

Welcome to Bethel Presbyterian Church!

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

November 18th - November 24th

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| Today | 9:45 | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 | Worship |
| Monday | 12:00 | Deadline for November 25th & December 2nd bulletin announcements |
| | 7:00 | Boy Scouts |
| | 7:30 | Young Life |
| Tuesday | 9:00 | December Tower Mailing |
| | 2:00 | Bible Study & Prayer |
| Wednesday | | Church Office Closed |
| Thursday | | Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed |
| Friday | | Church Office Closed |
| <i>Next Sunday, November 25th: Christ the King Sunday</i> | | |
| | | <i>Deadline: Gift Cards for PCHH</i> |
| | 9:45 | <i>Sunday School</i> |
| | 11:00 | <i>Worship/Five Cents A Meal</i> <i>Offering</i> |
| | 12:15 | <i>Witness/Mission Committee</i> |
| | 1:00 | <i>Youth Group Activity & Lunch</i> |

Serving During The Worship Service Today

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| <u>Greeters</u> | Joe & Tabby Moore |
| <u>Offering</u> | Ellen Fitzgerald Brian Lee Joe Williams |
| <u>Nursery</u> | Joyce Davis, Louise Hoy |

BETHEL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 18th - November 24th



- Good 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, and give the friendship pad to others to sign. Thank you!
- Large print bulletins and hearing assists are available in the vestibule for those who may need them.
- The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joel W. Hamilton by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Heizer.
- Welcome to Dana Cash from Riverheads Weekday Religious Education who will be speaking during our Minute for Mission this morning. She will be giving an update on the WRE program at Riverheads and the exciting things they have planned for the future!
- Please have all announcements for the November 25th and December 2nd bulletins to the Church Office by tomorrow at noon.
- The Church Office will be closed this Wednesday, November 21st - Friday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday. We hope you have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!

•Old Providence Presbyterian Church would like to extend an invitation to you to their annual Thanksgiving Supper which will be held at the Spottswood Community Center this Wednesday, November 21st, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. This supper has been sponsored by their youth group for many years with the purpose of providing the opportunity for everyone in the community to have a Thanksgiving meal. The donations received in excess of the cost of the meal provide the funds for the activities and ministries of the Youth Group for the coming year. A meal of turkey, country ham and all the traditional trimmings will be served on a donation basis. The church address is: 1005 Spottswood Road, Steeles Tavern. They hope you will come and join them!

Upcoming Youth Activities . . .

Next Sunday, November 25th

Lunch, Fellowship & Bible Study at 1:00 pm

•Bethel Presbyterian Women Gift Card Drive 2018

The Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands (PCHH), a long-term residential care facility in Wytheville, Virginia, provides love, sanctuary, guidance and support to children who have been removed from their homes.

All members of Bethel and the community are invited to join our Presbyterian Women in their GIFT CARD drive to benefit PCHH this holiday season. If you are able to participate in this mission project, please obtain gift cards from Wal-Mart or McDonald's, write the purchased amount on each card or envelope, and give the gift cards to Joyce Miller, Irene Elliott, Louise Hoy, or Marty Simmers by next Sunday, November 25th, 2018.

•Christmas Dinner & Concert

Let Massanetta Springs put you in the holiday mood! Great food, fellowship, and music await you at Massanetta's annual Christmas Dinner and Concert on Saturday, December 1st. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm with a concert by the Massanetta Brass Quintet to follow. The cost is \$20 per adult, \$13 per youth/child, and free for children under 3 years. Reservations are required and are requested by 5:00 pm on Monday, November 26th. Please call (540) 434-3829 to make your reservations. Come and join them for this festive annual event!

•Share your blessings with Weekday Religious Education this Thanksgiving season! There is a display set-up in the hallway next to the Choir Room with pledge cards and envelopes already addressed to where you can send your donation. Simply, fill out the pledge card, tear off the top part and place it in the basket provided. Put the bottom part of the card with your donation in the envelope provided, put a stamp on the envelope, drop it in the mail and you're done! Thanks for your generosity in donating to WRE!

•You are cordially invited to the Staunton Choral Society's Christmas Concert "Sing We All" on Saturday, December 1st or Sunday, December 2nd. Both concerts will begin at 7:00 pm and there will be a free-will offering to benefit the Staunton Choral Society, a 501(c) (3) organization. The concert on December 1st will be at Calvary United Methodist Church (2179 Stuarts Draft Hwy, Stuarts Draft) and the concert on December 2nd will be at Christ Lutheran Church (2807 N. Augusta St, Staunton). For more information check their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety. Come and get in the Christmas spirit while listening to this talented group perform fun and beautiful Christmas songs!

