

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**January 1st - January 7th**

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Libby Smith.



•Happy New Year 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. Roxana Atwood will be leading the worship service this morning. Rev. Atwood is a retired Presbyterian minister and a member of Shenandoah Presbytery. She is a graduate of the Virginia Episcopal Seminary and Union Presbyterian Seminary and has served churches in Washington, DC and northern Virginia. She and her husband, Jim, also a Presbyterian minister, have lived at Sunnyside for the past three years. Please let her know how much we appreciate her being with us this morning!

•The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, January 2nd, 2017, for the New Year's holiday.

•Upcoming guest ministers and speakers include: 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!

### •Monthly "Fellowship Following Worship"

"Fellowship Following Worship" is scheduled for Sunday, January 15th. Many thanks to Mo Kyle and Sally Williams who will be providing refreshments! The Congregational Care Committee is still looking people who would be willing to provide refreshments monthly during 2017 (*you choose the month and Sunday*). Please sign-up on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall if you can help out during 2017. Thank you!

•The deadline for the Annual Reports for 2016 is Friday, January 20th, 2017. If you were a chair of a committee for 2016, please have your report and statement to the Church Office by the above date. Thank you!

### •Church Inclement Weather Information

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. If church is cancelled a congregational email will also be sent out to all active members.

For weekday activities please follow the Augusta County Schools. If school is cancelled, all events for that evening at the church are cancelled.

The Church Office may also be closed due to inclement weather if Augusta County Schools are closed (Monday through Thursday). If the Church Office is closed due to inclement weather and you have a need please email [bethelpc@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpc@gmail.com). Adrienne will be checking email messages throughout the day even if she is not in the Church Office. Thank you!

•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!

### **Financial Stewardship Information**

***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.