

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

November 23rd - November 29th

Today: 9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering
12:15 - PWCT Meeting
12:15 - Witness Committee Meeting
7:00 - Community Thanksgiving Service

Monday: 6:30 - Cub Scouts
7:00 - Boy Scouts
7:00 - Stewardship/Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday: Church Office Closed

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

Friday: Advent Workshop Set-Up (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday: Advent Workshop Set-Up (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 - Hanging of the Greens Set-Up

Next Sunday, November 30th: 1st Sunday of Advent

*9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship/Communion/Hanging of the Greens
12:00 - Advent Workshop*

Greeters: Barbara Gough and Pat Quick

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Libby Smith.

*Good morning and welcome to Bethel! Whether you are a member, a friend or a visitor please take a moment and fill out the attendance pad at the end of your pew. Don't forget to give the attendance pad to others to sign when you are done. Thank you!

*The PWCT will meet today following the worship service.

*The Witness Committee will meet today following the worship service.

*Remember the community-wide Thanksgiving Service will be held here at Bethel this evening at 7:00 pm. Ron Nicholas, OSL, Stated Supply Pastor at St. John's Reformed UCC will be giving the sermon. Everyone's invited to this special service!

*The Christian Education Committee scheduled for tomorrow night has been cancelled. The next Christian Education Committee meeting will be on Monday, December 22nd, at 7:00 pm.

*The Stewardship/Finance Committee will meet tomorrow evening, November 24th, at 7:00 pm. They will be discussing the 2015 budget so all committee members need to make every effort to attend this meeting.

*The Church Office will be closed this Wednesday, November 26th and Thursday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

*Hanging of the Greens Set-Up: Next Saturday, November 29th, at 1:00 pm we will be decorating the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. All are welcome to attend this event and help decorate as we joyfully prepare our worship space for the coming of our Lord.

*The annual Hanging of the Greens program will be held next Sunday, November 30th during our regular worship service. Please make plans to attend this wonderful and meaningful service.

*Communion will be held next Sunday, November 30th, the 1st Sunday of Advent.

*The 2014 Advent Workshop will be next Sunday, November 30th, following worship. We will have a light lunch and activities will include crafts representing each Sunday of Advent. Each family will receive an Advent wreath and calendar to be used at home during the Advent season. Advent is a season of anticipation and preparation for the coming of Christ. Please be part of this Advent Workshop. If you have any questions, please see or call Peggy Smith.

*As a "Together in Service" project the Bethel Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a gift-card drive to benefit the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highland (PCHH) in time for the holiday season. PCHH has a particular need for gift cards from Wal-Mart and McDonalds. If you choose to participate in this mission project, circle members can turn in gift cards to circle leaders Yvonne Goodson or Libby Smith or you may give the gift cards to Jackie Law. Although this project originated in the PW organization, all members of Bethel are invited to join in this effort to meet needs at PCHH. In order to assist with the equitable distribution of the gift cards please write the purchased amount on each card or envelope. All gift cards need to be received by next Sunday, November 30th so that they can be mailed to PCHH and arrive in time for holiday shopping and outings in December.

*Want an idea for Christmas presents? The Growth & Strengthening Committee has new Bethel travel mugs with the Bethel logo on them for \$10.00 each. You can see the mug and sign-up to order mugs at the table in Memorial Hall. The deadline to sign-up if you want the mugs in time for Christmas is DECEMBER 2nd. If you have questions please see Barb Gough or Tom Whitaker.

*There will be Officer Training and a joint meeting of the Session, Diaconate, and Board of Trustees on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. All current officers and all newly elected officers (Elders, Deacons, and Trustees) who will be serving in 2015 need to make plans to attend. If you are unable to be there please let Pastor David know as soon as possible (jdavidshearer@gmail.com).

*Watch for the Salvation Army tree which will be on the table in Memorial Hall soon. We need to make sure that all of those gift tags are taken so that the families we are helping can receive the Christmas that they have dreamed of and prayed about. Remember that the gifts will need to be returned to the church by December 7th and will need to be wrapped with the tag attached. Also, don't forget that you can "team up" to buy gifts (especially expensive ones) if you want to. Thank you so much for your great generosity! Bethel's people can always be counted on to be a blessing!

*The Joy Gift program will be held on Sunday, December 14th following the worship service. We will be having a covered dish meal so bring your favorite dish to share! Following the meal we will be having a program presented by our young people under the direction of Susan Smith. Come and join us for a great meal and the program that will follow!

*Pastor David is switching his days off. From now on, unless noted otherwise, Pastor David will have Mondays and Fridays off. Adrienne will continue to be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 am until 3 pm.

*Advent Calendars are now available in Memorial Hall. They are in envelopes labeled with members' names and are in alphabetical order. You may pick them up following the worship service today. Please see Irene Elliott if you have any questions. Thank you!

*Many thanks to everyone who provided a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child this year. Twenty shoeboxes were collected and delivered on Monday. Thanks for all the support and help with this worthwhile project! - Peggy Smith

*Thank you so much for all your prayers, the wonderful cards, and comforting words after the passing of my father. Again, thank you all.

- Pamela Prickett and Family

*Our sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Charlie Lamb who passed away on Monday, December 17th, 2014.

*If you would like to join Bethel Presbyterian Church, please feel free to contact Pastor David or a Session member. We would love to hear from you!

November 16th

Attendance: 90

Weekly Budget: \$3,436.00 Received: \$2,059.00

Total Pledged for 2015: \$67,640.00