to say that she was taking on the sacrifice of not eating one meal a day (usually lunch) and then putting the money she would have spent on that meal toward an end of Lent offering to a women's shelter in town. She said that she wanted her sacrifice to mirror Jesus' sacrifice, something that affected the lives of others.

So, my challenge this year and one that I offer to all of us this is to heed her words of wisdom. As we reflect on our Lenten observance for this year, let us do so by finding a way that our sacrifice can benefit others.

Lenten Blessings, Pastor Dave

President's Message

Greetings to you, my fellow members and friends of Bethel!

In reading the book that Pastor Dave has assigned council, **Canoeing the Mountains**, I have really enjoyed the insight it has provided in "churching in today's world". It's interesting, to say the least, in how much has changed since I was little and attended church. But one thing that hasn't changed, in my opinion, is the need and desire to be a community, to be heard and to matter. As you know, on February 3, the congregation voted not to pass the newly proposed Ministry Spending Plan (MSP). In conjunction with that day, I've reached out to a lot of you, friends and members and wanted to hear thoughts, which led me to commission a new ad hoc committee - the C&T Team (Concerns and Trends) of Bethel. In this committee, I've assigned 2 tasks:

1. Identify, analyze and recommend solutions to council for significant issues at Bethel.
2. Take steps to transform the narrative at Bethel from noticeably negative to a more positive approach. (Please **see page 4** that details the goals and the members of this committee).

The leaders of Bethel Lutheran Church want you to know that we hear you, and we are working very diligently to put some plans in action to address the issues and concerns. That said, we have a lot to celebrate here at our church: ministries that are in constant motion like Global Ministries, Outreach Ministries, Men and Women Ministries, Youth Ministries and lots to get involved in... please get involved and be a part of something special here!

In closing, be assured that we are committed to providing multiple ways for your voice to be heard. We want to clearly understand your concerns and consider the opportunities you see for Bethel. **Please join us for our monthly Coffee with Council in the Library on March 17.** Share coffee and some St. Patty's day cookies. Hope to see you there!

May the Lenten season bring you joy & peace!
Traci Shoberg, Council President

Adult Forum

March-April 2019

10:00am in Discipleship Hall

Pastor Dave is using the bible study ***We Make the Road by Walking*** by Brian McLaren during Adult Forum. Each week is a different topic and stands alone. However, it does follow the seasons. Come and participate with us each week for a time of learning and discussion. We will use this study at least through the Lenten season.

March 3	Jesus, Violence, and Power
March 10	Lenten Learning Event (All ages)
March 17	A New Identity
March 24	A New Path to Aliveness
March 31	Your Secret Life
April 7	Why We Worry, Why We Judge
April 14	Peace March (Palm Sunday)
April 28	The Uprising Begins

Sunday School News

Back by Popular Demand! Bible Study with Charlie Moyer will reconvene March 3 in the Conference Room! They will be doing the next series from Augsburg Fortress on *Discipleship and Mission (Luke, Mark, Matthew, Romans, Acts)*.

March 10: Join us in Discipleship Hall for a Cross-Gen Lent Kick off! The Preschool Sunday School Class will still be meeting in their normal classroom.

March 31: During Sunday School the classes will be voting on what this year's offering will go towards. So far this year we have raised \$69.76!!!

The Service Cause will be a bit different for March and April. We will be distributing lists of 40 Acts of Lenten Love. Do one each day of lent or space them out! See how many you can check off! Be sure to bring back your list on April 28 to let your teacher see how great you have done!

C&T Ad Hoc Committee

Traci Shoberg, Council President, in agreement with Pastor and council has commissioned an ad hoc committee: C&T (Concerns and Trends) of Bethel. This committee will be focused on gathering facts and analyzing trends here at Bethel, along with making recommendations to the council at the March meeting. This is a fast track approach to give attention to issues that need to be addressed concerning our MSP (Ministry Spending Plan). This committee will consider staffing, organization, information delivery methods to the congregation and other areas of concern. Please contact any committee member if there is anything you would like them to address. This committee's goals are as follows:

1. Vibrant support for all Bethel ministries - i.e., youth, women, men, seniors, children, etc.
2. A balanced and growing MSP
3. Elimination of Bethel's debt
4. A stable and growing membership
5. Open and easy communication/relay of information between Bethel members, groups, and staff
6. Affordable and efficient management and administrative procedures

The committee members are:

Rex Ritchie, Chair
Mike Stanfield
Rachel Carlson
Dave Griffin
Donna Turrill
John Gavitt
John Frederickson

Please see any of these committee members if there are any ideas or concerns you wish to convey.

