

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

November 22nd - November 28th

Today: 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

Monday: 6:30 - Cub Scouts
7:00 - Boy Scouts
7:00 - Christian Education 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)
Hanging of the Greens Set-Up

Next Sunday, November 29th: 1st Sunday of Advent

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Worship/Communion/Hanging of the Greens

12:00 - Advent Workshop

Greeters: Bob and Louise Hoy

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Keedie Leonard.

*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!

*Advent Calendars are now available in Memorial Hall. They are located in the box on the table in front of the Keurig. The calendars are in labeled envelopes and are in alphabetical order according to last name. If you have a mailbox in Memorial Hall please check there for your calendar. Thanks!

***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 David & Betty Schooley. 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 Witness Committee will meet today following the worship service.

*The Worship Committee will meet today 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. Today after church Penny will be available in Memorial Hall with her camera. Also next Sunday, 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 tonight at 7:00 pm. Everyone's invited to this special service!

*Please have all announcements for the bulletin for Sunday, November 29th to the Church Office by tomorrow, November 23rd, at 3:00 pm.

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

*The Church Office will be closed this Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

*Pastor David's Sunday School Class will not meet next Sunday, November 29th.

*The annual Hanging of the Greens program will be held next Sunday, November 29th during our regular worship service. Please make plans to attend this wonderful and meaningful service.

*Communion will be held next week, November 29th, the 1st Sunday of Advent.

*The 2015 Advent Workshop will be next 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 (540/292-0885 or jug27peg@yahoo.com).

*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 next Sunday, November 29th so that they can be mailed to PCHH and arrive in time for holiday shopping and outings in December.

*Bethel and St. John's Reformed are partnering to do a midweek service during the Advent Season. Please mark your calendars. The service will be on Tuesday evenings. Soup will be served at 6:30 pm followed by worship and discussion at 7:00 pm. Bethel will host the services on December 1st and December 15th and St. John's Reformed will host the services on December 8th and December 22nd. Everyone is welcome!

*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 Sunday, 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!

*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 15th

Attendance: 82

Weekly Budget: \$3,589.00 Received: \$3,334.00

Lift Up in Prayer

Bethel is trying to keep you informed of people who are in need of prayer. Please take this sheet home and post it somewhere that will be visible to you. See the contact numbers at the end of the list to keep us updated with changes or additions. -- Barb Gough

Bethel Prayer List 11.22.15 ---- Please keep these in Prayer:

New Additions:

Friends & Family of Gaynell Cash (*Penny Cash's mother*)
Daniel & Becky Grimm (*passing of Becky's father William Hanger*)
Friends & Family of Pearle Rowe
Nickie Rutledge (*cousin of Louise Hoy*)

Lou Allen (*melanoma*)
Bentley Almarode (*4 year old recovering from brain surgery*)
Catherine Bryan (*friend of Stephanie Rivers*)
Barbara Burroughs (*friend of Laura Barmore*)
Lorine Caldwell (*Dean Caldwell's mother*)
Debbie Callison, her sister-in-law Patricia Stiles & great-niece Reese Burdette
Murphy Cash (*Penny Cash's brother - has pancreatic cancer*)
Ann Christian
Jim and Betty Crosby
Jarod Davis (*please send cards to home address*)
Friends & Family of Mary (Williams) Dransfield
Meredith Furr (*9 year old with malignant liver tumor*)
Doug Goodson
Danielle Hanger
Sawyer Hull (*Brent & Wendy Hull's daughter*)
Frances Humphries (*friend of Margaret Wade*)
Chris Jarvis (*recovering from West Nile Virus*)
Tom Jeffrey (*friend of Laura Barmore*)

(Prayer List Continued)

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Bill Klitzman (*nephew of Louise Hoy*)
Sara Ann Lamb
Don Latta (*sepsis*)
David Law
Margaret Liptrap
Meade Loomis (*sister of Anne Jones*)
Michelle Murphy (*friend of Kymberlee Schneider*)
Bobbie Phillips (*David Shearer's aunt*)
Friends & Family of Melva Piland
Christy Glover Pilson (*John Pilson's niece*)
Phyllis Pilson (*John Pilson's sister-in-law*)
Carly Pond (*14 year old great niece of John Pilson*)
Ridge and Family (*Ridge is a 2 year old who has a brain tumor*)
Irene Sarnelle (*lung cancer*)
Charlotte Swortzel
Friends & Family of Mary "Jimmie" L. Thomas
Jerry Utz (*Cynthia Williams brother*)
Bruce Webb (*friend of Corbett Smith*)
Katie Williams & Family
Sarah Williams & Family
Isaac Wolfe
MISSIONARY: Michael and Rachel Weller and Ethiopian friends

Please call Tammy Barbour @ 540-471-0450, Barb Gough @ 540-255-6521, or the Church Office @ 540-886-6041 with any additions or updates.