

## **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

November 9th - November 15th

- Today:** Stewardship Sunday  
9:00 - Communications Committee Meeting  
9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Worship/Communion  
12:15 - Worship Committee Meeting
- Monday:** 6:30 - Cub Scouts  
7:00 - Boy Scouts  
7:00 - Session Meeting
- Tuesday:** Veterans Day  
1:30 - Afternoon Circle  
7:00 - Evening Circle
- Wednesday:** 5:45 - The Bells of Bethel  
7:00 - Adult Choir
- Thursday:** 12:00 - December Tower Deadline  
7:00 - Bible Study
- Saturday:** 9:00 - Bethel Firewood and Tree Removal Day  
9:30 - Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting at  
Bath County High School; Hot Springs, VA

*Next Sunday, November 16th: Deadline: OCC Shoeboxes Due*

*9:45 - Sunday School*

*11:00 - Worship*

*12:00 - Congregational Meeting*

*12:30 - Stewardship/Finance Committee Meeting  
(after Congregational Meeting)*

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Greeters: Barbara Gough and Pat Quick

\*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by JoAnn Pendley in honor of The Bells of Bethel Handbell Choir. The Bells of Bethel will be ringing the two pieces rung today at the Mental Health Association's annual banquet on Friday, November 14th.

\*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!

\*Stewardship season is here! Bethel is ready to have a good and productive year in 2015. Today is Stewardship Sunday. Pledge cards are available in your bulletin, in Memorial Hall, and in the vestibule. Please place your completed cards in the offering plate or give them to Ken Wilkinson, Receiving Treasurer. Please carefully and prayerfully consider your pledge for next year.

\*The Worship Committee will meet today following the worship service.

\*The Session will meet tomorrow, Monday, November 10th at 7:00 pm.

\*The December Tower Deadline will be this Thursday, November 13th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the December Tower can be left in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or you can email them to her at [bethelpc@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpc@gmail.com). When writing announcements for the newsletter please keep in mind the 5 W's: Who? What? When? Where? Why?. Answer all of these in your announcement and you can be sure that your news will be communicated well. Please remember if you turn in items after the deadline Adrienne cannot guarantee they will be included in the Tower. Thank you!

\*Thursday Evening Bible Study: 7:00 pm. The Bible Study is being held in the Fellowship Hall and the theme is "*The Life and Times of Jesus Christ*". If you have any questions please contact Pastor David at [jdavidshearer@gmail.com](mailto:jdavidshearer@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome to attend!

\*There will be a firewood/tree removal day next Saturday, November 15th at 9 am at Bethel. Firewood will be delivered to those in need. Please see Chris Schooley or Mac Williams for details.

\*There will be a Congregational Meeting next Sunday, November 16th, following the worship service for the purpose of hearing the report of the Church Nominating Committee and electing new Church Officers.

\*The Stewardship/Finance Committee will meet next Sunday, November 16th, following the Congregational Meeting.

\*IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES! Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has been distributing shoebox gifts to boys and girls around the world in Jesus' name through Operation Christmas Child. Each shoebox gift can bring joy and the good news of Jesus Christ to a child in need. Please be a part of this effort by filling a shoebox this year. We would like to suggest using a plastic shoebox/container that the child can use later to keep things in. All shoeboxes will be due next Sunday, November 16th. Filled shoeboxes can be left on the cart in the vestibule at the Sanctuary door. Thank you for all the past support of this project. For more information please pick up an Operation Christmas Child brochure in Memorial Hall. If you have any questions, please see or call Peggy Smith.

\*Remember the community-wide Thanksgiving Service will be held here at Bethel on Sunday, November 23rd, at 7:00 pm. Everyone's invited to this special service!

\*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 at the November meeting, 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 Sunday, November 30th so that they can be mailed to PCHH and arrive in time for holiday shopping and outings in December.

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

\*The 2014 Advent Workshop will be on 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.

\*Did you know that the Bethel website is also a blog? Pastor David is blogging fresh content not found anywhere else, so sign up for spam free notifications to be sent right to your inbox. Lost your Tower newsletter? It is there. Miss a sermon? It is there. Forgot what day or time an event is? Check the online calendar. The Bethel website is there for you. [www.bethelpresbyterianstaunton.org](http://www.bethelpresbyterianstaunton.org)

\*The Witness Committee would like to thank Kenneth LaPorte and sons for installing the railing on the front steps, Rhonda Johnson, Kathy and Wayne Swisher and Peggy Smith for installing downspout drains for the Renewing Homes of Greater Augusta to complete the project. Thanks for all your hard work and time!

\*Our sympathy and condolences to Pam Prickett and her family in the death of her father in Florida. Pam's mother is also ill so please keep her in your prayers as well.

\*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 2nd

Attendance: 103

Weekly Budget: \$3,436.00 Received: \$4,449.00

Receiving Treasurer Report

Estimated Budget through November 1st, 2014: \$147,832

Receipts \$144,313 Expenses \$132,426