



**Bethany United Methodist Church**

*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*  
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September 1, 2019

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**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	8/25
General Fund Total	3597.00
Capital Improvement	135.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	605.00
Home Bound Ministries	85.00
Upper Room	7.70
COUNTING TEAMS	September
4-Riggin, Blubaugh, Blubaugh	1
5-Luther, D. Robins, Rollins	8
6-Hampton, Morecock, Thomas	15
7-Cecil, Durette, Hillard	22
1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty	29

SUNDAY WORSHIP	8/25
8:30 Sanctuary	47
11:00 Sanctuary	69
11:00 Nursery	1
11:00 Children's Church (included in Total Worship)	5
<b>TOTAL in Worship</b>	<b>117</b>
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	32
Youth	2
Children	9
<b>TOTAL in SS</b>	<b>43</b>

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

*Come, Labor On (Ora Labora)*

Thomas Tertius Noble

"And to each servant does the Master say, 'Go, work today!'"

**WELCOME**

Nadine Tatum

**\*OPENING SONG**

*What Gift Can We Bring*

UMH 87

**\*UNISON READING**

*O God of Every Nation, UMH 435*

Nadine Tatum

**SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS**

Nadine Tatum

**UNISON PRAYER**

**O Jesus, Worker and Carpenter from Nazareth, we thank you for your care and concern for us as workers. We lift up all workers today: all ages, all races, the working and the retired, in all religions and with no religion, in regions around the world. Help all of us to have and feel a deeper awareness and understanding of your Presence, and call us to do justice and live our faith, in the communities where we work and where we live. To the glory of your name.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH 895

**VOLUNTARY**

*Toccata, from Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor

In memory of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, died 4 September 1965

(1844-1937)

"Industry in art is a necessity – not a virtue – and any evidence of the same, in the production, is a blemish, not a quality; a proof, not of achievement, but of absolutely insufficient work, for work alone will efface the footsteps of work." — James McNeill Whistler

**THE ANTHEM**

*How Great Thou Art*

Carl Boberg

Dawn Bontrager, soloist

**CHILDREN'S STORY**

Ann Byrd

**Pastor:** Mike Derflinger

**Church Office Administrator:** Dee Dee Wike

**Chaplain in Residence:** Carol Johnson

**Director of Music:** Sandra Fox

**Lay Leader:** Judy Burner

**Organist:** Dr. Rudy Shackelford

**Nursery Coordinator:** Joy Wike

**Acolytes:** 8:30 Stella White 11:00 Kate Neikirk

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

**September Altar Guild:** Nina Whitmore, Joni Neal, Sharon Cheek

**Trustee Contact for this Week:** Milton Hudgins

NURSERY HELPERS		
Interested in serving as a Nursery Helper? <u>We need one helper each hour.</u> Please stop by the nursery or call/text Joy Wike (901-651-0834) if you can help. Thanks!		
Date	Sunday School Hour	10:45 a.m.
September 1	Janet Chapin	Marcia Hargis
September 8	Regina Berry	Judy Hudgins
September 15	Marsha Germek	
September 22	Donna Andersen	Donna Andersen
September 29	Nancy Kendall	Wendy Hogge

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Nadine Tatum

**Savior Jesus, you are the True Light who came into the world to enlighten every person. When life is busy and economic times are precarious, it can be hard to see your Light, and we are tempted to hoard our time and money for ourselves. We don’t always know how much time we will have, or how much money we need. In this offering, we have the opportunity to show you our faith and demonstrate it with fellow disciples, in trust that You will supply all our personal needs and your ministry’s needs. Thank you for being the True Light. Amen.**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Chorale: “I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ”*

Johannes Agricola (1529)

*Chorale Prelude on “I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ,”  
from THE LITTLE ORGAN BOOK*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

UMH 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**

1 Corinthians 7:23, Galatians 3:10-13

Nadine Tatum

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE MESSAGE**

Regret–Redeemed–Reformed

Ann Byrd, Lay Speaker

**\*CLOSING SONG**

*Lord of the Dance*

UMH 261

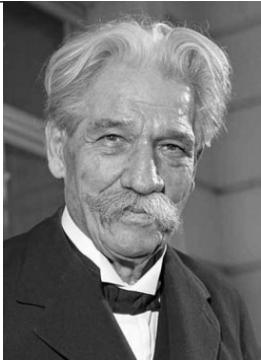
**\*BENEDICTION**

Ann Byrd

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Alan and Sandra Harvey in celebration of our 25th anniversary with thanks to God for his many blessings.

**PASTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND.** We’ve had a more than usual number of people requesting financial assistance for a variety of needs in July and August, including many families with kids. We continue to work with other churches and agencies. Folks requesting assistance are helping themselves by making phone calls and going to churches and agencies. We assisted ten families for a total of \$1,300 in July, and six families with \$1,100 so far in August. The majority of requests are for assistance with electric bills and lot rents or housing. Please consider making an additional gift to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. Thank you.

