

Bethany United Methodist Church
*The Church with Open Hearts,
 Minds, and Doors*
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The **Salvation Army** has an ongoing need for the following items: **Household cleaners, paper products, over the counter medicines, and personal hygiene items.**

Please place donations in the baskets beside the church office and in the narthex. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP	12/30
General Fund Total	3815.12
Capital Improvements	30.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	40.00
Endowment Fund (William J. Hargis)	100.00
Upper Room	8.59
Bazaar	80.00
COUNTING TEAMS	January
5-Luther, D. Robins, Rollins	6
6-Hampton, Morecock, Thomas	13
7-Cecil, Durette, Hillard	20
1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty	27

SUNDAY WORSHIP	12/30
8:30 Sanctuary	43
8:30 Nursery	0
11:00 Sanctuary	86
11:00 Nursery	1
11:00 Children's Church (already included in Total Worship)	0
TOTAL in Worship	130
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	32
Youth	0
Children	67
TOTAL in SS	39

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS		
Interested in serving as a Nursery Volunteer? We need two individuals each hour. Please sign up outside the nursery or contact Kris Kent (804-815-4246).		
Date	Sunday School Hour	11:00 a.m.
January 6	Jane Niethamer, Tiina Shackelford	Jane Niethamer, Laura Glaze
January 13	Patsy Bell	Cat White, Judy Hudgins
January 20		
January 27		

Pastor: Mike Derflinger

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike **Chaplain in Residence:** Carol Johnson

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Kris Kent **Lay Leader:** Judy Burner

Director of Music: Sandra Fox **Organist:** Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Acolytes: 8:30 Alix Shackelford 11:00 Alec & Ellanah Daniel

Sound Room: 8:30 Chip Neikirk 11:00 Adam White

January Altar Guild: Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Sylvia Ransone, Paul Kendall

Trustee Contact for this Week: Joni Neal



BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JANUARY 6, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD AND CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

WELCOME, GUESTS! *We are delighted to worship with you today and invite you to participate as fully as you feel comfortable.*

AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE: *Please ask an usher for assistance if you require a large print hymnal, large print bulletin, or hearing aid.*

CELL PHONES: *Please remember to silence your cell phone before the service begins. Thank you.*

Please greet one another before our worship begins.

***Please stand as you are able. And it's okay to sit.**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

UMH No. 247

WELCOME

Pastor Mike

VOLUNTARY FOR THE FEAST OF EPHIPANY

Chorale Fantasy on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Based on UMH No. 247

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

Morning Bells

Joseph M. Martin

***CAROL**

The First Noel, vv. 1,3,5

UMH No. 245

***CAROL**

There's a Song in the Air, vv. 3,4

UMH No. 249

SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER

Pastor Mike

UNISON PRAYER

Marsha Germek

Holy God, in this New Year, we confess that we need you as we have always needed you. We hunger for your presence, your peace, your justice, and your love. Not for ourselves only, but that we may be your presence to others. Open ourselves afresh and anew that we may also see you in our neighbor, in the refugee, even in our enemy, and perhaps especially, in ourselves.

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

Amen

UMH No. 903

CHILDREN'S STORY

Pastor Mike

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Marsha Germek

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the life we are called to live. May these gifts of money, time, and talents embody our desire to watch for and to participate in your coming reign among us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY (8:30) *Amazing Grace* John Newton
 Dawn Bontrager, soloist
 (11:00) *The Story of the Wise Men* Rodger Strader
 Chancel Choir arr. Bob Krogstad
 UMH No. 95

***THE DOXOLOGY**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***SCRIPTURE READING** *Matthew 2:1-12* Marsha Germek
 The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE *Five Smart Moves from Three Wise Men* Pastor Mike

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Pastor Mike
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH No. 895
RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Gifts of money left at the altar rail during Communion are designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help people in crisis in our church family and our community.

Music during Communion
Noël No. 9, on the Flute Stops Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)
 "Noël, for the love we bear Mary we shall sing joyfully.
 She who bore the fruit of life, all for our salvation."

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Marsha Germek
Lord Jesus Christ, we go into your world as those who have received the abundant feast. We pray the hands of Christ rest upon our heads in blessing, the touch of the Holy Spirit to dwell within us in wisdom and joy, and the strength of God to give us peace and courage to be found faithful. Amen.

***CAROL** *Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy* UMH No. 235

***CLOSING** *What Child is This* (refrain) UMH No. 219
*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

ALTAR FLOWERS are given for the glory of God by Bob & Jeremy Nardoizzi, in loving remembrance of Sally Nardoizzi, whose birthday is January 7th.

