

What's Happening at Bethany

You can help decorate our church this Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one or you can purchase a "living poinsettia." The cost is \$9 each. Forms are available at the Welcome Center and need to be filled out and returned to the office NO LATER THAN Monday, Nov. 29.

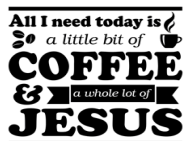


Join us this evening for our Annual Hanging of the Greens. Embrace the Christmas season as we join together in fun and fellowship. We will eat dinner at 5 pm, provided by our youth. Then we will sing carols and decorate our Christmas tree. You don't want to miss this special and fun evening!

Young at Hearts will be having their Annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 11:30 am at Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton. Please note the time change!! The cost is \$25 per person for a yummy buffet. Please let Carolyn Swartz know (540-820-9798) if you are planning to attend. Payment is due by Sunday Nov. 28. Make checks out to Carolyn Swartz. Oh, and don't forget your gift for the gift exchange, which is always an entertaining event!



Caring Cards will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 10 am at the church. You are invited to join this fun group as they write notes and send cards to those in the church. Need more info? Contact Geneva Burns or Becky McCarty.



"All I need today is a little bit of coffee and a whole lot of Jesus!" For those who enjoy a warm beverage and some fellowship before or after the worship service, refreshments can once again be found in the fellowship hall. Precautions are being taken to be COVID safe. However, we will NEED YOUR HELP to provide this opportunity weekly. A signup sheet is in the foyer.

Bethany is once again taking a day to "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army at the Shenandoah Valley Heritage Market on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 am - 6 pm. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. If you can't help that day, but would still like to help, please contact Lori Mooney for an alternate

date.



The BUM Christmas Post Office officially opens next Sunday!! We invite you to "mail" your Christmas greetings to your church family (regular attenders please) through the post office. A donation of .25 cents per card, or whatever donation you would like to make, will go towards the BUMS' summer mission trip. Just place cards in the appropriate baskets. And don't forget to check for cards "mailed" to you!

Our youth and children are participating in a fundraiser to help raise funds for the Gideons to purchase Bibles. A gift of \$5 will purchase 3 small Bibles or 1 large one. There are paper ornaments under the Christmas tree in the foyer. Make a \$5 donation and place it in the box and under the tree and write your name on the back of an ornament and hang it on the tree. You can ask your family and friends for the \$5 donation to help cover the tree. Let's cover the tree in purple ornaments!

The children of Jan & Jim Peterson invite you to join them to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 4 between 1-4 pm in the fellowship hall. It is a floating reception, so stop by anytime. If you can't attend the celebration, you can send them a card at 3977 Lee Highway, Weyers Cave, VA 24486. No gifts please. However, you can make a donation to the Maggi Peterson Scholarship Fund which sponsors students who enroll in the Vet Tech program at BRCC. Make checks payable to Jan Peterson.

Happy Birthday to ...

30th - Anthony Streiff
Dec. 1 - Jeff Ritchie & Gerald Fulton
3rd - Kristen Kile
5th - Annie Roller



If you have articles for the December newsletter, the deadline to email them to Cindy Kite (office.bethany@gmail.com) is tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 29.

Sermon Title: Expectations and Recognition
Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Have a Blessed Day!!