

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	3/31
General Fund Total	3429.00
Capital Improvement Fund	30.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	20.00
Easter Flowers	143.00
COUNTING TEAMS	April
4-Riggin, Blubaugh, Blubaugh	7
5-Luther, D. Robins, Rollins	14
6-Hampton, Morecock, Thomas	21
7-Cecil, Durette, Hillard	28

SUNDAY WORSHIP	3/31
8:30 Sanctuary	45
11:00 Sanctuary	83
11:00 Nursery	0
11:00 Children's Church (included in Total Worship)	1
TOTAL in Worship	128
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	38
Youth	5
Children	6
TOTAL in SS	49

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.
April 7	Joy Wike, Nancy Wilburn	Wendy Hogge, Laura Glaze
April 14	Tiina & Miranda Shackelford/Kris Kent	Laura Glaze, Marion Dixon
April 21	Tiina & Miranda Shackelford/Kris Kent	OPEN (2 needed)
April 28	Dawn Bontrager, OPEN (1 needed)	Polly Harrison, Sarah Hillard

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 Jordan Roane, Alexandria Bontrager

Sound Room: 8:30 Kirk Bell 11:00 Jeremy Nardozi

April Altar Guild: Peggy Lewis, Nancy Wilburn, Laura Glaze, Cathy Raines

Trustee Contact for this Week: Donna Andersen



BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 7, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT; CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 "Wondrous Love": Variations on a Shape-note Hymn Samuel Barber (1910-81)
 "And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on." -- UMH No. 292

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

***OPENING HYMN** *Grace Greater Than Our Sin, vv. 1,3* UMH No. 365

SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER Pastor Mike

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Marsha Germek

Almighty God, you have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try and find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring your call until fear or tragedy or something else finally makes us look back to you. As we make our confession now, we acknowledge your grace and love to us in Christ's atonement, and your abundant wisdom, patience, and love as we do this thing called the Christian life.

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *Amen* UMH No. 900

CHILDREN'S STORY Pastor Mike

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER Marsha Germek

We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful, cheerful hearts. Thank you that you meet our needs on the journey, providing what we need when we need it. Trusting you, we can share what we have with others, and we do this joyfully, together, today in Jesus' name. Amen!

THE ANTHEM (8:30) *This Lonesome Valley* Don Besig
 Doe Breen

(11:00) *Midnight Cry* Greg Day and Chuck Day
 Chancel Choir – Steve Wike, soloist arr. Tom Fettke

***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 Satisfaction View of Christ’s Atonement,
and “Is Atonement Limited or Unlimited?”*

Pastor Mike

Scripture Deuteronomy 32: 4,5,16-22 Pastor Mike, pew Bible, pp. 185-86

Pastor Mike

Hymns *Great is Thy Faithfulness, vv. 1,3* UMH No. 140

Scripture 1 John 2:1-6 Marsha Germek, pew Bible, p. 222

Pastor Mike

Hymn *’Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies, vv. 1,2,4* UMH No. 282

Scripture 1 John 4:7-11 Marsha Germek, pew Bible, pp. 223-24

Pastor Mike

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

Crucified and Risen Savior, we know a smidgen of what we’re doing here. We know you came to save us from our sins and from ourselves. You died on the cross and were resurrected three days later, and we know we are saved and made whole again by grace through faith in you. We know that your atonement is part of the transformed life of being born again and born from above. As we receive the bread and cup, thank you that the merits and benefits of your atonement are relevant and available to all people.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Music during Communion

Chorale: “Herzliebster Jesu” (Ah, Holy Jesus) Johann Crüger, 1640 (UMH No. 289)
Chorale Improvisation on “Ah, Holy Jesus” Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)
Chorale Prelude on “Ah, Holy Jesus” Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Remind us, parental God, that we are always your children, your love is always abundant, and we always have much to learn. Help us to seek you every day. When we wander help us to return to the path and walk with you. In the name of Christ, who is our Companion on this journey of faith and life. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

