

Schedule this week	December 17, 2017	
Today	10:00 AM	Service <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i>
	11:00 AM	Children’s Christmas Pageant
	11:30 AM	Decorating the Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	Confirmation
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Conf Room)
	4:30 PM	Joyful Noise
	7:00 PM	Spirituality (Chapel)
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Spirituality (Chapel)
Thursday	7:45 PM	BPC Choir
Friday	6:00 PM	HSYG Caroling
Sunday	10:00 AM	Vesper Service <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i>
	5, 7, 9, 11 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sunday Spirit

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

All Ages Welcome to Participate

Nursery: the nursery is open for our very youngest and for toddlers who do not wish to participate in the pageant: located room 11: upstairs in the Christian Education Wing

*Please note the church office will be closed
December 25, 26, 29 and January 1.*

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Christmas gift giving for our community. This week the gifts for children were delivered to Neighbors Link for the Fiesta Mercado and the gift cards for A-Home residents will be delivered to them for Christmas.



CALLING ALL "DECORATORS!"

Today after church

Whether your strong suit is tying bows or manhandling large trees; whether you're a senior citizen or a kid or somewhere in between, you're invited to our annual Decorate-the-Sanctuary party. We need lots of help as we transform our sanctuary from Advent to Christmas, and there's a job for everyone. There will be Christmas music, lunch provided by the Deacons, with plenty of pizza and drinks to keep you energized and full of good cheer. We hope you'll join us.

Advent Vespers

Sunday morning, December 24

This year the 4th Sunday in Advent is also Christmas Eve! Because of that (and knowing we have 4 Christmas Eve services!) we have planned a quieter service for Sunday morning. If you are planning on being here on Sunday morning and would be interested in helping with the service either by doing a short reading or lighting our Advent candles please let Paul Alcorn know. Thank you.

Breathe In/Breathe Out

Make your 2018 pledge today. You can make your pledge on our website at www.bedfordpreschurch.org/give or by email at info@bedfordpreschurch.org. Your pledge helps us keep running as an organization, doing the things we believe Bedford Presbyterian Church should do. It goes to keep the building warm and dry, to pay the staff, and to run our programs. We rely on you and your pledge and your regular contributions. Thank you so much!

Advent - Finding Our Way to Christmas

December 17 - Third Sunday in Advent

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Featuring Bedford Bellringers, Joyful Noise Choirs and the BPC Choir

Children's Christmas Pageant following worship

Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas 12:30-3:30 pm

December 24 - Fourth Sunday in Advent

An Advent Vesper Service

Kai Kim, pianist

Seeking a new Bedford Presbyterian Community Partner for the Community Center of Northern Westchester

The duties of the BPC community partner will be attending several board meetings a year, promoting the work of CCNW (putting items in the bulletin about the holiday food drive, the share the warmth drive, the school supply drive, the prom dress drive), and volunteering two to three times a year on a Saturday morning to sort clothes, accept donations, etc. There are 36 religious, civic and educational organizations that support the center, and their website, communitycenternw.org details all the programs they offer. This is a great opportunity to put faith into action here in the Northern Westchester community and empower other congregation members to do the same. Please contact Shirani Ponnambalam shiranip@gmail.com or Chris Perry perryrc@rcsny.org if you would like to volunteer.

Spirituality and Practice Groups will meet on Tuesday, December 19 at 7 pm to 8:30 pm and Wednesday, December 20 at 9:30 am to 11 am. For more information please contact Rev. Leslie Mott, revleslie@optonline.net.

Next week we will be hosting the Emergency Shelter Partnership. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help.

Would you like to help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas?

Consider making a dedication to honor a loved one or to celebrate friends and family. Each dedication is \$50 and will go toward poinsettias, garlands, wreaths and Christmas trees for our sanctuary. Please contact the church office at 234-3672 or info@bedfordpreschurch.org to place your dedication. Please call and send your checks to the office **no later** than December 18th so we may acknowledge your dedication.

Ringling handbells this morning are the following ringers: Bing Carlson, Shodie Alcorn, Brian Hiller, Chris Perry, Kathy Perry, Mari Hurry, Marcy Carlson, and Hope Black. Directing is Heidi Michaels. All of us enjoy ringing a great deal, and encourage anyone interested in trying the bells to speak to one of us.

We also all want to thank all those who have contributed to our bell fund this past year. This fund goes to the refurbishment of our bells, an octave at a time, which is needed after years of ringing. We sent two octaves to be refurbished two years ago January, and two more octaves a year ago. And we plan to send another octave after the first of the year in January. The support shown by the congregation is very much appreciated, and is still needed by the Bellringers.