

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

October 23rd - October 29th

- Today:** 9:45 - Sunday School
- 11:00 - Worship/Mission Service Sunday/
Four Cents A Meal Offering
- 12:00 - Witness Committee Meeting
- 6:00 - Harvest Party
- Monday:** 6:30 - Cub Scouts
- 7:00 - Boy Scouts
- Wednesday:** 5:45 - The Bells of Bethel
- 7:00 - Adult Choir
- 7:00 - Fellowship Hall Reserved
- Thursday:** November Tower Mailing
- 7:00 - Bible Study

Next Sunday, October 30th:

- 9:45 - Sunday School*
- 11:00 - Worship*
- 12:00 - PWCT Meeting*

Greeters: Joyce Davis and Louise Hoy

*The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today by Jane Law to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Emma M. Hawpe and other loved ones.

*The Witness Committee will be leading the worship service today. During the worship service, members of the Baja mission team will reflect on their work in Mexico. Snacks and lemonade will follow in the Fellowship Hall where members of the congregation may visit with the team and ask questions. Note: This is not a fundraiser.

*There will be a Witness Committee Meeting today, following the morning worship service.

***HARVEST PARTY! HARVEST PARTY! HARVEST PARTY!**
Bethel's annual Harvest Party will be held this evening, October 23rd, from 6 pm - 8 pm. There will be games, food, and lots of fun! Adults are invited to decorate your cars for Trunk-or-Treat (you will need to have your vehicles decorated, ready, and in place in the provided parking area by 7:15 pm). Prizes will be given for best costumes, best trunk decorating, and best carved and decorated pumpkins (pumpkins will be provided). Make plans to be there and share in the fun and excitement!

*St. John's UCC Church is having their Fall Supper on Saturday, October 29th from 4 pm - 7 pm. This year, all profits after expenses will be donated to the family of Danielle Hanger to assist with costs associated with her medical care. If you would like to help with the dinner, you can call 885-3207 and leave a message or e-mail stjohnsucc24401@aol.com . If you would like to make a donation, you can send it to St. John's UCC at 1515 Arbor Hill Road, Staunton, VA 24401 (please mark it "Fall Supper Donation"). Here are some ways and times you can help: Thursday, October 27th (begin at 7am but can come later) - pie making, set up tables, washing/drying utensils; Friday, October 28th (begin at 7 am but can come later) - bread making, washing/drying utensils, potato peeling, coleslaw making, ham on trays, assembling dressing, table settings; Saturday, October 29th (begin at 10 am)- cooking green beans, potatoes, gravy, mixing fruit, washing/drying, etc. Need help assisting customers in Country Store. Clean up (7 pm - 8:30 pm). If you want to just show up for two hours, they'll find something for you to do! Also, items for a silent auction and CAKES are needed. Thank you for this beautiful community effort to be a blessing to a local family.

*The PWCT will meet next Sunday, October 30th, after the morning worship service.

*The Worship Committee will meet on Sunday, November 6th, after the Congregational Meeting.

*There will be a congregational meeting immediately following morning worship on Sunday, November 6th, 2011. 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 on November 6th 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!

*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 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.

*This year, our annual Hanging of the Greens program will be on Sunday, November 27th, 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).

*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 16th: 92

Weekly Budget: \$3,513.00 Received: \$2,177.00

Tree Fund: \$1,600.00