



# The Tower

December 2019

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## *As This Elder Sees It . . .*

*“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”*

*- Matthew 1:23 NRSV*

As we prepare our homes for the holidays, so may we prepare our Christian hearts for the joy in celebrating the birth of our Savior. We should turn to the scripture for proof of hope and peace in the season. As we study verses such as the one above, we can better understand what we should know about our Lord and Savior. A virgin with child? Yes, that foundation of being Christian started with miraculous conception. The meaning of his name is not just interpretation but also the promise of his presence, ever constant. God desires to manifest Himself to us daily in special and peaceful ways. We proclaim this as Christians at Christmas and always. When we believe He is “with us” then we mimic or “do what Jesus would do”.

As ruling elders, we make decisions believing He is with us and we represent the will of Christ. We are confirmed by church leadership and tasked with leading the church, but we have been called by God who we serve first and foremost. Elders are committed to be an example to the congregation, teach the people, and give the church direction. We often think of serving on Session as “taking our turn” but we need to know that God is behind that nominating committee’s request. Please prayerfully consider serving Bethel, your church, when you get that question “will you serve” in the coming months as we prepare Bethel for the coming year.

Wishing the happiness of Advent Season and a Merry Christmas to you and your family and friends! Celebrate with your church family at our traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service at 9:00 pm.

- Elder Tabby Moore



## Session News & Notes . . .

\*The Session met on November 12th, with 8 members present, and the Moderator Rev. Patrick Pettit.

\*Approval was given to complete the lighting project proposed by the Deacons for lighting improvements of the parking lot and front area of the building.

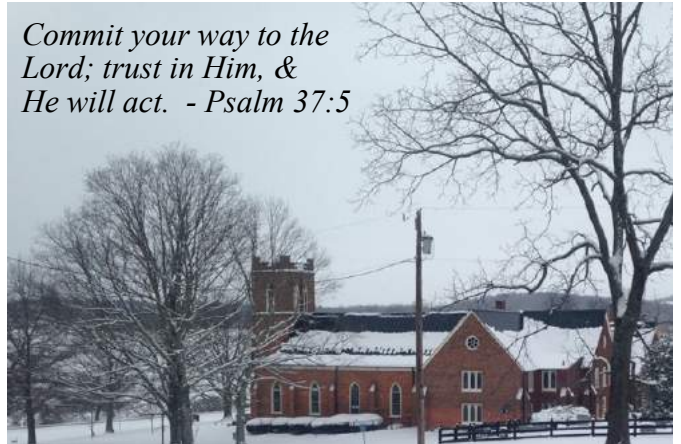
\*The Youth Committee reported that the Harvest Party was a huge success, and next project is Christmas Lighting in the Park.

\*We discussed the differences between hiring an Interim Pastor and Supply Pastor. Our search for a replacement pastor is continuing with our MIF form posted.

\*With the holiday season upon us there are many activities coming up and the Session encourages you to join in any and all!

David Schooley,  
Clerk of Session

*Commit your way to the  
Lord; trust in Him, &  
He will act. - Psalm 37:5*



*Elder-on-Call, December 2019* While all Elders are willing to assist you if you have a pastoral need, the Elder-on-Call for the month of December is Dan Gano. Please feel free to reach out to Dan (540/886-0637). The Elders on the Session are volunteering on a rotating basis each month to be “on-call”. This will continue until Bethel hires an Interim or Stated Supply Pastor. - The Bethel Session

## Music News & Notes . . .

If you have any concerns or suggestions for the music program here at Bethel or would like to meet with Eli please email or call him. He will be happy to discuss any suggestions you may have or set-up a time to meet with you. Thank you!

### *Eli's Contact Information*

Email:  
BethelPCMusic@gmail.com  
Phone: (919) 649-0855

### NEW CHOIR



MEMBERS WELCOME!

