

Bethany United Methodist Church
*The Church with Open Hearts,
 Minds, and Doors*
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MARCH 24, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THIRD 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.**

STEWARDSHIP	3/17
General Fund Total	4647.00
Capital Improvement	30.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	10.00
Endowment Fund (Nardozzi)	35.00
Youth	300.00
COUNTING TEAMS	March
2-B. Robins, Harvey	24
3-Burner, Burner, Andersen	31

SUNDAY WORSHIP	3/17
8:30 Sanctuary	44
11:00 Sanctuary	99
11:00 Nursery	2
11:00 Children's Church (included in Total Worship)	5
TOTAL in Worship	145
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	45
Youth	3
Children	10
TOTAL in SS	58

CHIMING OF THE HOUR *O the Lamb* UMH No. 300

WELCOME Marsha Germek

VOLUNTARY *Chorale: "When in the Hour of Utmost Need"* Loys Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1560)
Prelude on "When in the Hour of Utmost Need," Johann Sebastian Bach (21 March 1685-1750)
 from *Eighteen Chorales*, BWV 668a

"When in the hour of utmost need we know not where to look for aid,
 When days and nights of anxious thought nor help nor counsel yet have brought,
 Then this our comfort is alone: That we may meet before Thy throne
 And cry, O faithful God, to Thee for rescue from our misery."
 — Paul Eber, ca. 1560

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

***OPENING HYMNS** *My Jesus, I Love Thee*, vv. 1, 2 UMH No. 172
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross, vv. 1, 2 UMH No. 301

SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER Marsha Germek
UNISON PRAYER 8:30 Kate Neikirk; 11:00 Alexandria Bontrager

Lord God, your love for humankind present in the beginning of all things, extends throughout history and touches even my life. Your love sees failings and forgives. Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears. Your love knows grief and comforts the sorrowful. Your love sees sin and still loves the sinner. Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love. Forgive us the many times when we take for granted all that you have done for us. Transform us, through your Spirit, and empower us to serve you, this day and all days. Amen.

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

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS		
Interested in serving as a Nursery Volunteer? <u>We need two individuals each hour.</u> Please sign up outside the nursery or contact Kris Kent (804-815-4246).		
Date	Sunday School Hour	11:00 a.m.
March 24	Jane Niethamer, Dawn Cluts	Joy Wike, Shannon Roane
March 31	Judy Burner	Patsy Bell
April 7	Doris Luther, Nancy Smith	Wendy Hogge, Laura Glaze
April 14	Tiina and Miranda Shackelford	Laura Glaze, Marion Dixon

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 Austin Kent 11:00 Alyssa Hall

Sound Room: 8:30 Chip Neikirk 11:00 Jeremy Nardozzi

March Altar Guild: Nina Whitmore, Joni Neal, Sharon Cheek

Trustee Contact for this Week: Marsha Germek

RETREAT REFLECTIONS

8:30 Kris Kent

11:00 Todd Bontrager, Jordan Roane

THE ANTHEM (8:30)*How Great Thou Art*

Carl Boberg

Dawn Bontrager

(11:00)

It Is Well with My Soul

Horatio G. Spafford

Chancel Choir

Transcribed by Craig Courtney

CHILDREN'S STORY

Kris Kent

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

Kate Neikirk/Alexandria Bontrager

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just these offerings but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY*Toccata in D Minor, "Dorian," BWV 538*

Johann Sebastian Bach

In memory of Robert Alton ("Bob") Reid, born to eternal life on 27 March 2015

***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 READING1 Samuel 3: 1-10*

Pew Bible OT, pg. 241

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.**THE MESSAGE***Selective Hearing*

