

**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	3/3	3/10
General Fund Total	8046.81	6580.00
Capital Improvement	50.00	110.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	115.00	35.00
Endowment Fund (Nardozzi)	75.00	75.00
Music/Choir Fund (Nardozzi)	25.00	30.00
Upper Room	10.50	
Youth (\$175 retreat)	250.00	35.00
UMCOR		160.00
Homebound Ministry		20.00
COUNTING TEAMS	March	
1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty	17	
2-B. Robins, Harvey	24	
3-Burner, Burner, Andersen	31	

SUNDAY	3/3	3/10
8:30 Sanctuary	43	38
11:00 Sanctuary	95	103
11:00 Nursery	0	2
11:00 Children's Church (included in Total Worship)	0	9
<b>TOTAL in Worship</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>141</b>
SUNDAY SCHOOL		
Adults	27	40
Youth	4	*13
Children	6	7
<b>TOTAL in SS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>60</b>

\*11 youth & 2 adults on District UMYF retreat, 3/8-3/10.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS		
Interested in serving as a Nursery Volunteer? We need two individuals each hour. <b>Please sign up outside the nursery or contact Kris Kent (804-815-4246).</b>		
Date	Sunday School Hour	11:00 a.m.
March 17	Janet Chapin, Doris Luther	Patricia Kidd, Shannon Minor
March 24		Joy Wike, Shannon Roane
March 31	Jane Niethamer, Judy Burner	Jane Niethamer, Patsy Bell

**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 Ella Ward  
**Sound Room:** 8:30 Kirk Bell    11:00 Adam White  
**March Altar Guild:** Nina Whitmore, Joni Neal, Sharon Cheek  
**Trustee Contact for this Week:** Milton Hudgins



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**MARCH 17, 2019**

**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Lenten Series: Atonement**

**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 the Lamb*      UMH No. 300

**WELCOME**      Pastor Mike

**VOLUNTARY**      *Chorale: "O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless"*      Anonymous, 1542

*Partita on "O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless,"*      Johann Sebastian Bach  
 from *Eighteen Chorales, BWV 656*      (21 March 1685-1750)

"O Lamb of God, pure, spotless, who on the cross did languish,  
 Who suffered man's unkindness and knew the bitterest anguish:  
 Our sins Thou did bear for us, else hell had triumphed o'er us.  
 Have mercy on us, O Jesus, Thy peace give to us, O Jesus!"  
 — Nikolaus Decius (1531)

**CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)**      *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*      UMH No. 514

**\*OPENING HYMNS**      *I Stand Amazed in the Presence, vv. 1,2*      UMH No. 371  
    *My Faith Looks Up to Thee, vv. 1,2*      UMH No. 452

**SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER**      Pastor Mike  
**UNISON PRAYER**      Cole McDade

**Lord of Heaven and Earth, we long to be truly free. In this time of worshipping together, help us grasp the freedom that comes from seeing you more clearly, loving you more dearly, and following you more nearly. Day by day, give us strength and courage to be your people in this time of our life, at this time in your church, and in our nation.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**      UMH No. 895  
**CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)**      *Amen*      UMH No. 900

**THE ANTHEM** (8:30) *With Love* music by: Baynard L. Fox  
Janet Chapin  
(11:00) *Behold the Shepherd* Natalie Sleeth  
Chancel Choir

**CHILDREN'S STORY** Kris Kent

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

**Jesus, when we look at the cross we see the greatness of your divine love. By your Holy Spirit we model ourselves on you who have given everything to us. May your example and love grace these gifts for your kingdom and the ministry of your church locally, nationally, and globally. We pray in your name. Amen.**

**THE OFFERTORY** *Londonderry Air* Irish Folk Song  
Celebrating St. Patrick's Day  
In memory of Kathleen Mattox and Eugene Brown

**\*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.**

**THE MESSAGE** *The Moral Influence View of Christ's Atonement* Pastor Mike  
Scripture John 3:16-17 Pew Bible NT, p. 89

Pastor Mike  
Song *O How He Loves You and Me* TFWS No. 2108  
Scripture 1 John 3:16-18 Pew Bible NT, p. 223

Pastor Mike  
Hymn *Jesu, Jesu*, vv. 2,4 UMH No. 432  
Scripture 1 Peter 4:14-19 Pew Bible NT, p. 218

Pastor Mike  
Spiritual *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* TFWS No. 2112  
Pastor Mike

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* UMH No. 298  
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—Cathy Raines, Donna Franklin, Amy Boykin, Makenna Jobes, Rosemarie Tong; Lap Robes—Allen Derflinger, Ray Sparrer, Bill Ambrose.

