

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

December 18th - December 24th

- Today:** 4th Sunday of Advent
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship
- Monday:** 7:00 - Boy Scouts
- Wednesday:** 5:45 - The Bells of Bethel
7:00 - Adult Choir
- Thursday:** Winter Begins
January Tower Mailing
- Friday:** Church Office Closed
- Saturday:** Christmas Eve
9:00 - Christmas Eve Service

Next Sunday, December 25th: Christmas Day
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering

Greeters: Garrett Nichols and Alex Nichols

*The Poinsettias in the sanctuary are given by the congregation and friends of Bethel.

*The rose on the organ is in honor of the birth of Samuel Moseley Williams who was born on December 8th. He is the son of Mac and Emily Williams and the grandson of Ben and Faye Brown and the late Jim and Charlotte Williams. Congratulations on this new addition to your family!

*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 Stonewall Brigade Band will present its annual Christmas Concert tomorrow 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.

*The Church Office will be closed for the Christmas holiday this Friday, December 23rd through Tuesday, December 27th. Thank you!

*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!

*Greenville Methodist Church conducts a Food For Fridays program to send weekend food home with needy children. They asked if Bethel could help supply paper grocery bags for distribution of food. If you can bring bags, please leave them under the mailboxes in Memorial Hall.

*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: Numbered offering envelopes are now 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 11th: 115

Weekly Budget: \$3,513.00 Received: \$5,558.00

Joy Gift Offering: \$306.00