Fat Tuesday Fiesta

Tuesday, March 5, 6-7:30pm!
Discipleship Hall

Dancing, a King Cake, mask making, eating pancakes/sausage/bacon, and Fat Tuesday games in discipleship hall. Bring your family, small group, and neighbors for an evening where we get together around tables, food and each other as we prepared to journey toward the cross for Lent. Who will find the hidden Jesus?

Can you help cook food? Our bacon, sausage and pancake team preps at 5pm on March 5th. Contact Kitty Miller 540-327-8488 to help!



Lenten Food Drive

March 17 thru April 14

The Frederick County Department of Social Services is again collecting food for Easter baskets for the low-income elderly and disabled folks on their caseloads. Please consider again (the advent drive was very successful) donating food items, paper products, cleaning products, and personal care items. Diabetic and sugar free items are always welcome due to special diets. Any money or gift cards given will be used to buy a small ham with all the fixings to have for their Easter dinner. Any questions, please contact Karen Shipp at 540-667-7677.



We Need Your Help!



**Saturday
April 6!**

Saturday, April 6, join Youth 6th through 12th grades from 7 Lutheran Churches as we serve and learn together in Winchester! In teams we will follow Jesus in feeding the needs of our community and each other. Come help do home repair, food and hygiene supply distribution and learning about the needs and gifts of our community.

WHEN: Saturday, April 6 – 8:30am-6pm – We'll have snacks and lunch.
WHERE: Meet at Grace Lutheran Church, downtown Winchester, 8:30am
HOW: Register by Sunday March 31 - \$35 event fee and [Bethel Permission Form](#)

Youth from Bethel on the leadership team: Connor Lothrop, Noah Young, Chris Grassi, Destiny Cole and Justin Hoyle. If you are a youth or caring adult who is interested in joining us, please contact Bryan Jaster (bryan@bethelwinchester.com)

Special Lenten Concert

Tom Keesecker
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
Grace Lutheran Church
26 W. Boscawen St., Winchester, Virginia

Congregations in the Northern Valley Conference are invited to gather together at Grace Lutheran Church for a special concert on the last Wednesday evening in Lent, April 10, at 6:30 pm. Composer and pianist Tom Keesecker returns to lead us in a quiet hour of piano music, reflection, and poetry. His new collection of piano music, "The Quiet Journey", takes its inspiration from the hymn "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" (ELW #326):

*Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.*

Tom will have CDs of "The Quiet Journey" available for purchase after the program.

There will be a traditional Lenten Soup & Sandwich supper provided at 5:45 pm. PLEASE RSVP to Bethel church office (540-662-3245) if you plan to attend the dinner (no cost for dinner)

Thomas Keesecker has served as a musician in both Lutheran and Roman Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. His award winning choral music is published by several publishers. His studies at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and the Catholic University School of Music in Washington, D.C. prepared him for a career in which he has mixed classical technique and jazz improvisation. During the last decade he has explored the nexus of creativity and healing and its implication for liturgical musicians.



Prayer and Care Board Update

The Prayer and Care Ministries are off to a great start, and I am very excited about all of the Team Leaders and their enthusiasm.

The **Centering Prayer Team** meets on Wednesday mornings. Check with the Team Leader, Pastor Heidi, for specifics at heididavidyoung955@gmail.com.

The **Funeral Reception Preparation Team**, which includes set-up and tear down, could use a few more volunteers, so if you are able to help, please contact Rose Pierce, Team Leader, at rcmp@comcast.net or call (540) 270-2856. Rose is also the Team Leader for the **Funeral Reception Side Dish Team**, and would welcome your contributions by bringing side dishes and/or being there to help.

The **Health and Wellness Team** is being led by our Parish Nurse, Edie McGoff. They will be doing blood pressure checks on the 2nd and 4th Sundays between services in the room across the hall from the Conference Room. You may contact Edie emcgoff@gmail.com or call (540) 662-6401 if you would like to become a part of this team.