I Am Thine, O Lord, vv. 1,2

UMH No. 419

***CLOSING UNISON BLESSING**

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, we have a commission, to take the life and love we have celebrated here out into our daily lives, our everyday world. We are not called to go out as those who are perfect, or who have all the answers, but as those who share the struggles and the achievements, and have found a deep spring to fortify and sustain us. So, go from this community with the abundant love of God, the blessed companionship of Jesus Christ, and the faithful and empowering guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Annette Adams, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, David Lewis, Ted Peterman (NC)			
GRIEVING: Family of Bob Nardozi, Tong family			
HEALTH ISSUES: Woody Brown, Charlotte Cecil, Jennie Lipscomb, Paige Mitchell, Peggy Peterman (NC), Nancy Smith, Rosemarie Tong, Chris Wike			
HOMEBOUND: Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams			
HOSPITALIZED:			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Bunny Ekdahl, Loreen Paiva, Cathy Raines, Rosemarie Tong			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Irene Brown (4/2)			
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 Jobs (FL), Luke Wilcox			
GRIEVING: Families of Roy Davis, Greg Duerksen, Steve Erickson, 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, Allen Derflinger, Deborah Eriksen, Trudy Grimm (NJ), Thom Ligon, Laurie Minor			
HOSPICE: Lynn Hudson			
HOSPITALIZED: Amy Boykin (VCU), Lee Beach (VCU), Mimi Beckwith (UVA Med. Ctr.)			
OTHER:			
PARKINSON’S: Duane Burnett			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Adora Hanssen’s grandfather, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Duane Smith, Ray Sparrer, Suzanne Trio, Donna Toler, Mildred Townsend, Amy Williams			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Bob Baughman (PA), Mark Doyle, Wally Iddings (PA)			
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		<i>Dorothy “Dot” Critzer</i>	
Gloucester House , 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061		<i>Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Esther Marie Jordan, Rm 509</i>	
Sanders Assisted Living , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		<i>Ellis Hall, Rm 106</i>	
Sunrise Senior Living , 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235		<i>Pauline Harris, Apt. 130</i>	
Walter Reed Conv. & Rehab Center , 7602 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061		<i>Annette Adams, Rm 22 (hospice)</i>	
York Convalescent & Rehab Center , 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692		<i>Kathleen Greene, Rm C1 Mary Poland, Rm 27A Alice Doggett, Rm 27B</i>	
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.			
CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)			
Family of <i>Steve Erickson</i> , husband of Gene Harrell’s daughter Debbie Erickson, who passed on March 30.			

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR LENT

Samuel Barber is one of America's most renowned composers, and three of his works appear regularly in services at Bethany: the *Adagio for Strings* on Memorial Day; the *Chorale Prelude on "Silent Night"* at Christmas; and during Lent his *"Wondrous Love": Variations on a Shape-note Hymn*, created in 1959. The modal tune was borrowed from a secular song about the famous pirate Captain Kidd and first appeared as a hymn in William Walker's *Southern Harmony* (1835). The text is a meditation on Christ's love, so great that He would give up His crown for a sinner's soul.

Samuel Barber's four variations on *Wondrous Love* (UMH No. 292) mirror the mood and meaning of the hymn's four stanzas with sensitivity and finesse the equal of Johann Sebastian Bach in his variations on Lutheran chorales. Springing from such a venerable tradition, the blues-tinged music Barber composed for the final stanza of *Wondrous Love* acquires a special poignancy and resonance: "And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on."

Our music during Communion is based upon *Ah, Holy Jesus* (UMH No. 289). The text was penned by Johann Heermann during the devastation of the Thirty Years' War (1618-48), which began as a conflict between German Protestants and Catholics and later spread throughout central Europe involving political rivalries with France, Sweden, and Denmark opposing the Holy Roman Empire and Spain. Based upon an 11th-century meditation, this hymn expresses the poet's deeply personal thoughts about the Crucifixion.

*"Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was that denied Thee; I crucified Thee."
— Johann Heermann, 1630*

Johann Crüger's melody, *Herzliebster Jesu* (1640), gives ideal support for the inflection and mood of the text. With this beautiful melody as their point of departure, Johannes Brahms and Sigfrid Karg-Elert, German composers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, created profound reflections on suffering and sacrifice in their organ chorale preludes.

— 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, April 7	COMMUNION SUNDAY; FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	
Monday, April 8	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (TBD)
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Connected)
Tuesday, April 9	2:00 p.m.	Visitation
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (Lacey Martin)
	7:00 p.m.	Abingdon Woman's Club (WBFH)
Wednesday, April 10	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
	6:30 p.m.	Troop 75
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 11	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
Saturday, April 13	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Cantata Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:00-10:30 a.m.	AED Training (Lacey Martin)
	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	River Country Quilters (WBFH)
Sunday, April 14	PALM SUNDAY	
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Break fast (WBFH)
	12:15-2:00 p.m.	UMYF

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

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.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES - We will be cooking for our shut-ins on **Monday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m.** We need workers to cook, clean-up and deliver. Think about joining us!

