

# New Bethel News



## NEW BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR...

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Congregational Meeting  
**November 10**
- Decorating the Church for Advent  
**November 24**
- Community Thanksgiving Service  
**November 26**
- PF Christmas Tree Lighting  
**December 1**
- PW Christmas Party  
**December 4**

The secret is out. Have you heard the news? The secret is true. Believe it or not, the most busy...I mean crazy...I mean stressful...I mean wonderful time of the year is right around the corner. Whose ready for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's?

The holidays have traditionally been a time that people have sped their lives up to get in everything they can - having fun, seeing family, going to church. But in our desire to do everything we can and make everyone happy, what are we missing? The holiday's are supposed to be the most wonderful time of the year but what are they really?

With the holidays just around the corner, you can choose today, this day, what your holidays will be like. They can be for you to try to make everyone happy or they can be for you to glorify God. What do you want to do with your holiday season this year? Do you want to make it a time to slow down and celebrate the Lord or do you want to make it a time like any other where the Lord seems to take a backseat? Let me push you this year to do what is right.

This year, I want to challenge you to remember the reason for the season. I want to challenge you to remember why you get to

have fun. I want to challenge you to remember why you go to see family. I want to challenge you to remember why you go to church.

We do all that we do for the glory of the Lord. Having fun is for the glory of the Lord. Seeing family is for the glory of the Lord. Going to church is for the glory of the Lord. Everything that we do is for the glory of the Lord. Never forget this. It is what we have to offer to God now and forever. Let us praise God today, tomorrow, forever!

Peace in Christ,

*Eric*



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#### Church Session

**Moderator**  
Rev. Eric Spoon

#### Church Ruling Elders

**Class of 2019**  
Dwight King  
Larry Smith  
Teresa Wright

#### Class of 2020

Mary Dobrovolsk  
Mark Procopio  
Eddie Ramsey

#### Class of 2021

Marion Reed  
Dickie Torbett  
Katie Wright

#### **November**

(Greeter) Marion Reed  
(Offering) Denise Torbett  
(Offering) Katie Wright  
(Communion) Mary Lynn Barnes  
(Communion) Jim Wright

#### **December**

(Greeter) Dwight King  
(Offering) Dickie Torbett  
(Offering) Marion Reed  
(Communion) Denise Torbett  
(Communion) Katie Wright

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES  
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER**

**Birthdays  
November**

Nov. 8 Anne White  
 Nov. 11 Graham Hodges  
 Nov. 12 Lexi Spoon  
 Nov. 15 Hudson Fuller  
 Nov. 16 Kim Barnes  
 Nov. 17 Kevyn Torbett  
 Nov. 18 Melanie Spoon  
 Nov. 19 David Kegley  
 Nov. 22 Maryl Greene  
 Nov. 24 Anne Frazier  
 Nov. 25 Katie Wright  
 Nov. 26 MaryGene Longenecker  
 Nov. 27 Leigh Shepherd  
 Nov. 28 Scott Greene

**December**

Dec. 5 Linda Smith  
 Dec. 10 Dean Torbett  
 Dec. 11 Janie Torbett  
 Dec. 19 Mickey Church  
 Dec. 20 Bill Snapp  
 Dec. 21 Gary Sweeney  
 Dec. 27 Phillip Orr  
 Dec. 27 Kassie Smith



**Anniversaries**

**November**

Nov. 27 Dean & Janie Torbett

**December**

Dec. 19 Dwight & Pam King  
 Dec. 27 Mark & Jennifer Procopio



**Church Pantries**

Giving is something we do all year long. Do not forget about our **Food Pantry** and our **School Supply and Personal Hygiene Pantry** in your weekly giving.

A list of what to give can be found in the announcements in the bulletin.

**Why Be Part Of The PCUSA?**

Besides our rich history, our connectional relationship, our celebration of grace, and our work to share the love of Christ with the least of these - it seems the better question is why not be part of the PCUSA?

Around 500 years ago, a new understanding of scripture and faith was put

forth and a denomination began to grow. Today you can find Presbyterians all around the world. But why has it grown like it has?

To say the least, the PCUSA is considered to be

connectional, open-minded, oriented towards justice, reformed in our theology and practice of faith and ministry, and packed with passion. This is why the PCUSA has grown.

Why be part of the PCUSA? We are called to be part of the PCUSA because it means you are an active part in God's mission of redemption through Christ in this world!

