

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

November 6th - November 12th

- Today:** 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Worship  
 12:00 - Congregational Meeting  
 12:00 - Diaconate (after Congregational Meeting)  
 12:00 - Worship Committee Meeting  
 (after Congregational Meeting)  
 6:00 - Mission Dinner and Auction
- Monday:** 6:30 - Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)  
 7:00 - Boy Scouts
- Tuesday:** Election Day  
 9:30 - Presbytery Meeting at Opequon Presbyterian  
 Church; Winchester, VA  
 2:30 - Afternoon Circle  
 7:00 - Evening Circle
- Wednesday:** 5:45 - The Bells of Bethel  
 7:00 - Adult Choir
- Thursday:** 7:00 - Bible Study
- Friday:** Veterans Day

*Next Sunday, November 13th: Deadline: OCC Shoeboxes Due  
 December Tower Deadline  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Worship/Dedication Sunday  
 6:30 - Christian Education Meeting  
 7:00 - Session Meeting*

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Greeters: Charlotte Swortzel

\*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Heizer in memory of loved ones.

\*The Diaconate will meet today, after the Congregational Meeting.

\*The Worship Committee will meet today, after the Congregational Meeting.

\*There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the morning worship service this morning. The purpose of the meeting will be twofold. First, Bethel's new class of officers will be elected to service. Second, due to the institution of a new form of government for the Presbyterian Church (USA), the congregation must make a decision on the following matters:

1. What will constitute a quorum of the congregation for a meeting? (Currently, our quorum is 10% of the active members.)
2. What is the minimum notice that must be given before a congregational meeting can be held? (Currently, a meeting must be announced for at least two weeks, which can include the week the meeting is held. The meeting must be announced from the pulpit and in writing.)
3. What parliamentary authority will be used by the congregation? (Currently, we use Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.)
4. What will the composition of the congregational nominating committee? (Currently, the nominating committee consists of 2 active elders, 2 active deacons, and 5 members from the congregation.)

\*Please come and join the Witness Committee today at 6:00 pm for our closing mission meal fundraiser for 2011. We will be showing photos from our 2011 MEXICO Mission Trip. We will be having smoked tenderloin, macaroni and cheese, green beans and dessert and the cost of the meal is by donation. The Witness Committee will be auctioning a porch swing that was handmade by Brian Ritter and also a quilt. Joyce Miller won the mission quilt raffle last year for the Civil War Love Letter Quilt. This beautiful quilt was lovingly handmade by the women of Bethel, under Margaret Wade's guidance. It represents the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Joyce has donated the quilt to raise funds for next year's mission projects. Come and join us for an evening of fellowship, good food and fun!

\*The Church Secretary will be on vacation tomorrow, Monday, November 7th.

\*Attention! Please remember that the December **Tower Deadline will be next Sunday, November 13th and the Tower will be mailed out a week early on Thursday, November 17th** due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

\*School is back in session. Thanksgiving is almost here, and it is time again for Bethel to make plans for next year. Yes, Stewardship season is here. Bethel is ready to have a very good and productive year in 2012. Dedication Sunday will be next Sunday, November 13th. Bethel needs all of you to help if we are to reach our goals. Please carefully and prayerfully consider your pledge for next year. Pledge cards will be available in the bulletin and will be collected during the worship service. If you cannot be present please use the copy of the pledge card in the November 2011 Tower and mail it to the attention of the Receiving Treasurer or place in the offering plate any Sunday. Thank you for your continuing support of Bethel!

\*This year, our Church is providing you with the unique opportunity to share Christ with a needy child using a simple shoebox. Your shoebox will reach a child in a troubled country with the Gospel message. Operation Christmas Child, is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian ministry led by Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham. The shoeboxes are delivered to a needy child overseas along with Christian literature in his or her own language. Please be a part of this opportunity. The deadline for the shoeboxes is next Sunday, November 13th and there is a cart in the vestibule for you to put your shoeboxes on. For more information please pick up a OCC brochure in Memorial Hall. If you have any questions, please see Peggy Smith.

\*The Christian Education Committee will meet next Sunday, November 13th at 6:30 pm.

\*The Session will meet next Sunday, November 13th at 7:00 pm.

\*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 on 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.

\*This year, our annual Hanging of the Greens program will be on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, during morning worship. This year, we will be doing something a little different. This year, families will be participating (parents/grandparents, youth, children together). Don't worry, the program and parts will be easy to do. If you would like your family to participate (and we REALLY, REALLY NEED your participation), please let Joel know (540-886-6041).

\*Note from Marjorie Brooks' Family:

Words can never convey what our Bethel Family has meant to Mom and to us - we are so grateful for the visits, calls, cards and food that you have given or sent. We are so appreciative of the reception given by the Women of the Church after her service - a heartfelt thank you for that! We are so blessed to have the church family that we do - Thank you Guy D and Ellen

\*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: October 30th: 96

Weekly Budget: \$3,513.00 Received: \$2,116.00