

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	2/17
General Fund Total	5189.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	10.00
Endowment Fund (Nardozi)	25.00
Altar Flowers	45.00
Youth	20.00
Choir Fund (Nardozi)	25.00
COUNTING TEAMS	February
5-Luther, D.Robins, Rollins	24

SUNDAY WORSHIP	2/17
8:30 Sanctuary	44
11:00 Sanctuary	87
11:00 Nursery	0
11:00 Children's Church (already included in Total Worship)	0
TOTAL in Worship	131
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	33
Youth	0
Children	7
TOTAL in SS	40

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 24	Mike Andersen, Nancy Smith	Dawn Cluts, Nancy Wilburn
March 3	Dawn Bontrager, Cat White	Polly Harrison, Betty Neikirk
March 10	Tiina and Miranda Shackelford	Judy Hudgins, Donna Lane

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 Stella White 11:00 Cole McDade
Sound Room: 8:30 & 11:00 Kirk Bell
February Altar Guild: Patsy Bell, Clare Hall, Jackie Hampton
Trustee Contact for this Week: David Lewis



BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 24, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

SEVENTH 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

WELCOME

Pastor Mike

VOLUNTARY

"Solace" – A Mexican Serenade Scott Joplin (1868-1917)
 Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford, celebrating Black History Month

"Whence comes solace? Not from seeing what is doing, suffering, being;
 Not from noting Life's conditions, not from heeding Time's monitions;
 But in cleaving to the Dream and in gazing at the Gleam
 Whereby gray things golden seem."

—Thomas Hardy, *On a Fine Morning*

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

***SONG** *As the Deer (2x)* TFWS No. 2025

***SONG** *You Are My Hiding Place* TFWS No. 2055

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The World Methodist Social Affirmation* 8:30 Marsha Germek
 (UMH No. 886) 11:00 Alexandria Bontrager

**SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER
 CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

Pastor Mike

Dear God, as our special session of General conference meets, may their work and our work please you. Send them from St. Louis, and us from here to reveal your character and love to every corner of the world. You, Lord are our all in all. Inspire in us the resolve and the courage, the compassion and the passion, to do justice to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you and with our neighbor.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH No. 895

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

THE ANTHEM (8:30) *Go Rest High on that Mountain* Vince Gill
Adam White, soloist

(11:00) *For the Joy of Music* Natalie Sleeth
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S STORY Kris Kent

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER Marsha Germek, Alexandria Bontrager
God, you've given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts, our resources, our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray they may help to bring the love and faith of Jesus Christ to this body of believers, and to our neighbors near and far. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY *"O, My Charmer, Spare Me!" – Creole Caprice* Louis Moreau Gottschalk (1829-1869)
Remembering the victims of the Valentine's Day 2018 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, Florida, and the courageous students marching against gun violence.

"And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks."
— Isaiah 2: 4

***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 37:1-9* Marsha Germek
Pew Bible OT, page 492 Alexandria Bontrager

THE MESSAGE *God's Invitation to Happiness, Part 2 of 2* Pastor Mike

***CLOSING HYMN** *Leave It There* UMH No. 522

***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 are given to the glory of God by Charlotte Cecil in memory of Carl's mom, Dollie L. Cecil, who was born on February 25, and in honor of our daughter Linda, born on March 6.

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, David Lewis, Ted & Peggy Peterman (NC)			
HEALTH ISSUES: Charlotte Cecil, Marsha Germek, Paige Mitchell, Nancy Smith, Nadine Tatum			
HOMEBOUND: Annette Adams, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams			
HOSPITALIZED: Cheryl Roane (Riverside Regional)			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Bunny Ekdahl, Charles Enroughty, Loreen Paiva, Debbie Tilley			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Mike Ekdahl (2/26)			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Bill Ambrose, Ann Dickerson, Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Brenda France, Donna Franklin, Rustie (GA)			
CHILDREN & YOUTH: Charlotte & Silas Agee, Adora Hanssen's family, Luke Wilcox			
GRIEVING: Families of Greg Duerksen, Laymon Jacobs (TN), Paula Lankford, Arthur Paiva, H.H. Thacker			
HEALTH ISSUES: Jan Breen, Rebecca Dodelin, Deborah Eriksen, Beth Schiber, Snyder family of PA (Andrew, Ashley & unborn baby)			
HOSPICE: Lynn Hudson			
HOSPITALIZED: Molly Brawley (Riverside Regional), Allen Derflinger (Winchester Regional), John Finney (Riverside Regional)			
OTHER: Shannon Dishman (job search), Janet Wike, Barbara Williams (mission trip)			
PARKINSON'S: Duane Burnett			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Delores Goode, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Pitt Roane, Duane Smith, Donna Toler, Mildred Townsend			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Mark Doyle			
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>	
Dorothy "Dot" Critzer is longer at Gayton Terrace. If you learn her new residence, please contact the church office.			
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.			
CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)			
Family of Bob Nardozi , father of Chris Demetriades, Jenny Farkas, and Jeremy Nardozi, who passed on February 15.			

THANK YOU — Many thanks to the Hugs Ministry for the beautiful lap robe. What a wonderful outreach program. In addition I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and the many prayers as I continue this journey. We are so very blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church family. – David Lewis

Good things
 come to those who
believe, better things
 come to those
 who are **patient**
 and the best things
 come to those who
don't give up.