♪ “O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!” ♪



*The Bethel Choir  
has begun working  
on Advent &  
Christmas music for  
the holiday season.  
Join them this  
holiday season!*

The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings, at 7:00 pm and they would love to have you sing with them! Whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor, or bass they can use your voice! No experience is necessary and you don't have to be able to read music!

## Church Office News & Notes . . .

The January Tower Newsletter Deadline will be Sunday, December 15th. You may leave articles and announcements for the Tower in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or email them to: [bethelpc@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpc@gmail.com). We welcome and appreciate early submissions before the 15th! All announcements for the newsletter should include: Who? What? When? Where? Why?



**PLEASE  
NOTE...**

Please have all announcements for the bulletin for December 22nd and the bulletin for December 29th to the Church Office by Monday, December 16th, at 9:00 am.

Please have all the announcements for the bulletin for January 5th to the Church Office by Monday, December 30th, at 9:00 am.

I am requesting announcements for these Sundays due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Thanks for your understanding! - Adrienne Barker, Office Manager

### Church Office Hours



Excellent . . .

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

(Lunch usually taken  
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm)

The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 23rd while Adrienne is on vacation.



The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th through Thursday, December 26th for the Christmas holiday, and then on Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st for the New Year.

The staff of Bethel wishes God's blessings to you during the Christmas season and in the coming year!

*"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." - C.S. Lewis*

### Bethel Christmas Poinsettias or Christmas Donations to BERF Form

*You may order poinsettias at a cost of \$10.00 (tax included) each or you may make a monetary donation to BERF (Bethel Emergency Relief Fund). The poinsettias purchased and the donations made to BERF will be acknowledged in the bulletin on December 15th, December 22nd and Christmas Eve. Please fill out the form on page 4 of the Tower, attach the check or cash and place in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office: Attn: Church Office; 563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401. If you are purchasing a poinsettia please make checks payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church. If you are making a donation to BERF please make the check payable to Bethel Emergency Relief Fund. The deadline is Sunday, December 8th.*

*\*Notes: Please fill out the form completely. Sometimes forms come back not completely filled out and it can make things difficult when compiling them for the bulletins. Also, if you would like to order a poinsettia and make a donation please use two forms (one for the poinsettia and one for the donation). Additional forms will be available in your bulletin in the coming weeks. Only red poinsettias are available for order. Thank you!*

*Church Office News & Notes (continued) . . .*



*Christmas Poinsettias and BERF Donations Form*

Please fill out the form below, attach the check or cash and place in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office: Attn: Church Office; 563 Bethel Green Road; Staunton, VA 24401. If you are purchasing a poinsettia please make checks payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church. If you are making a donation to BERF please make the check payable to Bethel Emergency Relief Fund. *The deadline is Sunday, December 8th.*

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ Check or Cash Total \_\_\_\_\_

*or*

Donation to BERF \_\_\_\_\_ Check or Cash Total \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of : \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Poinsettias will be on display in the church on  
December 15th, December 22nd, and on Christmas Eve.  
\*\*Remember to pick-up Poinsettia(s) following the worship service  
on December 22nd or following the Christmas Eve Service . \*\**

*Congregational Care News & Notes . . .*

*Bethel's Annual Advent Workshop*  
*Sunday, December 1st, following worship*  
*All ages are welcome!*



*Bethel's annual Advent Workshop will be on Sunday, December 1st, following worship. All ages (from one year to a hundred years) are welcome! Lunch will be provided and then we'll 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!*



*Bethel Prayer Group Meeting*  
*Tuesday, December 3rd*  
*2:00 pm in the Bumgardner Classroom*  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Grab a cup of coffee or tea in Memorial Hall & join us for prayer!*

*We all know how important prayers are especially during times of transition so please join us for this time of fellowship as we pray for each other, the church, and our community. Prayers can be kept confidential if needed. Please contact Barb Gough at (540) 255-6521 if you have any questions.*