**\*BENEDICTION** Pastor Mike  
**\*CLOSING CHORUS** *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* (chorus) UMH NO. 359  
*At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light and the burden of my heart rolled away;  
It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.*

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, David Lewis, Ted Peterman (NC)	
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Family of Bob Nardozi, Tong family	
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Charlotte Cecil, Paige Mitchell, Peggy Peterman (NC), Nancy Smith, Nadine Tatum, Rosemarie Tong, Chris Wike	
<b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Annette Adams, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams	
<b>HOSPITALIZED:</b> Gene Harrell (Riverside Regional)	
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Bunny Ekdahl, Mike Ekdahl, Loreen Paiva, Cathy Raines, Rosemarie Tong	
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS:</b>	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Bill Ambrose, Ann Dickerson, Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Brenda France, Donna Franklin, Rustie (GA)	
<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH:</b> Charlotte & Silas Agee, Makenna Jobes (FL), Luke Wilcox	
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Lisa Breen, Coach Dan, Greg Duerksen, Laymon Jacobs (TN), Hazel Jenkins, Paula Lankford, Steve Lynch, Arthur Paiva, Larry Ridinger, Sharon Sutton, H.H. Thacker	
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Jan Breen, Deborah Eriksen, Trudy Grimm (NJ), Laurie Minor, Beth Schiber, Billy Davis' brother	
<b>HOSPICE:</b> Lynn Hudson	
<b>HOSPITALIZED:</b> Amy Boykin (VCU), Molly Brawley (Riverside Regional), Allen Derflinger (Winchester Regional), John Finney (Riverside Regional), Ray Sparrer (Univ. of MD)	
<b>OTHER:</b> Shannon Dishman (job search)	
<b>PARKINSON'S:</b> Duane Burnett	
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Adora Hanssen's grandfather, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Duane Smith, Donna Toler, Mildred Townsend, Amy Williams	
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS:</b> Bob Baughman (PA), 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> )	
<b>c/o Lee &amp; Silma Kuivinen</b> , 3717 Wren Ln., Rolling Meadows, IL 80008-2863	<i>Mary Margaret Kuivinen</i>
<b>c/o Bonnie Ballenger</b> , 11228 Church Grove Ct., Henrico, VA 23233	Dorothy "Dot" Critzer
<b>Gloucester House</b> , 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Lorraine Brown, Room 107 Jean Heywood, Room 110 Esther Marie Jordan, Room 509
<b>Sanders Assisted Living</b> , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061	<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Room 106
<b>Sunrise Senior Living</b> , 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235	Pauline Harris, Apt. 130
<b>York Convalescent &amp; Rehab Center</b> , 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692	Kathleen Greene, Rm C1 Mary Poland, Rm 27A Alice Doggett, Rm 27B
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.	

**CHURCH KEYS** – If you have been issued a church key that you are no longer using, please return it to the office at your earliest convenience. We are updating our key users list and inventory and appreciate your assistance.

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR LENT

“A musical Bible, unrivaled and inimitable” is how Samuel Wesley described the work of Johann Sebastian Bach. In 1808, when these words were penned by the son of Methodist hymn writer Charles Wesley, Bach’s compositions were performed and appreciated by only a small circle of connoisseurs. With his revival in 1829 of the *Saint Matthew Passion*, the greatest musical setting of the Crucifixion narrative, one century after its première, Felix Mendelssohn began to reveal the towering stature of Bach to a wider audience.

Today, anticipating the 334th anniversary of his birth on March 21st, we stand amazed in the presence of this mortal who created an entire musical universe dedicated *S.D.G. – soli Deo gloria* (“to the glory of God alone”) – as Bach initialed thousands of manuscripts. Is it mere coincidence that the birthday of God’s chief musician occurs at the beginning of Spring, this season of rebirth and renewal?

Our Lenten Voluntary this morning is one of Bach’s most profoundly spiritual compositions, his magisterial setting of the *Agnus Dei*. Derived from *John* 1: 29 and added to the Catholic Mass in the 7th century for the rite of Holy Communion, the text consists of three acclamations:

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*  
*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*  
*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

(Lamb of God, who takes away the world’s sins, have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, who takes away the world’s sins, grant us peace.)

Bach’s setting of the *Agnus Dei* is based on the melody of the Protestant chorale (or hymn) *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig* (“O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless,” 1542). Bach composed three variations corresponding to three stanzas of the hymn. The third variation features some powerfully graphic tone painting: for example, to portray the verse “Our sins Thou did bear for us,” Bach makes the printed notes outline the three crosses on Golgotha.



This type of symbolism, which cannot really be *heard*, is sometimes called “eye music”! Quite evident to the ear, however, is the dissonant harmony Bach employs to create a mood of intense anguish at the penultimate line, “Thy peace give to us, O Jesus!” But this painful impression is quickly dissolved by a burst of musical sunlight at the last line, “Thy peace grant to us, O Jesus!” Here, as Dr. Albert Schweitzer remarks, “*O Lamm Gottes* concludes with an ascending cadence as if the heavenly messengers — after bringing the prayed for peace — were returning to their own kingdom.”