**The success of God's
 work through you is
 intimately related to
 the reality of His
 presence with you.**

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**WHEN GOD
 DESIGNED THE
 PLAN FOR YOUR
 LIFE, IT WASN'T
 DEPENDENT ON YOU
 BEING PERFECT.
 YOUR MISTAKES
 ARE NOT A
 SURPRISE TO HIM.**

SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION

**I'm
 thankful
 for my
 struggle
 because
 without it
 I wouldn't
 have
 stumbled
 across my
 strength.**

AUTHOR
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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

Sunday, February 24	12:00-2:30 p.m.	Bible Buddies Bowling Bash
	12:15 p.m.	Liturgist Training
	4:00 p.m.	George Nelson Memorial Concert Series: The Gurleys
	7:00 p.m.	GUEST set up (Feb. 25-March 4, 2019)
Monday, February 25	Bethany GUEST Week (through March 4)	
Wednesday, February 27	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry
	10:00am-4:00pm	AARP Tax Aide (Education Wing)
	6:30 p.m.	Troop 75 (Education Wing)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 28	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	George Nelson Memorial Concert Series Committee
Sunday, March 3	Communion Sunday	
	9:45 a.m.	Joint Adult Sunday School led by Pastor Mike (Sanctuary)
	12:15-2:00 p.m.	UMYF (Youth Room)

NEXT SUNDAY AT 9:45 A.M. PASTOR MIKE WILL LEAD A JOINT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IN THE SANCTUARY. Classes will not meet in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall.

JOY CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Mary Lotsey Classroom. Join us as our speaker for the meeting will talk to us about recycling. All women of the church are invited to attend.

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. For more information or to sign up, see the insert in today's bulletin.

What better way to thank our Creator than by spending a few hours making God's planet Beautiful? **CLEAN GLOUCESTER DAY** is Saturday, March 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and Regina Berry (reginaberry50@gmail.com, 814-397-6419) is putting together a team from Bethany to help spruce up Gloucester County. Even if you can't work the full four hours, an hour of your time will make a huge difference in our community! To sign up, please contact Regina. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP SERVICE — Wednesday, March 3

Come enjoy a light supper of homemade soups at 6:00 p.m. in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall, followed by our Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a pot of your favorite soup to share with others. Drinks and cornbread will be furnished. (Optional: Muffin tins come in handy for sampling a variety of soups! You are welcome to bring one from home.) For more information, call Bev Kearney (694-1129), or the Church Office at (642-2110).

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Brothers and Sisters,

In our Conference Treasurer David Domnisse’s February newsletter Dollars & Sense, he talked about the 2018 Apportionment results. 885 churches in the VA Conference paid 100% of their apportionments, with local churches contributing an additional \$1.5M in 2nd Mile giving! (2nd Mile giving here refers to congregations who go over and above their 100% apportionments.) In total the conference received 88.13% of the apportionments that they expected to receive. The York River district received 94.8% of apportionments for 2018. Bethany UMC Gloucester Point paid 100% of our apportionments for 2018! I praise God for the wisdom, guidance and blessings that He pours upon us!

I firmly believe that when we stay focused on the One who created the universe we will be blessed people. You are in my daily prayers that God will guide you and bless you.

Blessings,
Dolores Breen, Finance Committee Chair

PARTITION PERSONNEL NEEDED — Volunteers are needed to handle the moving of partitions for the months of April, July, August, October, November, and December. Partition personnel typically serve a month at a time, putting up and taking down partitions for events throughout the month. Training is provided for new volunteers to make sure they are comfortable working with the partitions. If you are willing to volunteer for this ministry, which makes it possible for us to open our facility to organizations like GUEST, Red Cross, and other community groups, please contact Marion Dixon (642-5158) or Al Burner (642-6016). A few hours of your time during the year will make a difference!

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS— **In an effort to be better stewards of our postage funds, we will no longer mail the quarterly Faith Promise statements.** If you still wish to receive your quarterly statement via U.S. mail please contact Bernard Robins. If you are not sure that we have your updated email address please send it to Dee Dee at bethanyumc3@verizon.net so you can receive your quarterly statement by email. Year-end statements will still be mailed, unless you request otherwise. Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter.

CHURCH KEYS -- If you have a church key you no longer need please return it to the church office at your earliest convenience so that we can have a sufficient supply on hand for those who need them. Thank you!

Psalm 37, 1-9 Sermon Notes

Title: God’s Invitation to Happiness, Part 2 of 2

February 24, 2019

Psalm 37 is a Wisdom Psalm. The sage is dealing with issues of life and death, reward and punishment, and the question of the future and how everything is going to turn out. The psalmist affirms that the Lord will sustain the righteous and despite the prosperity of others, *they will* fully enjoy the blessings promised to them. The sage shows the way and invites them into God’s happiness and the blessed life, much like Jesus called on His followers to learn from Him the way that pleases our Father in Heaven (Matt. 5:2-10).

There are some attitudes, beliefs and behaviors we must leave behind to find God’s blessing and peace and to be happy. What are the DON’TS in this passage?

_____.

Some attitudes, beliefs and behaviors are more of a challenge to leave behind, especially when people we respect and love – parents, grandparents, mentors – have shaped us. Have you “inherited” or instilled an attitude, a belief, or a behavior that you’ve had to leave behind?

_____.

Read v. 4 again. Would you say that you delight in Jesus? Would you say that you love Jesus? What are you saying? _____.

What life problem do you need to give over to the Lord? _____

What are you really saying when you envy someone? _____

In v.8, we are told to refrain from _____ and to give up _____.