

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**December Focus Prayer for the Church:**

For a heart that shares the joy of Christmas

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 23, 2018

☺ **PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PAD FOUND IN YOUR PEW** ☺

Worship Attendance, Early Service – 26, Late Service – 61, Total: 87

Christian Education Attendance: 39

Giving Last Week: \$3181- Amount Needed per Week: \$3,884.00

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

Building Fund Monthly Mortgage is \$2,048.75.

Received in November for Building Fund \$1,202.36 – 11 payments to go.

**Stewardship 2018 is Heart Work”!** Stewardship is Heart Work! CONGRATULATIONS! WE HAVE DONE IT! We made our December apportionment so we are now back on track! With the commitment of 42 GreenLight 100’s, “catch up” contributions of approximately \$7,620 and our ever faithful Secret Santas, we are back on track with just December conference payment to go. Thanks to all for your due diligence in meeting this expense, Finance will be working this month to ensure that we can make our last commitment. Heartfelt thanks from your Financial Secretary. Our next challenge is to get more estimate cards. We have 21 so far and should have about 10 more. Thanks in advance for making this estimate to the Church Budget!

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**PRAYER MINISTRY**

**Prayers of Celebration, Thanksgiving, and Petition**

Give thanks and pray for persons celebrating birthdays this week: Mark Feriss, Brooke Allison, and Holly Smith

**Pray for those who are ill, homebound, receiving treatment or recovering from illness or surgery** Darrell Hoffman received a pacemaker on Dec.18<sup>th</sup>, Kruna Kovach; Caitlyn Ferris (cancer), wife of Mark Ferris, Jr.; Benita Adams; Harrison Groman; Ruth Peterman; Ronald Hopson; Janet Long (healing); Walter Shultz; Russell Bush (knees); Joanne Meitzler, family and friends struggling with addiction; physical and emotional well-being.

**Other prayer needs:** Military personnel; employment concerns of members; prayers for Jennifer (Hasselhan) and Doug Rowley on the loss of their young son, Jack, and for their other son Drew, who lost his brother. Prayers for Ron Brien and family on the passing of his wife, Victoria. Prayers for the family of Donald Pick who recently passed away. Prayers for the family of Tami McMillan who recently passed away. Prayers for the family of John Doyle who recently passed away. Prayers for Christine Ferris who lost her father, John G. Trisch, Jr. Prayers for Jeff Wynn on the loss of his mother Barbara. Prayers for the family of Arlene Van Riper who recently passed away. Prayers for the family of Dorothy Hall who passed

**Bethel Christian Preschool** – Registration is open for the 2018/2019 school year.  
**Wawa Hoagie Coupons** - are being sold for \$4 each for a shorti hoagie that normally costs \$4.39. They make great gifts and a fast family meal. Get your coupons from Joyce Schutt or Barb Hanlon. The proceeds benefit the Bethel Christian Preschool.

away, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. Prayers for Kim Nagy on the loss of her father Henry Leroy King who passed away Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Poinsettias** – When you pick up your poinsettia(s) after Christmas Eve Services, please see Alice Collins at the altar to have your poinsettia wrapped (for protection against the weather).

**January Leadership Training and Planning Meeting** is scheduled for Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, 9:30 am to noon. All Committee members and Bethel members, especially new members are urged to attend. This year's theme is – **Our Future– Where Is God Leading Us?**

**Tour of Italy Dinner** – January 19<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 to 6:30 PM - \$12.00 Adult/\$6.00 kids. Our first fundraiser for the General Fund in January. Let's get a great start on our expenses. Great stocking stuffers for your family! Pick up some dinner tickets for your mailpersons, trash persons, etc. and of course, your Financial Secretary as a Christmas gift of gratitude and thanks. There will also be vets to sponsor. Please see Jean Domin for your tickets.

Dana Robinson is recovery at home. Her home address is 1509 Aspen Way, Pottstown, Pa 19464

Virginia Collins's new phone number and mailing address:  
Phone # 239- 450- 7728  
1128 Hilltop Dr. Naples, Florida.

**Electronic Giving is active at Bethel!** Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church year round. Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. We are in the process of placing this application on our

website. In the meantime, if you would like to get started, you can contact Jean Domin via email – [jadomin3@gmail.com](mailto:jadomin3@gmail.com) for the link to the application and instructions. With your authorization, Jean can also set up your electronic giving for you. Use credit card with a fee of 2.75% for you to process or automatic transfer from your bank account, no fee to you. Happy Giving!

### *BSA Troop 4 Chicken and pot pie sale*

**Date:** Pick up Sunday 1/6/19 at Bethel Church, 952 Bethel Church Rd. Spring City PA (in the kitchen, off of social hall)

**Time:** 12-1pm

**Cost:** \$6 per quart

**Orders due:** Sunday 12/30/18

**Questions:** Becky Bishop 610-636-3171 or [beckybishop975@hotmail.com](mailto:beckybishop975@hotmail.com)

### **Youth Sunday**

Kristen Starner will be giving the message at the 8:30 a.m. service and Mary Grace Keller will be giving the message at the 10:45 a.m. service on Youth Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Kristen Starner is a new member and part of the Bethel Youth Leader Team!

Mary Grace Keller is a reporter for the Gettysburg Times newspaper in Adams County, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Shippensburg University with a degree in journalism in 2016 and before then attended Owen J. Roberts High School. Mary Grace has been a member of Bethel Church since her preteen years and enjoyed many trips to the Ocean City youth rally with her friends from church. She is the daughter of Amy and Russ Keller and sister to Sam and Tim.

**Bethel Youth** are preparing to attend this year's Youth Rally January 4-6. The theme is Protector. Your luminary donations help sponsor this extraordinary opportunity for Bethel Youth to worship and study with 2,000 other youth in Ocean City, Maryland. See Ron, Amy, Karla Kristen, or Kim for more information.