

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	1/27
General Fund Total	3807.00
Capital Improvement Fund	20.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	160.00
Altar Flowers	45.00
Youth	30.00
COUNTING TEAMS	February
2-B.Robins, Harvey	3
3-Burner, Burner, Andersen	10
4-Riggin, Blubaugh, Blubaugh	17
5-Luther, D.Robins, Rollins	24

SUNDAY WORSHIP	1/27
8:30 Sanctuary	44
11:00 Sanctuary	138
11:00 Nursery	2
11:00 Children's Church (already included in Total Worship)	0
TOTAL in Worship	182
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	43
Youth	5
Children	12
TOTAL in SS	60

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS		
Interested in serving as a Nursery Volunteer? We need two individuals each hour. Please sign up outside the nursery or contact Patricia Kidd (804-654-0530).		
Date	Sunday School Hour	11:00 a.m.
February 3	Shannon Minor, Jane Niethamer	Jane Niethamer, Patricia Kidd
February 10	Tiina and Miranda Shackelford	
February 17		
February 24		



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FEBRUARY 3, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
 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 *On Wings of Song* Felix Mendelssohn
WELCOME Pastor Mike

VOLUNTARY
"The Lord's Prayer": Hymn with Variations, Felix Mendelssohn
 from *Sonata No. 6 in D Minor, Opus 65* (3 Feb. 1809-1847)

"Our Father, Thou in heaven above, who biddest us to dwell in love
 As brethren of one family and cry for all we need to Thee:
 Teach us to mean the words we say and from our inmost heart to pray.
 Thy will be done on earth, O Lord, as where in heaven Thou art adored!
 Patience in time of grief bestow, obedience true through weal and woe;
 Strength, tempting wishes to control that thwart Thy will within the soul."
 – Martin Luther, 1539

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) *A Celtic Introit and Blessing* Kevin Thomson

***HYMN** *Take Time to Be Holy* UMH No. 395

SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER Pastor Mike
UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Doe Breen

Lord God, it's another Super Bowl Sunday. Some have no interest, others a passing interest, some a deep investment in the outcome. We'll enjoy it with family, friends, food and by ourselves. Thank you for play to remind us that life is more than work. Thank you that this event keeps many people employed and is such an economic boon. Thank you that you care about what goes on in all the nations and cultures in your creation. We pray for your angels to watch over everyone today, especially for all who work security in Atlanta to ensure a safe event. But before all that happens, I need to hear a word from you. Here I am, Lord. Speak Lord, I'm listening.

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *Amen* UMH No. 900

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 Alexandria Bontrager 11:00 Kayla & Cole McDade

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

February Altar Guild: Patsy Bell, Clare Hall, Jackie Hampton

Trustee Contact for this Week: Milton Hudgins

CHILDREN'S STORY

Pastor Mike

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Doe Breen

Lord Jesus, it is out of gratitude and in faith that we give our gifts of talents, spiritual gifts, wisdom and time, and tithes and offerings which wing their way physically and electronically to bless you, your church, your people, and your creation. We do so gladly in your name. Amen.

THE ANTHEM (8:30)*Let Us Break Bread Together*

African-American spiritual

Carol Johnson, soloist

(11:00)

Sweet Peace! The Gift of God's Love

Bilhorn-Wilson

Chancel Choir

***THE DOXOLOGY**

UMH No. 95

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 READINGPsalms 42:11*

Doe Breen

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE*The Answer to Discouragement*

Pastor Mike

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Mike

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (silent)**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

Be present, risen Lord Jesus, as you were with your disciples, and make yourself known to us. We ask that this table be a gift to each of us today, to fill our souls with comfort, hope, and love. May this holy meal kindle warmth and light inside our spirits.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH No. 895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**Music during Communion***"The Lord's Prayer": Andante, from Sonata No. 6 in D Minor*

Felix Mendelssohn

Chorale Prelude on "Vater unser im Himmelreich" ("The Lord's Prayer")

Dietrich Buxtehude

(1637-1707)

AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER

Doe Breen

Lord of sea and sun, snow and rain, help us to connect with you and one another. Help us to seek ways to be less self-focused and to work for hope in the world. Bind us together as a people. May our differences enrich, not divide us. May we share hope and be a community that brings healing. We go knowing that the Lord of light goes with us, and is in us. Amen.

CLOSING HYMNBe Thou My Vision*

UMH No. 451

BENEDICTION**CLOSING CHORUS***Through It All*

UMH No. 507

*Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;
Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon God's word.*

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given with love and appreciation for 63 years of happiness by John and Pat Hasty on their anniversary, February 4th.

The following Sunday is open for donating altar flowers: 2/24.

