



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
 1860 Hayes Road • PO Box 527 • Gloucester Point VA 23062
 Office Hours: M-F, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Phone: 804.642.2110
 Email: bethanyumc3@verizon.net
 Website: www.bethanyumc-gp.org

STEWARDSHIP	5/19
General Fund Total	4386.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	10.00
Altar Flowers	45.00
COUNTING TEAMS	May
4-Riggin, Blubaugh, Blubaugh	26

SUNDAY WORSHIP	5/19
8:30 Sanctuary	42
11:00 Sanctuary	116
11:00 Nursery	0
11:00 Children's Church (included in Total Worship)	4
TOTAL in Worship	158
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	32
Youth	5
Children	7
TOTAL in SS	44

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!

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.
May 26	Donna Lane	Joy Wike, Sarah Hillard
June 2	Nancy Kendall	Laura Glaze, Polly Harrison
June 9	Judy Burner, Shannon Minor	Joy Wike
June 16		

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 Cooper White

11:00 Samantha Jacobs

Sound Room: 8:30 Kirk Bell 11:00 Adam White

May Altar Guild: Kathy Jacobs, Sandra Harvey, Mike Harrison

Trustee Contact for this Week: Tom Barnard

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
May 26, 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER — MEMORIAL DAY 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



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	<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i>	UMH No. 431
WELCOME		Pastor Mike
VOLUNTARY	<i>Adagio for Strings</i>	Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
	In observance of Memorial Day	
	"Word over all, beautiful as the sky, beautiful that war and all its deeds or carnage must in time be utterly lost, That the hands of the sisters of Death and Night incessantly softly wash again, and ever again, this soil'd world; For my enemy is dead, a man divine as myself is dead, I look where he lies white-faced and still in the coffin – I draw near, bend down and touch lightly with my lips the white face in the coffin." —Reconciliation, from "Drum Taps" by Walt Whitman (born 31 May 1819)	
CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)	<i>When in Our Music God Is Glorified</i>	UMH No. 68
*OPENING HYMN	<i>God of the Ages</i>	UMH No. 698
PSALTER	<i>Psalms 135:1-14, with sung response</i>	8:30 Marsha Germek 11:00 Kate Neikirk
SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER		Pastor Mike
UNISON PRAYER		Marsha Germek / Kate Neikirk
	God of grace and truth, we remember Jesus' commitment to go to the cross to show us the depth of His divine love. On this holiday weekend, empower us with the Holy Spirit to deepen our commitment to follow Jesus, and to show and share Your love, even when that means sharing in the struggles and sufferings of others. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RENEWED STRENGTH		Pastor Mike
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH No. 895
CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)	<i>Amen</i>	UMH No. 898

THE ANTHEM (8:30) *Hallelujah for Veterans* Leonard Cohen
 Kirk Bell and Steve Wike Words adapted by Sailor Jerri

(11:00) *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* William Whiting
 Chancel Choir TFWS No. 2191

CHILDREN’S STORY Kris Kent

RECEIVING GOD’S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER Marsha Germek / Kate Neikirk
God of all the nations, we thank you for the gift of our great country America, and for the gift of your Church. Make us good stewards of all the resources of both, and inspire us to shine the light of Christ in all that we do. We remember the men and women who answered the call to serve our nation in times of war, and we bless You for the wonderful gifts you bestow on us across this beautiful land. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY *Power and Glory: Fraternal March* John Philip Sousa
Introducing “Onward, Christian Soldiers” (1854-1932)
 Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford

***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.**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* UMH No. 465

***SCRIPTURE** 2 Corinthians 1:15-20 Marsha Germek /Kate Neikirk
 The Word of God for the people of God. Pew Bible NT, pg. 169
Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE *God Is Reliable* Pastor Mike

***CLOSING HYMN** *Stand by Me, all verses, vv. 2 & 4 a cappella* UMH No. 512

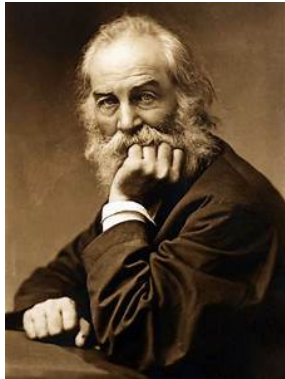
***BENEDICTION** Pastor Mike

***CLOSING CHORUS** *My Country, ‘Tis of Thee, v. 4* UMH No. 697
*Our fathers’ God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land
 be bright with freedom’s holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.*

ALTAR FLOWERS are given for the glory of God by Marsha Germek in memory of her parents, Marshall M. and Kathleen Mattox and brother, Andreas H. Ligon.