## *Bethel's Christmas Dinner*

*(in conjunction with the Joy Gift Offering)*

*Sunday, December 15th, 2019*

*immediately following worship*

*Bethel Fellowship Hall*

*Covered Dish Meal*

*Bring your favorite main dish, casserole, side dish, salad, and/or dessert.*

*Come join us as we spend time with our friends and church family celebrating the most joyous season of the year!*



### *Bethel Prayer List (updated November 20th, 2019)*

#### *Congregation Members*

Jarod Davis & Family	Dan Gano	Bobby Goodson
Karen Koogler	Evelyn LaPorte	Jane Law
Jeannie Lee	John Pilson	Alice Wooddell

#### *Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation*

Sarah Brownlee	Paul Harper
Ann Kellogg	William McFarlane
Roy Pilson	Devin Scott
Michael Somers	Steve Yancey

#### *Sympathy & Condolences*

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

#### *Community, Country, & World*

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

## Mission Committee News & Notes . . .

### 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.



## Nominating Committee News & Notes . . .

### Nominating COMMITTEE

At the Congregational Meeting on November 10th the following people were elected by the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee: Shirley Heizer, Mitch Lathrop, Penny Lee, and Betty Schooley. The Deacons have chosen two members who they believe will be able to serve effectively on this committee and the Session has appointed Bob Olson to chair the committee.

In the coming weeks the Nomination Committee will be discussing and looking over your suggestions of potential officer nominees. Please continue to pray for the Nominating Committee, our current Deacons, Elders, and those who are willing to take on the responsibility of leadership during this time of transition for Bethel. Many thanks to all of our current officers for attending so MANY meetings, chairing committees, spending countless hours fixing things around the church, making decisions, and their dedicated leadership!

## Outreach & Evangelism News & Notes . . .



**VOLUNTEER  
BELL RINGERS  
NEEDED!**  
*Ring a bell...help change a life*

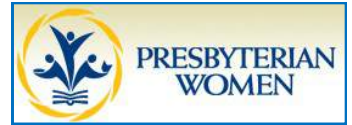
### Calling for Bell Ringers!

The Bethel Outreach & Evangelism Committee needs volunteers to help with ringing the Salvation Army bells at the Staunton Walmart on 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!

## Presbyterian Women News & Notes . . .

Presbyterian Women

December 2019



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).

December 1st - PWCT Meeting

### VALLEY MISSION BREAKFAST



On Saturday, January 11th, 2020, at 9:00 am the Women of Bethel along with the Bethel Mission Committee will be serving breakfast at the Valley Mission in Staunton. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in this important community project by donating a breakfast casserole (please prepare in a disposable pan), fruit platter (oranges, grapes, bananas), and/or quick breads (such as banana bread - please do not include nuts in anything due to allergies). We also need help serving and are usually done by 11:00 am. Please contact Beth Miller at (540) 255-1940 or [bethmillerr@comcast.net](mailto:bethmillerr@comcast.net) if you are able to donate food and/or help with serving the meal. All donations and help will be greatly appreciated!

## Stewardship & Finance News & Notes . . .



### Christmas Joy Offering 2019

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received during the worship service on Sunday, December 15th. Special envelopes will be included in your bulletin that Sunday specifically for "Christmas Joy".

#### *What is the Christmas Joy Offering?*

A Presbyterian tradition for over eighty years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need. The receipts for the Joy Offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs and to National Ministries of the General Assembly Council to help support Presbyterian racial ethnic education.

## *Worship Committee News & Notes . . .*

### December Lectionary Schedule

*December 1, 2019*

1st Sunday of Advent  
Hanging of the Greens  
Advent Wreath “Candle of Hope”  
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14;  
Matthew 24:36-44

*December 8, 2019*

2nd Sunday of Advent  
Advent Wreath “Candle of Peace”  
Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 24:3:1-12

*December 15, 2019*

3rd Sunday of Advent  
Joy Gift Offering  
Advent Wreath “Candle of Joy”  
Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

*December 22, 2019*

4th Sunday of Advent  
Advent Wreath “Candle of Love”  
Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

*December 24, 2019*

Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service at 9:00 pm  
Advent Wreath “Christ Candle”  
Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

