



This Week at BPC

Week of December 1st, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today, Sunday, December 1st

1st Sunday of Advent

Rev. Bernard Bangley - Guest Minister

- 9:30 am Sunday School (A)
9:45 am Sunday School (K)
11:00 am Worship &
 Hanging of the Greens
12:00 pm Lunch &
 Advent Workshop
12:30 pm PWCT Meeting

Monday, December 2nd

- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm Young Life

7:00 pm Staunton Christmas
 Parade

Tuesday, December 3rd

- 2:00 pm Prayer & Fellowship
 Group

Wednesday, December 4th

- 1:15 pm Worship Planning
 Meeting
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:00 pm Handbell Choir

Friday, December 6th

- 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Salvation Army Bell
 Ringing at Staunton
 Walmart

Saturday, December 7th

- 6:00 pm Massanetta Springs
 Traditional
 Christmas Dinner &
 Concert

(calendar continues on other side)

Announcements . . .

*LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE.*



****Bethel welcomes the Rev. Bernard Bangley who will be the Guest Minister today. 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 62 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 being with us this morning!**

****Bethel's annual Advent Workshop is today following worship! All ages (from one year to one hundred years) are welcome! Lunch will be provided and then we'll do crafts and activities to take home to celebrate the Advent season. Join us for the fun!**

****The Bethel Prayer & Fellowship Group will meet this Tuesday, December 3rd, at 2:00 pm, in the Bumgardner Classroom. Prayers can be kept confidential if needed. Please contact Barb Gough at (540) 255-6521 if you have any questions. ALL ARE WELCOME!**



****Calling for Bell Ringers! The Bethel Outreach & Evangelism Committee still needs several volunteers to help with ringing the Salvation Army bells at the Staunton Walmart this Friday, December 6th, from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. You will be stationed at the pharmacy entrance. Each shift lasts about two hours. If you can help please call Mo Kyle at (540) 292-8578 to schedule a shift. It's a great idea to team up with a friend to make the time go by faster in the cooler weather or a fun activity for a family to do together! Help "ring in the holiday season" for those in need in our community!**

****It's time to place your orders for Christmas poinsettias or to make a Christmas donation to BERF in memory or in honor of someone. Order forms along with additional details are included with your announcements. All poinsettia orders and Christmas BERF donations must be turned into the Church Office next Sunday, December 8th!**



Next Sunday, December 8th

2nd Sunday of Advent

Rev. Malcolm Brownlee -

Guest Minister

Deadline: Poinsettia Orders &

BERF Christmas Donations

- 9:30 am Sunday School (A)
- 9:45 am Sunday School (K)
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:30 pm Deacons
- 12:30 pm Stewardship & Finance Committee

PRAYER LIST

Congregation Members

- Jarod Davis & Family
- Dan Gano
- Bobby Goodson
- Karen Koogler
- Sara Ann Lamb
- Evelyn LaPorte
- Jane Law
- Jeannie Lee
- Margaret Liptrap
- John Pilson
- Alice Wooddell



Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

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| Sarah Brownlee | Paul Harper |
| Ann Kellogg | David Law |
| Olivia Lewis | Roy Pilson |
| William McFarlane | Jamie Pirkey |
| Van Pirkey | Devin Scott |
| Michael Somers | Steve Yancey |
| Margaret Sprouse | |

Sympathy & Condolences

- Family & Friends of Maggi Peterson
- Family & Friends of Boyd Wood

Community, Country, & World

- All Military Leaders & Personnel
- Police, Firemen, and EMS workers & volunteers
- Michael & Rachel Weller, Missionaries in Ethiopia

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****The Afternoon Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 10th, at 11:00 am (note the time change!).** The meeting will be at the home of Libby Smith (180 Howardsville Road, Staunton) and there will be a light brunch served. Please remember to bring cookies for five shut-ins. Contact Libby at 540/337-2058 if you have any questions.

****The Evening Circle will have a Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 10th, at 6:30 pm (note the time change!) at the church.** We will eat dinner together and exchange gifts. Please bring a dish to share and a small gift. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Elliott (540/885-3554) or Louise Hoy (540/886-3314).

****Christmas Alive Program at Riverheads Elementary School** The Mission Committee is asking for your help in making a child's Christmas special by providing gifts for those in need at Riverheads Elementary School. There is a tree with name tags and gift ideas in Memorial Hall. Please choose a tag, sign your name on the list provided (so that the committee will know who has taken the tag), and purchase the gift on the tag. **Please return your gift wrapped and with the tag attached to Memorial Hall by Sunday, December 15th!** The Mission Committee will also be buying a Christmas meal for the family. As always thank you for your support. If you have questions please contact Kathy Swisher at (540) 885-7397.

****If you were not at church last Sunday make sure to grab an Advent bookmark and booklet.** Both resources are provided by the Worship & Christian Education Committees. The bookmark is a litany for you to read over and keep in mind while decorating the Christmas tree. The booklet has daily meditations by notable historical Christian writers. It is our sincere hope that you will use this booklet as we journey to the manger this Advent season!



The poinsettias in the Sanctuary are given by Bettie Swisher and Kay Swisher to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. M.B. Swisher, Don B. Swisher, and Wayne Swisher.

Elder-on-Call
December 2019

If you have a pastoral need please contact
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