Marsha Germek

CLOSING HYMNLove Lifted Me*

Insert

***BENEDICTION**

Marsha Germek

CLOSING CHORUSAlas! 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****CANCER/CHEMO:** Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, David Lewis, Ted Peterman (NC)**GRIEVING:** Family of Bob Nardozi, Tong family**HEALTH ISSUES:** Charlotte Cecil, Jennie Lipscomb, Peggy Peterman (NC), Nancy Smith, Nadine Tatum, Rosemarie Tong, Chris Wike**HOMEBOUND:** Annette Adams, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams**HOSPITALIZED:****RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Bunny Ekdahl, Loreen Paiva, Cathy Raines, Rosemarie Tong**UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS:****BETHANY FRIENDS****CANCER/CHEMO:** Bill Ambrose, Ann Dickerson, Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Brenda France, Donna Franklin, Ellen McDade, Rustie Ruiz (GA), Pat Whitten (NC)**CHILDREN & YOUTH:** Charlotte & Silas Agee, Makenna Jobes (FL), Luke Wilcox**GRIEVING:** Families of Lisa Breen, Coach Dan, Greg Duerksen, Leola Hogge, Laymon Jacobs (TN), Hazel Jenkins, Paula Lankford, Steve Lynch, Arthur Paiva, Larry Ridinger, Sharon Sutton, H.H. Thacker**HEALTH ISSUES:** Jan Breen, Deborah Eriksen, Trudy Grimm (NJ), Laurie Minor, Beth Schiber, Suzanne Trio, Billy Davis' brother**HOSPICE:** Allen Derflinger, Lynn Hudson**HOSPITALIZED:** Amy Boykin (VCU), Mimi Beckwith (UVA Med. Ctr.), Molly Brawley (Riverside Regional)**OTHER:** Christchurch, NZ/victims of terrorist mass shootings at Al Noor Mosque & Linwood Islamic Centre**PARKINSON'S:** Duane Burnett**RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Adora Hanssen's grandfather, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Duane Smith, Ray Sparrer, Donna Toler, Mildred Townsend, Amy Williams**UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS:** Bob Baughman (PA), Mark Doyle, Wally Iddings (PA)**BUMC'S MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (*italics—Bethany friends*)***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.***ASSISTED LIVING (*italics-Bethany friends*)****c/o Lee & Silma Kuivinen**, 3717 Wren Ln., Rolling Meadows, IL 80008-2863*Mary Margaret Kuivinen***c/o Bonnie Ballenger**, 11228 Church Grove Ct., Henrico, VA 23233

Dorothy "Dot" Critzer

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*Ellis Hall*, Room 106**Sanders Rehab**, 7385 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061

Paige Mitchell

Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235

Pauline Harris, Apt. 130

York Convalescent & Rehab Center, 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, or a family member, have borrowed a key that you no longer need, please return it to the church office at your earliest convenience. We are currently updating our key users list and appreciate your help. Thank you.

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR LENT

Our Lenten Voluntary this morning may have been the last music ever composed by Johann Sebastian Bach, whose 334th birthday we celebrated on March 21st. From his deathbed the blind musician dictated to his son-in-law, Johann Christoph Altnikol, an organ prelude based upon the chorale (or hymn) *When in the Hour of Utmost Need*. But significantly, Bach changed the words to read as follows:

“Before Thy throne, my God, I stand,
Myself, my all, are in Thy hand.
O show me Thine approving face,
Nor from Thy son withhold Thy grace.”

Moreover, Bach made subtle alterations in the hymn tune so that the first line would contain precisely 14 notes and the melody as a whole, 41 notes. Using the symbolism of numbers, the composer “autographed” his creation, since *B* is the second letter of the alphabet, *A* the first, *C* the third, and *H* the eighth – the sum of which is 14. When reversed, the number 14 becomes 41, which stands for J. S. Bach: 9+18+14=41.

As a young organist looking to impress the world with his phenomenal talent, Bach composed virtuoso showpieces titled *toccata* (meaning “to touch” in Italian), including two in the key of D minor. Our Offertory today, while less famous than the Halloween favorite *Toccata in D Minor*, even more powerfully evokes imagery of Gothic horror: the relentless galloping motion suggests a musical depiction of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse from the *Revelation of St. John*. Perhaps this interpretation is speculative, but this Toccata seems to invite conjecture. It was nicknamed “Dorian” by someone who mistook the lack of B-flat in the key signature as an indication that the music conforms to the ancient Greek Dorian mode!

