



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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BETHANY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 12, 2020

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WELCOME, GUESTS! We've been expecting you!

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Please see an usher.

CELL PHONES: *Please remember to silence your 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.*

STEWARDSHIP	1/5
General Fund Total	7426.81
Capital Improvement Fund	220.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	80.00
Endowment Fund (mem. Duane Burnett, Allen Derflinger)	50.00
Altar Flowers	90.00
Choir Fund	110.00

SUNDAY WORSHIP	1/5
8:30 Sanctuary	43
11:00 Sanctuary	88
11:00 Nursery	2
11:00 Children's Church (included in Total Worship)	7
TOTAL in Worship	133
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	31
Youth	4
Children	9
TOTAL in SS	44

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

When Jesus Came to Jordan

UMH 252

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Braxton Allport, Jr.

VOLUNTARY

Chorale: "To Jordan's Stream Came Christ Our Lord"

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Chorale Prelude on "To Jordan's Stream Came

Christ our Lord," BWV 684

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

"To Jordan's stream came Christ our Lord, Saint John beside Him standing,

Baptized Him there in Jordan's ford at mighty God's commanding.

He thus prepared for us a bath in which to drown death's terror,

To wash away all sin and wrath, efface for each his error, and fire anew our courage."

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song

Hal H. Hopson

***OPENING SONGS**

I Love You, Lord, 2x

TFWS 2068

All Hail King Jesus, 2x

TFWS 2069

SHARING OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. Dr. Braxton Allport, Jr.

UNISON PRAYER

Jane Niethamer

Gracious and Loving God, we have entered the season in which your Light has been given to the world.

You are calling us to be that light too! Help us to yearn for your presence. Wash away our jealousies, prejudices and all sinful and negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you are calling us to be. Heal us and nourish us so that we may joyfully serve you and be found faithful.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

Amen

Claude Debussy (arr. Rudy Shackelford)

***SONG AFTER PRAYERS**

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

TFWS 2146

CHILDREN'S STORY

Rev. Dr. Braxton Allport, Jr.

Volunteers Serving Today

Nursery Helpers:	Shannon Minor (SS hour), Reginal Berry (11:00)
Acolytes:	Justus Minor (8:30), Ellanah Daniel (11:00)
Sound Room:	Chip Neikirk (8:30), Jeremy Nardozzi (11:00)
Counting Team:	Bernard Robins, Jane Niethamer, Sandra Harvey
Altar Guild this month:	Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Cathy Raines
Trustee Contact this week:	Donna Andersen
Lay Leader: Judy Burner	Chaplain in Residence: Carol Johnson

BUMC Staff Directory

Mike Derflinger, Pastor	call/text 540.631.4469, email: MikeDerflinger@vaumc.org	M-TH 8-4, and by appt.
Dee Dee Wike, Church Office Administrator	office 804.642-2110, cell 901.831.8534 email: bethanyumc3@verizon.net	M-TH 8-4 closed for lunch noon-12:30
Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128, email: rfox6@cox.net	Works from home, by appt.
Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938	By appt.
Joy Wike, Nursery Coordinator	call/text 901.651.0834, email: joywike99@gmail.com	SUN 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Marcia Hargis, Treasurer	call/text 757.880.6909, email: accountantbumc@verizon.net	M, TH (9-11 a.m.), accounting office
Bernard Robins, Financial Secretary	home 804.642.6412, cell 804.815.9719, email: bdrobins@peoplepc.com	M, most TH (9-11 a.m.), accounting office

