

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	3/24
General Fund Total	2994.00
Music/Choir Fund (Nardozzi)	50.00
Mission Fund (Decal)	1.00
Easter Flowers	14.00
Society of St. Andrew	100.00
Geo. Nelson Concert Series	25.00
COUNTING TEAMS	March
3-Burner, Burner, Andersen	31

SUNDAY WORSHIP	3/24
8:30 Sanctuary	42
11:00 Sanctuary	90
11:00 Nursery	1
11:00 Children's Church (included in Total Worship)	4
TOTAL in Worship	133
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	39
Youth	6
Children	7
TOTAL in SS	52

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 31	Judy Burner, Nancy Kendall	Patsy Bell, Paul Kendall
April 7	Doris Luther, Nancy Smith	Wendy Hogge, Laura Glaze
April 14	Tiina and Miranda Shackelford	Laura Glaze, Marion Dixon
April 21	Paul and Nancy Kendall	Stacie Martin, Nan Leigh



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MARCH 31, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

FOURTH 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 *A Hermit Thrush at Morn* Amy Beach (1867-1944)

*"I heard from morn to morn a merry thrush sing hymns of rapture,
 while I drank the sound with joy." – John Clare*
 Celebrating Women's History Month

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

***OPENING HYMNS** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, vv. 1, 2* UMH No. 154
Hallelujah! What a Savior, vv. 1,2,5 UMH No. 165

SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER Pastor Mike
PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sue Morecock

We pray for forgiveness this day, Jesus. For choosing power over service, forgive us. For seeking glory rather than humility, forgive us. For pushing ourselves to the front, when our presence is needed on the sidelines, forgive us. Help us know where we are needed and how best to serve you and those you present to us. Guide us to your side, that we might be your hands of healing and compassion for a world in need, knowing our own need for healing and compassion. We pray in your name.

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

THE ANTHEM (8:30) *Not Gonna Worry* Suzanne Gaither Jennings
 Steve Wike Woodrow W. Wright

(11:00) *And No Bird Sang* Douglas E. Wagner
 Chancel Choir

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 Justus Minor 11:00 Shelby Jacobs

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

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

Trustee Contact for this Week: Milton Hudgins

CHILDREN’S STORY

Pastor Mike

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

Sue Morecock

God of Justice and Judgment, we have the means to give, we have reason to give, and there are many waiting for us to give. Yet often, our hands hold back. In these moments, help us live and give in your kingdom of love, where there are only brothers and sisters, and kindness is the air we breathe. We do so in your name. Amen!

THE OFFERTORY

*March: Song of the Lark,
from “The Seasons”*

Peter Tchaikovsky
(1840-1893)

Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford

“O little lark, you need not fly to meet your Master in the sky, He treads our native sod.
Why should you sing aloft, apart? Sing to the heaven of my heart: In me, in me, in me is God!”
— Anna Bunston de Bary, *A Basque Peasant Returning from Church*

***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 Ransom View of Christ’s Atonement
Mark 10:42-45

Pastor Mike
Sue MorecockScripture
Pastor Mike

Hymns

#364 *Because He Lives*, v. 1; #369 *Blessed Assurance*, v. 1

Scripture

John 8:34-37

Sue Morecock

Pastor Mike

Hymn

#591 *Rescue the Perishing*, vv. 1,3

Scripture

Hebrews 9:12, 22

Sue Morecock

Pastor Mike

CLOSING HYMNJesus, Paid It All*, vv. 1,3 (insert)***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Mike

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, Rosemarie Tong, Chris Wike			
HOMEBOUND: Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams			
HOSPICE: Annette Adams			
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, Keagan and Logan Brooks, Makenna Jobes (FL), Luke Wilcox			
GRIEVING: Families of Roy Davis, Greg Duerksen, Leola Hogge, Laymon Jacobs (TN), Hazel Jenkins, Paula Lankford, Steve Lynch, Arthur Paiva, Larry Ridinger, Sharon Sutton, H.H. Thacker			
HEALTH ISSUES: Molly Brawley, Jan Breen, Denzil Cook, Deborah Eriksen, Trudy Grimm (NJ), Thom Ligon, Laurie Minor			
HOSPICE: Allen Derflinger, Lynn Hudson			
HOSPITALIZED: Amy Boykin (VCU), Mimi Beckwith (UVA Med. Ctr.), Brenda Kirschbaum (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), Suzanne Trio (3/28)			
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>	
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		<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Room 106	
Sanders Rehab , 7385 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		Paige Mitchell, Room 102	
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.			
CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)			
Family of Roy Davis of Poquoson, brother of Billy Davis, who passed on March 25 from cancer.			

