

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

November 13th - November 19th

- Today:** Deadline: OCC Shoeboxes Due
December Tower Deadline
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship/Dedication Sunday
12:00 - Trustee's Meeting
6:30 - Christian Education Committee
7:00 - Session Meeting
- Monday:** 6:30 - Cub Scouts
7:00 - Boy Scouts
- Wednesday:** 5:45 - The Bells of Bethel
7:00 - Adult Choir
- Thursday:** December Tower Mailing
7:00 - Bible Study

Next Sunday, November 20th:
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Worship
7:00 - Community Thanksgiving Service at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Greeters: Charlotte Swortzel

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Jerry and JoAnn Pendley in memory of JoAnn's father Mert Leroy Post.

*Our sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Aggie Dodson who passed away on November 10th, 2011.

*Stewardship season is here! Bethel is ready to have a good and productive year in 2012. Today is Dedication Sunday. Pledge cards are available in your bulletin, in Memorial Hall, and in the vestibule. Please place your completed cards in the offering plate or give them to Ken Wilkinson, Receiving Treasurer. Bethel needs all of you to help if we are to reach our goals. Please carefully and prayerfully consider your pledge for next year.

*The Trustees will be meeting today after the worship service.

*The Christian Education Committee will meet this evening at 6:30 pm.

*The Session will meet this evening at 7:00 pm.

*Please remember that the **December Tower Deadline is today** and the Tower will be mailed out a week early on Thursday, November 17th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you!

*Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due today! Please place your shoeboxes on the cart in the vestibule. See Peggy Smith if you have any questions. Thank you!

*Please have any announcements for the bulletin on Sunday, November 20th and/or November 27th to the Church Office by this Thursday morning at 9 am. Thank you!

*Concert and Dessert: Bill Carter and the Presbybop Quartet will make a stop in Harrisonburg to present its unique style of Christian jazz at 7 pm this Thursday, November 17th, at Massanetta Springs Conference Center (Stewart Hall, 712 Massanetta Springs Road, Harrisonburg, VA). Pianist and composer Bill Carter, saxophonist Al Hamme, bass player Tony Marino, and drummer Ron Vincent are world class musicians having worked with many jazz notables. Their swinging, “sacred jazz” sounds draw upon church hymnals but add an energetic twist of jazz. Tickets for the concert and dessert are \$15 in advance, \$16 at the door, or \$10 with student ID. They can be reserved by calling (540) 434-3829.

*Riverheads Elementary School will host a Pancake Breakfast featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus and its annual ONE STOP SHOP holiday shopping fundraiser on Saturday morning, November 19th, in the school’s cafeteria and gym. The breakfast will be served from 9 am - 11 am and the shopping will be open from 9 am - 1 pm. Over 30 local vendors and businesses, including downtown Staunton’s Pufferbellies Toy Store, will be available for holiday shopping needs with a percentage of the income benefiting the school’s PTA. Children’s holiday craft-making, photos with Santa (\$5 package available), along with raffle opportunities will also be available.

*Joel will be on vacation next Sunday, November 20th. The Rev. Charles K. Reller will be the guest speaker.

*Remember the community-wide Thanksgiving Service will be held next Sunday, November 20th at 7:00 pm. The service will be at Redeemer Lutheran Church (Raphine, VA) and everyone's invited!

*The annual Hanging of the Greens program will be held on November 27th during our regular worship service. Please make plans to attend this wonderful and meaningful service.

*The 2011 Advent Workshop will be on Sunday, November 27th, in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. This workshop consists of lunch and craft activities representing each Sunday of Advent. Each new member of the church will receive an Advent candle wreath. All ages are invited to attend this workshop! If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Smith.

*Bethel Presbyterian Women "Together in Service" Project - The Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands is a long-term residential care facility located in Wytheville, Virginia. It is designed to house 30 residents (20 boys and 10 girls) in a cottage setting. The facility is licensed to work with residents 5-17 years of age, providing programming for both males and females. PCHH works with abused and neglected youth who have behavioral and emotional difficulties. PCHH designs programs and services to help children, youth, and families who are experiencing low-to-moderate emotional and behavioral problems. PCHH strives to give the best possible care to children in a Christian environment with staff members whose mission is to love and care for the children. As a "Together in Service" project the Bethel Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a gift-card drive to benefit PCHH in time for the holiday season. PCHH has a particular need for gift cards from Wal-Mart and McDonalds. If you choose to participate in this mission project circle members can turn in gift cards to circle leaders at the November meeting, or you may give the gift cards to Together-in-Service representative, Lee Ann Heizer. In order to assist with the equitable distribution of the gift cards please write the purchased amount on each card. All gift cards need to be received by the last Sunday in November, the 27th, so that they can be mailed to PCHH and arrive in time for holiday shopping and outings in December.

*The Joy Gift program will be held on 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

*Thank you to everyone who attended our mission meal on November 6th, you helped to make it a big success. You are helping to support our local and international missions. I would also like to thank everyone who made desserts and helped serve food. Thanks also to Joyce Miller for donating the quilt to be auctioned and Brian Ritter for the handmade porch swing. We raised \$3,000 to help with our future mission work. - Wayne and Kathy Swisher

*The Witness Committee would like to thank Wayne and Kathy Swisher for providing the meal on Sunday. Thank you to all their helpers and to all of you who helped with the fundraiser. A total of \$1,550 was donated for the meal. We also thank Eddie Shinaberry for auctioning the items. We would like to thank Brian Ritter for donating the swing which sold for \$200 to Derek and Cindy Almarode. We would like to thank Joyce and Ken Miller for donating the Civil War Love Letter Quilt which sold for \$1,250 to Jill Webb. The Committee would like to thank the congregation for all their support for all the fundraisers and mission projects that were sponsored by the Committee for 2011. We would not be able to do what we do without each and everyone of you. We are truly blessed with a generous and supportive congregation. THANK YOU!!

*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 6th: 103

Weekly Budget: \$3,513.00 Received: \$3,864.00