

THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24th - December 30th

Today Christmas Eve
4th Sunday of Advent
Deadline: Nominating Committee
Forms
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship/
Four Cents A Meal Offering
8:30 Christmas Eve Service -
Special Music
9:00 Christmas Eve Service

Monday Christmas Day
Church Office Closed

Tuesday Church Office Closed

Next Sunday, December 31st: New Year's Eve

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship



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•Merry Christmas and welcome to Bethel this morning! 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 are pleased to welcome the Blue Ridge Brass Quintet who will be providing special music during the worship service today. The Blue Ridge Brass, organized by Fred Rickett in 2004, is composed of brass enthusiasts from the Rockbridge Symphony, and other area ensembles. They play for community events, church services, weddings, and private gatherings. They enjoy getting together once a week to play all styles of music from jazz to sacred that has been composed or arranged for brass quintets or sextets. They have assisted with worship services at New Monmouth, Mt. Carmel, and New Providence as well as churches in Lexington.

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

•*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

The traditional Christmas Eve service will start this evening 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 today* 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 tomorrow, December 25th and Tuesday, 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 if you have a need. Thank you!

•Communion will be held on Sunday, January 7th, Baptism of the Lord Sunday.

Financial Stewardship Information

Offerings 2017: It is requested that offerings for 2017 be made by today, 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 – There are now numbered offering envelopes 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.

•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 21st 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.

•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!

•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!

December 17th

Attendance: 91

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$7,097.00