



Daleville Church of the Brethren

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2016

December 2 – Nativity Set – up 11am

December 2 – Advent Decorating 2pm

December 5 – Executive Board Meeting

December 8 – Christmas Together Banquet at Camp Bethel

December 11 – Women’s Christmas Party after worship/cantata practice

December 12 – Executive Board Meeting 6:30pm

December 18 – Cantata and All Church Christmas Party

December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas Day

A Note From Pastor Doug...

The Advent Wreath

Once again, we have reached the season of Advent, the time when we begin to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning coming. It is a season when we remember the 1st coming of Jesus at his birth, and look forward to the coming fulfillment of the Kingdom of God. This season runs for the four weeks prior to Christmas, and marks the beginning of the Christian liturgical calendar.

For many years, one of the rituals of the Advent season is the lighting of the candles of the Advent wreath. I went looking for some information on this traditional ritual, and found some interesting information. The tradition began fairly late, as church rituals go, first coming around during the 19th Century. It was developed beginning in 1839 by a minister named Johann Hinrich Wichern in Germany. The children at his school would ask if Christmas had arrived every day, and to help them with this he came up with an idea. He took an old wagon wheel and put in 24 small red candles as well as four large white candles. The white candles would be lit on Sundays, and one of the red candles would be lit on other days, helping to count down to Christmas. As the tradition evolved, the small red candles gradually were dropped, until we arrived at the four colored candles and one white candle that we use now.

Many apply symbolic interpretations to the elements of the Advent candles and wreath. Some of these we are probably familiar with: each of the candles represents a different part of the message of Jesus. Usually, we think of these as hope, peace, joy, and love, but other possibilities include expectation and purity, along with some others. Interestingly, many of the resources I looked at also talked about the symbolism of the wreath itself: its round shape indicating the unending love of God who sent Jesus to the world.

Lighting the Advent candles is more than just something we do during the Sundays before Christmas. It is a practice rich with meaning, a reminder of the things we should be contemplating as we prepare for Christmas.

In Christ,
Pastor Doug

What's Happening???

WINTER CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST: New or like-new chest coolers w/handles; Digital cameras or a "GoPro" video camera, LCD projector, working mini-van and pick-up truck, LED light bulbs(75-100W equiv), donations for camper scholarships, new(in-the-box bike helmets and/or horse helmets, canoes, kayaks, paddles and new lifejackets; brooms/dust-pans. Gifts to Camp are tax-deductible. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS TOGETHER BANQUET – DECEMBER 8

You are invited to Camp Bethel's Christmas TOGETHER Banquet on Thursday, December 8, 6:30pm for an excellent dinner and a praise-filled Christmas program in our festive, decorated Ark Dining Hall. Your gift of \$50 per person (larger gifts accepted) will provide much needed year-end funding for Camp Bethel. Our collective support of Camp Bethel puts TOGETHERness into practice as described in Acts 2:43-47. Reserve your family or group by December 2 to (540)992-2940 or CampBethelOffice@gmail.com. Information and registration at www.CampBethelVirginia.org.

WINTER CAMP – DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 1, 2017

Welcome the New Year with your camp counselors! Winter Camp is a fun and spiritual holiday program for camps in 1st through 12th grades led by our reunited Summer Staff. \$70 includes 4 excellent meals, lodging and programming including Group Games, Glow-in-the-Dark Gym Party w/9-square/GaGa/4-square, Singing camp songs & Christmas Carols, a big bonfire, Bible Study, crafts, hiking, nature fun, skits, & fame show, sledding and other snow fun(if it snows), worship, wagon ride, summer photos slide show, 2017 summer camp preview...and FREE Camp Bethel STICKERS!...all

with your favorite counselors and our excellent summer camp staff! Information and registration at www.CampBethelVirginia.org.

PILGRIMAGE XXI – MARCH 24-26, 2017

Pilgrimage XXI will be held March 24-26, 2017, at Camp Bethel. People from 58 congregations in our district have attended this event which is a spiritual retreat for adults of all ages. It is for the young and old, for the new Christian and the one who has been a Christian for decades. Pilgrimage is for everyone because no matter where a person is on his or her faith journey, it is always good to take another step and draw closer to God. The basic structure of the weekend is the same each year with talks, small groups, fun times, inspiring worship services, and much more. Yet God continues to work in wonderful ways through this ministry, and we give Him all praise and honor!

The only way to truly understand what Pilgrimage has to offer is to experience it. Prayerfully consider if this is your year to attend. If you would like more information, please contact Karen Haynes at (336) 765-5263 or by email at haynesmk1986@yahoo.com or go to www.experiencepilgrimage.com.

