

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

December 14th - December 20th

**Today:** 3rd Sunday of Advent  
9:45 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Worship  
12:00 - Worship Committee Meeting  
12:00 - Covered Dish Luncheon & Joy Gift Program

**Monday:** 3:00 - Poinsettia Order Deadline  
7:00 - Boy Scouts

**Tuesday:** 6:00 - Evening Circle

**Wednesday:** 5:45 - The Bells of Bethel  
7:00 - Adult Choir

**Thursday:** January Tower Mailing

*Next Sunday, December 21st: Winter Begins*

*4th Sunday of Advent*

*9:45 - Sunday School*

*11:00 - Worship*

*12:00 - Lunch and Christmas Caroling*

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Greeters: D.W. and Beth Miller

\*The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are given by Bettie Swisher. One poinsettia is given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Swisher and Don Swisher. The other poinsettia is given in memory of Faye Stump and Agnes Lotts.

\*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 Joy Gift Offering will be collected during the worship service today. The Joy Gift Offering is a special offering for the PCUSA and the money given will be distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs and to National Ministries of the General Assembly Council to help support Presbyterian racial ethnic education. Envelopes are available in your bulletin if you choose to give to the Joy Gift Offering.

\*The Worship Committee will meet today following the worship service for a short meeting to discuss the Christmas Eve service.

\*The Joy Gift program will be held on today following the worship service. We will be having a covered dish meal and 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!

\*The Bumgardner Classroom will not be available for use from tomorrow Monday, December 15th through Wednesday, December 17th while the floors are being refinished. In addition, the church handicap entrance will also not be useable from tomorrow, December 15th until December 20th. Please use the entrance near the Choir Room or other entrances while the floor at the handicap entrance is being refinished. Thank you for your patience while this project is being completed.

\*The deadline for Christmas BERF donations and Christmas Poinsettia orders is tomorrow, Monday, December 15th at 3 pm. An order form is included in your bulletin and in the December Tower. Please give your orders to Libby Smith or turn them into the Church Office. Thank you!

\*The Stonewall Brigade Band, Staunton's 80-piece community concert band, will present its annual Christmas Concert tomorrow evening, December 15th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 2000 Shutterlee Mill Road, Staunton. The Stonewall Flutes of Shenandoah will play in the Narthex of the church from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Admission is free. An offering will be taken to benefit both the Salvation Army and the Valley Mission. For further information about the band go to their website: [www.stonewallbrigadeband.com](http://www.stonewallbrigadeband.com).

\*The Evening Circle will have a Christmas Party this Tuesday, December 16th, at 6:00 pm at the church. We will eat dinner together and exchange gifts. Please bring a dish to share and a small gift. If you have any questions, please call Yvonne Goodson.

\*Kingsway needs your help! We need several volunteers to man our Christmas room this Wednesday, December 17th. Each year at this time, our clients are given the opportunity to choose a toy and/or a gift from items we have collected throughout the year. Your responsibilities would include admitting the children and/or parents and helping them to choose the appropriate number of items. We are open that day from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, but help is particularly needed from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. If you would like to help, please call Rhonda Johnson. Thank you!

\*Everyone "Let's go Christmas Caroling," next Sunday, December 21st! Following the worship service we will have a light lunch of soup and sandwiches in the Fellowship Hall and then carpool to the homes of our members who are homebound. Let's join together to make the Christmas Holidays more special for our homebound members!

\*The Christian Education Committee will meet on Monday, December 22nd, at 7:00 pm.

\*Our annual Christmas Eve candle lighting service will be held at 9 pm. The service is always a moving and beautiful experience as we hear the Good News both read and sung. Come and take part as we sing, as we pray, and as we praise God for the birth of our Savior.

\*Did you know that Libby Smith coordinates the flowers that are in the church every week? Thank you, Libby. While the schedule has been set for 2015, there are Sundays available. If you would like to provide an arrangement some Sunday, please call Libby Smith or the Church Office to see what dates are available.

\*I would like to thank everyone for all the calls and cards during the loss of my husband, Charles Lamb. Also, thanks to David Shearer for the nice graveside service and to the Women of the Church for the wonderful refreshments following the service. - Sara Ann Lamb

\*In the event of bad weather on Sunday mornings, please tune into WHSV-TV3 (Harrisonburg) or log onto their website ([www.whsv.com](http://www.whsv.com)) for information on whether church has been cancelled. Thank you!

\*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!

December 7th  
Attendance: 98

Weekly Budget: \$3,436.00 Received: \$4,746.00

Estimated Budget through November 30th, 2014: \$165,056  
Receipts: \$163,628 Expenses: \$162,757

## **Financial Stewardship**

**Offerings 2014:** It is requested that offerings for 2014 be made no later than Sunday, December 28th. Thank you for your continued support.

**Pledges 2015:** 23 pledges for a total of \$85,600 have been received. Thanks to those who pledged. If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider pledging now for 2015 - it is never too late! A pledge card is included below, and they are also available at the church. Send completed cards to the church (Attn: Receiving Treasurer), or put in the Receiving Treasurer mailbox in Memorial Hall or in the offering plate any Sunday.

**Offering Envelopes for 2015:** Offering envelopes are available in the vestibule. If you received numbered envelopes in 2014 you will have the same number reserved for 2015. If you do not currently use envelopes but would like to, please contact the Church Office with your request.