

Bethany United Methodist Church
*The Church with Open Hearts,
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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	2/3
General Fund Total	6467.81
Capital Improvement Fund	20.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	26.00
COUNTING TEAMS	February
3-Burner, Burner, Andersen	10
4-Riggin, Blubaugh, Blubaugh	17
5-Luther, D.Robins, Rollins	24

SUNDAY WORSHIP	2/3
8:30 Sanctuary	35
11:00 Sanctuary	94
11:00 Nursery	0
11:00 Children's Church (already included in Total Worship)	2
TOTAL in Worship	129
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	36
Youth	4
Children	5
TOTAL in SS	45

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	Patricia Kidd
February 17	Nancy Kendall, Patsy Bell	
February 24		

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FEBRUARY 10, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

*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 *Shall We Gather at the River* UMH No. 723

WELCOME Pastor Mike

VOLUNTARY *Deep River* African-American Spiritual
In memory of Eldridge ("El") Cook
14 February 1915–February 2014

"Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace?
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground."

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

***SONGS** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (2x)* TFWS No. 2088
From the Rising of the Sun TFWS No. 2024

SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER Pastor Mike
PRAYER OF CONFESSION Judy Burner

Listening God, when it comes to prayer, sometimes we are in the dark. We don't always understand how it works, or how you work. It's mystical and spiritual and that part of being a Christian comes easy for some, not so easy for others, and for others not at all. We thank you for prayers answered whether we liked the answer or not. As I pray my prayer of confession to you, I pray also for those who are in a season of waiting to hear from you, for some resolution to a need or an issue for themselves.

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH No. 895
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 Cooper White 11:00 Samantha Jacobs
Sound Room: Kirk Bell
February Altar Guild: Patsy Bell, Clare Hall, Jackie Hampton
Trustee Contact for this Week: Donna Andersen

THE ANTHEM (8:30) *My Jesus, I Love Thee* William F. Featherston
 Steve Wike, soloist
 (11:00) *Fairest Lord Jesus* Derek Hayes
 Chancel Choir arr. Craig Courtney

CHILDREN’S STORY Kris Kent

RECEIVING GOD’S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING
OFFERTORY PRAYER Judy Burner

Almighty God, we recognize the great gift of love given in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. May our offerings distribute this love to our world: the smaller world we inhabit with the suffering people we know and our community; the larger world where we cannot go, where the power and witness of your love is sorely needed. In Christ’s name. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY *Romance, Opus 28, No. 2* Robert Schumann
 Celebrating St. Valentine’s Day, February 14th (1810-1856)

***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 READING** *Psalms 138* (with response) Judy Burner
 UMH, pp. 853-854

THE MESSAGE *Everything in Me Says Thank You!* Pastor Mike

***CLOSING SPIRITUAL** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* UMH No. 402
 v.1–all, v.2–men, v.3–women, v.4–all

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward and pray over the handmade coverings being presented to the following recipients: Prayer shawls—Debbie Tilley, Loreen Paiva, Donna Toler, Janet Wike, Nadine Tatum; Lap Robe—David Lewis. Previously presented prayer shawl for Jessica Agee and baby blankets for twins, Charlotte & Silas Agee.

***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 for the glory of God and in honor of the following wedding anniversaries: Kevin and Kris Kiley on February 5th, and Ed and Susan Conner on February 14th.

“The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart.” – Helen Keller

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, David Lewis, Bob Nardozi			
HEALTH ISSUES: Marsha Germek, Paige Mitchell, Nancy Smith, Nadine Tatum			
HOMEBOUND: Annette Adams, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Charles Enroughty, Loreen Paiva, Debbie Tilley			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Mike Ekdahl (2/26)			
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, Greg Duerksen, Hazel Jenkins, Paula Lankford, Arthur Paiva, Sharon Sutton, H.H. Thacker			
HEALTH ISSUES: Bill Ambrose, Jan Breen, Rebecca Dodelin, Deborah Eriksen, Beth Schiber, Snyder family of PA (Andrew, Ashley & unborn baby), Janet Wike			
HOSPITALIZED: John Finney (Riverside Regional), Mary Margaret Kuivinen			
PARKINSON’S: Duane Burnett			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Delores Goode, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Pitt Roane, Donna Toler, Mildred Townsend			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Mark Doyle, 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>)			
c/o Lee & Silma Kuivinen , 3717 Wren Ln., Rolling Meadows, IL 80008-2863		<i>Mary Margaret Kuivinen</i>	
Gayton Terrace , 12041 Gayton Rd., Richmond, VA 23238		Dorothy Critzer, Room 418	
Gloucester House , 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061		Lorraine Brown, Room 107 Jean Heywood, Room 110 Esther Marie Jordan, Room 509	
Sanders Assisted Living , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Room 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.			