Inclement Weather Policy

Sunday service cancellations will be announced on WDBJ 7, WSLS 10 and their websites, and by a message on the church email list and Facebook.

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!!!!!!!!

November 23, 2016

Dear Daleville congregation:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

At our Congregational Business Meeting in October, information was shared about an issue that had developed with the foundation of the men's bathroom in the Sunday School wing. Over time, the sill plate on the outside wall has sustained water damage and rotted. This has led to a situation where the floor has started to sink, and needs repair.

Over the past month, the Stewards Commission, in conjunction with knowledgeable members of the congregation, has engaged a process of soliciting bids for the needed repairs to the sill plate. Three bids were given, ranging from \$2500 to \$3500 dollars. At the last church board meeting held on November 14, 2016, the board passed a resolution authorizing Art Lawrence to select the best bid balancing quality of work and price that is no more than \$3300.

In order to pay for this repair, the church board decided to appropriate the remaining funds from the 2015 yard sale, a total of \$1,167.96 to the project. The remaining funds will be taken from the church's saving account, with the stipulation that such monies are to be repaid through a combination of donations from the congregation that are designated for the project, and funds from our 2017 yard sale. If designated donations reach beyond the monies needed for this project, such funds would be set aside in the new capital improvement fund authorized by our 2017 budget.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of this repair, you may do so by writing a check to the church, with the memo line of "Sill Plate Repair/Capital Improvements." If you would like to make a cash donation, please do so by submitting all cash to the church in an envelope marked "Sill Plate Repair/Capital Improvements."

In Christ,
Pastor Doug Veal
Art Lawrence, Stewards Commission Chair

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3 Bobby Minter
6 Jim Hiner
7 Art Lawrence
8 Loretta Ewers
9 Susan Lee
12 Mariah Flanagan
12 Bobby Noel
17 Jolane Flanagan
17 Hannah Dessey
18 Heddie Sumner
19 Jenna Flanagan
21 Margaret Jenkins
21 Gary Flanagan

Servants for December:

Altar Decorations: Nurture Commission

Bankers, Greeters, Ushers: Art & Deb Lawrence

Deacons on Call: J.P. & Margaret Jenkins

Please Keep in Your Prayers...

Jennifer Perdue

Doris Jones

All those affected by Hurricane Matthew

Kathy Veal

The family and friends of Joann Baker

All those affected by the acts of terrorism in:

Orlando, FL; Istanbul, Turkey; Baghdad,

Iraq; Medina, Saudi Arabia, Chelsea, NY

Marilyn Hubbard

Elaine Welch

Dreama McMillan

Joan Erikson

David Shumate

People of Ecuador – especially Brian Bolton

Gene Lee

Allen Layman

Tim Hiner

Doris Quarles

Maryamu Wavi

Upcoming Special Events

- Our annual Pennies for Angels collection will continue on December 4th!!! Don't forget to check those couch cushions!!! 😊



- The outdoor Nativity scene will be put up on December 2 at 11am. All who are able are invited to come help! Please contact Art Lawrence for more info!



- All member are invited to join in a “hanging of the greens” December 2 at 2pm. If you are not familiar with that phrase it means, it's time to decorate the church for Christmas again!! Come help us deck the halls!!

- **Women's Christmas Party on Dec. 11th after worship/cantata practice!!!**
Baked potato bar – please sign up in the narthex, contact the church office or email/call/text Tasha to RSVP and volunteer to bring a topping or other dish. Potatoes, chili, and drinks provided!! This will be an informal get together, no program, but there will be some board games for those interested playing. There will also be a gift exchange for those who participated



**the secret pals program this year!
The men are invited to join Pastor
Doug and Bill Sumner for an outing
to a restaurant of their choice, while
the ladies have their party. We hope
that having the party in the afternoon
will allow more people to attend!!**

- **Cantata and all-church
Christmas Party on
December 18th! Please
come and enjoy some
Christmas music and bring a dish to
contribute to our meal following
worship!**
- **In lieu of our own Christmas Eve
service, members are encouraged to
attend one of the community
Christmas Eve services in our area!!**



**Cloverdale CoB – 6:30pm Service of
carols/communion
4708 Read Mountain Rd
Cloverdale, VA 24077**

**Troutville CoB – 5:30pm
Candlelight/Communion
U.S. 11 in Troutville**

**St. Mark's United Methodist – 5:30pm
& 11pm
(In Daleville across from Kroger)**

**Check your newspaper for other
services in your area!!**