

THE TOWER

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Bethel Presbyterian Church

April 2011

From the Pastor's Desk

“He is risen!”
Mark 16:6

During the French Revolution, with its heavy anti-Christian undertones, an atheist derisively said to Talleyrand, bishop of Autun: “The Christian religion- what is it? It would be easy to start a religion like that.”

“Oh, yes,” Talleyrand replied. “One would only have to get crucified and rise again the third day.” From *Scrapbook*

The empty tomb has a message: It says to science and philosophy, “Explain it.” It says to history, “Repeat it.” It says to time, “Try to blot this out.” It says to faith, “Believe it!”



Boy Scout Sunday



Lenten Schedule 2011

Service: 4th Lenten Service Date: April 6th
 Time: 7:30 pm Speaker: Rev. JoAnn Bunn
 Location: Bethel Presbyterian Church

Service: 5th Lenten Service Date: April 13th Time: 7:30 pm
 Speaker: Rev. Joel Thornton Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church

Service: Maundy Thursday - Traditional Service and Meal
 Date: April 21st Time: 6:30 pm
 Location: Bethel Presbyterian Church

Service: Good Friday Service Date: April 22nd Time: 7:30 pm
 Tenebrae Service Location: Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

Service: Easter Sunrise Service Date: April 24th Time: TBA
 Location: Mt. Herman Cemetery in Newport
 (service followed by breakfast at Redeemer Lutheran Church)



A community Good Friday service will be held at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church on April 22nd at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited!



The Church Office will be closed the Monday after Easter, April 25th, 2011. The staff of Bethel wishes you a happy and blessed Easter!



The Easter Sunrise Service (April 24th) will be held at Mt. Herman Cemetery. Note that if the weather is bad, the service will be at Redeemer. The service will be followed by a hearty breakfast at Redeemer Lutheran Church. All are invited!



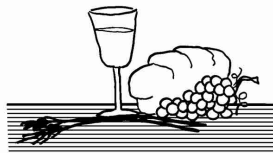
OK, Here's the plan...





On April 21st, Bethel will have a Maundy Thursday service. Reminiscent of the disciples' meal with Jesus in the Upper Room, our meal will be followed by the Eucharist. Please plan to come to this special service: everyone is invited! So that we might be able to make adequate preparations, please fill out the enclosed reservation form below so that we might know about how many are coming.

Also, we need help in setting up, serving, and cleaning up after the meal. If you would like to and would be able to serve in any of those capacities, please let Joel know. Thank you!



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

The Worship Ministry invites members and families to participate in a special Maundy Thursday Service on April 21st, 2011, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Supper will be provided and we will celebrate Communion in the manner of Jesus with his disciples at The Last Supper. Please make your reservation by **Sunday, April 17th, 2011.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY RESERVATION FOR DINNER AND WORSHIP AT THE TABLE

April 21st, 2011 - 6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

NAME _____

NO. OF ADULTS _____ NO. CHILDREN ATTENDING _____

Please place your reservation in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office (563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401) to be received by Sunday, April 17th, 2011. If you have questions please contact the Church Office at (540) 886-6041.

Witness Committee News



The Witness Committee will sponsor a Food Booth at The Meeting Place on Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd. The hours will be 9 am until 3 pm and if you would like to help, please contact Peggy or Jug Smith. Baked goods will be needed for both days. (Packaging examples: 1/2 cake, 6 rolls, 2 brownies, 4 cookies, a pie, or whole cakes that can be divided.) Please contact Peggy or Jug Smith if you will be able to donate any baked goods.

REMINDER: The Bethel Scholarship/Loan Fund applications are due in by April 15th, 2011.



Bethel Presbyterian Men's Supper and Meeting

The Men's Supper will be held on April 26th at 6:30 pm. Please plan to be there and bring a friend. Dean Caldwell is the featured speaker. Dean will describe the Coast Guard's rescue mission for the wrecked ship Selendang Ayu in a storm off the coast of Unalaska. Dean's son Matthew was an officer on the responding Coast Guard cutter, and Dean has traveled with the ship and crew. The talk will include video documentary material made by the History Channel.

Presbyterian Women - April 2011 **Emphasis - Christian Higher Education**



*The Afternoon Circle will meet at 2:30 pm at Bethel on April 12th, 2011.

*The Evening Circle will meet at 7:00 pm at Bethel on April 12th, 2011.

April 3rd - PWCT Meeting

Deacon's Notes March 2011

Meeting 2011 Goals

Increase Community Involvement

- 1.The Deacons and Boy Scouts sponsored a firewood-cutting day, led by Mac Williams and Wayne Swisher. Thirteen loads of firewood were cut, split and delivered to our neighbors from the Bethel woods. The Scouts provided a hearty lunch and fellowship at the Scout Hut.
- 2.The Mission Committee held a record-breaking Prime Rib Dinner and Dessert Auction for 2011 missions. This event is now well known in the community. The Deacons sent invitations to families on our Friends of Bethel email list.
- 3.Dean Caldwell will speak at the Men's Supper on April 26th. He will describe the Coast Guard's rescue mission for the wrecked ship Selendang Ayu in a storm off the coast of Unalaska. Dean's son Matthew was an officer on the responding Coast Guard cutter, and Dean has traveled with the ship and crew. The talk will include video documentary material made by the History Channel. We encourage Bethel men to be there and bring a friend.
- 4.The Deacons are asking Bethel's officers to provide email addresses for relatives, friends, and neighbors interested in our people and events. These addresses will be added to the Friends email list. Friends will receive the Internet Tower newsletter and special invitations to events. We doubled the number of contacts on the Friends list in the last month.
- 5.Wayne Swisher gave a talk on Scouting in our community at the March Greenville-Riverheads Ruritan Club meeting. The Bethel Session and the Ruritans both contributed to a Scout Camp scholarship fund.

