



The Lamplighter



We just experienced the wettest May in recent history, and the temperatures remind us that summer has arrived! As school comes to an end, our church schedule adjusts accordingly for the summer months. As we transition away from our Wednesday night dinners for the summer, except for an occasional covered dish meal, I want to thank the dinner teams who faithfully prepared our meals each week! Your dedicated service has been greatly appreciated by everyone attending our Wednesday evening activities. We will continue to have prayer meeting during the summer months; however, our prayer meeting start time will move up slightly to 6:30 PM, with the start time for choir practice moving to 7:15 PM. Please make note of these time changes beginning this month. Come join us on Wednesday nights when your schedule permits!

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 9th – 13th. We hope you have already signed up to help with this local mission emphasis as a volunteer; there are many places you can serve! As part of our preparation for VBS, we will conduct a “neighborhood blitz” on Wednesday, June 13th and 20th, during our prayer meeting time. We will meet at the church for a quick prayer list update, pray for our VBS, and form teams to go to several area sub divisions to invite our neighbors to join us for Bible School.

Congratulations to the class of 2018! We have many high school and college graduates associated with our church family! God continues to bless us with wonderful young people who are committed to serving and honoring Christ with their lives. Continue to pray for them as they begin their college studies or transition to jobs/careers and other opportunities that await them.

We will be recognizing our graduates during the morning worship service on Sunday, June 3rd. This month, Lynne Uzel celebrates her 2nd anniversary as our Minister of Music. Thank you Lynne for loving God and serving well here at New Bethesda! You have brought a lot of energy and passion to the music ministry of our church! On another musical note, we have been blessed with the amazing talents and musical abilities of Danielle Gibbons over the past year! She has endeared herself to our church choir and to our church family with her big smile, her charming attitude and her giftedness on both the piano and organ. Last week Danielle announced that she has been accepted to Law School at the University of Virginia in the fall and she will be leaving us in mid-August. While we are sad to see her go, we are excited about this new adventure in her life and we wish her only the best as she pursues her dreams! Blessings to you Danielle and thank you for sharing yourself with us so passionately and graciously with us!

See you Sunday,



Sunday Services:

- ..9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Morning Worship
- ..6:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday Services:

- 6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner
- 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting
- 6:45 pm Youth
- 6:45 pm MF's & CA's
- 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal



The deadline for news items for the July **Lamplighter** is June 20th. Please have your articles in the Church Office no later than this date.

Thank You!

Ministry Schedules for JUNE

Sunday Nursery

June 3 Diane King,
Hannah & Susanna Rountree
June 10 Kelly Bittler, Lisa Brown,
Diane King, Pam Miles
June 17 Anna Kegley & Family,
Susan Combee, Lydia Frye
June 24 Diane King, Carolyn Stowers,
Joan Brooks, Marie Brooks

Flowers

June 3 Personnel Committee
June 10 Sandy Pohnert
June 17 Bettiann Aylor
June 27 Carol Shepherd

Deacon of the Month
Leroy Williams

Wish a "Happy Birthday" to-

1 - Tommy Cecil
1 - Bill Layne
1 - Jimmy Lehman
3 - Carol Litchford
3 - Ann Loving
4 - Margaret Godsey
4 - Martha Ann Luck
5 - Pierce Terry
9 - Mary Winslow
12 - Carolyn Williams
13 - Carter Thompson
15 - Susan Combee
15 - Ed Longest
15 - Ralph Berg
17 - Melody Gulywasz
17 - Ben Mattox
18 - Jackie Barnette
20 - Marc Bryant
20 - Amy Ladd
20 - Keith Litchford
21 - Jason Laws
21 - Melissa Metzger
21 - Elaine duPlessis
22 - Maddie Jordon
25 - Bill Shepherd
28 - Katie Mann



Financial Report

Offerings thru May 27, 2018



April 29	5,316.86
May 6	13,175.00
May 13	6,120.55
May 20	3,861.13
May 27	<u>7,181.31</u>
	35,654.85

Weekly Needs: \$ 7,967

2018 Offerings	\$ 157,421
2018 Budget Needs	<u>167,307</u>

Homebound/Nursing Home

Anna Conti -141 Chotaw Ridge, Aylett, VA 23009

Lillie Kreynus - 8031 Ordinary Keepers Way,
Mech. VA 23111

Charlotte Sale - Ashland Convalescent Center
906 Thompson St., Ashland, VA 23005

Irene Umberger - The Crossings at Hanover,
8227 Meadowbridge Road, Apt. 209
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

COMING SOON...CHURCH LIBRARY UPGRADE!!

Throughout the Spring, the Library Committee and others have been hard at work revitalizing our Church Library. Part of the mobile revitalization will be having a cart accessible on Wednesday evenings in the Ministry Center and on Sunday morning in different areas of the church.

Stay tuned for information!



Gospel Sing

Join "Amy Ladd & Friends" with special guest, "Heritage Bluegrass Band" on Sunday, June 24th at 6 pm.





MISSIONS



Connie McGhee Circle

The Connie McGhee Circle will meet on June 6th at 10:00 am.

Carolyn Hollins Circle

The Carolyn Hollins Circle will meet on June 14th at 10:00 am.

Agape Circle

The Agape Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 12th at 7:30 pm.

Lydia Circle

The Lydia Circle will meet on Monday, June 11th at 6:30



Operation Christmas Child
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Let's see how many boxes we can fill in 2018!!

