



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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STEWARDSHIP	5/26
General Fund Total	5741.00
Capital Improvement Fund	50.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	10.00
Endowment Fund (in memory of Pat Kearney)	100.00
Youth	736.97
Rise Against Hunger	100.00
Homebound Ministry	70.00
George Nelson Memorial Concert Series	50.00
COUNTING TEAMS	June
5-Luther, D.Robins, Rollins	2
6-Hampton, Morecock, Thomas	9
7-Cecil, Durette, Hillard	16
1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty	23
2-B.Robins, Harvey, Niethamer	30

SUNDAY WORSHIP	5/26
8:30 Sanctuary	56
11:00 Sanctuary	83
11:00 Nursery	0
11:00 Children's Church (included in Total Worship)	2
TOTAL in Worship	139
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	31
Youth	4
Children	5
TOTAL in SS	40

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.
June 2	Nancy Kendall	Laura Glaze, Polly Harrison
June 9	Judy Burner, Shannon Minor	Judy Hudgins, Joy Wike
June 16	CAN YOU HELP?	WE NEED YOU!

Pastor: Mike Derflinger
Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike
Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Kris Kent
Director of Music: Sandra Fox
Acolytes: 8:30 Justus Minor 11:00 Austin & Connor Kent
Sound Room: 8:30 Chip Neikirk 11:00 Jeremy Nardozi
June Altar Guild: Nerine Hickman, Lynda Blubaugh, Wendy Hogge
Trustee Contact for this Week: Donna Andersen

Chaplain in Residence: Carol Johnson
Lay Leader: Judy Burner
Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

June 2, 2019



BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ASCENSION SUNDAY & HOLY COMMUNION



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 *Hail Thee, Festival Day* UMH No. 324

WELCOME Pastor Mike

VOLUNTARY *Soaring, from "Fantasy Pieces," Opus 12* Robert Schumann (1810-1856)
 Celebrating the Ascension of the Lord, May 30th

"I saw the race fulfil the spiral of its steep ascent, predestined of the Will,
 Yet not unled, but shepherded by one they may not see —
 The one who walked with starry feet the western road by me!"
 — Evelyn Underhill, *Uxbridge Road*

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made* Hal Hopson

***OPENING HYMN** *Crown Him with Many Crowns, vv. 1,4* UMH No. 327

CHILDREN'S STORY Pastor Mike

***SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 4:14-16 Marsha Germek
 The Word of God for the people of God. Pew Bible NT, pg. 205
Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE *What Is Jesus Doing Right Now?* Pastor Mike

He is _____ from His heavenly throne.

UMH #715, Rejoice, the Lord is King, v. 3.

He is _____ and _____ His church.

TFWS #2141, There's a Song, v.1 (love) and v.4 (hope).

He is Interceding for _____ and _____.

UMH #526, What a Friend We Have in Jesus, vv. 1,2.

He is Preparing a _____ for Us. John 14:2,3.

He is Receiving the _____ of Those Who Die in Christ. Act 7:55-60.

He is Being Praised by _____. Revelation 5:8,9.

UMH #312, Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise, vv. 1,3.

He is Getting Ready for His _____ Coming. Acts 1:9-11.

RECEIVING GOD’S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Marsha Germek

Lord over our families, over our finances, over our future: the action of this offering is a public sign of our allegiance to you. You are high and lifted up and reside in our hearts and minds. We proclaim you Lord of all! We pray in the name that is above all names. Yours! Jesus! Amen!

THE ANTHEM (8:30)

(11:00)

Love Like This
Dawn Bontrager
Share His Love
Chancel Choir

Lauren Daigle

***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.

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH, pp. 12-15

Music during Communion

Serene Alleluias of a Soul Longing for Heaven,
from “*The Ascension*”

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

“We beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we may dwell spiritually in heaven.”
— *Mass for Ascension*

***CLOSING HYMN**

He Lives, vv. 1,3

UMH No. 310

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Mike

***CLOSING CHORUS**

There’s a Song, v.5

TFWS No. 2141

There’s a song of joy in my heart; joy is a gift from Jesus.
There’s a song of joy in my heart; joy is a gift from God.
Al-le-lu-ia! Joy in my heart is singing praises.
Al-le-lu-ia! Joy is a gift from God.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given for the glory of God by Fred and Dean Townsend in celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary on May 25.

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!

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, 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, Gerlinde Stevens, Rosemarie Tong			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: David Chapin (6/12)			
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 Jobes (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), Mary Smith (NC), Vicky Whitney			
PARKINSON’S: Duane Burnett			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Bob Baughman (PA), Trudy Grimm (NJ), Bishop Sharma Lewis, Jeff Lindquist, Lynn Martin, Laurie Minor, Duane Smith, Ray Sparrer, Suzanne Trio, Donna Toler			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Mark Doyle, Wally Iddings (PA—6/7), 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.			