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Krista Chase, Gene Harrell, Carol Johnson, David Lewis, Ted Peterman (NC), Matt Shackelford	
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Annette Adams, Bob Nardozzi	
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Woody Brown, Judy Burner, Dawn Cluts, Kathleen Greene, Jeannie Harrell, Billy W. Hogge, Judy Hudgins, Archie Leigh, Bonnie Lewis, Jennie Lipscomb, Paige Mitchell, Peggy Peterman (NC), Nancy Smith	
<b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams	
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Irene Brown, Paul McFarland, Clair Hillard, Loreen Paiva, Marsha Poland, Norma Sage, Gerlinde Stevens, M. E. Thomas, Rosemarie Tong	
<b>SURGERY/TESTS:</b>	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Tom Beard, Cleveland Cameron, Pap Connell, Patrick Cooney, Jr., Dave Cooper, Alice Cruz, Marion Davis, Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Brenda France, Donna Franklin, Richard Grow, Ben Lankford, Ellen McDade, Darla K. Robertson, Rustie Ruiz (GA), George Skinner	
<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH:</b> Makena Bontrager, Braydyn Hysyll, Makenna Jobes (FL), Ian Simmons, Jacob Staley, Judah Swenson, Brooke Taylor, Luke Wilcox, Sawyer, Willa, GHS football team	
<b>EMPLOYMENT/TRAVEL:</b> Lamont Johnson	
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Corey Blubaugh, Dorothy Breth, Dorothy Corbin, Ann Dickerson, Tim Ewing, Joan French, Johann Kulik, Thom Ligon, Mary Linsenbigler, Sue Miller, Marsha Pohorence, Joan Powers, Donnie Ridinger, Jack Ridinger, Mary Alice Tillotson, Betty Tucker, Pat Whitten (NC)	
<b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Bob Baughman (PA), Lee Beach, Joe Blake, Molly Brawley, Jan Breen, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brittle, Chris Chapman, Denzil Cook, Allen Derflinger, Juanita Duncan, Jon Erik, Deborah Eriksen, Marsha Gillis & husband, Trudy Grimm, Allen Hines, Wally Iddings (PA), Diana Lee, Fred Leigh, Chris Lombard, Kevin Malone, Connie Mershon, Vance Miller, Jean Morris (FL), Josephine Robson, Peggy Rodgers, Linwood Rowe, Sylvia Rowe, Bella Silvus, Mary Jo Smith (NC), Vicky Whitney	
<b>HOSPICE:</b> Buck Walton	
<b>HOSPITALIZED:</b> Buddy Bland	
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Duane Burnett	
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Alton Brown, Trudy Grimm (NJ), Tonia Kyker, Lynn Martin, Thia Martin, Laurie Minor, Duane Smith, Ray Sparrer, Suzanne Trio	
<b>SURGERY/TESTS:</b> Mark Doyle, Mary Gallimore, Adora’s grandfather	
BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES ( <i>italics—Bethany friends</i> )	
<i>Edward Bailey, Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Laine Fay, Kevin Jacobs (deployed), Jim Minor (deployed), all members of the military.</i>	
ASSISTED LIVING ( <i>italics-Bethany friends</i> )	
<b>c/o Bonnie Ballenger</b> , 11228 Church Grove Ct., Henrico, VA 23233	Dorothy “Dot” Critzer
<b>Gloucester House</b> , 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Esther Marie Jordan, Rm 509
<b>ManorCare</b> , 715 W. Central Rd., Room 253B, Arlington Heights, IL 60005	<i>Mary Margaret Kuivinen</i>
<b>Sanders Assisted Living</b> , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061	<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Rm 106
<b>Sunrise Senior Living</b> , 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235	Pauline Harris, Apt. 130
<b>York Convalescent &amp; Rehab Center</b> , 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692	Mary Poland, Rm 27A Alice Doggett, Rm 27B <i>Joan Martin</i>
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.	



### DR. ALBERT SCHWEITZER AND “THE FIFTH EVANGELIST”

On the 54th anniversary of his death, 4 September 1965, let us remember and celebrate Dr. Albert Schweitzer — theologian, physician, organist, and Bach scholar.

Schweitzer was born on 14 January 1875 at Kaysersberg, Alsace, into a family of Lutheran pastors, organists, and teachers. As a theologian he gained international recognition with *The Quest for the Historical Jesus* (1910), presenting the eschatological view that Christ’s ministry was dominated by His knowledge of being the Messiah and of the imminent end of the world. Yet even before this book was published, Schweitzer had decided to leave his positions as pastor and professor at the University of Strasbourg and became an humble medical student. From 1913 onward he served as a pioneering missionary doctor in the hospital he himself built at Lambaréné, Gabon, in French Equatorial Africa.