The **Intercessory Prayer Team** meets at 1:00 pm every Wednesday in the Prayer Room, where they pray for prayer requests placed into the Prayer Box in either the Narthex or in the Prayer Room. They welcome any Bethel folks to join them. Please feel free to contact Urve Crowder, Team Leader, by email at ukcrowder@aol.com or at 540-888-3073.

The **Making Prayer Shawls Team** just recently donated 20+ prayer shawls and blankets to the Lutheran Home and the Oncology Department. The members of the team usually do their knitting in their individual homes. You may contact Terri Ramsey, Team Leader, rodgerramsey@comcast.net or (540) 664-9448 for specifics.

The **Send Greeting Cards Team** is being led by Debbie Lee. If you would like to join this team, please contact her at atdebbielee0852@gmail.com or (540) 533-2276.

The **Shepherd/Mentor Team** is led by Doug Newell. They would love to have some additional members. If you are interested in being a shepherd or mentor, please contact Doug at dpn1304@yahoo.com or call (304) 579-7952.

The **Shut-in Visitation Team** is led by Pastor Dave. For more information about becoming a part of this team, you may contact him at pastordave@bethelwinchester.com or call (540) 662-3245.

The **Quilting Team** meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am. They have already completed 32 quilts for the LWR. They are a group of ten members that have a great time of fellowship, laughter and busy hands. For more information, contact the Team Leader, Pat Blevins at ptblevins12@gmail.com or call (540) 532-6495.

The **Welcome Basket Assembly Team** takes care of putting together baskets full of goodies for visitors. Please contact Sandy Sliger at smsliger@comcast.net or (540) 974-6289 for more info.

The **Welcome Basket Delivery Team** is led by Karen Shipp. They would welcome a few more members. If you would like to be a part of making a person smile when you show up with a basket, contact Karen at shipp.karen@gmail.com or call (540) 664-6465.

Bethel Members, use your special talents and become a part of one of our Prayer and Care Ministries Teams. Vonda Wilt, Board Chair

Love Changes the World

¡Muchas Gracias!

What a wonderful night we shared at our Youth Guatemalan Mission Gathering February 9! We continue to prepare for our time in Antigua, Guatemala July 14-20, 2019 to serve and love at our school La Escuela Integrada.



Many thanks to all who generously cooked, baked, set up and served our SWEET AND SAVORY brunch for our congregational meeting on February 3.

Another big thank you to those who are always willing to help in many and varied ways. We may be calling upon you from time to time for fellowship opportunities here at Bethel. Members of the Reception/Hospitality Committee are few in numbers. If anyone would like to be on our list to be called upon when we have receptions, meals or other times of fellowship, please contact Kitty Miller kjmm@shentel.net or Rachel Carlson rcarlso2@su.edu or see us at church.

We are attempting to put together a list of bakers and individuals who like to help, but not necessarily serve on a "committee". We are also interested in perhaps using someone with a home baking business that we might support in the future. Give us suggestions.....Many hands make light work.

Thank you again,
Kitty and Rachel

Healthy Notes

March is National Kidney Month. Most people know that a major function of the kidneys is to remove waste products and excess fluid from the body. Kidneys filter 200 liters of blood a day, help regulate blood pressure, and direct red blood cell production. The production of urine involves highly complex steps of excretion and re-absorption. This process is necessary to maintain a stable balance of body chemicals.

There are two kidneys, each about the size of a fist, located on either side of the spine at the lowest level of the rib cage. They maintain overall health through the following functions:

- Filtering waste out of 200 liters of blood each day
- Regulating of the body's salt, potassium, and acid content
- Removing drugs from the body
- Balancing the body's fluids
- Releasing hormones that regulate blood pressure
- Producing the active form of Vitamin D that promotes strong, healthy bones
- Controlling the production of red blood cells

Quick Facts on kidney disease:

- Kidney disease is the 9th leading cause of death
- More than 30 million Americans have kidney disease, and most don't know it
- There are over 95,000 people waiting for kidney transplants

What are the Warning Signs of Kidney Disease?

- High blood pressure
- Blood and/or protein in the urine
- Puffiness around the eyes, swelling of the hands and feet
- More frequent urination, particularly at night; difficult or painful urination

Get more information from National Kidney Foundation
www.kidney.org

Above information obtained from www.kidney.org website

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Health Update...

We would like to update everyone on Debbie Miller's progress. She has completed her six months of chemotherapy and her blood count numbers are back to normal. She is now just waiting for her immune system to build back up. Our prayers now are for her numbers to hold for some time. We thank everyone for their well thoughts and prayers.