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 your ministry to God’s little ones! – *Kris Kent*

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 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Our organ Voluntary this morning is dedicated to the memory of Eldridge N. Cook, Sr., one of Gloucester's most beloved and distinguished African-American citizens. "El," as he was known to his many friends, passed away on February 8th, 2014, just a few days shy of his 99th birthday. Born in Philadelphia, the grandson of former slaves, El moved to Gloucester at age nine. His mentor during youth was Thomas Calhoun Walker, the first African-American attorney in Gloucester and a pioneer of civil rights.



Photo Credit: Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal

For over seventy years El owned and operated Cook's Oyster and Seafood Company on Sarah's Creek, a leading national seafood processing plant and supplier employing more than 250 people. In the community Mr. Cook served on the Virginia Marine Products Board, the Gloucester Social Services Board, and the Gloucester Planning Commission. In January 2011 the Virginia General Assembly approved a joint house resolution commending Eldridge N. Cook for his lifelong contributions to Virginia's seafood industry and the economic development of Gloucester County, lauding him as "an inspiration to every Virginian, irrespective of race or color." Mr. Cook's family was among the founding members of First Morning Star Baptist Church in Bena, where he worshipped faithfully and taught Sunday school for many years.

In 2010 at the age of 95, El Cook closed his seafood business but continued to contribute to Gloucester and his church. He established the Eldridge N. Cook Charitable Fund with the Gloucester Community Foundation to give a hand up to young people in danger of falling through the cracks. Mr. Cook also contributed to a scholarship fund through the Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation.

Beginning on February 1st, the Gloucester Museum of History will celebrate Black History Month with an exhibit of items from El Cook's business, his home and church. On February 2nd the program "Eldridge Cook's Lasting Legacy" was presented in the colonial courthouse, and on February 6th RCC also offered a 45-minute program on his life. February 14th has been designated as "Eldridge Cook Day" in Gloucester in honor of his 104th birthday.

— Rudy Shackelford

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	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Breakfast (WBFH)
	2:00 p.m.	Altar Guild Training (Sanctuary)
Monday, February 11	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (TBD) Women's Bible Study (Connected)
Tuesday, February 12	2:00 p.m.	Visitation
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (Lacey Martin)
	7:00 p.m.	Abingdon Woman's Club (WBFH)
Wednesday, February 13	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry
	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	AARP Tax Aide (Education Wing)
	2:00 p.m.	Book Club (Mary Lotsey)
	6:30 p.m.	Troop 75 (Education Wing)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 14	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m.	York River Garden Club (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	Church & Society Committee (Mary Lotsey)
Friday, February 15	BANNER ARTICLES DUE	
	6:30 p.m.	UMM Ladies Night (WBFH)
Saturday, February 16	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Saturday Sew Day Girls (WBFH)
Sunday, February 17	12:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	UMYF
	2:00 p.m.	Special Presentation re: General Conference
Monday, February 18	OFFICE CLOSED – PRESIDENTS DAY	

ALTAR GUILD TRAINING FOR ALL—A training session for the Altar Guild will be held **TODAY at 2 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Anyone who may be interested in serving 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - The Friendship Class will begin a 15-week study by James W. Moore on February 17. *"Some Folks Feel the Rain...Others Just Get Wet"* explores the reasons why some people are able to see our time on earth as a gracious gift from God rather than as an agonizing endurance test, and simply put, why some people have the ability to celebrate life with an abundance of gratitude. James Moore is a senior pastor in Houston, Texas and author of numerous books. Consider joining the Friendship Class as they begin this new study.