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY
CANCER/CHEMO: Annette Adams, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, David Lewis, Ted Peterman (NC), Matt Shackelford	
GRIEVING: Family of Bob Nardozi, Tong family	
HEALTH ISSUES: Woody Brown, Judy Burner, David Chapin, Dawn Cluts, Kathleen Greene, Gene Harrell, Jean Heywood, Jennie Lipscomb, Paige Mitchell, Joni Neal, Peggy Peterman (NC), Nancy Smith, Rosemarie Tong	
HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams	
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Connor Brooks, Irene Brown, Loreen Paiva, Cathy Raines, Rosemarie Tong	
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: David Chapin (6/12), Gerlinde Stevens (5/21)	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
CANCER/CHEMO: Bill Ambrose, Pap Connell, Dave Cooper, Ann Dickerson, Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Brenda France, Donna Franklin, Ben Lankford, Mary Linsenbigler, Ellen McDade, Rustie Ruiz (GA), Pat Whitten (NC)	
CHILDREN & YOUTH: Charlotte & Silas Agee (TN), Makenna Jobs (FL), Jacob Staley, Judah Swenson, Brooke Taylor, Luke Wilcox	
HEALTH ISSUES: Lee Beach, Mimi Beckwith, Molly Brawley, Jan Breen, Denzil Cook, Allen Derflinger, Deborah Eriksen, Diana Lee, Thom Ligon, Kevin Malone, Jean Morris (FL), Jack Ridinger, Linwood Rowe, Sylvia Rowe	
HOSPICE: Lynn Hudson	
HOSPITALIZED: Connie Mershon (Riverside Regional)	
PARKINSON’S: Duane Burnett	
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Trudy Grimm (NJ), Bishop Sharma Lewis, Jeff Lindquist, Lynn Martin, Laurie Minor, Duane Smith, Ray Sparrer, Suzanne Trio, Donna Toler	
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Bob Baughman (PA), Mark Doyle, Wally Iddings (PA), Tonia Kyker (6/23)	
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 Bonnie Ballenger , 11228 Church Grove Ct., Henrico, VA 23233	Dorothy “Dot” Critzer
Gloucester House , 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Esther Marie Jordan, Rm 509
Magnolia Manor , 101 John Rolfe Dr., Smithfield, VA 23430	<i>Les Breen</i>
ManorCare , 715 W. Central Rd., Room 253B, Arlington Heights, IL 60005	<i>Mary Margaret Kuivinen</i>
Sanders Assisted Living , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061	<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Rm 106
Sunrise Senior Living , 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235	Pauline Harris, Apt. 130
Walter Reed Conv. & Rehab Center , 7602 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Annette Adams, Rm 22
York Convalescent & Rehab Center , 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692	Mary Poland, Rm 27A Alice Doggett, Rm 27B
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.	

WALT WHITMAN — POET OF AMERICA



On May 31st we will celebrate the 200th birthday of Walt Whitman, whose *Leaves of Grass* remains a landmark in the history of American poetry. It was the first successful attempt to create a literature commensurate with the size, natural resources, and potentialities of the proud young nation. Partly in response to this nationalistic ideal and partly to cultivate and express his own personality, Whitman projected a mythical strength and vitality in poems like *Song of Myself*:

“Of Life immense in passion, pulse, and power,
Cheerful, for freest action form’d under the law divine,
The Modern Man I sing.”

For the expression of this symbolic ego, Whitman created a radical form of poetry without meter or rhyme, but abounding in oratorical rhythms and chanted lists of places and names. The poetic “I” in *Leaves of Grass* annihilates time and space, binding the past and present and intuiting the future, to illustrate Whitman’s belief that poetry is a form of knowledge — the supreme wisdom of mankind.

In 1862 Walt Whitman traveled to a battlefield in Virginia, to find his wounded brother George, and stayed on in Washington as a nurse in the Civil War hospitals. From this experience emerged the poems of *Drum-Taps* (in *Leaves of Grass*) and the prose journals titled *Specimen Days*. As part of our Memorial Day observance, we have placed Whitman’s short poem *Reconciliation* in the bulletin to be read as a meditation during the Voluntary, *Adagio for Strings* by Samuel Barber. This deeply moving piece of music has attained the stature of America’s hymn of mourning, having been played during the funerals of Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy.

Many composers have been inspired to set Walt Whitman’s words to music, among them Ralph Vaughan Williams in *A Sea Symphony* and Paul Hindemith, whose Requiem *When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom’d* is based on Whitman’s elegy for President Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, to celebrate the American Bicentennial, Rudy Shackelford composed an oratorio titled *The Wound-Dresser*, drawing upon Walt Whitman’s Civil War poems and journals, commissioned by the University of Hartford.

— Rudy Shackelford

SERVICE POSITION AVAILABLE — We are currently seeking a Volunteer Nursery Coordinator. This individual would schedule the helpful team of Nursery Attendants who tend the Nursery during our Sunday School and 11:00 Worship Services. Please contact Kris Kent (815-4246) to discuss how you can assist with our littlest happy hearts at Bethany UMC!