Meeting the Needs of Our Congregation

- 1.The Congregational Care Committee is increasing contact with those on our Prayer List.
- 2.We are contacting members that are out of touch, and updating contact information.
- 3.We are meeting with the Growth and Strengthening and the Visitation committees in March to advance mutual goals.

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(Deacon's Notes continued)

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee completed several actions this past month including:

1. Rotated pew cushions
2. Supported Women of the Church in getting upholstered chairs cleaned
3. Removed the over-grown maple tree out front
4. Removed a blown-over willow tree
5. Identified sources of leaks in the south exterior of the hallway to the Fellowship Hall. We are planning to replace some floor tile in the Fellowship Hall, repair exterior masonry, and provide a sunshade for the pianist.

Scout and Property Committee supported the firewood-cutting day at Bethel and the Scouts provided lunch. The Committee is preparing a plan to replace trees lost in the past few years.

Business Committee repaired and replaced an aging computer and renewed the Verizon phone contract for 36 months.

New business items included improving the speaker in the Nursery, and planning for the Adopt-a-Highway program in April and October.

Deacon's Prayer List

Family of Edith Beahm	Nellie Hamilton
Powhatan Bouldin	Anne Jones
Covie Brandt	Flora Law
Marjorie Brooks	Lucy Miller
Bill Brubeck	Judy Olson
Dr. David Burgess	Les Prickett
Lorine Caldwell	Tom Small
Jim Crosby	Richard Smith
Aggie Dodson	Charlotte Swortzel
Jessie Earhart	David Turner
Joel Hamilton	



Bethel Easter Lilies or Donations To BERF

Bethel is trying a new idea this year with our Easter Lilies.

You may purchase lilies as you have done in the past or instead of purchasing a lily you may make a donation to BERF (Bethel Emergency Relief Fund).

You may make a donation to BERF in honor or in memory of someone just as you would if you ordered an Easter Lily. The form to order lilies or make a donation follows this announcement.

*Note: Please fill out the form completely. Sometimes forms come back not completely filled out and it can make things difficult when compiling them for the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Also, if you would like to order a lily and make a donation please use two forms (one for the lily and one for the donation). Thank you!



Easter Lilies and BERF Donations Form

You may order lilies at a cost of \$10.00 (tax included) each or you may make a monetary donation to BERF (Bethel Emergency Relief Fund). The Easter Lilies purchased and the donations made to BERF will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please fill out the form below, attach the check or cash and place in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office: Attn: Church Secretary; 563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401. Checks should be made payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church. **The deadline is Tuesday, April 19th at 3pm.**

Number of Lilies _____ Check or Cash Total _____

or

Donation to BERF _____ Check or Cash Total _____

In Honor Of : _____

Given By: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Given By: _____

**Nursery
Schedule
April 2011**



April 3rd Joe and Tabby Moore
 April 10th Stephanie Rivers;
 Jackie Law
 April 17th Derek and Cindy
 Almarode
 April 24th Eloise Moore;
 Barbara Damico

**Deacons Offering
Schedule
April 2011**



Jon Bush Dean Caldwell
 Pat Quick Tim Turner

**Flower Schedule
April 2011**



April 3rd - Jean Callison
 April 10th - Doris True - Memorial
 April 17th - JoAnn Pendley
 - Memorial
 - Communion
 - Palm Sunday
 April 24th - Easter Lilies



Our sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Edith Beahm who passed away on March 8th.

Thank you to the Bethel congregation for your prayers and the many ways you have supported me through times of illness and the death of my mother. A loving church family is truly a blessing.

- Judy Olson



Many thanks for the love shown to us with your visits, cards, and food at the time of the death of Edith Beahm.

- Doris True and Family

If you cannot attend church one Sunday and would like to see the bulletin you can visit the Bethel website at <http://www.bethel-pc.com>. You can view current and past bulletins, announcements, and Towers. There is also an online church calendar that is updated each month with church events.



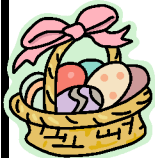
YOUTH NEWS

Bethel's Annual Easter Egg Hunt!! will be on Saturday, April 16th, at 1 pm (rain or shine).

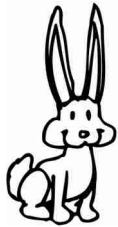
All ages are invited!



We will share **refreshments** and create a **craft item** to take home. The afternoon of fun and fellowship will end by sharing popcorn and watching the new Veggie Tales movie "Twas the Night Before Easter".



The **Middle and High School** youth are encouraged to help by hiding eggs and with setup and cleanup activities. Please contact Susan McCutchen-Smith (540-580-3315) if you are available to help. We hope to see you on April 16th!



Don't Forget!!
April 1st -
April Fool's
Day
April 22nd -
Earth Day
April 24th -
Easter

Bethel Library Window, computer,
new curtains by Joan McLaughlin



*TAKE A MOMENT
TO PRAY FOR ALL
WHO STAND IN
NEED OF PRAYER .*