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The BUMS Christmas Post Office is officially OPEN!! Want to spread some old fashioned Christmas cheer? Send Christmas greetings through the BUM Post Office. All "mail" will be quarantined before delivery. Postage is a donation of .25 cents per card or whatever donation you want to make which goes to the BUM Mission Fund. Please have greetings to the church on or before Sunday, Dec. 20 ... or drop them by anytime during office hours. We will assemble teams to deliver mail to our shut-ins before Christmas. If you would like to volunteer for delivery please let Julie Ritchie know and she will put you on the list. If there is someone you would like to deliver to, let her know that as well, otherwise she will be coordinating small delivery routes with folks who sign up to deliver. Julie's contact information ... 540-383-9445 or jaritchie@comcast.net.

Our Mission Team wants to help Staunton UMC with their "The Green Hanger Project."

They take gently used clothing (laundered with no stains or holes), new socks and underwear, personal care products and give them to middle and high schoolers who are in need. So if you're cleaning out those closets to make room for new Christmas clothes, please save those discarded clothes for this project. You can bring them by the church on Sunday mornings or during the week between 9 am - 3 pm. Questions? Please contact Lori Mooney. You can check out "The Green Hanger Project" website at greenhangerproject.com for more detailed information.

The Bethany Family Christmas Special "Away in a Manger" will be broadcast on Facebook on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 pm. You won't want to miss it! Thank you to all who participated and to those who helped put it together!



All year end giving will need to be in the office or postmarked by December 31 to be posted on your 2020 giving statement. And if you have any receipts that need to be reimbursed by the church, please have them turned into Cindy Kite by Monday, Jan. 11, 2021.

This year our Christmas Eve service will be virtual. We want to keep everyone as safe as possible. As in Christmas Eve's

past, the beloved hymns of the season will be played, the scripture will be read, the Advent candles lit and the everlasting message of hope will be at the heart of it all. I hope you will join us on Facebook at 7 pm, Christmas Eve as we welcome the Christ Child once more.

Sunday's Sermon Title: Finding Love in Our Differences **Scripture:** Luke 1: 26-38; 1 John 4:7-12

Happy Birthday to ...

19th - Layne Shifflett 20th - Elizabeth Williams 21st - Amber Casey 23rd - Jane Elkins 25th - Alexander Carter



Please be in Prayer for ...

Members: Tom & Jan Gorden, Lloyd Meadows, Judy Faby, Audrey Bradshaw (back surgery postponed due to COVID), Dan & Suzanne Harrell, Gary Ruleman (shoulder surgery/chest pain), Kristen Kile (shoulder surgery), Jean Radocha

Extended Members: Tom Lee - former pastor at Bethany, Our Food Pantry Neighbors ... Margaret K., Donna D.

If you would like to take a meal to Susan & Lloyd Meadows, please go to https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/LXLH6159.