

BEULAH & MONTEREY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

e-Newsletter

DECEMBER 2025



Prayer List

Miranda Redinger, Miles Johnston, Jennifer Armstrong, Casey Ralston, Jennifer Propst,
Cheyna Mason, Christy Thompson, Joe Simmons, Miriam Helmen, Jane Jones,
Bobbie Jo Gardner, Carol Furr, Sarah Collins-Simmons, Patricia Donaldson, Becky Magee,
Ramona Arbogast, Marlene Reynolds, Ray Mueller, Bill and Mary Lou Cox.
We pray for healing, peace, love and a spirit of unity for our country and the world.



Leading Our Worship in December

December 7: Reverend Chris Scott

December 14: Will Cox, Lay Leader

December 21: Reverend David Hindman

December 24: 5pm Christmas Eve Service at Beulah

December 28: Reverend Adam White

Mark Your Calendars:

Sunday, December 7 – Highlands Community Orchestra Holiday Concert

Enjoy a festive start to the holiday season and support local musicians at the Highlands Community Orchestra Concert at 3pm at The Highland Center.

Sunday, December 14 & 21 – Glory Bells Performances

The Glory Bells will perform at Monterey Presbyterian Church during the 11:15am worship service on December 14 and at Beulah Presbyterian's 9:30am worship on December 21.

Sunday, December 21 – Holiday Open House

David and Teri Hindman have issued an invitation for everyone to join them for a Holiday Open House at their home on E. Main Street, Monterey. This open house will take place around 12:30pm -- after the conclusion of the 11:15am worship service at Monterey Presbyterian.

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Services

Beulah Presbyterian will hold a Christmas Eve Service at 5pm on December 24th. The Monterey Community churches will also offer a 5pm Christmas Eve Service at Highland Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to worship and welcome the Christ child.



An Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces
to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

December Celebrations



Birthdays

December 10 – Ava Frayer
December 13 – Rod Gordon
December 16 – Marlene Reynolds
December 18 – Laura Warner

Anniversaries

December 20 – Karen and Tim Allen
December 24 – Patsy & Dale Simmons



Monterey Presbyterian gathered on November 16 to share a meal and to help spread the love of Jesus this holiday season. They provided over 40 bags of goodies for locals in conjunction with VPAS, over 30 shoeboxes of toys and goods as part of Operation Christmas Child, and treats for college students.



Monterey Presbyterian Church will again sponsor the Highland County Girl Scouts in 2026. Come support the Girl Scouts and their fundraising efforts by purchasing lunch at The Highland Center from 11am-1pm during Wintertide on December 6.

Members of Beulah Presbyterian gathered on November 20 for a meal and to decorate the church for the Christmas season.



Christmas Bible Trivia

1. The city of Bethlehem is found in which modern-day country?
2. Which Prophet predicted the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem?
3. How did Mary and Joseph get to Bethlehem?
4. Who told Joseph the baby was to be named Jesus?
5. What are the meanings of the names Jesus and Emmanuel?
6. What is a manger?
7. True or False? the Bible mentions pigs and sheep in the nativity story.
8. Who saw the star in the East?
9. What did the heavenly host of angels say?
10. True or False? Christmas wasn't celebrated for over 300 years after Jesus died.



Beulah Presbyterian collected paper goods for the Highland Food Pantry on November 23.

The next collection date will be scheduled for January 2026.



Readers may have noticed that Marlene Reynolds will celebrate a birthday (her 92nd!) on December 16. Marlene and others would appreciate being remembered at this time of year.

Tate Dunn
60 Wright Way
Staunton VA 24401

Bucky and Norma Reynolds
8000 Avery Point Way
Apt. 410
Richmond, VA 23233

Miriam Helmen
200 Wyndemere Circle
Apt. 112
Wheaton, IL 60187

The Harmony Collection – Roanoke – Assisted Living
Marlene Reynolds
Apt. # 227
4402 Pheasant Ridge Rd
Roanoke, VA 24014

Miles C. Johnston, Jr
10650 Mt. Prospect Rd
New Kent, VA 23124

Trivia Answers

1. Palestine
2. Isaiah predicted the Messiah would be from David's line. Micah 5:2 prophesied that the ruler of Israel would come from Bethlehem.
3. The Bible does not say anything about a donkey. Luke 2:4 simply tells us that Joseph and Mary went from Nazareth to Galilee. Many biblical scholars do think that because of their economic status they probably both walked.
4. An angel appears to Joseph in Matthew 1:21. The Bible does not say that this was Gabriel; however, it is assumed to be him since he was the one specifically mentioned as the messenger to Mary and Zacharias in Luke 1.
- 5: Jesus means "Savior" and Emmanuel means "God With Us". Jesus is the same name as the Old Testament name Joshua which also means "Savior". [Matthew 1:21, 23]
6. A manger is a feeding trough
7. False – the Bible doesn't mention any specific animals!
8. The star is only mentioned in conjunction with the Magi. They told Herod they had seen the star. [Matthew 2:2]
9. Glory to God in the highest
10. True – The first Christmas was celebrated on December 25th, 336 A.D.