

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

November 15th - November 21st

Today: Deadline: OCC Shoeboxes Due
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship
12:00 - Congregational Meeting
12:30 - Fellowship Time
(following the Congregational Meeting)
7:00 - Stewardship/Finance Committee Meeting

Monday: 6:30 - Cub Scouts
7:00 - Boy Scouts

Wednesday: 7:00 - Adult Choir
7:00 - The Bells of Bethel

Thursday: December Tower Mailing

Next Sunday, November 22nd:

9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering
12:00 - Fellowship Time
12:15 - Witness Committee Meeting
12:15 - Worship Committee Meeting
7:00 - Community Thanksgiving Service at
St. John's Reformed

Greeters: Bob and Louise Hoy

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charlotte & Jim Williams and Mary Williams Dransfield by Lynn & Eloise Moore.

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

*There will be a Congregational Meeting today following the worship service for the purpose of hearing the report of the Church Nominating Committee and electing new Church Officers.

***After Church Refreshments** We have had some wonderful participation from the congregation for our after service receptions. The Growth & Strengthening Committee extends their gratitude to all those who have signed up, brought refreshments and shared fellowship. Today refreshments will be provided by Pastor David and Bonnie Shearer. We have enjoyed being together in the Fellowship Hall and also in Memorial Hall, watching snapshots on the video screen of past Bethel events and members of the congregation. Please look at the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and see if there may be a date you and a friend could take a turn at providing light refreshments. There are still openings in November and December, as well as into 2016. We hope to make this a tradition as it provides another opportunity to informally be together in God's house.

*The Stewardship/Finance Committee will meet tonight at 7:00 pm.

*Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due today! Please place your shoeboxes on the cart in the vestibule. See Peggy Smith if you have any questions. Thank you!

*The Covered Dish Dinner scheduled for this Thursday, November 19th, has been cancelled. Bible Study for this Thursday, November 19th, has also been cancelled.

*The Women of the Church and the Witness/Mission Committee are going to provide and serve the breakfast meal at the Valley Mission this Saturday, November 21st. We need donations of the following items: breakfast casseroles (in disposable pans); grapes or oranges; gallon jugs of juice; loaves of quick breads, such as banana bread (please make a note on each whether or not they contain nuts). If you would like to provide any of these, please contact Rhonda Johnson. Everything needs to be dropped off at the church by 7:00 pm on Friday, the 20th, with any baking instructions for the casseroles if they are the "overnight" type. Your help with this worthwhile mission is greatly appreciated!

*The Witness Committee will meet next Sunday, November 22nd, following the worship service.

*The Worship Committee will meet next Sunday, November 22nd, following the worship service.

***Pictorial Directory** Our pictorial directory committee continues to work at collecting individual photographs, writing historical information and gathering group photographs of interest to the congregation. We plan two additional photo opportunities for those who may not have had their picture taken yet. On November 22nd after church Penny will be available in Memorial Hall with her camera. Also on November 29th at the Advent workshop she will be ready to snap individual photographs. After these dates as we move into the Christmas season any member of the committee may be contacted if someone still wants to have their picture added to the directory; either with a photo taken by Penny or Bonnie or by an already existing photo. We will close photo submissions by the end of December, 2015 and begin compiling what we have into your finished publication. Committee members are Barb Gough, Judy Olson, Jackie Law, Penny Lee, Bonnie Shearer and Marty Simmers.

*Remember the community-wide Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. John's Reformed Church next Sunday, November 22nd, at 7:00 pm. Everyone's invited to this special service!

*The Christian Education Committee will meet on Monday, November 23rd, at 7:00 pm.

*The Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands (PCHH) is a long-term residential care facility located in Wytheville, Virginia. As a "Together in Service" project the Bethel Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a gift-card drive to benefit 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 29th 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 29th during our regular worship service. Please make plans to attend this wonderful and meaningful service.

*The 2015 Advent Workshop will be on Sunday, November 29th, following worship. All ages are welcome! 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.

*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 6th 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!

*Calling all ringers, calling all ringers! Yes it is time to reserve your time, date and location for this season of Red Kettle Ringing for the Salvation Army. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Teresa Harris at (540) 885-8157 to schedule an appropriate time and date. Ask a friend to join you and have some fun ringing for a worthy cause!

*The Bethel Personnel Committee would like to thank Tish Folsom for her outstanding work as Disbursing Treasurer for the past 11 years! Tish has resigned this position effective December 31st of this year. We need someone to fill this important position in our church. It involves entering information into a simple accounting program, writing checks and maintaining a schedule of certain recurring payments, such as benevolence. This is a great opportunity to give back and fill a need at Bethel. This is a paid position and the amount of time worked per week will vary. Payroll of all church employees is currently taken care of by an independent company. Please contact Rhonda Johnson if you are interested or would like more information. Thank you!

*Please note that The Bells of Bethel practices now begin at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings.

*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 8th

Attendance: 85

Weekly Budget: \$3,589.00 Received: \$1,432.00