His Peace,
Steve and Debbie Miller



Women's Ministries

First Friday Fellowship

Friday, March 1, 9:30 a.m.
Firefly Café

We invite all women of Bethel to join us at the café. We share our stories with one another and delight in our friendships. Come join us for laughter and fellowship of women. No commitment required. If you have questions, please call Barbara Simmons.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Ministry Planning Team is deciding on a Bible Study... Please pray for God to help us decide a new series that will be meaningful on our Faith Journey as Bethel Women! Stay tuned!

Girls Night Out

Tuesday, March 19, 6 pm
Roma's in Stephens City

Monthly Women's Ministry Dinners are back! Please join us for an evening of dinner, fellowship, a devotion, and laughter among your sisters of Bethel. Feel free to bring a friend! Please call Diane Milburn (540-664-1365 or Tdmilburn@comcast.net) to let her know you are coming so they can be ready for us!

Bethel Women Book Club

Thursday, March 14, 6:30pm
Join us at Panera

All women are invited for the inaugural book club event. We will be reading "Shameless" by Lutheran Pastor, Nadia Bolz-Weber. The book is available on Amazon. Should you have questions regarding this event, please contact Diane Milburn (540-664-1365 or Tdmilburn@comcast.net). Read the book before the gathering in order to discuss and come with an open mind!

Bethel Women's Retreat 2019

April 5-7, 2019
Graves Mountain Lodge

Hope is all we need... A weekend with sisters in Christ

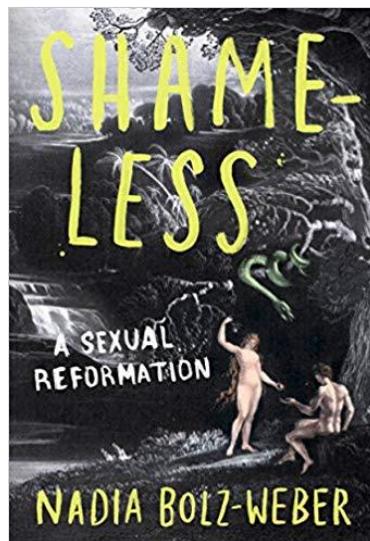
Join us for a weekend beginning Friday evening and ending Sunday morning. We will explore Hope- and all it can mean in our lives.

We look forward to singing, sharing, celebrating Jesus, eating more than we should, bible study, and worship with fellow sisters of Bethel and beyond...

The Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick, assistant to the Bishop of the VA ELCA will be leading us on this journey, along with other women of the Bethel Women's Ministry.

Please prayerfully consider joining us and invite friends. Questions- call/text Karen Nguyen 540-303-1189 .

Cost for the weekend is \$145 for double room or \$185 for single room (some scholarships are available) **Brochures available soon!**



Men's Ministries

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 2, 8:30 a.m.

Come and join Pastor Dave at Backseat Bar and Grill (104 Full House Dr.) on the first Saturday of 2019 for a kickoff beginning to our Men's Ministry. We will gather for breakfast and devotions together.

Update Men's Ministry Team Steering Committee

On Saturday, February 9, the men's ministry steering team met to plan out our year. John Gavitt, Tom Beyer, Bob DeMott, and Pastor Dave met and have the following plans scheduled.

1. Monthly Men's Breakfast – first Saturday morning of each month.
2. Our yearly Men's Retreat will be the first weekend in November (November 1-3, 2019)
3. Summer baseball game outings to the Orioles, the Nationals, and the Winchester Royals.
4. Weekly summer golf outings (**see note below from Shawn Garner**)
5. We are looking into an Adopt-A-Highway program for the Men's Ministry to coordinate as a mission here at Bethel and for our community.

The Bethel Golf Group is trying to get organized for 2019. We would like to get a group together to play semi-regularly once the weather breaks.

If you have any interest, we have a web page for you to visit. WhenIsGood (<http://whenisgood.net/tnpgam4>) is a page where you can pick times that you would be available to play. Once we see who is interested and what times are best, we will get back in touch. Any questions see Shawn Garner.

First Communion Instruction Informational Meeting

Sunday, March 3, 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary

If you are interested in having your child participate in Holy Communion Instruction in preparation for First Communion, please meet on Sunday, March 3, 9:45 in the sanctuary. Please email Terri Hollingsworth at office@bethelwinchester.com or sign up in the narthex if you desire your child to participate.