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).

CRAZY CRAFTY CHICKS - April 18 in the WBFH at 9 a.m. - Working on a craft and want to share with friends? Come join in the fun, fellowship and laughter!

TENEBRAE SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE, Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

The chancel choir will perform the Tenebrae service "It Is Finished" composed by Mary McDonald, with narration by Clair Hillard. Tenebrae is Latin for "darkness" in western Christianity. It is characterized by gradual extinguishing of candles and by a loud noise taking place in total darkness near the end of the service. It originally goes back to the ninth century and was a celebration of matins and lauds of the last three days of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) in the evening of the previous day to the accompaniment of special ceremonies. Today, it has been adapted to holding the service once during the three days; holding at various times other than evening; varying the number of candles; giving it a content other than matins and lauds, such as the "Seven Last Words" or readings of the "Passion of Jesus"; or holding it in concert form with extracts of the original form of Tenebrae. Immediately following the Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday, a prayer vigil will begin in the sanctuary, concluding with a Good Friday service at 12 noon.

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!

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES – Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Courthouse Community Orchestra will perform in the final concert of the 2018-2019 season. Invite a friend and join us for an afternoon of great music! Concert is free; a love offering will be received.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM – Join us Thursday, May 2 at 10 a.m. in the church Sanctuary for an educational program, "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body" presented by the Alzheimer's Association. For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Sign up available now in the church narthex, main hallway near the office, or call (800)272-3900 to register.

HAPPY WANDERERS - Now that the weather is getting warmer again, let's go to the Middle Peninsula Home Tour on Friday, May 3. We'll take a rural drive back into history down Route 17. Named for Essex County, England, Essex County, Virginia, was formed in 1691 and is the site of numerous historical homes that have survived the ravages of time and war. Many of these homes, often referred to as Tidewater South, share common architectural features: gabled roofs, dormer windows, and a large chimney at either end. Four of the houses are examples of Tidewater South Preservation and date to the 18th century. Visit a fifth house, which is a reconstructed farm house, featuring original fireplace and mantel, barn wood floors and river views. **We will meet at the front parking lot of church at 8:30 a.m. Each person will be responsible for getting their own ticket. Tickets in advance are \$30 and \$35 the day of the tour.** You can order online at www.vagardenweek.org. Tickets are also available by mail before April 25 by sending a check payable to The Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula along with a self-addressed, stamped (2 stamps) legal-sized envelope to Mrs. Kelly Gwathmey, 6357 W. River Road., Aylett, 23009. If ordering more than two tickets an additional stamped, self-addressed envelope is required. We will probably pick up lunch at a fast food restaurant so we will have enough time to visit all the homes on the tour. Please let Judy Burner know if you plan to attend so we can arrange for carpooling.

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 in the fellowship hall from 3-8 p.m., Monday, April 29.*

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH —First Sunday of each month beginning May 5

Join us for lunch. Ladies only, sorry guys! Meet immediately after second service in the Fellowship Hall. May 5 we will be going to Mobjack Tavern. Please sign up at Narthex or outside of church office no later than April 28 for reservations. Look forward to seeing you. May 5-Mobjack Tavern; June 2-River Walk; July 7- Food For Thought

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. Please contact Jane Niethamer, 757-273-1613 or Al or Judy Burner, 804-642-6016 if you have any questions or are interested in participating.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM — It's time to get your brain in shape. "Brain Boot Camp" will be presented on Thursday, June 6 at 10 a.m. in the church sanctuary. This program is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Just as physical exercise can help you keep your body strong, mental exercise can help your brain to work better and lower your risk of mental decline. Join us for this fun and interactive class where we flex our mental muscles. Sign up available now in the church narthex, main hallway near the office, or call (800) 272-3900 to register.

2020 Census Takers are needed in our area. Census jobs provide great pay (\$15/hour; 58¢/mile), flexible hours, weekly pay, and paid training. For more information or to apply: 1-855-JOB-2020 or apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs. See poster in main hallway for additional information.