*December 29, 2019*

1st Sunday after Christmas Day  
Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23



### Advent Candle Lighters

December 1st - Marion & Marty Simmers

December 8th - Steve & Mo Kyle

December 15th - Dale & Libby Smith

December 22nd - Wade & Phyllis Cash

Christmas Eve - Derek, Cindy, and  
Ashlyn Almarode

(Substitutes - Tom & Lee Ann Heizer)



### Candles of Advent

Advent means “coming,” and during this season, we prepare for the coming of the Christ child. We will light a candle on the Advent wreath each week. Shaped in a perfect circle of evergreens, it symbolizes God’s eternity. These four Sundays preceding Christmas are recognized for four virtues. The candles symbolize hope, peace, joy and love. The fifth and final candle is the Christ candle which will be lit on Christmas Eve to remind us of the light Jesus Christ brings to the world.



## Worship Committee News & Notes (continued) . . .



### Hanging of the Greens

Make sure to join us on Sunday, December 1st, as Bethel celebrates the traditional Hanging of the Greens during the worship service. The symbols of Advent will be explained and we will light our Christmas tree for the first time this season!

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

“An Evening of Lessons and Carols,” our traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service, will begin at 9:00 pm on December 24th. There will be plenty of music and celebration as we traverse the biblical history leading to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and the start of His life on earth, the promise of our salvation!



**HELP IS NEEDED!** The Worship Committee is in urgent need of volunteers to help with Nursery & Children's Church. Penny Lee has graciously agreed to volunteer full-time as the Children's Church Leader but she needs help when we have little ones. Bethel wants to be able to continue to offer this important ministry. But without more volunteers our current volunteers would have to serve about once a month. Please contact Tammy Barbour (540/471-0450, barbour.tamara@yahoo.com) or the Church Office (540/886-6041, bethelpc@gmail.com) if you can help. THANK YOU!

## BETHEL YOUTH & COMMITTEE . . .

### Celebration of Lights - Gypsy Hill Park

#### *Staunton's Famous Gypsy Hill Park Is Again A Fairyland Of Holiday Lights*

For the 14th year in a row, beautiful Gypsy Hill Park's 214 acres will be aglow with holiday lights and scenes that have been uniquely created by individuals, families, organizations, businesses and churches from Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta County and surrounding areas.

**Bethel's Youth won second place last year for a religious display! They are already working on this year's display! So make sure to go and see the display.**

**The Celebration of Lights is free and open to the public during the month of December from 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm.**

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Bethel Youth plan to go Christmas Caroling this year to our shut-in members. Though this activity is sponsored by the Youth Committee its opened to the entire congregation. They usually have lunch together after worship and then go caroling. It's usually planned for the 4th Sunday of the month following worship but keep a lookout for more details in a few weeks!



## Additional Announcements . . .



If you would like to be removed from the schedule to provide flowers in the Sanctuary please contact Drury Whitaker before Monday, December 23rd. Otherwise you will remain on the schedule for 2020. Thanks to all those who have provided flowers in the past! Drury Whitaker: (540) 448-1423 or druryann719@gmail.com

### 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 you will receive either an email, text, or phone call (if you signed up).



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. If the Church Office is closed due to inclement weather and you have a need please contact Adrienne during normal office hours. She will still be available by phone, text, and email even if she is unable to be in the Church Office. Thank you!