**PW Christmas Party**

**December 4, 2019  
6:00pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

Bingo is back by popular demand! Gifts for the game should be no more than \$20. We will be collecting diapers to be donated to the River.

Please see the bulletin any further details.



**F I N A N C I A L R E P O R T**

**Building for the**

**Future Fund**

**\$25,909.00**

**There were no memorials received.**



**Operating Budget**

***As of October 22, 2019***

**Average Weekly Budget Needs:**  
\$1,630.00

**Average Weekly Budget Gifts:**  
\$1,673.69

**Average Standing Per Week:**  
\$43.69

**Total Standing for Year:**  
\$1,398.00

**5¢-A-Meal Offering**

**Our next  
5¢-A-Meal  
offering will be on:  
*January 5, 2020***

MISSION NEWS - SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Children's Hope Alliance Offering**

November 17, 2019

Donations to this offering help the Children's Hope Alliance support the children in their care. These children need our support to lift their lives with the blessings of the Lord.

**Christmas Joy Offering**

December 15, 2019

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

**Children's Fund Offering**

December 24, 2019

Giving to this offering will support the New Bethel Children's Fund. This fund was established to help support the needs of children in and outside the church however needed.

**Decorating the Chrismon Tree and Sanctuary for Advent**

November 24, 2019



3:00pm

Have you ever wanted to help decorate the Chrismon Tree or Sanctuary for Advent? Well now is your chance. Come and join together as we celebrate the birth of the New Born King and prepare our hearts and the church for Christmas!

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund Offering**

January 12, 2020

Any gifts to this fund, are used to help support the needs of our church, our community, our state, our country, and our world! Please consider giving as you have been blessed.

**OCC Shoebox Collection**

*Be sure to bring your shoeboxes during October and November to donate to children all around the world through Samaritan's Purse Ministries. The cost for shipping per shoebox is \$9.*



***Shoebox Dedication  
November 17, 2019***

**Piney Flats 9th Annual  
Christmas Tree Lighting Event**

December 1, 2019

4:00pm

6:00pm - Tree Lighting



New Bethel will be providing the chocolate bars for the s'mores for this fun community event. If you would like to donate towards that cost, please see Sandra Leonard.

Thank you and we hope to see you there!

**Congregational  
Meeting**

***November 10, 2019***

Approve nominations for Ruling Elder Class of 2022 and any vacancies.

**Community Thanksgiving Worship Service**

November 26, 2019

6:30pm

You are invited to join with other members from our community at **Edgefield United Methodist Church** to worship the Lord together. A special offering will be collected as part of the worship (details to come when available). Come and give thanks and celebrate the Lord!

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**Mission Statement**  
**To know Christ and  
make Christ known!**

New Bethel Presbyterian Church is a community of believers who have served God and His people for over 235 years and continue to seek to know Christ and to make Him known in a fellowship of love, worship, and service.

*If you are interested in learning more about New Bethel, check us out on our website:*

**[www.newbethelpres.org](http://www.newbethelpres.org)**

*or come and visit us on Sunday mornings at 9:45am for Sunday School and 11:00am for Worship and Tuesday mornings at 10:00am during the spring and fall for Bible Study!*

**Come and see all that is available and make New Bethel your new church home!**

## U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

### November 2019

**Sunday, November 3**  
Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Communion

**Tuesday, November 5**  
Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Sunday, November 10**  
Congregational Meeting to Approve  
Nominations for Church Ruling Elders  
Session Meeting

**Saturday, November 16**  
Community Food Pantry

**Sunday, November 17**  
OCC Shoebox Dedication  
Children's Hope Alliance  
Thanksgiving Offering

**Wednesday, November 20**  
PW Meeting

**Tuesday, November 26**  
Thanksgiving Community  
Service (Edgefield UMC)

**Thursday, November 28**  
Thanksgiving Day

### December 2019

**Sunday, December 1**  
First Sunday in Advent  
Communion  
Piney Flat's Christmas Tree Lighting (4:00pm)

**Tuesday, December 3**  
Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Wednesday, December 4**  
PW Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 8**  
Second Sunday in Advent

**Sunday, December 15**  
Third Sunday in Advent

**Saturday, December 21**  
Community Food Pantry

**Sunday, December 22**  
Fourth Sunday in Advent

**Tuesday, December 24**  
Christmas Eve Communion Candle Light Service (4:00pm)

**Wednesday, December 25**  
Christmas Day

