



# The Bethel Weekly News

## Week of December 13th, 2020

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 13th

3rd Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Joy Offering  
Rev. Melissa Harmon,  
Guest Minister

11:00 am Worship

7:00 pm Session Meeting  
(via Zoom)

Deadline: "Christmas Alive" Gifts



Monday, December 14th

Church Office Closed  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts



Tuesday, December 15th

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Church Office  
Hours

9:00 am Deadline: January 2021  
Tower Newsletter

9:00 am Deadline: Order of  
Worship & Weekly News  
(December 20th)



Wednesday, December 16th

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Church Office  
Hours

Thursday, December 17th

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Church Office  
Hours



Friday, December 18th

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Church Office  
Hours

*(calendar continued on page 2)*

### GENERAL CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

Memorial Hall and the Church Kitchen are open during worship services. You are welcome to watch and listen to the service in Memorial Hall. Audio of the service is also available in the Church Kitchen.



The above options are for those who feel uncomfortable worshipping in the sanctuary with more than a few people. Please note that you must wear your mask the entire time you are present in either of these locations. Thank you!

### GUEST MINISTER - DECEMBER 13TH

**GUEST**  
*speaker*

Bethel welcomes the talented Rev. Melissa Harmon as the Guest Minister December 13th. We appreciate her willingness to join us and help with the worship service again! Melissa lives in Staunton and has served as a Member-at-Large in the Shenandoah Presbytery since 2016.

Please let Rev. Harmon know how much we appreciate her being with us!

### **DECEMBER WORSHIP LEADER:**

**JILL WEBB**

The poinsettias in the sanctuary on December 13th are given by Kay Swisher in loving memory of her grandparents, Mitch & Antha Swisher, her parents Don & Bettie Swisher, her brother Wayne Swisher, and her little furbaby Abby.

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## SESSION NEWS & NOTES



### ELDER-ON-CALL DECEMBER 2020

If you have a pastoral need during the month of December please contact **Kathy Swisher**.

(540) 885-7397 (call or text)  
kswisher@gmail.com

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS (continued)

Sunday, December 20th

4th Sunday of Advent

Mark Wilson, Guest Speaker

11:00 pm      Worship



## CHURCH OFFICE NEWS & NOTES



### DEADLINES - WEEKLY NEWS & JANUARY 2021 TOWER

The deadline for the January Tower Newsletter along with the Order of Worship & Weekly News for Sunday, December 20th is 9:00 am on Tuesday, December 15th.

The deadline for the Order of Worship & Weekly News *for both* Sunday, December 27th & Sunday, January 3rd is 9:00 am on Monday, December 21st.

You may leave articles and announcements in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall or email them to: [bethelpc@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpc@gmail.com) (*email is preferred*).

## NEW BETHEL OFFICE HOURS!

Tuesday - Friday

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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



Keep an eye on the Weekly News for any changes with office days and/or hours. The Church Office will be closed for the Christmas & New Year holidays.



There are updated and printed copies of the Bethel Directory (text only) on the table in the hallway next to the Choir Room. Please let Adrienne know if you would like a copy emailed or snail mailed to you. Thanks!

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

### CHRISTMAS ALIVE PROJECT

Many thanks to all of you who took a tag from the tree in Memorial Hall - all tags had been chosen in less than a week! By taking a tag you are making a difference for families that need our help making the holiday special for their children. Please return the gifts (wrapped with the tag attached) by December 13th, so that we can get them to the families. The Mission Committee has purchased gift cards at Sharp Shopper, so the families can also have a holiday meal. Thank you for your continued support. - The Mission Committee



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## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

### Christmas Joy Offering 2020



The Christmas Joy Offering will be received during the worship service on Sunday, December 13th, 2020. Special envelopes are included with your worship packet today specifically for "Christmas Joy".

### Weekly Financial Report

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Estimated Weekly Budget: | \$4,317.00 |
| Offerings November 1st:  | \$2,095.00 |
| Offerings November 8th:  | \$1,810.00 |
| Offerings November 15th: | \$2,299.00 |
| Offerings November 22nd: | \$1,810.00 |
| Offerings November 29th: | \$1,074.00 |

### November Financial Report

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Estimated Monthly Budget: | \$18,702.00 |
| Offerings November 2020:  | \$9,088.00  |



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### UPCOMING SUPPLY MINISTERS & SPEAKERS

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| December 13th                    | Rev. Melissa Harmon |
| December 20th                    | Mark Wilson         |
| December 24th<br>(Christmas Eve) | Derek Almarode      |
| December 27th                    | Mark Wilson         |

### ADVENT WREATH & CANDLE

**DECEMBER 13TH, 2020** Bill & Sally Brubeck

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Bethel's Traditional Christmas Eve service will begin at 9:00 pm on December 24th. Join us as we celebrate the journey of biblical history leading to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and the start of His life on earth, the promise of our salvation!

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### PRAYER LIST (updated 12/3/20)

New Additions Cathy Miller

### Congregation Members

Jarod Davis & Family  
Dan & Ginny Gano  
Karen Koogler & Family  
Ken & Evelyn LaPorte  
Bobby Goodson  
Margaret Liptrap  
Doris True  
Alice Wooddell



Sam Leonard  
John Pilson  
Davis Williams

### Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

Sarah Brownlee  
Joe Fleming  
Roy Pilson  
Van Pirkey  
Beth Shaw  
Walter Wade

Eleanor Feldon  
David Law  
Jamie Pirkey  
Barbara Shaner  
Jack True

### Sympathies & Condolences

Family & Friends of Allen Quick



### Community, Country, & World

Doctors, nurses, & those who work in healthcare including volunteers  
All Military Leaders & Personnel  
Police, Firemen, and EMS workers

**AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BETHEL YOUTH . . .**



Celebration of Lights - Gypsy Hill Park

*Staunton's Famous Gypsy Hill Park is Again a Fairyland of Holiday Lights*

For the 15th year in a row, beautiful Gypsy Hill Park's 214 acres is again 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 have participated and won prizes for their past displays. Below are pictures from the installation of this year's entry for the Celebration of Lights. The Bethel Youth would love it if you would go and check it out! The display is massive and incorporates three elements: the birth of Jesus, his death, and eternal life through his resurrection. It's a beauty and one of the largest displays in the park. Several people stopped while the display was under construction and complimented the youth on it.

Thanks to the Bethel Youth along with adults Mac Williams, Brian & Penny Lee, Dale & Kay Thompson, and Derek & Cindy Almarode for all the help.

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