Would you like to give altar flowers? The following dates are available: 1/20, 1/27, and all of February.

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase			
GRIEVING:			
HEALTH ISSUES: Alliyson Alligood, Al & Judy Burner, Bunny Ekdahl			
HOMEBOUND: Annette Adams, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams			
HOSPITALIZED:			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Mike Ekdahl (1/14/19)			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Brenda France, Rustie (GA)			
CHILDREN & YOUTH: Charlotte & Silas Agee, Zach Kaylor, Luke Wilcox			
GRIEVING: Families of Paula Lankford, Sharon Sutton, H.H. Thacker			
HEALTH ISSUES: Jessica Agee, Deborah Eriksen			
HOSPICE:			
HOSPITALIZED: Arthur Paiva (CT)			
PARKINSON'S: Duane Burnett			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Bob Baughman (PA)			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Delores Goode (1/7), Dwayne Smith			
BUMC'S MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)			
<i>Edward Bailey, Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Laine Fay, Thomas Howse, Kevin Jacobs, Bernard Johnson, Lamont Johnson, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>			
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)			
<i>c/o Lee & Silma Kuivinen, 3717 Wren Ln., Rolling Meadows, IL 80008-2863</i>		<i>Mary Margaret Kuivinen</i>	
<i>Gayton Terrace, 12041 Gayton Rd., Richmond, VA 23238</i>		<i>Dorothy Critzer, Room 418</i>	
<i>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</i>		<i>Lorraine Brown, Room 107 Jean Heywood, Room 110 Esther Marie Jordan, Room 509</i>	
<i>Heron Cove at Sanders, 7385 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</i>		<i>Gerlinde Stevens, Room 11</i>	
<i>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</i>		<i>Ellis Hall, Room 106</i>	
<i>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</i>		<i>Pauline Harris, Apt. 130</i>	
<i>York Convalescent & Rehab Center, 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692</i>		<i>Mary Poland, Rm 27A Alice Doggett, Rm 27B</i>	
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.			

BETHANY PRAYER LIST – We have removed names that have been on the prayer list for a long time in order to start 2019 with a clean slate. Certainly this does not mean that the individuals removed are no longer in our prayers. If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request card, located in the pew pocket. In order to help us maintain our list, please make sure to contact us with updates. Thank you for your assistance and participation in our prayer ministry.

Title: Five Smart Moves from Three Wise Men

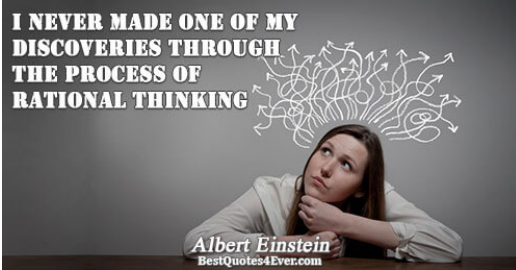
- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Reflections

How do you make the really important decisions in life?

What's the best warning advice and wisdom you've ever been given?

In which areas of life do you need to persevere?



I always liked those moments of epiphany, when you have the next destination

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Our Sunday School meets from 9:45-10:45 each Sunday morning with several different classes for adults, one class for youth, three classes for children, and a nursery for infants & toddlers.

Our Nursery — For the convenience of parents with small children, a nursery is provided for infants through 3-year-olds during our 11:00 service, as well as during the Sunday school hour.

Our Children's Church is during 11:00 worship only. Children ages 4 and older sit with parents until dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Message.

For more information please visit www.bethanyumc-gp.org.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY UMC		
8:25 a.m. Prayer Time (Mary Lotsey); 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship; 9:45 Sunday School		
TODAY	EPIPHANY AND CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION	
	12:15-2:00 p.m.	UMYF Nursing Home Visit and Fellowship
Monday, January 7	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (TBD) Women's Bible Study (GAP)
Tuesday, January 8	1:30 p.m.	Abingdon Woman's Club (WBFH)
	2:00 p.m.	Second Tuesday Visitation (Mary Lotsey)
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (Lacey Martin)
Wednesday, January 9	9:00 a.m.	Trustees (Mary Lotsey)
	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry (Lacey Martin)
	2:00 p.m.	Book Club (Mary Lotsey)
	6:30 p.m.	Troop 75
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, January 10	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m.	York River Garden Club (WFBH)
Saturday, January 12	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	River Country Quilters (WFBH)
Sunday, January 13	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Breakfast
	12:15-2:00 p.m.	Bible Buddies Bowling Bash

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS — After faithfully serving as facilitators for the GAP class, Mike and Polly Harrison have stepped down to devote more time to their ministry with Gideons International. We thank them for their leadership and wish them God's best.

