

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

December 19th - December 25th

Today: 4th Sunday of Advent
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship
12:00 - Covered Dish Luncheon and
Joy Gift Program

Monday: 7:00 - Boy Scouts

Tuesday: Winter Begins

Wednesday: 5:45 - The Bells of Bethel
7:00 - Adult Choir

Thursday: January Tower Mailing

Friday: Christmas Eve
Church Office Closed
9:00 - Christmas Eve Service

Saturday: Christmas Day

Next Sunday, December 26th:

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering

Greeters: James and Cynthia Williams

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

*Today is a wonderful day! We will be baptizing Edward Graham Schooley into the church of Jesus Christ during the worship service this morning. Edward was born on August 10th, 2010 and he is the son of Chris and Therese Schooley.

*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!

*LIVE NATIVITY SCENE: Camels! Donkeys! Sheep! Llamas! And a cast of exciting Humans as well! ONLY this evening, December 19th from 4-5:30 pm. Sponsored by St. John's UCC, this live manger scene will be located at Huntley Meadow Farms, 216 Greenville Farm Lane. Off of Route 262, turn onto Old Greenville Road and then turn again into Greenville Farm Lane (the nativity will be near Southers Greenhouses - Turn just across from Spring Lakes housing development.) JUST FOLLOW THE STAR! Free admission, though donations for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank will be accepted.

*The historic Stonewall Brigade Band will present a Christmas Concert at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 20th. The concert will take place in the sanctuary of St. Paul's United Methodist Church (2000 Shutterlee Mill Road; Staunton), featuring guest vocalist Ernest Holley. Admission is free, and an offering will be received to benefit the Blue Ridge Area Food Band. Pre-concert music by the Stonewall Flutes of the Shenandoah will begin at 6:45 pm.

*The Church Office will be closed Friday, December 24th and Monday and Tuesday, December 27th and 28th for the Christmas holiday. 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. Come and take part as we sing, as we pray, and as we praise God for the birth of our dear Savior!

*Joel will be on vacation from December 25th until January 1st. If you have an emergency please call the Church Office and leave a message on the answering machine. The machine will be checked each day for messages. Thank you!

*Our remaining 2009 Taste of Heaven cookbooks, \$15 each, are available for purchase in Memorial Hall. Please leave a check for the Presbyterian Women in the PW mailbox. Thank you!

*Kroger grocery cards are still available. Please contact Joyce Miller.

*Registration for the "Baja Mission Trip" is now open. If you are interested in participating please contact Derek Almarode, Keith Folsom, Peggy Smith, or Kathy Swisher. Registration is open until February 1st, 2011. Registration for the trip will not be accepted after the February 1st deadline. There will be an information meeting scheduled in January shortly after the holidays to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to call or email Derek Almarode if you have any questions in regards to this mission trip. Thank you!

***Attention Bethel Congregation!** Kingsway continues to need all types of non-perishable food: cereal, peanut butter, canned goods, dried beans, etc. They also requesting donations of large men's clothes and household goods. Please place your donations in the designated basket in Memorial Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

***Offerings 2010:** It is requested that offerings for 2010 be made no later than Sunday, December 26th, 2010. Thank you for your continued support.

***Pledges 2011:** 37 pledges for a total of \$92,240 have been received. Thanks to those who pledged. If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider pledging now for 2011 - it is not too late.

***Offering Envelopes 2011:** Numbered offering envelopes are now available in the vestibule. If you received numbered envelopes in 2010 you will have the same number reserved for 2011. 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: 93

Weekly Budget: \$3,513.00 Received: \$2,047.00