

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 5th - November 11th



• 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!

• We welcome Rev. Bernard Bangley who will be preaching and leading the worship service this morning. Rev. Bangley is a retired Presbyterian Minister living in Rockbridge County. He was pastor of Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Rockbridge Baths for eleven years, and then served churches in Lynchburg and Sarasota, Florida. He and Anna, his wife of 59 years, have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He is the author of a number of religious books. Please let Rev. Bangley know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

• The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by JoAnn Pendley in memory of her parents, Mert Leroy and Helen Fern Post.

• Bethel will be observing "All Saints' Sunday" today. This is the day in the church calendar when we celebrate all the saints, who have served their Lord faithfully on earth and now live eternally in God's presence. During the worship service we will honor all who have gone before us in the past year. The names of those we are honoring are listed in the bulletin and there will be a time of prayer with candle lighting.

• The December Tower Deadline will be this Thursday, November 9th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the December Tower can be left in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or you can email them to her at [bethelpc@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpc@gmail.com). Remember if you turn in items after the deadline Adrienne cannot guarantee they will be included in the Tower.

Please note that the December Tower will be mailed out a week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you!

### • Stewardship Season & Stewardship Sunday

School is back in session. Thanksgiving is almost here, and it is time again for Bethel to make plans for next year. Yes, Stewardship Season is here. Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for next Sunday, November 12th. If you cannot be present on Stewardship Sunday please use the pledge cards in the vestibule or Memorial Hall. Mail the completed card to the attention of the Receiving Treasurer (Church Address: 563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401). You may also place the pledge card in the offering plate any Sunday. Bethel needs all of you to help if we are to reach our goals. Please carefully and prayerfully consider your pledge for next year. Thank you for your continuing support!

• There will be a Congregational Meeting next Sunday, November 12th, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect five members of the congregation to the Nominating Committee. By order of the Session.

• IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES! Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has been distributing shoebox gifts to boys and girls around the world in Jesus' name through Operation Christmas Child. Each shoebox gift can bring joy and the good news of Jesus Christ to a child in need. Please be a part of this effort by filling a shoebox this year. Brochures on how to pack your shoebox are available in the vestibule and Memorial Hall. All shoeboxes will be due by next Sunday, November 12th. Please contact Kathy Swisher if you any questions. Thank you for all the past support of this project!

### • Fellowship Following Worship Volunteers Needed!

The Congregational Care Committee is looking for people who would be willing to provide refreshments for the "Fellowship Following Worship" in November. Would you look at our sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall and see if there is a date you can sign-up to bring refreshments? Light refreshments, something to drink and a friendly face are all the ingredients required!

• The Bethel Communications Committee is seeking more members! We need help and ideas in spreading the good news about Bethel and our activities in the community! If you are interested in being a part of this committee or would like more information please contact Tabby Moore.

•The Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

Bethel Presbyterian Women "Together in Service" Project

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 you can give the gift cards to Barbara Gough, Jackie Law, Irene Elliott, or Louise Hoy. 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 26th so that they can be mailed to PCHH and arrive in time for holiday shopping and outings in December.

•Volunteers Needed! Younglives which is a program, started by Young Life more than 20 years ago provides weekly support, spiritual guidance, teaching and training for teenage mothers in our community. Childcare workers are needed for one Monday evening each month from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm while the mothers have their meetings in Fishersville. If you have additional questions and/or are interested in volunteering please contact Linda Lamond. Thank you!

•Wedding Coordinator Needed

The Session has approved a Wedding Coordinator position with a fee of \$150 to be paid by those getting married. This person, who will be a member of the church, will meet with every couple being married at Bethel and/or their wedding planner to answer any questions about the church and its policies. They will be present at church for the rehearsal and the wedding to help insure a memorable time at Bethel. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Church Office.

•Are you looking for a birthday gift? A Christmas gift? Don't forget that Shenandoah Awards and Apparel in Staunton has the Bethel logo and can put it on a hat, shirt, or anything you might want. You can walk in and order on your own without a group order. Help yourself and get Bethel's name out there!