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: AMY BEACH, AMERICAN COMPOSER

Amy Beach was the first American woman to succeed as a composer of large-scale concert music.

She was born Amy Marcy Cheney on 5 September 1867 in West Henniker, New Hampshire, during an era when the world of work was divided into two distinct spheres: the public and professional for men, the private and domestic for women. In Europe the extraordinarily talented Fanny Mendelssohn set aside a creative career in favor of her brother Felix, as did Clara Schumann for her husband Robert. Despite her family's and society's lack of support, however, Amy Cheney knew even as a young child that "no other life than that of a musician could ever have been possible for me." In 1885, when she made her debut with the renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra, critics deemed her performance of Chopin's *Second Piano Concerto* "perfect."

Marriage at the age of 18 to prominent Boston physician Henry Harris Aubrey Beach, 25 years her senior, changed Amy's career path. On Henry's insistence, and in keeping with her newly elevated social status, she limited her performances on the piano to a few charity concerts per year and – happily for posterity – devoted herself entirely to composition. In this field she was self-taught, yet she achieved remarkable success with works published under her married name, Mrs. H. H. A. Beach. Apart from many songs and piano pieces, her most significant works are the *Mass in E-flat*, the "*Gaelic*" *Symphony*, and the *Piano Concerto* which she herself premiered with the Boston Symphony in 1900.

Widowed at age 43, she went to Germany to present her compositions and revive her career as a pianist, under the name Amy Beach. On her triumphant return to Boston in 1914, she devoted herself to concert tours and composition, completing the balance of her 300 works. Many were written at the MacDowell colony in Peterborough, New Hampshire, a rural retreat founded by the composer Edward MacDowell for artists, writers, and musicians to meet and create in peace and mutual inspiration. Long a hero to women composers, Amy Beach died on 27 December 1944 in New York City at the age of 77.

— Rudy Shackelford

God is good and so are the people of Bethany! Thank you for all the phone calls, prayers, food, cards, and visits that we have received. You have encouraged us more than you know. Gene is still recovering but because of your love and prayers, we are confident that we will make it through. Much love to you all – *Gene and Jeannie Harrell*

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.

Day	Time	Activity
Sunday, March 31		FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Monday, April 1	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (TBD)
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Connected)
Tuesday, April 2	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (Mary Lotsey)
Wednesday, April 3	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, April 4	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Staff-Parish Relations Committee
Sunday, April 7		CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION; FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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!

VISITATION - April 9 at 2 p.m. - Join us as we visit our shut-ins. You'll receive a blessing!

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES TRAINING will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 8 am-4 pm at First UMC, 10246 Warwick Blvd., Newport News.

The courses offered are:

Basic Course – taught by Dick Barnes

Heritage – taught by Jeff Clark

Preaching – taught by TBD

Cost is \$30.00, which includes the book and lunch. Sign-up sheets are available in the church office and should be mailed with payment to the District Office at 6515 George Washington Memorial Highway, Suite 203, Yorktown, VA 23692. Or, you may register online: <https://www.yorkriverdistrict.org/news/district-events/trainingevents/lay-servant-ministries-training.html>.

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 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.** 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!



XYZ (eXtra Years of Zest) CLUB—Wednesday, April 17th – 11:30 a.m.

Mark your calendar and join us for food, fellowship, and a special program by guest speaker Nadine Tatum. For more information, contact Ann Byrd (804-693-9850) or Marion Dixon (804-642-5158).

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!

UMM and YOUTH YARD SALE – Saturday, May 4 – SAVE THE DATE!

The 2019 UMM and Youth Yard Sale will be held on May 4th from 9:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m. We will begin accepting sale items from 3-8 p.m., Monday, April 29.

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.

**SAVE THE DATE!
VBS 2019 is coming!**

Please set aside **June 17-21 from 9 a.m. til 12 p.m.** as a great opportunity for fun, fellowship and service at BETHANY UMC! Contact Kris Kent (804-815-4246) to be added to the helper list! There's a place for everyone!

****Registration will begin 5/1 for preschoolers thru 5th graders!****

Sandy Fox has been a very dedicated choir director at Bethany UMC for many years. Your love for music shows through the time and effort you put into the music program. We appreciate your service.

"I love to hear a choir. I love the humanity, to see the faces of real people devoting themselves to a piece of music. I like the teamwork. It makes me feel optimistic about the human race when I see them cooperating like that." – Paul McCartney

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

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.

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.