

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 25th - December 31st

•The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are given by the congregation and friends of Bethel.



•Merry Christmas and welcome to Bethel this morning! Whether you are a member, a friend or a visitor please take a moment to 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!

•Rev. William (Bill) Painter will be leading the worship service today. Bill is a retired member of the Shenandoah Presbytery and he lives at Sunnyside Retirement Community with his wife Louisa. They have two adult children and one small dog. Please let him know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

•If you purchased a poinsettia and have not picked it up please make sure to take it home with you today! Thank you!

•The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, December 26th through Monday, January 2nd for the Christmas and New Year's holiday and while Adrienne is on vacation. If you need anything please contact Bill Brubeck or Laura Barmore. Thank you!

•Sunday School for next Sunday, January 1st is cancelled. Please join us when Sunday School resumes on Sunday, January 8th, at 9:45 am.

•Nursery is offered during Sunday School and Worship for children through kindergarten. Children's Church is being reorganized and will not be available until January 2017. Children's Church will be available for children in elementary grades 1st - 5th. Any older children will remain in the worship service. Volunteers will be needed, so please give it prayerful consideration!

•Upcoming guest ministers and speakers include: On January 1st: Rev. Roxana Atwood will lead the worship service and she is new to our church; both she and her husband Jim have retired to Harrisonburg. Please make her feel at home. On January 8th: Rev. Malcolm Brownlee returns to lead worship and serve communion. On January 15th: Don Reid, RE, will lead the service. Don is one of the original members of the Statler Brothers. While retired from performing, Don stays busy writing, having written several books, fiction and non-fiction, public speaking and keeping up with his grandchildren. Please make Don feel at home. On January 22nd: Rev. Kate Roscoe will lead the worship service. Kate is married to Rev. Clayton Roscoe who preached at Bethel on December 11th and is the Executive Director of Massanetta Springs. Please make her feel at home.

•News for Class of 2019 Officers

Officer Training will probably take place sometime in mid-to-late January. You will be notified as soon as the training is scheduled. In the meantime, all new Elders are invited to attend the Session Meeting on Sunday, January 8th, at 7:00 pm. All new Deacons are invited to attend the Diaconate Meeting on Sunday, January 8th, at 12:15 pm. By attending the meeting you can get a feel for how things operate and become familiar with what projects you will be working on. Thank you!

•Congregational Assessment Tool

We had a wonderful response rate for our Congregational Assessment. There were a total of 119 complete surveys submitted for a 71% response rate! It just shows how much the members and friends of Bethel care about our future. The CAT team would like to thank everyone for making this happen. We should have the results after the first of the year. Thank you to Tamara Barbour, Barbara Gough, and Tom Whitaker for all their hard work! - Laura Barmore

•Words cannot express my gratitude and thanks to you for the wonderful (and unexpected!) Christmas purse that you gave to me. I was overwhelmed and humbled by the generosity and kindness that you showed me. I would also like to thank all of you for the cards and gifts that were given to Justin and me for Christmas as well. I am blessed to be part of such a wonderful "family" and I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2017!

Love in Christ,

Adrienne Barker, Bethel Office Manager

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

December 18th

Attendance: 109

Weekly Budget: \$3,679.00 Received: \$13,272.00

Financial Stewardship Information

Offerings 2016: It is requested that offerings for 2016 be made by today! Thank you for your continued support.

Pledges 2017: 20 pledges for a total of \$61,082 have been received. Thanks to those who pledged. If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider pledging now for 2017 - it is never too late! Pledge cards are available in Memorial Hall and the vestibule. 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 2017: ATTENTION OFFERING ENVELOPE USERS – Numbered offering envelopes are available in the vestibule for those who used offering envelopes in 2016. If you do not currently use envelopes but would like to or have been using them but no longer want them, please contact the Church Office with your request.