Updated Bethel Flower Policy

Donating flowers is a simple way to honor a loved one, glorify God and beautify the altar area.

Bethel will be approving a limited number of arrangements to be donated by members. Members will be responsible for purchasing an approved arrangement and personally bringing the arrangement on the chosen Sunday. They will also be responsible for removing the arrangement after the service.

A member can choose to donate flowers to:

- Honor a living person
- In memory of someone who has died
- In celebration of an Anniversary or Birthday
- In celebration of a baptism or other milestone
- In thanksgiving for family or friends

If you would like to discuss donating flowers, please contact Kim Williams, Bethel Office Manager, at <u>bookkeeper@bethelwinchester.com</u> (the preferred method) or by calling 540-662-3245 <u>at least 14</u> <u>days prior to your selected date</u>.

Once you have contacted Kim, a member of the Liturgical Arts Committee will be in contact with you to discuss the type of arrangement that will be approved.

Only fresh cut flowers such as a simple bud vase placed on the altar are preferred. A large floral arrangement or potted plant will need to be approved by the Liturgical Arts Committee to ensure that they enhance, and not distract from, worship and the current liturgical season.

During the season of Lent, no flowers will be approved since it is a solemn time of penance and introspection.

Bethel may opt to order poinsettias for Christmas and lilies for Easter to be purchased and dedicated in honor of loved ones. Order forms will be available as needed.