Please sign the chart in the main hallway or contact the church office for more information.

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY
CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase, David Lewis, Bob Nardozzi		
HEALTH ISSUES: Marsha Germek, Paige Mitchell, Nancy Smith, Nadine Tatum		
HOMEBOUND: Annette Adams, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Loreen Paiva (at home)		
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Mike Ekdahl (2/26), Debbie Tilley (2/8)		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
CANCER/CHEMO: Ann Dickerson, Brenda France, Rustie (GA)		
CHILDREN & YOUTH: Charlotte & Silas Agee, Adora Hanssen's family, Luke Wilcox		
GRIEVING: Families of Lisa Breen, Coach Dan, Hazel Jenkins, Paula Lankford, Arthur Paiva, Sharon Sutton, H.H. Thacker		
HEALTH ISSUES: Bill Ambrose, Rebecca Dodelin, Deborah Eriksen, Snyder family of PA (Andrew, Ashley & unborn baby), Donna Toler, Robin Wilburn		
HOSPITALIZED: John Finney (Riverside Regional)		
PARKINSON'S: Duane Burnett		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Delores Goode, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Pitt Roane, Mildred Townsend		
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Duane 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</i>	
	<i>Jean Heywood, Room 110</i>	
	<i>Esther Marie Jordan, Room 509</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</i>	
	<i>Alice Doggett, Rm 27B</i>	
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.		

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FELIX!
3 FEBRUARY 1809**



Second only to Mozart as a musical prodigy was Felix Mendelssohn, born in Hamburg, Germany, 210 years ago. In early childhood he astonished everyone with his talent as a pianist, and whilst a mere teenager he composed works that are still performed and enjoyed today, such as the *Octet* for strings and the incidental music for Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Of a distinguished artistic, intellectual, and banking family which converted from Judaism to Christianity in 1816, Mendelssohn composed prolifically for the Protestant church. His choral masterpiece *Elijah* remains among the most popular oratorios, and no organist's repertoire would be complete without the *Six Sonatas* and other works he created for what Mozart called "The King of Instruments."

As a conductor Mendelssohn was also very important for reviving in 1829, one century after its first performance, Johann Sebastian Bach's *Saint Matthew Passion*, the greatest musical setting of the crucifixion narrative as recorded in the Gospels. Since his aunt Sarah Levy had studied with Bach's eldest son Wilhelm Friedemann, it is not surprising that Felix would be profoundly influenced by Sebastian Bach when composing for the organ.

Sonata No. 6 in D Minor, Opus 65, is generally considered to be his organ masterwork and will provide our Voluntary and Music during Communion. It is based on the German chorale (or hymn) *Vater unser im Himmelreich*, Martin Luther's version of "The Lord's Prayer" set to an anonymous melody of circa 1539. *Vater unser* was a favorite of John Wesley and served as a model for many of Charles Wesley's original hymns. In the current United Methodist Hymnal it appears with a different text, "Thou Hidden Love of God" (No. 414).

Our opening Voluntary, the first movement of *Sonata No. 6*, presents the hymn in Mendelssohn's Bach-inspired harmonization, followed by four contrasting variations – the fourth extremely tempestuous! The Sonata's finale, performed today during Holy Communion, is an ethereal serene meditation in D Major with no obvious connection to the chorale melody. But it is certainly one of the most sublime moments in all organ literature. We have paired it with the devotional *Chorale Prelude on "Vater unser im Himmelreich" ("The Lord's Prayer")* by Dietrich Buxtehude, the most important composer of Protestant church music before Johann Sebastian Bach.

— Rudy Shackelford

THANK YOU NOTES

Bethany Friends,

This past year has been a difficult one for me and my family. Your devotion to us has been evident in phone calls, texts, cards, offers of assistance and prayers. Your encouraging words got me through many hard times. My sister's passing leaves a giant void; she is no longer suffering, but whole again with God. Thank you for sharing your love. In Christian love, Nancy Smith

Dear Bethany HUGS,

What a wonderful Ministry! Thank you for including me in your outreach. The shawl has indeed brought me comfort. – Ann Dickerson

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	COMMUNION SUNDAY	
	12:15 p.m.	UMYF (WBFH)
Monday, February 4	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (TBD) Women's Bible Study (Connected)
Tuesday, February 5	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (Mary Lotsey)
Wednesday, February 6	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry
	11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	AARP Tax Aide (Education Wing)
	6:30 p.m.	Troop 75 (Education Wing)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 7	9:30 a.m.	Nominations Committee
	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	6:00 p.m.	Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Friendship)
Saturday, February 9	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	River Country Quilters (WBFH)
	6:00-8:30 p.m.	Parents Night Out (WBFH)
Sunday, February 10	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Breakfast (WBFH)
	2:00 p.m.	Altar Guild Training (Sanctuary)

JOY CIRCLE —The JOY Circle will meet **Tuesday, February 5** at **7 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey classroom. Marsha Germek will present our program on "Networking Nonprofits." All ladies of the church are invited to attend this meeting and come see what the JOY Circle is all about!