## Schedules & Such . . .



### Flower Schedule December 2019

December 1st & December 8th -  
Bettie Swisher  
(1st Sunday of Advent)

December 15th - December 29th -  
Christmas Poinsettias

### Deacon's Offering Schedule December 2019

Wade Cash  
Charlie Johnson  
D. W. Miller  
Dale Thompson



### Nursery/Children's Church Schedule December 2019

*Children's Church - Penny Lee*

December 1st - Joe or Sally Williams

December 8th - Tabby Moore

December 15th - Mac or Emily Williams

December 22nd - Louise Hoy

December 29th - *Volunteer Needed*

### December Greeters

D. W. &  
Beth Miller



"WHEN THEY SAW THE  
STAR, THEY REJOICED  
WITH EXCEEDING  
GREAT JOY."  
- MATTHEW 2:10



## Birthdays & Anniversaries . . .



William Rivers	December 1	Alice Wooddell	December 17
Jimmy Callison	December 2	Sam Goodson	December 19
Guy Brooks	December 3	Bob Hoy	December 20
Robert Shultz	December 4	Luanne Leonard	December 20
Paul Thompson	December 4	Mitch Lathrop	December 24
Jackson LaPorte	December 7	Sydney Smith	December 25
Georgeanne Ludt	December 8	Lee Ann Heizer	December 29
Puggie Sprouse	December 8	Shirley Heizer	December 29
Samuel Williams	December 8	James Schooley	December 30
Barbara Gough	December 12		
Kay Agee	December 13		
Rhonda Johnson	December 13	Mac Williams	January 2
Joy Moody	December 15	Katie McElveen	January 3
Austin Johnston	December 16	D. W. Miller	January 3
Cynthia Williams	December 16	Justin Burkholder	January 6
Pamela Prickett	December 17	Hayley Morris	January 8



Tish and Keith Folsom	December 7, 1985
Rhonda and Robert Shultz	December 10, 1977
Jackie and Bob Law	December 11, 1959
Tessa and Ben Williams	December 13, 2014
Ginny and Dan Gano	December 22, 1970
Margaret and Steve Kyle	December 27, 1986

Myran and Douglas Moore      January 5, 1992



If you have a birthday or anniversary that you would like to have appear in the Bethel Tower and we have missed it please call and let the Church Office know so we can include it in future publications. Thank you!

## Many Thanks . . .

Many thanks to everyone who provided a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child this year. Because of you a child in need will have a very Merry Christmas! Thanks for the continued support of this worthwhile project!



Thanks for the lovely tree donated by Francisco Farms (Bill Francisco) that helps make our sanctuary beautiful each year at Christmas. Also, thanks for help in decorating it from Laura Swisher. Please come and join us during this Advent season for worship.



Thanks to the following Church Office volunteers who assisted me with getting things done this past year! I am so blessed to have your help and you all went above and beyond! Also, many thanks to all my “therapists” this past year - you know who you are! My apologies to anyone I may have missed! :)

- Adrienne Barker, Bethel Office Manager

Irene Elliott, Barb Gough, Mo Kyle, Beth Miller, Mitch Lathrop, Joy Moody, Jackie Law, Betty Heizer, Jill Webb, Doris True, Joyce Miller, Ken Wilkinson, Bill Brubeck, Tim Turner, David Schooley, Marion Simmers, Marty Simmers, Rhonda Johnson, Ellen Fitzgerald, Lee Ann Heizer, Alex Sproul, JoAnn Pendley, Penny Lee, Tammy Barbour, Tabby Moore, Kathy Swisher and Libby Smith.

## Around the Presbytery . . .

### Celebrate the Christmas Season at Massanetta Springs!

Massanetta Springs Christmas Dinner & Concert  
Saturday, December 7th, 2019 at 6:00 pm  
Massanetta Springs - Harrisonburg, VA  
Featuring Exit 245, JMU’s all-male acapella group



6:00 pm - Christmas dinner in the historic dining hall  
7:00 pm - Musical concert in Steward Hall

Bring your family and friends!