– Rudy Shackelford

**BETHANY SERVES TWICE AS HOMELESS SHELTER** —This winter Bethany has served twice as a week-long overnight homeless shelter. On average 15 people were given overnight accommodations and meals each night in our Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the many Bethany volunteers and those from outside our church that made this ministry possible as part of the GUEST (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team) program. GUEST is a coalition of churches and community organizations that strive to help and reduce our homeless population. Currently the overnight shelter is at Gloucester Point Baptist Church. The final two weeks of the shelter will be at BridgePoint Church and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

**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](http://www.bethanyumc-gp.org).

<b>THIS WEEK AT BETHANY</b>		
<b>Worship at 8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.</b>		
<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	12:15 p.m.	UMW Call to Prayer & Self-Denial (WBFH)
<b>Monday, March 18</b>	9:30 a.m.	Homebound Ministries (Kitchen)
	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study (TBD)
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study (Connected)
	5:45 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Council (Friendship)
<b>Wednesday, March 20</b>	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry (WBFH)
	10:00am-4:00pm	AARP Tax Aide (Education Wing)
	6:30 p.m.	Troop 75 (Education Wing)
<b>Thursday, March 21</b>	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.-noon	Crazy Crafty Chicks (WBFH)
	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m.	Naomi Circle (Mary Lotsey)
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	12:15-2:00 p.m.	Bible Buddies (WBFH)

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial will be held in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on TODAY following the 11:00 service.** This is a way to support the children and youth in need around the world.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES** — Come join us on **Monday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m.** as we prepare a meal for our shut-ins. We also need folks to help us deliver the meals as well. Anyone is welcome to help out! Come give it a try and enjoy the fellowship.

**NAOMI CIRCLE** —All women are invited to join us for our monthly Naomi Circle meeting on **Thursday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Mary Lotsey room.** Program will be “Women Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith — a Happy Birthday Celebrating Our 150th Anniversary.” For more information, contact Dawn Cluts at 684-5340.

**MISSION WORK STILL NEEDED AT SKATE PARK IN HAMPTON** — There is still a need for help with framing and repair work at the Mekos Skate Park in Hampton (3420 Von Schilling Drive, next to Buffalo Wild Wings in Peninsula Town Center). If anyone can help frame, put up OSB, repair holes in walls and put wood around the park, please plan to come out on **Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 10 pm.** For more information, please contact Rev. Rita Staul at 804-815-8364.

**CRAZY CRAFTY CHICKS** will meet **March 21 at 9 a.m.** in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. Come and work on your own craft and enjoy the fellowship. Can't come on the 21st? No problem. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month for fun so join us when you can!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GUEST SPEAKER** — On **March 24 at 9:45 a.m.**, Dr. Ken Bunting will give a special presentation on improving mental health: teenage years through mature adults. Breakfast foods will be served. Please mark it on your calendar and join us for this informative and interesting program!

**AED TRAINING** — Training on use of our AED unit (automated external defibrillator located in the side door hall to the sanctuary) will be conducted by Abingdon Rescue Squad on **Saturday, April 13 from 9 AM until 10:30 AM.** Training will include CPR in conjunction with use of the AED. Please note that an AED was used recently at Abingdon Episcopal Church to save a life during a church service.

**BRING IN THE EASTER CANDY, EASTER BOBBLES AND EASTER BLING!**



It's that time of the year...our hundreds of Easter Eggs need their fillers! Please add your contribution of individually wrapped candies and egg-sized items to the box in the Children's Library. The annual Egg Stuffing will be on **Tuesday, 4/16 at 9:00am!** The Easter Egg Hunt is at 9:00am on 4/20. Thank you!

**XYZ CLUB** will have their next covered dish lunch meeting on **Wednesday, April 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall.** The guest speaker will be Bethany's own Nadine Tatum, who will present her program, "Saved by Reading."

Please Note: XYZ will not meet in March as previously scheduled.

**CHURCH-WIDE SPRING CLEANING** — Please join together on **Friday April 26 at 9 AM** for spring cleaning of the church. We will stop work at noon. We can get a lot done with a good turnout!

**CHOIR NOTES FOR SANDY FOX**

*What do choruses use to pay for things?*






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*Why was the soprano arrested?*

Because she was in treble.

*Why were the singers locked out of the choir room?*

They missed the key change.

**Help!** I'm in  ! I ran over something  and now my tire is  . I need a  for the phone. Do I need to  any of that?

*"Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord." – Ephesians 5:19*

**The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will be recognizing one of our staff members each quarter.**

**SPRING 2019 MISSION TRIP — Sunday, May 12 – Friday, May 17**

Please be in prayer as we prepare for our Spring Mission Trip working with Coastal Carolina Rebuilding Ministry in Edenton, NC. We welcome day trippers as well as overnights! More detailed information on our exact location and the work God has planned for us will be forthcoming. Please contact Jane Niethamer, 757-273-1613 or Al or Judy Burner, 804-642-6016 if you have any questions.

**The JOY Circle is collecting empty plastic pill bottles for Matthew 25: Ministries** for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. The pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

Acceptable collection items include:

- Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill Bottles with and without secure caps (child resistant)

Pill bottles that are not appropriate to include with shipments of medical supplies are recycled for cash that goes towards Matthew 25: Ministries' programs.

**There are baskets in the front narthex and outside the church office for collection.** We ask that the labels be removed leaving no glue or residue. Wash the bottles in very hot water and dish soap. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Replace lids on clean, dried bottles. Contact Jane Niethamer, 757-273-1613, if you have questions.