

THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 8th - January 14th

- Today** Baptism of the Lord
 9:00 Communications Committee Meeting
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship/Communion
 12:15 Diaconate Meeting
 7:00 Session Meeting
- Monday** 7:00 Boy Scouts
- Tuesday** 1:30 Afternoon Circle
 7:00 Evening Circle
- Wednesday** 6:30 Cub Scouts
 7:00 Adult Choir
 7:00 The Bells of Bethel

Next Sunday, January 15th:

- 9:45 Sunday School*
11:00 Worship
12:00 Fellowship Time
12:15 Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting



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•Good morning and welcome to Bethel! 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. Malcolm Brownlee will be preaching and leading the worship service this morning. Malcolm Brownlee grew up in Rockbridge Baths, Virginia, and moved back there 10 years ago to retire. He has been pastor of churches in Hazard, Kentucky; Riverdale, Georgia; and Huntersville, North Carolina, and interim pastor of churches in Lexington, North Carolina; Beckley, West Virginia, and Fairfield and Rockbridge Baths, Virginia. From 1973 till 1984 he and his wife Sarah were missionaries in Indonesia. Bethel Presbyterian Church was one of their supporting churches during that time. Please let Rev. Brownlee know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

•Children's Church has been cancelled for today. (Nursery is still available for ages birth through kindergarten.)

•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 this evening, at 7:00 pm. All new Deacons are invited to attend the Diaconate Meeting today, 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!

•Upcoming guest ministers and speakers include: 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.

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

•Congregational Care “Fellowship Following Worship” sign-up sheet: There is a new volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall. The Congregational Care Committee has placed monthly Sunday dates under the name of each month. Please write your name down next to the month you are willing to provide refreshments and then circle the date of the Sunday you have chosen. Communion dates are also included; we ask that no-one sign up for refreshments on any of those four dates. As other events are scheduled they will be added to the signup sheet, e.g., Lemonade on the Lawn, planned meals. Thank you and we look forward to our first 2017 get-together on January 15th with Mo Kyle and Sally Williams.

•The Men of the Church will be meeting for dinner and fellowship on Tuesday, January 17th, at 6:30 pm.

•The February Tower Deadline will be Thursday, January 19th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the February Tower can be left in Adrienne’s mailbox in Memorial Hall or you can email them to: bethelpc@gmail.com. Please remember that all announcements are subject to editing and if you turn in items after the deadline Adrienne cannot guarantee they will be included in the Tower. 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) 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. Adrienne will be checking email messages throughout the day even if she is not in the Church Office. Thank you!

•Worn blue hymnals are available in the Choir Room, on a first come, first choice basis.

•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!

<u>December 25th</u>	
Attendance: 62	
Weekly Budget: \$3,679.00	Received: \$7,265.00
<u>January 1st</u>	
Attendance: 57	
Weekly Budget: \$3,679.00	Received: \$3,196.00

Financial Stewardship Information

Pledges 2017: 21 pledges for a total of \$67,582 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.