Tickets: \$20 each

Register online at [massanettasprings.org](http://massanettasprings.org); call (540) 434-3829;  
or email [nolaa@massanettasprings.org](mailto:nolaa@massanettasprings.org)



*Around the Community . . .*

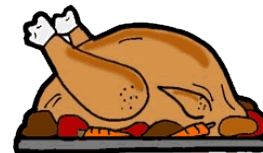
*END OF NOVEMBER . . .*

*You are invited to the Spottswood community ...*

*Traditional Thanksgiving Supper on Wednesday, November 27th, 2019*

Begins at 5:00 pm at the Spottswood Community Center

A meal of turkey, country ham, and all the traditional trimmings will be served on a donation basis



Sponsored by the Youth Group of Old Providence Church.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** *Staunton Choral Society Christmas Concert*

You are cordially invited to the Staunton Choral Society's Christmas Concert "Now All is Well" on Saturday, December 7th or Sunday, December 8th. Both concerts will begin at 4:00 pm and there will be a free-will offering to benefit the Staunton Choral Society, a 501(c) (3) organization. The concert on December 7th will be at Calvary United Methodist Church (2179 Stuarts Draft Hwy, Stuarts Draft) and the concert on December 8th will be at Christ Lutheran Church (2807 N. Augusta St, Staunton). For more information check their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety](http://www.facebook.com/StauntonChoralSociety). Come and get in the Christmas spirit while listening to this talented group perform fun and beautiful Christmas songs!

*Christmas Benefit Concert for SACRA  
Memorial Baptist Church  
(224 Taylor Street, Staunton; (540) 885-8033)*



*Monday, December 9th at 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm*




Come join us for a time of music, fellowship and an offering to SACRA (Staunton Augusta Church Relief Association). Featuring local musical artists: Sounds of Joy Handbell Choir (prelude music at 6:30), The Faithful Men, Just Jazzin', Mr. Jefferson's Bones, and Sarah Grove-Humphries. A "Meet and Greet the Artists" time with refreshments will follow the concert.



- December 1st - First Sunday of Advent
- December 21st - Winter Begins
- December 24th - Christmas Eve
- December 25th - Christmas Day
- December 31st - New Year's Eve



# December 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 - Sunday School (A) 9:45 - Sunday School (K) 11:00 - Worship & Hanging of the Greens 12:00 - Lunch & Advent Workshop 12:30 - PWCT Meeting	<b>2</b> 6:30 - Cub Scouts 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life 7:00 - Staunton Christmas Parade	<b>3</b> 2:00 - Prayer & Fellowship Group	<b>4</b> 1:15 - Worship Planning Meeting 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - Handbell Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 12:00 - 8:00 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Staunton Wal-Mart	<b>7</b> 6:00 - Massanetta Springs Traditional Christmas Dinner & Concert
<b>8</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent Deadline: Poinsettia Orders & BERF Christmas Donations 9:30 - Sunday School (A) 9:45 - Sunday School (K) 11:00 - Worship 12:30 - Deacons Meeting 12:30 - Stewardship & Finance Committee	<b>9</b> 6:30 - Cub Scouts 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life	<b>10</b> 11:00 - Afternoon Circle (at the home of Libby Smith) 6:30 - Evening Circle (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 - Session Meeting	<b>11</b> 1:15 - Worship Planning Meeting 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - Handbell Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 4:00 - Stuarts Draft Christmas Parade
<b>15</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent January Tower Newsletter Deadline 9:30 - Sunday School (A) 9:45 - Sunday School (K) 11:00 - Worship & Joy Gift Offering 12:00 - Bethel's Christmas Joy Fellowship Meal (Covered Dish)	<b>16</b> 9:00 - Deadline for December 22nd & 29th bulletin announcements 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:30 - Young Life	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1:15 - Worship Planning Meeting 7:00 - Adult Choir 7:00 - Handbell Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Augusta County Schools Winter Break (December 20th - January 3rd)	<b>21</b> Winter Begins 
<b>22</b> 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 - Sunday School (A) 9:45 - Sunday School (K) 11:00 - Worship & 5 Cents A Meal TBA - Christmas Caroling	<b>23</b> Church Office Closed	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Church Office Closed 9:00 - Traditional Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Church Office Closed 	<b>26</b> Church Office Closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 
<b>29</b> 11:00 - Worship & Hymn Sing	<b>30</b> 9:00 - Deadline for January 5th bulletin announcements	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve Church Office Closed				