

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

December 4th - December 10th

Today: 2nd Sunday of Advent
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship
12:00 - PWCT Meeting

Monday: 6:30 - Cub Scouts
7:00 - Boy Scouts

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

Thursday: 6:00 - Evening Circle

Saturday: Human Rights Day

Next Sunday, December 11th: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Deadline: BERF Gifts

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Worship

*12:00 - Covered Dish Luncheon and
Joy Gift Program*

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 the Rev. Charles K. Reller who will be leading our worship service this morning. Rev. Reller has held pastorates in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia. Between 1983 and the present, he has served churches in the Blue Ridge and Shenandoah Presbyteries as Stated Supply, Moderator, and Interim Pastor. Be sure to let Rev. Reller know how much we appreciate him being with us this morning!

*The PWCT will meet today, after the worship service.

*The Evening Circle will meet at the church this Thursday, December 8th, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share and a present for a gift exchange. We will also play a few games for fun!

***Bethel Emergency Relief Fund (BERF)** The BERF tree is in the hallway between the Fellowship Hall and Memorial Hall. We need to make sure that all of those gift tags are taken so that the families we are helping can receive the Christmas that they have dreamed of and prayed about. Remember that the gifts will need to be returned to the church by next Sunday, December 11th and will need to be wrapped with the tag attached. Also, don't forget that you can "team up" to buy gifts (especially expensive ones) if you want to. Thank you so much for your great generosity! Bethel's people can always be counted on to be a blessing!

*The Joy Gift program will be held next Sunday, December 11th following the morning worship service. We will be having a covered dish meal so bring your favorite dish to share! Following the meal we will be having a program presented by our young people under the direction of Donna Bush and Denise Thornton. If you would like to participate in the program please come to Sunday School for the practices. Come and join us for a great meal and the program that will follow!

- Christian Education Committee

*Bethel is trying a new idea this year with our Christmas Poinsettias. You may purchase poinsettias as you have done in the past or instead of purchasing a poinsettia you may make a donation to BERF (Bethel Emergency Relief Fund). If you choose to make a donation to BERF you can still make the donation in honor or in memory of someone just as you would if you ordered a poinsettia. The form to order poinsettias or make a donation is included in your bulletin and the December 2011 Tower. *Note: Please fill out the form completely. Sometimes forms come back not completely filled out and it can make things difficult when compiling them for the bulletins. Also, if you would like to order a poinsettia and make a donation please use two forms (one for the poinsettia and one for the donation). Thank you!

*The Session and Board of Deacons annual joint meeting has been rescheduled. The meeting will now be on 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).

*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!

*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: 30 pledges for a total of \$87,240 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 Sunday, December 11th, 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.

*We had a great Advent Workshop. We had over 30 people attend. Thank you to everyone who helped with the workshop, who provided food and who participated in the workshop. Thanks again!

- Peggy Smith

*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

*Our sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Waller Callison who passed away on November 26th, 2011.

*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: November 20th: 92

Weekly Budget: \$3,513.00 Received: \$6,873.00

Attendance: November 27th: 117

Weekly Budget: \$3,513.00 Received: \$2,423.00

Four Cents A Meal Offering: \$189.00