The Agape Circle request different items each month. You may bring your donations to the OCC table in our Ministry Center. Just look for the Christmas Tree.

Items for the month of June will be:

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 GRADUATES!!

High School



Reagan Adams – Lee Davis High School, will attend Virginia Tech.

***Mitchell Marat Brown** - Grace Christian School, will attend Liberty University.

***Gracie Gulywasz** - Varina High School.

***Katie Mann** - Lee Davis High School, will attend J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College.

***Rachel Metzger** – Hanover High School, will attend Longwood University.

Michael Ellen- East Rock High School, will attend Blue Ridge Community College (Emmett & Judy Ellen's grandson).

Fisher Hayden Evans – Lee Davis High School (Brenda & Tommy Evans' grandson).

Aleena Paczkoski - Godwin High School, will attend Bridgewater College (Mike & Vicky Collius's granddaughter).

Zackary R. Petree - Lee Davis High School, will attend J. Sergeant Reynolds (Dorothy Petree's grandson).

Jacob Andrew Rivera – New Kent High School (Brenda & Tommy Evan's grandson).

Courtney Rosser - Hanover High School , will attend UVA (Mike Lohr's granddaughter).

Mariah Wilson - Hanover High School - will attend Chowan College (Mike & Vicky Collius' granddaughter).

College

Cody Hunter Adams – Old Dominion University with a Bachelor in Sports Management (Evelyn Adams' grandson).

Edwin David Adams, Jr. – Liberty University with Bachelor Degree in Business.

Melissa Bristow - Rappahannock Community College with honors in Phlebotomy (Jimmy & Sheila Parsley's daughter).

Katie Ellen - Bachelor of Fine Art from JMU in Graphic Design (Emmett & Judy Ellen's granddaughter).

Gretchen Gales - Master in Education from VCU (Jeanette Sings' granddaughter).

Wil Gordon - VCU with a degree in Criminal Justice (Dorothy Petree's grandson).

Taylor Kidd - Bryant & Stratton College with certificate in Medical Assistant (Bill & Carol Spangler's granddaughter).

Ben Phifer - Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from JMU (Emmett & Judy Ellen's grandson).

Megan Rosser - UVA with a Bachelor of Arts in English (Mike Lohr's granddaughter).



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 9-13

Are your kids ready to launch into hyper-drive this summer? They won't want to miss a minute at Time Lab, the most welcoming place around! At Time Lab, kids will discover Jesus from eternity past to eternity future as they enjoy songs, crafts, games, goodies, and dramas. Vacation Bible School at Time Lab will be a quantum leap of fun and excitement, so contact us today! We're calling all time travelers to join us for an amazing adventure!

Register online: <http://www.newbethesdabaptistchurch.org/vbs/>

We are in need of white lab coats and science equipment (beakers, flasks, graduated cylinders, etc) to use with decorating for VBS. Make sure your name is on them, so we can return the items to you. Please put the



MUSIC NOTES

Music Moments

This month, I would like to share an article with you I read from *Our Daily Bread Scriptures and Devotions for Your Day* which our beloved Sylvia Pickels gave to me. It spoke to me on many levels; hopefully it will to you, also:

“We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.” (Ephesians 2:10)

A church organist was practicing a piece by Felix Mendelssohn and not doing well. Frustrated, he gathered up his music. As he turned to leave, a stranger who had been sitting in a rear pew came forward and asked if he could play the piece. “I never let anyone touch this organ!” was the blunt reply. Finally, after two more polite requests, the grumpy musician reluctantly gave him permission. The stranger sat down and filled the sanctuary with beautiful music. When he finished, the organist asked, “Who are you?” The man replied, “I am Felix Mendelssohn.” The organist had almost prevented the song’s creator from playing his own music!

Sometimes we too try to play the chords of our lives, and, like that stubborn organist, we only reluctantly take our hands off the keys. But our lives won’t produce beautiful music unless we let Him work through us. God’s ability is not limited by our inability.”



2019 Student Ministry

The youth will have a lock-in, June 1 - 2. The night will begin with laser tag Friday night and will conclude Saturday morning at 8 am.

Graduate recognition will be June 3rd during our morning worship service. We have many graduates connected to our church and look forward to honoring their accomplishments!

Parents of children and youth, I want to invite you to a Parent Coffee Break June 10 at 4pm in the youth room. This will not be a typical parent meeting. Kelly and I want to bring our group of parents together for fellowship and offer prayer and encouragement to you. As parents, you are an integral part of ministry and we want you to know you are loved and cared for as well. See you there!

June 13 and 20, as part of our Wednesday night meeting, we will be conducting neighborhood blitzes as a way to promote VBS. We will meet at the church at our normal time and will ride together to a local neighbor to pass out VBS information. If you would like to participate in this let me know!

Beginning July 1, the youth will meet Sunday evenings 6 to 8pm for Summer Cinema! Each week we’ll watch a movie, then after the movie have a discussion about how the movie relates to Christian themes. This meeting will take the place of our Wednesday night meetings during the summer. Food and drinks will be provided.

We’ve made it to Impact Virginia month! June 24-30 the youth will travel to Bluefield, VA for a week of service. Pray that we will serve well that week!

Have you ever asked yourself “why church?” or “why youth group?” One of my own why’s is that through the course of my life, church folks have played such an important role. I’ve been reminded numerous times how powerful it can be when your church family comes along beside you and supports you. So, if you ever find yourself asking “why church?” or “why youth group?” be reminded today that it’s often our church family who can stand by us when we need it most.

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