Our dear, departed friend and choir member Bob Reid especially enjoyed listening to Bach’s “Dorian” *Toccata*, so we dedicate this performance to his memory.

— Rudy Shackelford

LOCKING OF CHURCH DOORS - The doors in the fellowship hall will be locked after Sunday School (the front door with steps and the back hallway door). The handicapped accessible back door and the side door will be locked approximately 11:15-11:20 after the 11:00 worship service has begun. Access to the sanctuary is available from the front door through the Narthex.

The securing of the building (during business, worship and ministry events) is a result of a recent inspection with the Sheriff’s department and in line with recommendations for a safety/security/response plan which is under development and will be brought to the Administrative Council for consideration.

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, March 24	9:45 a.m.	Special Adult Sunday School presentation/Dr. Ken Bunting
	12:15 p.m.	Bible Buddies (WBFH)
Monday, March 25	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study (TBD)
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study (Connected)
Tuesday, March 26	6:30 p.m.	United Methodist Men (Nick’s Spaghetti & Steakhouse)
Wednesday, March 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
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 28	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m.	UMW Board (Lacey Martin)
Sunday, March 31		FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY SCHOOL GUEST SPEAKER TODAY—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 join us after the 8:30 service for this informative and interesting program!

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet on Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. and Nick’s Spaghetti and Steakhouse. Guest speaker will be Monique Raposa, the new Executive Director of the Gloucester Bread for Life Food Pantry, who worshiped with us on January 27 when Bazaar funds were disbursed. An article about her appeared in the March 7th *Gazette-Journal*. Please contact Alan Harvey (684-2790) or Milton Hudgins (642-5622) for more information or if you plan to attend.

JOY CIRCLE will meet April 2 at 7 p.m. in the Mary Lotsey Classroom. Our speaker will be Pat Fitzgerald, the York River District Chairman for Nurture and Outreach. Come and see what the JOY Circle is all about. All ladies are welcome!

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** in the Lacey Martin classroom. 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 9:00 a.m.!** The Easter Egg Hunt is at 9:00 a.m. on 4/20. Thank you!



CHURCH-WIDE SPRING CLEANING — Please join together on **Friday April 26 at 9:00 a.m.** for spring cleaning of the church. We will stop work at noon. We can get a lot done with a good turnout!

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.

**I Love to Tell the Story
What A Friend
AmaziNg Grace
StandiNg on the Promises
JoY to the World**

**This Is My Father's World
Hymn Of Promise
Come, Thou Long-EXpected Jesus**

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing."— Psalm 100:1,2

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

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you to each of you who celebrate the goodness of our Lord's blessings in your lives by generously supporting Bethany's ministries and missions. As of March 10th we have received \$68,593 toward our general budget. You also graciously went the 2nd Mile and have given to the following designated funds: Capital Improvement, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Youth, Endowment Fund, UMCOR, Music Fund, Homebound Ministry, GNMConcert Series and the Upper Room.

You are a generous and loving body of Christ. I pray that God will continue to bless you as you serve Him.

Blessings,
Dolores Breen, Finance Committee Chair

Prayer Update

Many thanks for all of you who offered prayers for Molly Brawley, granddaughter of my friend Peggy. Molly has been released from the hospital and is recuperating in Gloucester. Although she is much better, she is still unable to eat solid food and faces a lengthy road to recovery. Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers. – Nadine Tatum

Thank You Note

To the members and staff of Bethany United Methodist Church,

I want to thank you for the many prayers, calls, emails, and cards that I received during my recent health crisis. On March 8th, I underwent an echocardiogram. A few days later I received news that I have a heart murmur and a slightly erratic heartbeat, neither of which is life-threatening. No medication or surgery is required, although my heart health will continue to be monitored.

The great love and care expressed to me was such a support during the weeks of uncertainty. My special thanks go to the H.U.G.S. Ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl in the warm, vibrant colors of earth and sky. There were many days that I wrapped that shawl around me and felt God's love and comfort surrounding me. I will always treasure this visible expression of God's loving care. Blessings always, Nadine Tatum