THE ANTHEM	(8:30)	<i>The Wonder of It All</i> Janet Chapin, soloist	George Beverly Shea
	(11:00)	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i> Chancel Choir	Derek Hakes arr. Craig Courtney
*CAROL OF PREPARATION		<i>See Amid the Winter’s Snow</i>	Insert
*SCRIPTURE		Matthew 3:13-17	Jane Niethamer
		The Word of God for the people of God.	Pew Bible NT, pg. 3
		Thanks be to God.	
THE MESSAGE		<i>The World Turned Upside Down</i>	Rev. Dr. Braxton Allport, Jr.
RECEIVING GOD’S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING			
OFFERTORY PRAYER			Jane Niethamer
		Baptized Lord of all, we thank you that your love is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, and for the good of your Church and all humanity. We offer our hearts, our time, our treasures and ourselves to you in the same way: freely, happily, and for the good of your Church and for all people. We do this in your holy name. Amen.	
THE OFFERTORY			
		<i>Footprints in the Snow</i> , from “ <i>Préludes</i> ,” Book 1	Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
		Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford	
		“Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, long ago.” — Christina Rossetti	
*THE DOXOLOGY			UMH 95
*CLOSING HYMN		<i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i> , vv. 1, 4, 5	UMH 237
*BENEDICTION			Rev. Dr. Braxton Allport, Jr.
*CLOSING CHORUS		<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i> , v. 1 <i>Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.</i>	UMH 557

Pastor Mike is with family this weekend. Please continue to remember the Derflinger family in your prayers for comfort and peace.

Welcome and thanks to Rev. Dr. Braxton Allport, Jr. who will be leading our worship services today.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today for the glory of God with prayers that we each may know His all-sufficient grace, strength, peace, and love in 2020!

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, David Lewis, Ted Peterman (NC), Matt Shackelford			
HEALTH ISSUES: Irene Brown, Woody Brown, Dawn Cluts, Doris Courtney, Jimmy Greene, Kathleen Greene, Clare Hall, Paige Mitchell, Jane Niethamer, Peggy Peterman (NC), Nancy Smith			
HOMEBOUND: Iva Belvin, Linda Booth, Gene Harrell, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams			
PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, Fred Townsend			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Marsha Germek, Kathy Jacobs, Bev Kearney, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Jeannie Meisner, William Schultz & Bain Schultz, Jack Whitmore			
NEWLYWEDS: Zach and Michelle (Taylor) Camacho, Albert and Ashleigh (Polk) Schroeder			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Tom Beard, Cleveland Cameron, Pap Connell, Patrick Cooney, Jr., Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Richard Grow, Karen Hendrix, Marie Rucci, George Skinner, Eddie Stalnaker, Alan Thomasson (GA), Elizabeth Wheeler			
CHILDREN & YOUTH: Emmett (AK), Henry Chapin, Makenna Jobes (FL), Willa			
EMPLOYMENT/TRAVEL: Lamont Johnson			
GRIEVING: Families of Duane Burnett, Miriam Callis, Dave Cooper, Allen Derflinger, Brenda France, Kerry Janzen, Ben Lankford, Emma Trottier			
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Les Breen, John Cook, Chuck Corbin, Janet Elvis (SC), Don (CA), Verma Lankford, Bill Lawry, Eleanor Lucento, Dave Magee (Ireland), Troy McCullen, Mary Jo Smith (NC), Angie Williams			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Richard Alligood, Keith Brown, Joyce Burnett, Tommy Dutton, Steve George, Thia Martin, Laurie Minor			
BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)			
<i>Edward Bailey, Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Laine Fay, Kevin Jacobs, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>			
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)			
c/o Bonnie Ballenger , 11228 Church Grove Ct., Henrico, VA 23233		Dorothy “Dot” Critzer	
Bayside of Poquoson Health & Rehab , 1 Vantage Dr., Poquoson, VA 23662		Jennie Lipscomb	
Gloucester House , 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061		Lorraine Brown, Rm 107	
		Jean Heywood, Rm 110	
		Esther Marie Jordan, Rm 509	
		Archie Leigh, Rm 217	
ManorCare , 715 W. Central Rd., Room 253B, Arlington Heights, IL 60005		<i>Mary Margaret Kuivinen</i>	
Sanders Assisted Living , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Rm 106	
Sunrise Senior Living , 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235		Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
York Convalescent & Rehab Center , 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692		Mary Poland, Rm 27A	
		Alice Doggett, Rm 27B	
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.			

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to the families of:
Dave Cooper, father of Todd Cooper, who passed on January 6.
Allen Derflinger, Pastor Mike’s dad, who passed on January 4.
Ben Lankford, bother of Nancy Smith, who passed on January 2.

