

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2 – 8



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- SUN. 8:30 a.m. - Early Morning Worship
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 5:13 p.m. - Emmanuel Choir, Drama, Handbells
- 6:30 p.m. - Evening Worship
- MON. 10:00 a.m. - Pickleball (*gym*)
- TUE. 9:00 a.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive-URGENT NEED** (*Gathering Place*)
- 12:30 p.m. - Demma Melton Circle
- 7:00 p.m. - Worship Team Rehearsal
- WED. 6:00 p.m. - “Silent Night” Play, Dress Rehearsal-All Choirs (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study/Prayer (*lower auditorium*)
- The Well (*Grades 6 - 12*)
- Adult Small Groups
- 7:45 p.m. - Summit (*Young Adult Bible Study*)
- THU. 4:00 p.m. - Adult Game Night
- FRI. 12 Noon - KnitWits
- SAT. 10:30 a.m. - Book Discussion Group
- 5:00 p.m. - UNI Class Christmas Party

December 2, 2018



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a four week spiritual journey where we seek to draw closer in our relationship to God as we anticipate the coming celebration of the birth of our Savior. It is a time of preparation, reflection, worship and renewal. We pray that this season of Advent finds you experiencing the presence of God’s Spirit in your life in a deeply meaningful way. **Today the candle we light reminds us of Jesus as Wonderful Counselor.**

We are honored to have in our 11:00 AM service Coach Rick Adkins and the Hayes Middle School Boys Basketball Team. Welcome!

There will be a short, mandatory meeting of the Nominating Committee today in the library after the 11 a.m. service.

There will be a Budget Committee Meeting next Sunday, December 9 in the McClung/Melton classroom after the 11 a.m. service.

The U.S. is facing a SEVERE BLOOD SHORTAGE but you can help. It’s not too late to sign up for the FBC Winter Blood Drive on Tuesday, Dec 4 form 9am-2:30pm in the Gathering Place. Go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter FBC ST ALBANS to make an appointment. You can also contact Jenny Ellis: mountaineerfan85@gmail.com or just walk in on Tuesday! The Red Cross is giving a \$5 Amazon gift card via email to all donors Nov. 25- Dec. 19.

HOMEBOUND OF THE WEEK: Mary Campbell, 214 5th Ave., St. Albans, WV 25177

HOSPITALIZED: Genesis – Putnam Care Center: Sue Ward; **Women’s and Children’s NICU:** Tidus Willis (Tyler and Ashley Willis’ baby)

SINCERE SYMPATHY TO: Robin Reynolds, and family in the loss of her brother-in-law, Jay Kirby

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: Marilyn Raatz, Regional Consultant, Africa

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Jeff Losh – 304-545-3105

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Devan Lamb, 410 Neville St., University Hall, Beckley, WV 25801

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Nancy Robinson Carte and Brian in memory of Susie and Bob Robinson.

The white poinsettias are given by a member of FBCSA in celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He IS the gift!

NURSERY/CHILDREN’S WORKERS

This Sunday – Dec. 2

Next Sunday – Dec. 9

Nursery (8:30 am)	Bethany Hanna and Libby C.	Connie Tenkhoff & Kim Lyon
Nursery (9:45 am)	Libby Callaway	Donna Samples
Nursery (11:00 am)	Pat & Melissa Larsen	Pat Tenney
2s & 3s (11:00 am)	Karen Shuck & Diana Bailey	Roxanne & Dee Burdette
4s & 5s (11:00 am)	Loretta Swinerton & Beverly A.	Robin Young & VOLUNTEER
Children’s Church	Scott & Katie Ethridge	Angie Maze/Sherri Atwood

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK: 11/21/18–Wednesday: No Service/Choirs; 11/25/18: Sunday School: 96; Morning Worship: 258; Evening Worship: 36

Please note: Any gifts that you want credited to 2018 must be postmarked by December 31. Also, any invoices to be taken out of the 2018 budget need to be turned in no later than Wednesday, December 26.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget	\$ 678,181.00
Receipt 11/25/18	\$ 13,390.00
Total Toward Budget	\$ 539,208.24
Total Non-Budget	\$ 62,875.76

Pastor	Rev. Joel M. Harpold
Minister of Youth/CE.....	Rev. Dr. Roger McKenzie
Director of Music	Mr. Thomas S. Hollinger
Organist	Ms. Ann O. Kinsolving

2018 CHRISTMAS BASKETS



Next Sunday, December 9 is the last food collection day!

Take this list to the store!

Spaghetti/Pasta	Jello Mix	Green Beans, canned
Spaghetti Sauce	Pudding Mix	Beans, canned
Cereal	Jiffy Mix	Mixed Veg., canned
Dry Beans, 2 lb.	Cake Mix	Peas, canned
Corn, canned	Frosting	Soups
Jelly/Jam	Fruit Cocktail	Crackers
Fruit, canned	Cranberry Sauce	Stove Top Stuffing
Sugar, 5 lb.	Salt & Pepper	Soap Bars
Flour, 5 lb.	Coffee, 1 lb.	Macaroni Dinner
Pancake Mix/Syrup	Cooking Oil	Peanut Butter, 18 oz.

Schedule:

- **Food Pickup from Kroger:** Wednesday December 12 – meet at 5:30 pm behind Kroger. Food will be unloaded at the Gathering Place before church. Volunteers Appreciated
- **Boxing and Packing Day:** Thursday, December 13 – beginning at 6:00 pm – **Volunteers Needed**
- **Distribution Day:** Saturday, December 15 – starting at 8:45 a.m. – **Volunteers Needed**
- **Contact: Travis Coles (304-541-1067), or the office (304-727-4661)**
- Remember you can give a monetary donation as well; just write “Christmas Baskets” in the memo line of the check, or on the envelope if giving cash.

~Turn insert over for more ways to get involved!~

Christmas Mitten Tree

Our mitten tree is in need of mittens and gloves! Each year for the Christmas Basket distribution, we decorate a small Christmas tree with a beautiful selection of hats with matching scarves knitted by our very own “knitwits.” Our tree has colorful mittens and gloves tucked in it also. Children can pick their favorite hat/scarf/mittens from the tree. If you would like to contribute (they can be bought, not hand knitted), please leave the gloves and/or mittens in the Resource Room.

In addition to this, coffee, juice and donuts are served to people as they wait to pick up their Christmas baskets. Everything is free to those picking up food baskets. If you would like to receive a wonderful dose of “Christmas Spirit”, join me Saturday morning on December 15 at 8:45 a.m. and help me reach out and connect with the people coming to pick up their Christmas Food Basket. We want to make them feel welcome! Many of them do not like asking for help and they find it difficult to make eye contact. That shouldn’t be; you can make a difference by showing the love of Christ to all!

Jacquie Czeil