First Communion Sunday will take place on Palm Sunday, April 14 at both services.



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible Camp - June 10-15, 9am-noon
(Children ages 1 and up and Children of God of all ages!)

Confirmation Camp Week – June 16 – 21

Kairos – June 23 – 28
(Current high school 9th graders through seniors)

Follow the Leader Camp Week – July 22 - 26
(Current 9th graders and up can serve as a “buddy” during our camp for kids with unique needs.)

Bethel Week at Camp – July 28 – August 2
(Children and youth ages 5 years old and up!
Teens jump into Leadership In Training-LIT! @ Camp this summer!

Youth Ministries

7th Day

5th / 6th Graders Overnight!
March 2-3, 2019!

Hey 5th & 6th grade families! 7th Day is coming March 2-3! It is our annual overnight event with hundreds of youth from our area!

During 7th Day, weekend participants are part of a “**Shepherd Group**” with other youth and adult leaders and explore a story of the Bible through drama, games, crafts, and music. In the evenings youth and adults will have time to relax in their **Cottages** with their congregation and other congregations from Virginia and discuss how 7th Day is going. It’s a wild and authentic experience of Christian community and space to discover what life is all about together.

Caring Adults are essential for this adventure. To be a shepherd, please contact our Director of Youth Ministries!



Vacation Bible Camp

June 10-14!

Our team is AMPED about our week helping kids care for God’s Good Creation. Want to add your gifts to our squad? We dream and plan next **March 5 @ 7:30pm at Bethel!** Contact Carol Pyle carolspyle@aol.com if you have ideas that might help us heal and love God’s Good creation!

Middle School Mix!

Sunday, March 10, 6-8pm @ Bethel

Middle school youth come play and learn a mix of skills to survive and thrive middle school!

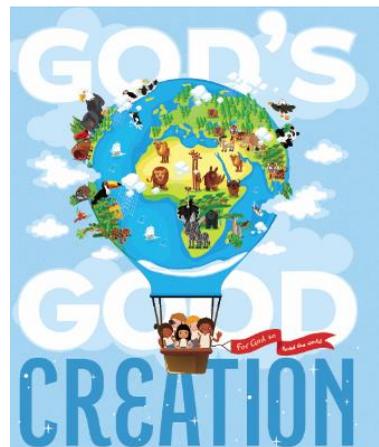
High School Youth Hike!

Sunday, March 24 @ 10:45am – 7pm

We meetup at the picnic shelter at Bethel and head out for an afternoon of moderate hiking and fun at Buzzard Rock.

Bring: Hiking shoes and appropriate clothes for the day’s weather + sack lunch for road trip on the way there + \$10 for Dinner + Love for creation + 1 Liter of water + Small snack for hiking + Backpack

Meet at Bethel at 10:45am on Sunday March 24 - Return by 7pm.



WATTS Update...

Good morning,

At the time of this article, we are 2 days into our WATTS week. We have been full each night. Our guests have been greeted with welcoming smiles, a beautiful facility and warm food.

On behalf of my teammates, Susie Beyer and Diane Milburn, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your prayers and gifts of time and resources. Each request from you is met immediately and with a servant heart. It is a true honor to be part of the Bethel Family. *Judy McKiernan*

CCAP New...

- **CCAP is in need of volunteers** for their clothing sorting room. The sorting room is open Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM To 2:30 Pm and Fridays from 8:30 to 11:30 Am. Saturdays are also available. CCAP is having a meeting on Saturday, March 2nd at 11 Am at their main building at 112 South Kent Street for those interested in volunteering for this.
- **The number one request from CCAP guests is laundry service.** CCAP is looking for churches to man a laundromat on a Saturday and provide quarters for CCAP guests to complete their laundry. (This might be a great collection project for Sunday school youth). Please contact Beth Garner, CCAP representative, if you are interested in leading a team to provide this service.
- **CCAP is collecting Easter baskets** to giveaway to youth in our community (this might be another great youth Sunday school project!). Baskets can be dropped off anytime during CCAP office hours (Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM To 2:30 Pm and Fridays from 8:30 to 11:30 Am).