CHURCH-WIDE PLANNING SESSION, February 8, 9-11 a.m. — The Administrative Council is sponsoring a planning session on Saturday, February 8 from 9-11 a.m. in the WBFH, to review the 2020 church calendar and discuss events and meetings planned for the coming year. All are invited to this planning session; your input is valuable and encouraged. Hope to see you there! If you have dates to submit but can't attend, please leave a note with your name, requested date(s), and description either in Pastor Mike's or Dee Dee's (Church Office Administrator) mailbox by February 3.

REVERSE ADVENT BAGS FEED THE HUNGRY! – Many many thanks to everyone who participated in our Reverse Advent Bag project. Sixty-three bags were turned in. Bread for Life received 1,008 pounds of food, Salvation Army 400 pounds, GUEST Day Shelter 200 pounds, and Union Baptist Church Food Pantry 460 pounds. So over 2,000 pounds were distributed! What a great Advent project that benefited many.

THANK YOU NOTES

The Chase Family would like to thank the Bethany family for all the support, donations, and prayers as we traveled to California in December. Aubrey and her cheer squad had a wonderful experience that they will always remember. Cheering in such a nationwide tournament was an amazing experience which taught these girls that determination and hard work certainly pays off. The girls learned so much and encountered once in a lifetime opportunities at such a young age. We are so proud of the Gloucester Youth Outlaws 10U Cheer Squad and what all The Outlaws Cheer League have accomplished just this past season alone. Thank you again, Bethany Family, and God Bless. – Krista, Shawn, and Aubrey Chase

Thank you Bethany Family for the prayer shawl, prayers, cards, support, and concern for my sister Branda France as she faced an uphill battle with cancer, as well as your outreach to me. It is good for all to know these difficult journeys are not travelled alone.

God's blessing on each of you and your families,
Bev Kearney

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2020 may be picked up in the main hallway across from the church office. If you were not assigned numbered envelopes for 2020, you may request them by contacting Bernard Robins (bdrobins@peoplepc.com or 804-642-6412).

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		
Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.		
Sunday, January 12	9:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Sunday School Breakfast (WBFH) Youth Parent Meeting (WBFH)
Monday, January 13	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bazaar Quilters (Mary Lotsey) Men's & Women's Bible Studies (WBFH)
Tuesday, January 14	2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Second Tuesday Visitation (Mary Lotsey) Abingdon Woman's Club (WBFH)
Wednesday, January 15	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FEBRUARY BANNER ARTICLES DUE TODAY C.A.R.E. Ministry (Lacey Martin) XYZ Club (WBFH) Chancel Choir
Thursday, January 16	9:00 a.m.-noon 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH) House of Prayer (Library) Naomi Circle (Mary Lotsey)
Sunday, January 19	2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pauline Harris's 100th Birthday Celebration (WBFH)
Monday, January 20	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – Our first Sunday School Breakfast of 2020 is TODAY at 9:30 in the WBFH.

Come join us for food and fellowship before going on to a Sunday school class. We have classes for all ages, including six for adults, and visitors are always welcome! Make 2020 the year you get connected with a class, grow in God's Word, and enjoy the fellowship and friendship of Sunday school! Check Bethany's website or see Nancy Wilburn for information on our adult classes.

PARENT/YOUTH MEETING IS TODAY from 12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SECOND TUESDAY VISITATION – Meet in the Mary Lotsey classroom at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14 to go out and visit. You will receive a blessing!

ACOLYTE TRAINING – Sunday, January 19 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service.

If you would like to become an acolyte at Bethany, please attend this training session. Anyone who is a current 4th through 12th grader is invited to participate and attend. Parents are asked to attend with their children. If interested in attending please let me know by calling 804-642-6707 or by emailing me at betty@vims.edu. Thanks! — Betty Neikirk, Acolyte Coordinator

PAULINE HARRIS TURNS 100 YEARS YOUNG - This month our oldest member, Pauline Harris, turns 100! We would like to honor Ms. Pauline on Sunday, January 19 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the WBFH.

She hopes to attend church that day also. This is your invitation to drop by anytime on January 19 from 2-4 p.m. to see her. She's one amazing lady and we're looking forward to this special celebration. Please invite anyone that you think would like to be a part of this gathering. Cake, cookies and punch will be served.

HOME BOUND MINISTRIES - We will be cooking for our shut-ins and others on Friday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m. Come on out and help with this worthwhile ministry.

