

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 12th - November 18th



•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 Derek & Cindy Almarode in loving memory of their son, Nathaniel Lane Almarode.

•Today is Stewardship Sunday! Bethel is ready to have a good and productive year in 2017. Pledge cards are available in your bulletin, in Memorial Hall, and the vestibule. Please place your completed card in the offering plate or give them to Ken Wilkinson, Receiving Treasurer. Please carefully and prayerfully consider your pledge for next year. Thank you for your continuing support!

•There will be a Congregational Meeting today 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.

•All Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due today. Please place your shoeboxes on the cart in the vestibule. If you have any questions or forgot your shoebox this morning please contact Kathy Swisher. Thank you for your support of this project!

•Any announcements for the November 26th bulletin will need to be submitted by Monday, November 20th, at 9:00 am. Thank you!

•Due to the Advent Workshop on December 3rd, the Bethel Diaconate will be meeting on Sunday, November 26th, following worship for their regular meeting. Thank you!

•*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.

•The Staunton Choral Society will present their 2017 Christmas Concert "Tell the News" here at Bethel on Saturday, December 2nd, at 4:00 pm. There is no admission cost but a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Staunton Choral Society, a 501(c)3 organization. For more information please check out the Staunton Choral Society website at: www.stauntonchoralsociety.org or their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety. Make plans now to attend this special concert!

•Massanetta Springs will host its annual Christmas Dinner and Concert on Saturday, December 2nd, at 6:00 pm. The delicious dinner includes appetizer, salad, main course with sides, and dessert. This year's concert will be performed by the Mosaic Handbell Choir, a group of ten ringers skillfully playing 3 octaves of bells and 5 octaves of chimes - coordinating with each other to craft a magical presentation to enjoy with eyes and ears. The dinner and concert are \$20/ adult; \$13/ages 5 - 17; 5 and under are free. Reservations are required so please contact (540) 434-3829 or nolaa@massanettasprings.org.

•The annual Hanging of the Greens program will be held on Sunday, December 3rd during our regular worship service. Please make plans to attend this wonderful and meaningful service.

•The Advent Workshop will be on Sunday, December 3rd, following worship. All ages are welcome! We will have a light lunch provided by the Bethel Women and then do crafts and activities to take home to celebrate the Advent season. Please contact Barb Gough if you would like more information. Make plans now to attend and join the fun!

- Congregational Care Committee

•Volunteers Needed! Many of you know long-time Bethel members Jon & Donna Bush. Not only are they the Bethel Custodians, they also volunteer at many church events, and Donna teaches the Children's Sunday School Class. They would like to attend worship one Sunday a month and are looking for someone who would be willing to stay with Donna's mother, Margaret Liptrap at their home. If you would be willing to stay with Margaret so Jon & Donna can attend worship please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall. Circle the Sunday you would be willing to serve along with your name and phone number. Donna will contact you with more details before you are scheduled to serve. Thank you for your consideration in volunteering!

•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.

•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.

•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!

•On Friday, November 3rd, and Saturday, November 4th Bethel carried out their twice yearly Howardsville Road trash pick-up and congregation wide church clean-up. David and Betty Schooley, Mo Kyle, Marion and Marty Simmers, Barb Gough, and D.W. and Beth Miller picked up 16 bags of assorted trash from the road leading to Bethel. This number will be reported to the Virginia Dept. of Highways. We are provided orange garbage bags and fluorescent vests by VDOT to make our pick-up day safer for all. Saturday brought Barb Gough, D.W. and Beth Miller, Ellen Fitzgerald, Tammy Barbour, Wade Cash, Joe Williams and Marty Simmers out for a busy, successful morning waterproofing/sealing exterior brick columns at Bethel, and rearranging storage areas. The Advent cabinets were moved into the storage room beside our session room. This large room was rearranged for efficient storage and access to items. The area accessed by the steps beside the kitchen where the rental chairs and tables are stored was cleaned and streamlined. A transportable storage unit will be purchased for better/easier access to the chairs. The Deacons are asking that nothing be placed in this area except the chairs and tables, and road side trash pick-up supplies. Lunch was provided for the workers by Tammy Barbour and Ellen Fitzgerald. Please take a minute and go look at the products of your Deacon's labors.

•Many thanks to D. W. Miller for sanding and painting the downstairs exterior double entrance doors to the educational building. Looks great, D. W.!

•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!

October 29th

Attendance: 71

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$2,727.00

November 5th

Attendance: 78

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$3,865.00