PRAYER VIGIL FOR BISHOP LEWIS

The Board of Discipleship is planning a prayer vigil for Bishop Lewis' surgery scheduled June 6. It will be a conference wide prayer vigil with individuals and churches sharing a time to pray from 6 PM on June 5 through 6 PM June 7. The opportunities will be to pray for one hour and a prayer schedule is posted. If you desire a time on the prayer vigil for you and/or your church, please use the sign up Genius to schedule your time at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AA8AE2EA46-bishop> . More than one person and/or church can fill the same time. We do not know the exact time of her surgery on June 6.

We are asking all persons in the conference to take a moment at 8 AM on June 6 and pray the following prayer:

Dear Lord, We know you to be the great physician as we call upon you for healing and restoration of Bishop Sharma Lewis. We pray for a successful surgery, your will be done, for her doctors, nurses and staff. We pray for a quick and successful recovery and healing. We know O Lord, that you alone fill our spirits and that through you all things are possible. Hear our prayer, O Lord. AMEN!

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.

HUGS MINISTRY

I was extremely moved by your sending my niece, Elizabeth this beautiful and soft prayer shawl. This gift touched the heart and spirit of everyone in my family. It will bring peace and comfort to Elizabeth. THANK YOU SO MUCH! In Christ, *Peggy Peterman.*

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, June 2	12:15 p.m.	Ladies Lunch Bunch
Monday, June 3	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (TBD)
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Connected)
Tuesday, June 4	6:00 p.m.	JOY & Naomi Circles– Dinner at Olivia's
Wednesday, June 5	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry (Lacey Martin)
	7:00 p.m.	Troop 75 (Education Wing)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, June 6	10:00 a.m.	Brain Boot Camp (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Friendship)
Saturday, June 8	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	River Country Quilters (WBFH)
Sunday, June 9	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Breakfast (WBFH)

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



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM — "Brain Boot Camp"
Thursday, June 6 at 10 a.m.

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 in the sanctuary for this fun and interactive class where we flex our mental muscles. Sign up available now in the church narthex, main hallway by the church office or by calling (800) 272-3900 to register. This program is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association.

STAYING IN TOWN THIS SUMMER? Then join us for Sunday School! While many of us plan needed time away, Sunday School at Bethany is always in session. We have Sunday School classes for all ages, with six classes just for adults! **Join us for our Second Sunday Breakfast on June 9 at 9:30 a.m., then find a class and enjoy fellowship and a great time in God's Word!**



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, 8:45am-12:00pm.
- Group Leaders: Travel with children to the activities. All week, 8:45am-12:00pm.
- Security Helpers: All week, 11:30am-12:00pm.

The final VBS Meeting, is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, at 7:00pm in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. If you are on the VBS Schedule, please make certain that you are at this meeting so we can finalize details as needed so that all will run smoothly during Athens VBS, June 17-21.

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!



HUNGER DOESN'T HAVE TO EXIST - - LET'S END IT TOGETHER!
 Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's 815 million vulnerable people impacted by hunger.

Bethany will be hosting another Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging event on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8** following the 11 a.m. service and we need your help!

HERE'S WHAT WE NEED:

Volunteers to package meals. This is a family-friendly event for people of all ages. A light sandwich lunch will be served and fun is guaranteed!

Financial donations to cover the cost of packaging the meals. Each meal costs only 34 cents, and we'll package 10,152 nutritious meals. How can you help us reach that goal? By donating in any amount! Checks should be made payable to BUMC and put "Rise Against Hunger" in the memo line, or place in an envelope labeled "Rise Against Hunger."

God has showered us with abundant blessings. With thankful hearts let us share that abundance by joining the fight to Rise Against Hunger!

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. Please respond by: 1) writing your name and whether or not you will attend on a Prayer Request or Guest card and dropping it in the offering plate, or 2) call the church office. Please leave a message if you call outside of our 9 a.m.-3 p.m. office hours.

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

WORKING DRAFT OF REVISED SOCIAL PRINCIPLES AVAILABLE. The Social Principles revision has been underway for two years, and a final draft will be presented to the 2020 General Conference for consideration. The Social Principles, while not to be considered law, are a call to all members of The United Methodist Church to a prayerful, studied dialogue of faith and practice. They can be found online as well as in The 2016 Book of Discipline, pages 105-146.

You can find the working draft at www.umcjustice.org, under Who We Are. This is the first full revision since the founding of the The United Methodist Church in 1968.

Note: The subject of human sexuality is being addressed in the Social Principles with the conclusion of the 2019 called session of the General Conference in February. Language is being developed in preparation for the 2020 General Conference, May 5-15, in Minneapolis, MN.