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.		
Monday, May 27	OFFICE CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY	
Tuesday, May 28	3:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Lacey Martin) United Methodist Men (Nick’s Spaghetti & Steakhouse)
Wednesday, May 29	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry (Lacey Martin)
	6:30 p.m.	Troop 75 (Education Wing)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 30	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	END OF WATCH BLOOD DRIVE (WBFH)

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet this Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Nick’s Spaghetti & Steak House for their annual Father/Son/Daughter fellowship. If you plan to attend, please contact Alan Harvey (804-684-2790) or Milton Hudgins (804-642-5622) by Monday so they can reserve a spot for you and your family. A representative from the Emergency Management office will present information on storm preparedness.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH -- June 2nd at 12:15 p.m. All ladies are invited to join us for lunch the first Sunday of each month. On June 2, we will be carpooling to Riverwalk Restaurant in Yorktown. Please sign up in Narthex or across from church office. **Deadline for RSVP is TODAY.** Come join the fun. We would love to have you.

The JOY Circle and Naomi Circle will gather for their June dinner meeting at Olivia’s on June 4 at 6:00 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM — "Brain Boot Camp" on Thursday, June 6 at 10 a.m., in the sanctuary. It's time to get your brain in shape! 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, back area by the office or call (800) 272-3900 to register. This program is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association.



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR ATHENS VBS, JUNE 17-21, 9 a.m. til noon
Register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/athens-bethanyumc-gp> or by picking up a registration form. Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 12. For more information or to register contact Shannon Roane (804-815-5694, roanes4@yahoo.com).

WE NEED FRIENDLY HELPERS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- Registration Helpers: 8:00-10:00am on Monday, June 17th
- Station Leaders: Organize and present daily activities. All week, 8:45-12:00pm.
- Group Leaders: Travel with children to the activities. All week, 8:45-12:00pm.
- Security Helpers: All week, 11:30-12:00pm.

If you can help in any way with VBS contact Kris Kent at 804-815-4246 (call/text) or email kentcrew2001@gmail.com. Thanks for being a part of this year's outreach to the kids in our community!

SPECIAL NOTE: We have two Bethany Boys that are in need of rides to and from the Carter's Cove subdivision in Gloucester in order to attend VBS, 6/17-6/21, from 9-12pm. Please contact Kris Kent at 815-4246 if you are available to assist. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Don't let Worship and Sunday School take a vacation! Even though most of us are planning for a much needed "time away," don't forget to attend services and Sunday School when you are in town! Also, it is exciting to attend a church near where you are vacationing! We have six Sunday School classes for adults here at Bethany – something for everyone! All are invited to join us for our monthly Second Sunday Breakfast before classes on June 9, starting at 9:30 in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and try one of the classes. See you there! For more information visit <http://www.bethanyumc-gp.org/sunday-school/> or contact Nancy Wilburn at 804-642-5820.

Congratulations to the Lacey Martin class for perfect attendance (12 members) on 5/19!

Congratulations to Charles Christopher Kendall, son of Rev. Michael and Kathy Kendall, grandson of Paul and Nancy Kendall, on his graduation from Fuqua High School in Farmville. He will be attending Randolph-Macon College.

Gloucester Library is partnering with the Library of Virginia to digitize the Gloucester County High Schools yearbooks for the years prior to 1978. This would include Botetourt High School, T.C. Walker, Page Middle School, Achilles High School and Gloucester High School. Your yearbooks would be lovingly taken care of while they are with us. This process would take approximately 6-10 weeks. Yearbooks have a wealth of information for folks doing genealogy research. For more information please call the Gloucester Library at 693-2998 or the Gloucester Point Library at 642-9790.

FROM OUR PASTOR:

Your Administrative Council is considering how and when we can all come together to learn, talk and pray about the recent special session General Conference decisions and subsequent Judicial Council rulings with regard to The United Methodist Church's debate and stance on homosexuality, same-gender marriage and ordination of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning) persons. The scheduled meeting time is Sunday afternoon, June 30 from 3:00-5:00. The session is open to the entire Bethany family: Professing Members, Baptized Members, Affiliate Members, Constituents, and Worship Guests.

One idea we're working on is to have a 3-4 person panel of General Conference delegates and observers to speak ten minutes total each on three things: 1) How the General Conference decisions were made and their experience in that process so we can learn more about how the Church works at the global level, 2) Inclusion – What's the meaning and reality of Inclusion from the United Methodist global church perspective, and how do we see ourselves practicing inclusion at Bethany, and 3) Identity – What does it mean to be in the United Methodist/Wesleyan tribe, and how do we envision Bethany's particular identity going forward. After the panel shares, we would break into small groups to discuss 1, 2, and 3. Panel members and our Church and Society members would serve as facilitators. Then, we would conclude by coming back together to share from our group discussions.

Let me know if you will attend June 30 so we can plan accordingly. I ask you to approach each session with openness, humility, a spirit of grace, and above all, love and respect for your fellow brothers and sisters. Let's pray for one another and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit each time we gather. May you join this holy conversation with courage, confident that "nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 8:38).

Peace,
Pastor Mike Derflinger

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for going the 2nd Mile by contributing to the following designated funds: Capital Improvement Fund, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Youth, Children, Missions, Altar Flowers and George Nelson Memorial Concert Series. Giving to these designated funds was in addition to supporting our general budget ministries and missions.

I thank God for each of you and your gracious generosity. You are an amazing family of God and I am humbled to worship Him with each of you!

Blessings,
Dolores Breen
Finance Committee Chair