Beginning today, GAP and Christian Family Living classes will be merged into a new adult class, tentatively called *Connected* and facilitated by Steve and Dee Dee Wike. *Connected*, primarily for our young adults, will focus on our relationship with God and how our connection with Him impacts our relationships in all areas of life. *Connected* will meet in the fellowship hall. Come join us as we study God's Word together!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS. Before you leave church today please check the Christmas Card mailbox in the main hallway for any cards you may have received. If you are planning to visit one of our shut-ins and notice they have received cards, please feel free to take them with you to deliver during your visit. Thank you.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, January 27, 11 a.m.

BAZAAR FUNDS in the amount of \$22,000 will be distributed to 23 organizations at our 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 27. Many Bethany members and friends have worked on the bazaar to raise funds for these worthy organizations whose mission is to serve others. We hope that you will join us for this day of celebration. Our worship service will be followed by a covered dish meal in the WBFH with the recipients as our guests. At this time we will be able to learn more about their organizations in an informal setting.

THANK YOU! YOU GAVE \$7,374 TO THE PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND IN 2018. An amount of \$6,016.72 from the sale of the Esther Thompson Cottage has also enabled me to assist with practical needs of folks in our church family and neighbors in times of crises, the poor and the working poor. We had 61 disbursements in 2018, more than one per week. Thank you for your generosity, compassion and showing Christ's love! – Pastor Mike

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR EPIPHANY

Epiphany, the festival commemorating Christ's manifestation to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi, or three Wise Men, is celebrated on January 6th.

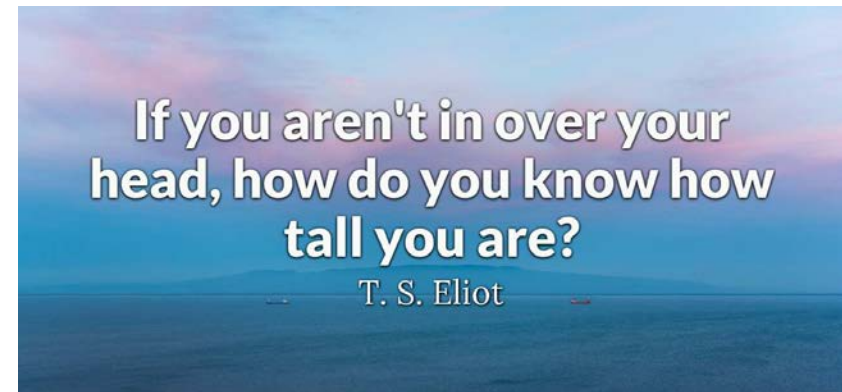
One of the finest chorales (or hymns) for Epiphany was penned by Philipp Nicolai, a Lutheran theologian, poet, and composer. *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (UMH No. 247) first appeared in 1599 as part of a volume of meditations on death and eternal life, Nicolai's response to the Black Plague which had devastated his home in Westphalia. This chorale is somewhat of a departure from the bold, confident, objective hymns of Martin Luther and introduces the sentiment of the soul's love for the Heavenly Bridegroom. Nicolai's text is alive with references to the light which Christ brings into the world, such as "Morning Star," "Light Divine," and "Heavenly Brightness."

These visual metaphors are translated into musical motifs by the God-given genius of Dietrich Buxtehude, the most important predecessor of Johann Sebastian Bach, who at age twenty walked over 200 miles to study with him! Buxtehude's sublime *Chorale Fantasy on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"* dances into the light with the rhythm of the jig, borrowed from popular music of the 17th century.

—Rudy Shackelford

PRAYER TIP OF THE WEEK

A month ago, we said that the Lord often uses us in our comfort zones. He also calls us to move beyond our comfort zones to come beside people we've never met and do things we have never done before. When God calls you outside your comfort zone, turn to Him in prayer to help discern that you are hearing God's direction correctly. Pray for strength, courage, and wisdom to faithfully follow God's direction for you. Remember that you are never alone, our Lord walks with you, He loves you with an everlasting love, and God will provide and supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).



YORK RIVER DISTRICT LAY SERVANTS GATHERING

Purpose: To celebrate the Lay Servants Ministry and to have conversations with the District Superintendent
Date and Time: **Sunday, February 10, 2019, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**
Location: Chestnut Memorial UMC, 1024 Harpersville Rd., Newport News, VA 23601
Invitees: YRD Lay Servants, Pastors and anyone interested in the Lay Servants Ministry
This event does not require registration.