

December eNewsletter update

December 11, The 3rd Sunday in Advent - Reverend Dr. Nancy Yao will be leading the worship service at Beulah at 9:30 and Monterey at 11:15. Rev. Yao serves Shenandoah Presbytery as Associate General Presbyter, as support and resource for congregations, their Sessions, and their pastors. A graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary (M.Div) and Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (D.Min.), Nancy has served as co-pastor (with her spouse, Jim), and as Interim and Transitional pastor to congregations in the Finger Lakes region of New York State. Jim now serves as pastor to Moorefield Presbyterian Church in Moorefield, WV, where they live.

December 12: Presbyterian Women are once again creating Christmas boxes to be shared with 12 individuals and/or families in the Mill Gap area. Cookies are needed that will go in the boxes and PW is asking for help providing homemade cookies. If you can provide cookies please deliver them to Beulah on 12/12 before 10:00 am.

December 15 - Presbyterian Women meet via WebEx and will be studying lesson 4.

December 18 – The bell choir will be playing during the Beulah and Monterey worship services. The Monterey service will be led entirely by the secondary youth. There will be a covered lunch after church at Monterey and all are invited. We will be assembling VPAS bags that will be delivered on 12/19. Weather permitting, those who wish to go Christmas caroling will walk around Monterey after lunch. Pastor Bill Cox will be leading the worship service at Beulah.

December 24 – Christmas Eve service at 5:00 pm – Monterey Presbyterian. All are welcome. Live nativity at Laurel Point (home of Lorraine and Jim White) at 10:00 pm – All are welcome.

December 25 - Christmas Day worship service at Beulah – 9:30 am. All are welcome.

Marlene Reynolds has a birthday on 12/16. Her daughter Marilyn suggested a card shower for Marlene this year. As you may recall, Marlene has had some recent health concerns and is currently at home before heading to Marilyn's home for Christmas. You can send a card to:

Marlene Reynolds 338 Jackson River Road Monterey VA 24465

New Prayer Concerns – Mary Anne Bedwell, the mother of Mike Bedwell, has had some health issues and is currently residing with Mike and Donna here in Monterey. Please keep Mary Anne and her family in your prayers. **Condolences** to Mary Lou Cox and her family. Her brother-in-law passed away and the family needs prayers.

The weather is starting to change and there is always the possibility of inclement weather on a Sunday morning. There is a team that will make the decision to cancel church, and in that event I will send out an email blast. Carol Furr will call those that aren't online. It will also be on the radio. It may have to be an early decision if a supply minister is coming across the mountains and needs to be at Beulah by 9:30. If this plan changes, you will get updated information.