

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

December 27 - January 2nd

- Today:** 8:30 - The Bells of Bethel
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering
- Monday:** Church Office Closed
- Wednesday:** 7:00 - Adult Choir
- Thursday:** New Year's Eve
Church Office Closed
- Friday:** New Year's Day
Church Office Closed

Next Sunday, January 3rd:

- 8:30 - The Bells of Bethel*
- 9:45 - Sunday School*
- 11:00 - Worship/Communion/New Officers Installed*
- 12:00 - Diaconate*
- 12:00 - PWCT Meeting*

Greeters: Jon and Donna Bush

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

*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!

*Joel will be on vacation until December 31st. If you have an emergency please contact the church office (during normal office hours) or leave a message on the answering machine at the Manse. The answering machine will be checked each day for messages. Thank you!

*The Church Office will closed tomorrow, December 28th and on Thursday, December 31st (New Year's Eve), and January 1st (New Year's Day). Thank you!

*Due to the snow and bad weather the Bethel Cookbooks were delayed in being delivered. We will let you know as soon as the rest of the cookbooks arrive. Thank you for your understanding and patience with the situation!

*Communion will be held next Sunday, January 3rd, 2010.

*Next Sunday, January 3rd, Bethel will be ordaining and installing our newly elected, trained, examined, and approved officers in a special Sunday morning worship service. Come and be a part of this important and moving moment in the life of the church.

*New officers will be installed during the worship service next Sunday, January 3rd, 2010. If you are an officer and will be unable to be at the service please let Joel know as soon as possible. Thank you.

*If you have a mailbox in Memorial Hall, please check it and clean it out by next Sunday, January 3rd, 2010. Please discard information, catalogs, etc. out of your mailbox that you do not need. Remember to check your mailbox periodically for updates, church information, and mail. Thank you!

*The Stonewall Brigade Band Christmas Concert (snowed out on December 21st) has been rescheduled for Monday, January 4th, at 7:30 pm. The concert will be at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The 85 piece concert band will be joined by the 30-voice ovation singers for "Christmas Around the World." Admission is free. An offering will be received to benefit the Valley Mission. St. Paul's United Methodist Church is located at 2000 Shutterlee Mill Road; Staunton.

***Church Meeting on 2010 Mission Trips:** There will be an informational meeting on January 5th, 2010, for everyone interested in participating in any of the mission trips/projects this year. If you are interested in participating in the Appalachian Service Project trip, the Baja, Mexico trip or the local mission projects through Greater Augusta Mission Relief you should make every effort to attend this meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. If you will be unable to attend the meeting but do want to participate in any of the above projects please contact Derek Almarode. Thank you!

*On Sunday, January 10th, the Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held immediately following (and, indeed, as a part of) the Sunday morning worship service for the purpose of hearing about the approved budget for 2010 and for reviewing the pastor's terms of call.

*The Youth Committee will meet immediately after the Congregational Meeting on January 10th. All Youth Committee members should make every effort to attend this meeting.

*The Bethel Witness Committee has been granted approval by the Session to participate in certain mission projects for 2010. Bethel will be participating in one international mission project (Baja, Mexico trip), one out of state mission project (Tennessee - Appalachian Service Project trip), and two local mission projects (Greater Augusta Mission Relief). Registrations are open for all three mission projects and will remain open until January 14th, 2010. If you are interested in participating or helping with any of these mission projects please contact Derek Almarode. Thank you!

*MISSION FUNDRAISER! HOMEMADE PIZZA-PIZZA-PIZZA! Our very own Fabulous Folsoms (and friends) have offered to host (in the Fellowship Hall) **an evening of homemade pizzas and fun on January 24th. The dinner will be from 4 pm until 8 pm. Reservations are required and must be made by Sunday, January 17th.** Please call Keith or Tish Folsom or the church office (886-6041) to make reservations. The cost will be \$15.00 per person and you may pay ahead of time if you wish. If you choose to pay ahead of time, please leave checks (payable to Bethel) in Tish Folsom's mailbox in Memorial Hall. There will also be a Silent Auction held that evening. We are asking for donations for the Silent Auction. Any items (homemade, new or slightly used) would be appreciated. Please give donations to the Folsoms or leave them in the church office with a note specifying it is for the Silent Auction. **Please have donations turned in by Sunday, January 17th.** All proceeds from the pizza and silent auction will go to Bethel's mission fund. More information will be coming in the bulletins, so mark your calendar and be prepared to eat, eat, eat! Feel free to call the church office or Keith and Tish Folsom for more information as well!

*In the event of bad weather on Sunday mornings, please tune into WHSV - TV3 (Harrisonburg) or log onto their website (www.whsv.com) for information on whether church has been cancelled. Thank you!

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

Attendance: December 13th: 103

Weekly Budget: \$4,034.00 Received: \$4,533.00

Joy Gift Offering: \$326.00

Pledges for 2010

Offerings 2009: It is requested that offerings for 2009 be made no later than today, Sunday, December 27, 2009. Thank you for your continued support.

Pledges 2010: To date 44 pledges have been received for a total of \$95,236.00. Thanks to those who pledged. If you have not already pledged, please prayerfully consider pledging now for 2010 - it is not too late. A copy of the pledge card is included in the December Tower and cards are always available at the Church. Completed cards can be sent to the church office (Attn: Receiving Treasurer), put in the Receiving Treasurer mailbox in Memorial Hall or put in the offering plate any Sunday.

Offering Envelopes 2010: Beginning Sunday, December 13th, numbered offering envelopes will be available in the vestibule. If you received numbered envelopes in 2009 you will have the same number reserved for 2010. If you do not currently use envelopes but would like to, please contact the church office with your request.