



# The Bethel Weekly News

## Week of January 3rd, 2021

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday, January 3rd, 2021



Epiphany Sunday

Jill Webb, Guest Speaker

11:00 am Worship

12:15 pm Deacons Meeting

Monday, January 4th

Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 5th

12:00 pm Deadline: Order of  
Worship & Weekly News  
(January 10th)

Wednesday, January 6th



Epiphany of the Lord

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

Thursday, January 7th

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

Friday, January 8th

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

Sunday, January 10th



Baptism of the Lord

Rev. Melissa Harmon,  
Guest Minister

11:00 am Worship & Communion

7:00 pm Session Meeting  
(Fellowship Hall & Zoom)

### GENERAL CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

Do you have risk factors that make you more vulnerable in contracting the coronavirus and you can only be around those wearing a mask when indoors?



The Worship Committee has set things up so the worship service (& audio) is streaming on the TV in Memorial Hall. Audio of the service is also available in the Church Kitchen. TV (& audio) streaming of the service will be offered in the Fellowship Hall soon!

#### GUEST SPEAKER JANUARY 3RD



We welcome Bethel's very own Jill Webb who will be the Guest Speaker this morning.

Jill has been a member of Bethel for over 50 years, serves as an Elder on the Session, and is currently Co-Chair of the Personnel Committee. She is also an active member of the Worship Committee. In addition, Jill is a member of the Afternoon Circle and the Bethel Bell Choir. A graduate of Catawba College with a B.A. in Music Education, she taught instrumental music in Davidson County, NC and retired from the business office at Augusta Health. Jill enjoys music, Riverheads and VA Tech football, playing cards and traveling with friends.

Thanks to Jill for helping with the worship service this morning!

#### JANUARY 3RD WORSHIP LEADER:

Tammy Barbour



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The poinsettia in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God by Jill Webb.

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER 27TH: 17

## CHURCH OFFICE NEWS & NOTES

### DEADLINE

The deadline for the Order of Worship & Weekly News for Sunday, January 10th is Tuesday, January 5th at noon.

### 2020 ANNUAL REPORTS

The deadline for the 2020 Annual Reports is Friday, January 15th. This date was chosen by the Session to give Adrienne a chance to organize and publish the reports for distribution in February. If you were a chair of a committee or a committee or church treasurer in 2020 please have your report to the Church Office by the 15th!

ALL reports must be submitted by email (preferably in Microsoft Word or PDF).



## BETHEL OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(Lunch usually taken 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm)

## SESSION NEWS & NOTES

### ELDER-ON-CALL JANUARY 2021

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

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

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### PRAYER LIST (updated 12/30/20)

Family & Friends of Elizabeth Brooks  
(friend of Adrienne Barker)

#### Congregation Members

Jarod Davis & Family	Dan & Ginny Gano
Bobby Goodson	Ken & Evelyn LaPorte
Sam Leonard	Margaret Liptrap
John Pilson	Doris True
Alice Wooddell	

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

Sarah Brownlee	Eleanor Feldon
Matthew Fitzgerald	Joe Fleming
David Law	Cathy Miller
Roy Pilson	Jamie Pirkey
Van Pirkey	Richard Ritchie
Barbara Shaner	Beth Shaw
Jack True	Walter Wade



#### Sympathies & Condolences

Family & Friends of Karen Kooger  
Family & Friends of Allen Quick

#### Community, Country, & World

Doctors, nurses, & healthcare professionals including volunteers  
All military leaders & personnel  
Law enforcement, firefighters, & EMS workers & volunteers



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## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

### Weekly Financial Report

Estimated Weekly Budget:	\$4,317.00
Offerings December 6th:	\$20,480.00
Offerings December 13th:	\$1,705.00
Offerings December 20th:	\$3,910.00
Offerings December 27th:	\$935.00

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE



### Winter Weather Cancellations

Now that winter is finally here, Session has changed how we send out church notifications to members that church has been cancelled. The robocall system with emails, text or phone calls has been canceled. We are back to using Harrisonburg WHSV TV3 (along with Facebook). Elders and Deacons are asked to check their Shepherding List to see who needs a phone call.

The Worship Committee has a few openings left on the Flower Schedule for 2021. If you would be willing to volunteer to provide flowers in the Sanctuary one Sunday please call Adrienne in the Church Office (540) 886-6041. If you would let her know by Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 it would be much appreciated! Thank you!

The Worship Committee is also looking for a new flower coordinator. If you are interested in taking on this rewarding role please contact Tammy Barbour or Jill Webb. Either one would be happy to talk with you about what the role of Flower Coordinator entails.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE



The “These Days” devotional books have not yet arrived for the next quarter (*January, February, March*). If they have not been delivered by Tuesday, January 5th, Adrienne will call the publisher to check. Please be patient as all the major shipping companies are still trying to catch up from Christmas.

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

Holy Communion will be received during the worship service on January 10th, Baptism of the Lord Sunday.

### Instructions for Communion on January 10th

Communion during the COVID-19 pandemic will be normal except for how Elders will hand out the elements. Instead of Elders bringing the elements to each person, you will pick up a pre-made communion kit at the door. This kit is pre-packaged with both bread and juice. Rev. Harmon will conduct the usual Prayer of Thanksgiving and when it is time to partake of the elements, she will say, “The bread of Life take and eat”. Pick up your pre-packaged communion kit, tear off the seal - the bread will be there - and we will take the bread together. (*Note that there will be gluten free kits available but there are only a few kits total. Please only take one if you have gluten sensitivities or an allergy.*) After a moment or two, Rev. Harmon will say “the cup of salvation “, remove the seal on your cup and we will then drink the juice together. Trash bins will be available at the door for used sets. Elders will be present on each side and in back to help when needed, keeping social distancing guidelines.