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES (GNMCS) COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Lotsey classroom. This is a planning meeting for the fall 2020 and spring 2021 concert season. The committee welcomes suggestions from the congregation and members of the community. You may speak with any member of the committee. If you have a question or suggestion, please contact Steve Wike at 901-606-3091 or Ann Byrd at 804-693-9850.

The LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will be dining at Bangkok Noi Thai Cuisine on February 2 following the 11:00 service. Sign up and meet to car pool after service. See you then.

BAZAAR NEWS -- It is January!! Let the Bazaar preparations begin! Join us for our weekly workshops from 9 a.m. until noon. Come join us for the whole time or any fraction thereof! We will appreciate any time you can give to our worthwhile Mission Project. Bring any ideas you have for craft items we can make! • When packing up 2019's Christmas decorations, please set aside any items you are no longer planning to use. We can recycle them or sell them in the Vintage room at the Bazaar in November. We appreciate all your support!

ANNUAL AUDIT -- If you are a treasurer for any of our Bethany groups or Sunday school classes, please give your checkbooks and 2019 bank statements to Marcia Hargis as soon as possible. She will need bank statements for December 2018 and January thru December 2019, as well as the check register. (Make a copy of your register's last page so you can write checks if necessary before the books come back from audit.) Thank you for your help and cooperation in making this year's audit go smoothly. Questions? Please call/text Marcia at 757-880-6909. Thanks!

KICKING IT UP A NOTCH

Our children and youth have served wonderfully as liturgists, ushers, and greeters on the fourth Sundays of the month for several years. As your Pastor, I want to build on this. I'd like to begin conversations with Gen X, Millennials, and Gen Z who would like to see us "Kick it up a notch" with imaginative, creative efforts designed to speak to today's culture and connect people to God and their God-destiny, people who *do* come and *who might* come. Let's see where God takes us. As time for planning allows, let's begin with the 11AM service on January 26th. Interested? Text me at 540.631.4469. Thanks. — *Pastor Mike*

OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITIONS IN 2020 – FROM YOUR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Church Historian – We need a person to write a brief Year in Review for 2018, 2019, and for 2020. An example for content can be found in the Bethany Chronology Booklet in your pew. You can write it yourself or form your own group. Please call or text Pastor Mike at 540.631.4469.

Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations – We need a person to serve a one-year term in 2020, and a person to serve a three-year term 2020-2022. Both terms begin January 1, 2020. Meeting times are first Thursdays at 6:30. All committee members must be BUMC members. S/SPR meets in closed session, and information shared in the committee is confidential.

To achieve our values of inclusivity, diversity and representation for our total church family in the mission and ministries of our church, we're looking for at least one, preferably two, members from The Millennial Generation (b. 1981-1996).

Please call or text Pastor Mike at 540.631.4469 to arrange a time to talk about the duties.

Family Ministries – This team sponsors and facilitates family-friendly events such as Trunk or Treat, picnics, Christmas caroling, and other events. We're open to new ideas and events, too, and we need helpers to ensure these events occur. Questions? Please contact Chairperson Shannon Roane or Pastor Mike.

LITURGISTS OF ALL AGES NEEDED! Did you know that 8 of our 9 Liturgists are Baby Boomers? We're glad for each one and they'll continue to serve well. We're glad, too, for our children and youth who served on fourth Sundays in 2019 and will continue to do so in 2020. Let's be more inclusive and involve people from every generation! Time to step up Builders (b. 1925-1945), Gen X (b.1965-1980), Millennials (b. 1981-1996), and Gen Z (1997-2017)!

Liturgist Coordinator Marsha Germek will lead a training sometime in the first quarter of 2020. Please let Marsha [sashablueice55@yahoo.com] or me [MikeDerflinger@vaumc.org] know if you're interested and if you have any questions.

CHILDREN'S CLASS HELPERS NEEDED – A second helper is needed in the Children's Class (2nd-5th grades) during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.). If you can help on any Sunday, or would like more information, please contact Nancy Wilburn at 804-642-5820 or nwilburn@cox.net, or sign up outside the children's classroom. No special skills needed. If you love children and want to make a difference, see Nancy or sign up today!