

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 19th - November 25th



•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 the Rev. Clayton Rascoe who will be preaching and leading the worship service this morning. Clayton is Executive Director of Massnaetta Springs Conference Center and holds degrees from Appalachian State University and Columbia Theological Seminary. Clayton is married to the Rev. Kate Rascoe and they two daughters, Ruth and Carolina, and a mischievous hound named Scoot. Please let Rev. Rascoe know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in memory of our parents by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Heizer.

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

•The Church Office will be closed this Wednesday, November 22nd & Thursday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

•Reminder! Gift cards for the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands (PCHH) are due next Sunday, November 26th. Please give the gift cards to Barbara Gough, Jackie Law, Irene Elliott, or Louise Hoy. Remember to write the purchased amount on each card or envelope. Thank you!

•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](http://www.stauntonchoralsociety.org) or their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety](http://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 6 - 17; 5 and under are free. Reservations are required so please contact 540-434-3829 or [nolaa@massanettasprings.org](mailto: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

•Look for the Salvation Army tree that is in Memorial Hall. Please take a gift tag off of the tree and sign your name on the sheet next to the tree. When you return your gift please make sure it's wrapped and the tag is attached. (Remember that while elaborate bows on the presents are pretty they get mashed when the gifts are packed for delivery.) Gifts are due Sunday, December 3rd. Contact Doris True if you have any questions. Thanks for your generosity with this annual project!

•Children's Christmas Program - December 10th

The Children's Christmas Program is scheduled as part of the 11:00 am worship service on December 10th. Also, during this time the congregation will sing beautiful and traditional Christmas hymns. Invite grandparents, neighbors, and friends to share in this Advent season.

•Joy Gift Sunday & Fellowship Meal - December 10th,

The Joy Gift Offering will be collected on Sunday, December 10th. A covered dish meal will be held immediately following morning worship, so bring your favorite dish to share!

•Note from the Bethel Diaconate . . .

Feels like winter is already here, doesn't it? Cold mornings, frost on the ground, chill in the sanctuary at church. The deacons are working hard to make sure everyone at Bethel feels warm and welcome when they settle in to worship at Bethel and hear the words of the gospel. We plan to have the wall units set at a constant temperature to stabilize the humidity and optimize moisture content for the care of our beautiful organ. In conjunction with the wall units we will have the church boiler set on a thermostat and you should feel warmth from the radiators along the sides of the sanctuary. As we all know, warm air flows upward, so we will have the ceiling fans circulating the warm air downward at a low speed. We ask that the fans be left on, the thermostat be left as set and any requests for change be directed to a deacon. There are vents on the wall units that can be redirected if a church member finds that they are sitting in the direct line of an uncomfortable air flow. Your serving deacon's names are on the back of your bulletin. We are here to help you, please help us keep Bethel comfortable this winter.

•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!

•Many thanks to David Turner for getting the heat back in the vestibule. We are grateful for his work, and our greeters and others will be warm while standing there.

•Many thanks to everyone who provided a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child this year. Twenty-four shoeboxes were collected for needy children. Thanks for the continued support of this worthwhile project!

•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!

November 12th

Attendance: 77

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

General Fund Monthly Report

Estimated Budget through October 31st: \$146,388.00

Actual Budget Expenses: \$104,863.00

Actual Budget Receipts: \$141,272.00