Bethel Members,

The Adult Protective Services Unit of the Frederick County Department of Social Services thanks you for your very generous donations of food, cash and grocery gift cards for the holiday season. The Unit provided food baskets to 21 elderly-disabled adults in Frederick County this past Christmas.

Many of our clients have no friends or family involved in their lives. Almost all are on limited, fixed incomes and items such as those donated are luxuries. Our clients are so appreciative to receive these baskets, and this would not be possible without your continued support.

Thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,
Susan Hockensmith
Family Services Supervisor

Dear Bethel Volunteers,

On behalf of The Salvation Army, I want to take the time to formally send our gratitude to those of you that rang the bell during our Red Kettle Campaign. The support given is invaluable and the spirit that goes beyond your own concerns to help others is an inspiration. Words cannot convey our gratitude for your tremendous contribution. Bethel raised \$1,188.88 for our campaign.

The key to our success rests in the Grace of God and in people like you! May God Bless you all!

Kindly,
Kelly Durant, Captain
Commanding Officer

Community Dance

Darline and Bob DeMott along with The Shenandoah Valley Civil War Era Dancers invite you and the community to a social dance on

Saturday, March 30, in Discipleship Hall

- Social Hour with light refreshments 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Dancing 7:00-10:00 p.m. (Lessons included)
- Music Provided by: ***The Mutton Busters***, featuring driving fiddle tunes from the southern Appalachian Mountains.
- Casual Dress...no period costumes required.

Tickets at the door, \$10.00 per person

*****All proceeds go toward the
Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation's
land preservation efforts**



Meet New People!



**Great fellowship,
fun and exercise!**

March Birthdays

- 01 - Kristy Sikora
- 02 - Stacy Robinson
- 05 - Darby Garner
Bryan Jaster
Vonda Wilt
- 06 - Michelle Asmussen
- 07 - Joline Schultheis
- 08 - Ella Carlson
Ryleigh Stinedurf
Nicholas Bowman
- 09 - Amelia Riley
Carrie Turman
Megan Landis
- 10 - Sandy Hulver
- 11 - Hannah McKiernan
Betty Nichols
- 12 - Gus Brondos
Payton Grooms
Jo Adkins
- 13 - Irene Cockerham
Greg Brondos
Brian Boswell
Edie McGoff
- 14 - Terri Ramsey
Edel Frank
Wayne LaFollette
- 16 - Peter Griffin
- 17 - Bert Poling
- 18 - Cindy Lauster
- 19 - Brenda Ramey
- 20 - Hazel Eckert
Carol Pyle
- 21 - Rowan Hudson
- 22 - Tom Beyer
Caroline Legge
- 23 - Kate Marsh
- 26 - Christopher Francis
Bruce Lothrop
- 27 - Molly Beyer
- 28 - Joy Stull
Shari Fletcher
- 29 - Becky Hall
Mike Barnes
Wes Brondos
Dustie Fisher
- 31 - John Kushlak

March Anniversaries

- 16 - Jim and Karen Shipp
- 16 - Bryan and Amy Jaster
- 22 - Clarence and Loretta Hohner
- 23 - James and Martha Jenkins
- 27 - Jerry and Dustie Fisher

Around the Congregation

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Scott Marsh whose father passed away in February.



Along with “Springing Forward” one hour on March 10, don’t forget to check your smoke detector batteries!

Inclement Weather Policy

When weather conditions warrant a change or cancellation of worship services and/or Sunday school, all necessary information will be available by 7:30 a.m. on the following:

- 1) Broadcast on WINC FM –92.5
- 2) Bethel’s website
(www.bethelwinchester.com)

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
January

180

Designated Offering Thru January

For the World:

World Hunger Appeal

\$45

Global Missions

\$65

Harvest Sunday

\$0

For the Community:

CCAP

\$45

Jones/Joyner Music Fund

\$40

Good Samaritan

\$100

For the Bethel Community:

Student Missions

\$45

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal

\$1,545

Scatter & Prayer
Gardens/Bethel Park

\$0

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 3, 2012	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of January 21, 2019	Overall Decrease in Mortgage Principal (Jubilee Campaign)
\$802,407.55	\$206,583.26	\$595,824.29

	Actual <u>January 2019</u>	Actual <u>Year-to-Date</u>
Actual Income	\$39,094.34	\$39,094.34
Actual Expenses	\$43,706.81	\$43,706.81
Balance (Shortfall)	\$(4,612.47)	\$(4,612.47)

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