A G.U.E.S.T. (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team) fundraiser will be held at Courthouse Restaurant from 5 to 7 PM on Saturday, February 9. The cost is \$10 a person which includes a spaghetti meal, drink and dessert.

ALTAR GUILD TRAINING FOR ALL—A training session for the Altar Guild will be held on **February 10 at 2 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Anyone who may be interested in joining is welcome to attend this training. Come and give the Altar Guild a look.

VISITATION - Please join us for visitation on **Tuesday, February 12 at 2 p.m.** We will meet in the Mary Lotsey classroom prior to going out in groups of two to make visits to our shut-ins and others. Hope to have you join us.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UMM LADIES NIGHT! Join us **Friday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m.** for a fabulous evening of fellowship, fine dining, and outstanding entertainment as we honor the ladies of Bethany UMC!

A delicious meal will be catered by Linda White at a cost of \$11.00 per plate, and entertainment will be provided by Adam White and friends.

Please RSVP by February 11 to Alan Harvey (684-2790) or Milton Hudgins (642-5622) if you plan to attend.

CRAZY CRAFTY CHICKS — Working on a craft at home? Want to come together on the **third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m.** to work on a craft and fellowship one with another? Bring anything you'd like to work on and we'll craft together. We miss the fellowship we shared on bazaar days. We can share our ideas and get suggestions from each other. If you're interested please let Judy Burner know. We'll meet in the WBFH until 12 noon each time we meet. This will be a fun time to fellowship together! Our first crafting session will be Thursday, February 21.

HEY, BETHANY YOUTH!!!

SAVE THE DATE for two really cool happenings!

#1) BUMC YOUTH LOCK-IN

Friday, February 22nd at 6:30pm thru Saturday, February 23rd at 9:00am.

**We are seeking 1 more overnight male chaperone and some donations.

Please see the Youth Bulletin Board for the details...thanks!**

#2) "THE VERGE"

It's almost time for the Annual York River District Spring Youth Retreat at Camp Piankatank. Woo hoo!

Begins at 7:00pm on Friday, March 8th thru 12:00pm Sunday, March 10th.

YEAR-END AUDIT — If you are a treasurer for any of our Bethany groups or Sunday school classes, please give your checkbooks and 2018 bank statements to Marcia Hargis as soon as possible. She will need the January 2018-January 2019 bank statements and 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.

Bethany will be hosting the GUEST Program again on February 25 – March 4, 2019.

Volunteers can start signing up ahead of time by going to the following site:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4daea62fabfe3-bethany>.

Dinners will be provided by Beech Grove Baptist Church and Severn Church.

If you have questions or need assistance please contact Nancy Orth, Volunteer Coordinator, Bethany GUEST program at 804-693-4762 (H), 804-832-2232 (C), rorth2@cox.net, or nancyrorth2@gmail.com.



NURSERY NEWS—We are currently scheduling Nursery Assistants for the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.) and 11:00 a.m. worship service. Two assistants are required for each time slot. See the back of the bulletin for openings and contact Volunteer Nursery Coordinator, Patricia Kidd, if you are able to volunteer an hour of your time. Patricia can be reached at 804-654-0530 (call or text), or you may contact me at 804-815-4246.

Thank you for serving God's littlest ones by volunteering as a Nursery Assistant.

— Most gratefully, Kris Kent

HELP WANTED — Licensed sales/service professional for local insurance agency. Full time with PTO. No prior experience required. Will pay expenses to obtain license. Call (757) 880-0543 or see Polly Harrison for more information.

Do you like to help people in need? Do you enjoy being part of a friend's healing as they experience Christ's love and peace? Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one quality Christian care during times of need. It isn't counseling; it's being equipped with skills to help people experiencing life's difficulties.

An Introductory Workshop for Stephen Ministry in our area:

Saturday, March 23 – Hickory Ridge Community Church

3320 Battlefield Blvd S, Chesapeake VA 23322

\$15 per person or \$50 for a group of four or more. 9:00a.m. to 1 p.m. Interested?

Contact Pastor Mike.

To register, visit <http://www.stephenministry.org/workshop> or call 314.428.2600.

Note: We'll promote additional similar workshops in our area as we become aware of them. If this date doesn't work for you, please consider another one in 2019.