

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

December 11th - December 17th

- Today:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Deadline: BERF Gifts
 9:45 - Sunday School
 11:00 - Worship
 12:00 - Covered Dish Luncheon and
 Joy Gift Program
- Monday:** 6:30 - Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 - Boy Scouts
- Tuesday:** 2:30 - Afternoon Circle
 3:00 - Poinsettia Order Deadline
 7:00 - Diaconate/Session Joint Meeting
- Wednesday:** 5:45 - The Bells of Bethel
 7:00 - Adult Choir
- Thursday:** January Tower Deadline
- Friday:** Church Office Closed
- Saturday:** Wedding

Next Sunday, December 18th: 4th Sunday of Advent
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship

Greeters: Garrett Nichols and Alex Nichols

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Bettie Swisher to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Swisher, Don Swisher, Faye Stump, and Agnes Lotts.

*We welcome to Bethel this morning the Rev. William “Bill” Painter. Rev. Painter has preached at Bethel in the past. Be sure to let him know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

*The BERF Christmas presents are due today! Remember that the gifts need to be returned to the church wrapped with the tag attached. Thank you so much for your generosity!

*Our annual Joy Gift fellowship meal and Christmas program will be held today immediately following the worship service. If you would like to give to the Joy Gift Offering there are envelopes available in your bulletin. Come and join us in worship and fellowship!

*The Afternoon Circle will meet this Tuesday, December 13th at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be at the home of Libby Smith (180 Howardsville Road; Staunton). Circle members please remember to bring fruit or snacks for eight baskets. If you have any questions please call Libby Smith.

*The deadline for Christmas BERF donations and Christmas Poinsettia orders is this Tuesday, December 13th at 3 pm. An order form is included in your bulletin and in the December Tower. Please give your orders to Libby Smith or turn them into the Church Office. There will be no exceptions for this deadline! Thank you!

*The Session and Board of Deacons annual joint meeting has been rescheduled. The meeting will be this Tuesday, December 13th, at 7:00 pm. All Session and Diaconal members need to plan on attending this meeting. All newly elected officers (returning, ordained, or not yet ordained) will need to make plans to attend for examination by the Session following the joint meeting. If you will not be able to attend, please contact the Church Office (886-6041; bethelpc@gmail.com).

*The January Tower deadline will be this Thursday, December 15th. Please have all articles and announcements to the Church Office by 3 pm. Thank you!

*The Church Office will be closed this Friday, December 16th, while the Church Secretary is on vacation. Thank you!

*The Stonewall Brigade Band will present its annual Christmas Concert on Monday evening, December 19th, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary of St. Paul's United Methodist Church (2000 Shutterlee Mill Road; Staunton, VA). The 80-member concert band will present a variety of popular and sacred selections for the holiday season. Admission is free, and an offering will be received to benefit St. Paul's United Methodist Youth Guatemala Mission Trip 2012.

*Our annual Christmas Eve candle lighting service will be held at 9 pm. The service is always a moving and beautiful experience as we hear the Good News both read and sung. Many talented local folks come to share their joyful seasonal music with us. Come and take part as we sing, as we pray, and as we praise God for the birth of our dear Savior!

*Kingsway wants to thank everyone that gives to our mission. We gave food and clothing to 273 families - that is 803 people! We feel that we will have a larger need in December so any extras in household goods or clothing would be appreciated! God bless,

Joan McLaughlin

*Offerings 2011: It is requested that offerings for 2011 be made no later than Sunday, December 25th, 2011. Thank you for your continued support.

*Pledges 2012: 32 pledges for a total of \$88,560 have been received. Thanks to those who pledged. If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider pledging now for 2012 - it is not too late. Pledge cards are available in the vestibule and Memorial Hall. Send completed cards to the church (Attn: Receiving Treasurer), or put in the Receiving Treasurer mailbox in Memorial Hall or in the offering plate any Sunday.

*Offering Envelopes 2012: Beginning today, numbered offering envelopes will be available in the vestibule. If you received numbered envelopes in 2011 you will have the same number reserved for 2012. If you do not currently use envelopes but would like to, please contact the Church Office with your request.

*If you would like to join Bethel Presbyterian Church, please feel free to contact a session member. We would love to hear from you.

Attendance: December 4th: 106

Weekly Budget: \$3,513.00 Received: \$3,444.00