

New Bethel News



New Bethel Presbyterian Church

MOVING INTO THE FUTURE

Polls show that U.S. church membership and attendance have both declined sharply in the past two decades. This trend is not isolated to certain denominations, but is impacting U.S. churches as a whole. In the face of these types of statistics and seeing the changes that we as an individual church have experienced, we might wonder what we can do to help New Bethel move

strongly into the future continuing to make Christ known to new generations in a changing society.

Beginning on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will be embarking on a journey through the book, Autopsy of A Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive, by Thom S. Rainier. This book offers

readers insight into why churches “die” and encourages them to learn from these examples and give life to their own churches.

Certainly this book does not offer all of the answers, but we look forward to a time of learning, discussion, and discernment about how God is leading us as we move ahead into the future as a church family.

Books will be provided on the first night of the study free of charge to those who sign up to attend. Advance reading is not required to participate.

The study will continue at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in March and April (except for weeks when the Presbyterian Women meet). Please see Leigh Shepherd (423-968-1971 or LDS27@btes.tv) with questions.



Help Clothe Those in Need!



During the month of March, we will be collecting new socks and underwear for men, women, boys, and girls of all ages. These items will be sent to areas impacted by flooding this winter or shared with local organizations that have indicated a need. Any size or color of socks or underwear is appreciated as long as it is new.

Once again this year, the New Bethel Ladies and New Bethel Men will be competing to see who can collect the most socks and underwear. Will the Ladies be repeat champions? Or will the Men come out on top this year? Find out on March 29 (also known as “Undie Sunday”) when we will dedicate these items.

Have an announcement for the newsletter or bulletin?

Please submit announcements to Leigh Shepherd at 276-791-3923 or lds27@btes.tv. Submissions for the bulletin are requested by Tuesday of each week. Submissions for the next newsletter are requested by April 15, 2020.

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour on:

Sunday, March 8



Serving the Church

March

Offering:

Mary Lynn Barnes
Mary Dobrovolt

Communion:

Mark Procopio
Larry Smith

Worship Greeter:

Mark Procopio

April

Offering:

Eddie Ramsey
Rusty Shepherd

Communion:

Mary Lynn Barnes
Mary Dobrovolt

Worship Greeter:

Marion Reed

Birthdays

March

March 3 Mary Lynn Barnes
 March 6 Julia Kegley
 March 9 Jerome Mettetal
 March 20 Gioachino Procopio
 March 28 Willene Spence
 March 29 Jim Wright

April

April 2 Jim McClanahan
 April 6 Harold Barnes
 April 7 Jon White
 April 11 Marion Reed
 April 12 Dwight King
 April 16 Hugh Byrd
 April 17 Rodney Smith
 April 19 Eddie Ramsey
 April 25 Jana White
 April 28 Deana Torbett

Anniversaries

April

April 9 David & Julia Kegley
 April 27 Scott & Maryl Greene



Financial Report

Operating Budget 2020

As of February 16, 2020

Average Weekly Budget Needs:
 \$1,596.00

Average Weekly Budget Gifts:
 \$1,624.57

Average Standing Per Week:
 +\$28.57

Total Standing for Year:
 +\$200.00



Pulpit Supply

We are blessed to have a number of individuals filling our pulpit in the coming weeks. Please make plans to join us!

Sunday, March 1: Rev. Sherrolyn Weed

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Sunday, March 15: Scott Wise

Sunday, March 22: Marcia Torbett

Sunday, March 29: Scott Wise

Planning for April worship services is still in progress. Stay tuned for more information.



Church & Community

Pantries

Giving is something we do all year long. Please remember our Food Pantry and School Supply/Personal Hygiene Pantry in your giving.

A list of what to give can be found in the bulletin each Sunday.

Upcoming Community Food Pantry Dates:

Saturday, March 21

Saturday, April 18

at Edgefield United Methodist Church

April Special Offerings and Events

April 5: 5 Cents a Meal Offering: Help provide for those in need one meal at a time.

April 5: Palm Sunday: Join us as we begin Holy Week.

April 12: Easter Sunrise Service at Piney Flats Presbyterian Church

April 12: One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: This special offering provides Presbyterians with a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

April 12: Easter Sunday Service: We will be celebrating the resurrection with our Easter Cantata in the sanctuary.



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Church Ruling Elders

Class of 2020

Mary Dobrovols

Mark Procopio

Eddie Ramsey

Class of 2021

Marion Reed

Dickie Torbett

Katie Wright

Class of 2022

Sherry Brademeyer

Rusty Shepherd

Larry Smith



Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Christ known!