

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 17th - December 23rd



•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 assisting Pastor Roy during 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 joining us this morning!

•The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are given by the congregation and friends of Bethel.

•The Christmas Caroling that was scheduled for today following worship has been cancelled.

•Any announcements for the December 24th bulletin and/or the December 31st bulletin will need to be submitted by this Wednesday, December 20th, at 9:00 am. Thank you!

•The Blue Ridge Brass Quintet will be providing special music during the regular worship service next Sunday, December 24th. They will also play prior to the worship service, which you don't want to miss so make sure to get here a few minutes early! This very talented group played at our 2017 Homecoming Service and we are pleased they are able to join us again!

### •Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve at Bethel will start at 8:30 pm with special music. The Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols will begin at 9:00 pm. The service is always a moving and beautiful experience as we hear the Good News both read and sung. Come and take part as we sing, as we pray, and as we praise God for the birth of our Savior!

•The Nominating Committee has begun accepting nominations for the Class of 2020. Nominations are due next Sunday, December 24th and all congregation members are encouraged to participate in the election process by nominating potential candidates. Nominating Forms are included in your bulletin and completed forms can be placed in the designated boxes in the vestibule and Memorial Hall.

•The Church Office will be closed December 25th and December 26th for the Christmas holiday and on Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day. Adrienne will also be out of the office on Wednesday, December 27th and Thursday, December 28th. Please contact Pastor Roy ([bethelpastor@bethelpresbyterianstaunton.org](mailto:bethelpastor@bethelpresbyterianstaunton.org)) if you have a need. Thank you!

•Loch Willow Presbyterian Church is searching for a part-time Administrative Assistant/Secretary, beginning January 2nd, 2018. Ten to twelve hours per week; some flexibility in schedule. Good command of the English language and office skills required. Please contact Reed Hopkins, Pastor, at (540) 337-8543, or email at [lochwillowpastor@comcast.net](mailto:lochwillowpastor@comcast.net).

•Receiving Treasurer Search: Bethel is looking for a financially qualified member of the congregation to fill the position of Receiving Treasurer for the General Fund. Ken Wilkinson is retiring in the near future after serving in this position for many years. The General Fund receives donations from the Bethel congregation and others to fund the annual budget, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund, the Youth Fund and other funds. The Receiving Treasurer maintains complete and accurate records of donations by church members and others. With confidentiality in mind, the records are kept in ledger form on paper. No individual members donations or accounts are entered on any computer program. A weekly email report of total donations is made to the Disbursing Treasurer using Microsoft Excel. Also, a weekly bank deposit of all money received is made by the Receiving Treasurer. Other responsibilities to accomplish the above actions will be made available upon request. Please contact Ken Wilkinson at [kenwilkinson@hotmail.com](mailto:kenwilkinson@hotmail.com) or talk to Ken after service any Sunday.

•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!

•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 afternoon and 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!

•The Staunton Choral Society would like to thank Bethel for hosting their Christmas Concert this year on Saturday, December 2nd.

•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!

*(please turn over for stewardship information)*

December 3rd

Attendance: 90

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$5,354.00

December 10th

Attendance: 57

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$6,568.00  
Joy Gift Offering: \$494.00

General Fund Monthly Report

Estimated Budget through November 30th: \$159,696.00

Actual Budget Expenses: \$123,412.00

Actual Budget Receipts: \$154,908.00

Financial Stewardship Information

*Offerings 2017:* It is requested that offerings for 2017 be made no later than next Sunday, December 24th. Thank you for your continued support.

*Pledges 2018:* 17 pledges for a total of \$63,200.00 have been received. Thanks to those who pledged. If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider pledging now for 2018 - it is never too late! Pledge cards are available in the vestibule and Memorial Hall. 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 2018:* ATTENTION OFFERING ENVELOPE USERS – Beginning today numbered offering envelopes will be available in the vestibule for those who used offering envelopes in 2017. 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.