•The annual Hanging of the Greens program to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent will be held on Sunday, December 2nd during our regular worship service. Please make plans to attend this wonderful and meaningful service.

•Bethel's Annual Advent Workshop will be on Sunday, December 2nd, 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 (540-255-6521 or barbsgough@gmail.com) if you would like more information. Make plans now to attend and join the fun! All ages are welcome! - Congregational Care Committee

•Calling for Bell Ringers!

The Bethel Outreach & Evangelism Committee needs volunteers to help with ringing the Salvation Army bells at the Staunton Wal-Mart on Friday, December 7th, from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. You will be stationed at the Pharmacy entrance and each shift lasts about two hours. Please call Dean Caldwell at (540) 292-0646 as soon as possible to schedule a time to "ring in the holiday season" for those in need.

Stuarts Draft Christmas Parade!

The Bethel Outreach & Evangelism Committee will be decorating a small camper to tell the community about Bethel in the Stuarts Draft Christmas Parade! The parade will be on Saturday, December 8th, at 4:00 pm. If you would like to help decorate or walk in the parade (we especially need members willing to walk with the camper!), lineup will begin at Hollister at 3:00 pm. The holiday theme for the parade this year is "Christmas at the Movies". Please contact Dean Caldwell if you are willing to walk in the parade or if you have any questions (540) 292-0646.

•Calling all pledge cards! If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2019 please do so at your earliest convenience. Your pledge assists the Stewardship & Finance Committee with planning the budget for next year. Pledge cards are available in the vestibule and in Memorial Hall if you need one. Many thanks to everyone who has turned in their card!

2019 Pledges: 22 for a total of \$92,920.00

•There is still time to purchase a "Glory to God" hymnal in memory or in honor of someone. Order forms and envelopes are available in the vestibule.

•The family of Judy Olson would like to thank you for your prayers, cards and condolences during our time of loss. We were humbled by the stories shared and the care and concern shown to us during this difficult time. We have been truly blessed to be a part of the Bethel family. - Kenny Olson & family

•If you would like to join Bethel Presbyterian Church, please feel free to contact Pastor Kelly-Ann. She would love to hear from you!

November 11th

Attendance: 86

Weekly Budget: \$3,577.00 Received: \$3,212.00

2018 Bethel Advent/Christmas Events

"Let every heart prepare him room!"

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| First Sunday of Advent | December 2nd |
| Hanging of the Greens Service | December 2nd, 11:00 am |
| Advent Workshop & Meal | December 2nd, 12:00 pm |
| Stuarts Draft Christmas Parade | December 8th, 4:00 pm |
| Weekend of Joy! | December 15th - 16th |
| "A Family Christmas Celebration" | December 15th, 5:00 pm |
| Musical Program & Covered Dish Meal | |
| Christmas Joy Offering | December 16th, 11:00 am |
| Christmas Eve | December 24th |
| Live Nativity by Bethel Youth | December 24th, 8:30 pm |
| Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | December 24th, 9:00 pm |

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Mission Statement:

We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.



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GOD IS IN THE
Manger



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"There are only two places where the powerful and great in this world lose their courage, tremble in the depths of their souls, and become truly afraid. These are the manger and the cross of Jesus Christ."

"No priest, no theologian stood at the cradle of Bethlehem. And yet, all Christian theology finds its beginnings in the miracle of miracles, that God became human."

These stirring words are among forty devotions that guide and inspire readers as they move thematically through the weeks of Advent and Christmas, from waiting and mystery to redemption, incarnation, and joy. These daily devotions are timeless and moving reminders of the true gift of Christmas.

Church Wide Advent/Christmas Study

Pastor Kelly-Ann invites you to join her in a "self guided" provocative journey through the Advent and Christmas season using Dietrich Bonhoeffer masterpiece. Copies of Bonhoeffer's book will be available for purchase in the Church Office. The cost of the book is \$11.00 and checks are to be made payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Following the Advent/Christmas season join Pastor Kelly-Ann for a special gathering to reflect and discuss your journey and experience through the Advent/Christmas season on Epiphany Sunday @ 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided; an RSVP for this study and the luncheon would be most appreciated. If you are interested in joining Pastor Kelly-Ann on this spiritual rich and transformative journey please fill out, tear off the bottom of this pamphlet, and place it in the offering plate or Pastor Kelly-Ann's mailbox.

Name _____

_____ I would like to participate in the study

_____ I would like the office to reserve a book

_____ I plan to attend the luncheon on January 6.