The TBD class has invited a special guest to speak in our classroom on February 17. *Mary Shipko* was the first female pilot to fly with Hughes Airwest. She has written a book, *Aviatrix*, about her adventures. She and her husband Gary have recently moved to Gloucester Point and visited Bethany to hear the December Cantata. TBD welcomes whoever would like to visit the class and hear Mary speak.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17 AT 2PM: PRESENTATION OF THE PLANS AND DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES BEFORE OUR GENERAL CONFERENCE. We'll view a series of video clips for each plan in our sanctuary. This will be the first of civil congregational conversational forums where information is shared, questions asked, and grace shown as we move forward together. All are welcome to attend and bring friends. Please pray for our General Conference which meets February 23-26 in St. Louis.

HOME BOUND MINISTRIES —Join us on **Wednesday, February 20 at 9:30 a.m.** as we cook, prepare and deliver meals to our shut-ins. If you know of someone that we should add to our list, please let Judy Burner know.

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.**

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES presents THE GURLEYS in concert, Sunday, February 24 at 4:00 p.m. Bill and Pam Gurley have been singing together since their first date, much to the delight of audiences from Maine to the Caribbean. Bill is a multi-instrumentalist and Pam offers a warm, captivating voice that listeners find quite memorable. They have recorded several CDs over the years, working with some of the best musicians in the area. The Gurleys' mix of folk, bluegrass, blues, and a good dose of humor makes for a fun evening of music not to be missed! Make plans now to attend & bring a friend!

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.



A training session has been scheduled at Bethany on Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. If this is your first time to volunteer, or if you simply want a refresher, please plan to attend. Training is required for all who volunteer.

Join us in making a difference by serving the homeless in our community this winter!

DINNER 8 is kicking off a new year of fellowship with a covered-dish dinner on **Sunday, March 10 at 5:00 p.m. in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall.** Dinner 8 is open to couples and singles of all ages, and is a fun, relaxing way to get to know other members of our church on a more personal level as you dine together throughout the year, either in homes or restaurants, depending on your group's preference. Whether you are a newcomer or an old-timer, we encourage you to get plugged into a Dinner 8 fellowship group! To find out more or get involved, come to the Kick Off Dinner on March 10, or contact the church office.

CLEAN GLOUCESTER DAY is **Saturday, March 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon** and Bethany is putting together a team to spruce up our corner of Gloucester County. If you are interested in participating as part of our work crew, or are willing to serve as Bethany's coordinator for Clean Gloucester Day, please contact the church office. For more info.. visit CleanGloucesterDay.com.

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.

Psalm 138 is David’s thanksgiving to God for deliverance from enemies. It also reflects the beliefs of the Israelites in the Polytheism of the day (the system of belief in, or worship of, more than one god or many gods) and more particularly Henotheism (the belief that many gods exist but with a focused adoration on a single supreme deity) along with the maturing development of Monotheism (the belief in one true God who alone is worthy of adoration).

What is David thankful for? _____

Describe the last time you thanked God from the bottom of your heart.

Reading horoscopes, throwing coins in a fountain for luck, and belief in reincarnation are examples of henotheistic practices in faith. Are these in your belief system? _____
In what ways are they dangerous to a monotheistic faith such as Christianity? _____

David said, *When I called you, you answered* not “When I called you, you said yes.” How are you dealing with the “Yes’s”, “No’s”, and the “Waits”? _____

Do you think God treats everyone the same? _____ Read v. 6 again. Does the LORD exalt the proud? _____ How does God treat the lowly (humble)? _____

David emphasizes God’s supernatural power in protecting His people. How have you experienced God’s protection? _____

How have you experienced God’s deliverance? _____

It’s tempting to base loyalty on an underlying assumption of *prid quo pro* (this-for-that) where we honor and in return, receive certain “perks” [protection, love, guidance, victory in battle, etc.]. Do you have *prid quo pro* assumptions about your relationship with Christ?

