

**THIS WEEK AT**  
**BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

January 7th - January 13th

<b>Today</b>	Baptism of the Lord 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion 12:15 Diaconate Meeting 12:15 PWCT Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Young Life Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:30 Afternoon Circle 7:00 Evening Circle
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 Christian Education Committee Meeting 6:30 Cub Scouts ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> ) 7:00 Adult Choir 7:00 The Bells of Bethel 7:30 Young Life Meeting

*Next Sunday, January 14th:*

9:45 *Sunday School*  
11:00 *Worship*  
12:15 *Worship Committee Meeting*  
7:00 *Session Meeting*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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•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. Bronwen Boswell who will be assisting Pastor Roy during the worship service this morning as well as giving the sermon. Rev. Boswell is the General Presbyter/Stated Clerk of the Shenandoah Presbytery. Please let Rev. Boswell know how much we appreciate her joining us this morning!

•The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Joe & Sally Williams and their family to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

•The Men of the Church will be meeting for dinner and fellowship on January 16th, at 6:30 pm.

•February Tower Deadline

The February Tower Deadline will be Thursday, January 18th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by noon. Articles and announcements for the February Tower can be left in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or you can email them to: bethelpc@gmail.com. When writing announcements for the newsletter please keep in mind the 5 W's: Who? What? When? Where? Why?. Please remember if you turn in items after the deadline Adrienne cannot guarantee they will be included in the Tower. All announcements and information are subject to editing. Thank you!

•You're Invited! Mission Appreciation Luncheon

The Witness/Mission Committee invites everyone to its annual Mission Appreciation Luncheon after worship on Sunday, January 21st, 2018. There is no need to bring anything - we want to thank you for your generous support of our mission projects and share with you our plans for the coming year. Please come to learn how you have helped those in need in our community and beyond and the volunteer opportunities you can help with this year.

•2017 Annual Reports

The deadline for the Annual Reports for 2017 is Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018. If you were a chair of a committee for 2017, please have your report and statement to the Church Office by the above date. Thank you!

•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 talk to Ken Wilkinson 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!

•Words cannot express my gratitude and thanks to you for the wonderful (and unexpected!) Christmas purse that you gave to me. I was overwhelmed and humbled by the generosity and kindness that you showed me. I would also like to thank all of you for the cards and gifts that were given to Justin and I for Christmas as well. I am blessed to be part of such a wonderful "family" and I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2018!

Love in Christ,  
Adrienne Barker, Bethel Office Manager

•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) 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. Adrienne will be checking email messages throughout the day even if she is not in the Church Office. Thank you!

December 24th

Attendance: 162

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$10,083.00

Four Cents A Meal Offering: \$360.00

December 31st

Attendance: 74

Weekly Budget: \$3,327.00 Received: \$1,214.00

Financial Stewardship Information

*Pledges 2018:* 19 pledges for a total of \$74,380.00 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.