



The Bethel Weekly News

Week of December 6th, 2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 6th

2nd Sunday of Advent

Rev. Malcolm Brownlee,

Guest Minister

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Congregational Meeting

12:30 pm Deacons Meeting

Deadline: Gift Cards for PCHH

Deadline: Poinsettia Orders &/or
BERF Christmas
Donations



Monday, December 7th

Church Office Closed

*(Adrienne on vacation -
December 7th - 11th)*

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

7:00 pm Boy Scouts



Tuesday, December 8th

Church Office Closed



Wednesday, December 9th

Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 10th

Church Office Closed

Friday, December 11th

Church Office Closed

Deadline: Gift Cards for
Valley Mission

(please drop off any cards at Mission)

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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 6TH



Bethel welcomes the Rev. Malcolm Brownlee as the Guest Minister on December 6th.

Rev. Brownlee grew up in Rockbridge Baths, Virginia, and moved back there 10 years ago to retire. He has been pastor of churches in Hazard, Kentucky; Riverdale, Georgia; and Huntersville, North Carolina, and interim pastor of churches in Lexington, North Carolina; Beckley, West Virginia, and Fairfield and Rockbridge Baths, Virginia. From 1973 till 1984 he and his wife Sarah were missionaries in Indonesia. Bethel was one of their supporting churches during that time.

Please let Rev. Brownlee know how much we appreciate his being with us!

DECEMBER WORSHIP LEADER:

JILL WEBB

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GENERAL CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

The poinsettias in the sanctuary on December 6th 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.

SESSION NEWS & NOTES



Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 6th

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, December 6th, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect five members of the congregation to the Nominating Committee. Be thinking and praying about whom God may be calling to serve on this committee - could it even be you?

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS & NOTES

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND/OR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TO BERF



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 worship packet. All poinsettia orders and Christmas BERF donations must be turned into the Church Office by December 6th!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (continued)

Saturday, December 12th

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Private Event
(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, December 13th

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



7:00 pm Session Meeting
(via Zoom)

Deadline: "Christmas Alive" Gifts

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 29th: 42



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

OUT OF THE OFFICE



The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 7th - Friday, December 11th while Adrienne is on vacation. Volunteers will be checking the answering machine for phone messages daily along with checking the church mailbox a few times that week. If you have an immediate need or need pastoral care please contact the Elder-on-Call.

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!



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 (*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. 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



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

Sam Leonard

Margaret Liptrap

John Pilson

Doris True

Davis Williams

Alice Wooddell



Family & Friends of the Church & Congregation

Sarah Brownlee

Eleanor Feldon

Joe Fleming

David Law

Roy Pilson

Jamie Pirkey

Van Pirkey

Barbara Shaner

Beth Shaw

Jack True

Walter Wade

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

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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 will be included with your worship packet that Sunday specifically for "Christmas Joy". There is a special insert with more information about the Christmas Joy Offering included with your worship packet today.

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

WORSHIP COMMITTEE



UPCOMING SUPPLY MINISTERS & SPEAKERS

December 6th	Rev. Malcolm Brownlee (Congregational Meeting)
December 13th	Rev. Melissa Harmon
December 20th	Mark Wilson
December 24th (Christmas Eve)	Derek Almarode
December 27th	Mark Wilson

November Financial Report



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



ADVENT WREATH & CANDLE DECEMBER 6TH, 2020

Steve & Mo Kyle



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!

In the vestibule there are Advent devotional books provided free of charge by the Worship Committee.  The book "And The Word Was God" provides devotions that will help with having a more focused and prayerful Advent season. Each day during Advent has a scripture along with writings of Henri J.M. Nouwen, a master theologian. These devotions will guide you through this Advent season with hope, faith, joy and peace. Make sure to pick up your free copy of this Advent resource today! 

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.



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 worship packet on Sunday, December 20th and Christmas Eve. Please fill out (COMPLETELY) 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 6th.

*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 with your worship packet in the coming weeks. Only red poinsettias are available for order. Thank you!

Christmas Poinsettias and BERF Donations Form

Please fill out the form below, attach the check or cash and place in the offering plate or in Adrienne's mailbox in Memorial Hall 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 6th.

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 13th, December 20th, Christmas Eve, December 27th
**Remember to pick-up Poinsettia(s) following the worship service*