Concurrent with these superhuman achievements was Albert Schweitzer’s lifelong pursuit of music, both as performer and scholar. In Paris he studied with renowned organist and composer Charles-Marie Widor, who introduced him to the works of Johann Sebastian Bach. “For me,” said Widor, “Bach is the greatest of preachers” – the Fifth Evangelist! At Widor’s instigation Schweitzer wrote *J. S. Bach: le Musicien-Poète*, a groundbreaking analysis of Bach’s musical word-painting and symbolism. The book portrayed Bach as a deeply religious mystic whose music was impersonal and unselfconscious, as cosmic as the forces of nature. It described the composer as a musician-poet, the supreme pictorial artist in sound, and gave detailed and copiously illustrated instructions for the performance of his works.

As an organist Schweitzer was indefatigable in spreading the gospel of Bach, and the proceeds from his concerts and recordings were always plowed back into humanitarian causes. He won the Nobel Prize for peace in 1952. Above all Albert Schweitzer can be regarded as an artist who strove with humility to become as nearly perfect as possible in his Christian discipleship and in all the facets of his many-sided genius.

— Rudy Shackelford

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**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](http://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.

<b>TODAY</b>	12:15 p.m.	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Juan’s, Gloucester Point)
<b>Monday, September 2</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED – LABOR DAY</b>	
<b>Tuesday, September 3</b>	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (Mary Lotsey)
<b>Wednesday, September 4</b>	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry (Lacey Martin)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Troop 75 (Education Wing)
<b>Thursday, September 5</b>	10:00 a.m.	Alzheimer’s Support Group (Mary Lotsey)
	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
<b>Sunday, September 8</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Breakfast & Fall Kick-Off
	9:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	12:15 p.m.	Rise Against Hunger (WBFH)

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH, TODAY, JUAN'S, 12:15 p.m.** -- All ladies are invited. Come join us!

**JOY CIRCLE, September 3 at 7 p.m. in the Mary Lotsey Classroom.** Come hear our York River District President, Sylvia Rumsey.

**ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP, September 5, 10 a.m. in the Mary Lotsey Classroom.**

### RISE AGAINST HUNGER – NEXT SUNDAY!

We’re looking forward to a great event on September 8 following the 11 a.m. worship service. **WE NEED YOU!** If we have 60 volunteers to help we can finish in about 90 minutes. All ages are welcome! Please sign up in the Narthex or the table by the church office prior to the event. A light lunch will be served. We will also need some strong guys to help unload the truck on the day of the event. It’s a great event! You won’t want to miss it! Thanks to everyone for their donation to this worthwhile mission project.



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

**Kickstart fall by making plans to join us for the Sunday School Breakfast on September 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall, then attend one of our Sunday school classes.** Need more info.? Visit <http://www.bethanyumc-gp.org/sunday-school/> or contact Nancy Wilburn at 804-642-5820.

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**Please join the TBD Sunday School Class at 9:45 a.m. on September 8 as we begin a study of *Grounded: Finding God in the World – A Spiritual Revolution* by Diana Butler Bass.** *Grounded*, a winner of the Religion News Association Book Award, describes “a deeply spiritual theology that relates to contemporary concerns, provides meaning and hope for the future, and possesses surprisingly rich ties to wisdom from the past.” If you are not currently attending Sunday School, and are looking for ways to grow your spiritual life, this is a great opportunity. For more information, call or text Nadine Tatum at 757-690-4504.

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**The Connected Class invites adults, college age and up, to join us on September 8 as we begin a study on the fruit of the Spirit and what it means to live a Spirit-filled life.** Our lessons are structured to accommodate those with busy schedules; homework is optional but encouraged. For more information, contact Dee Dee Wike at 804-642-2110 (church office) or 901-831-8534 (cell).

**SECOND TUESDAY VISITATION - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 2 P.M.** Meet in the Mary Lotsey classroom. Can you give 2 hours a month to visit our shut-ins? We need you!

**eGIVING PRESENTATION – SEPTEMBER 12th, 6:30 P.M. – WARREN BELVIN FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
We have a new thing happening this fall at Bethany Church! We are in the process of setting up eGiving! This is a service offered by our church’s new bank, Sonabank. We will meet with Sonabank representatives on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm. All are invited to come and hear about how to use this service. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

**HOME BOUND MINISTRIES - SEPTEMBER 13 - 9:30 A.M.** - Come join us as we cook, prepare and deliver meals to our shut-ins. We're usually finished by 11:30.

### **XYZ CLUB – SEPTEMBER 18th, 11:30 A.M.**

Bethany’s XYZ Club will meet on Wednesday, September 18th in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. Potluck luncheon at 11:30 a.m.; program begins at 12:20 p.m. Our guest speaker is Dr. Wesley Wilson, local historian, who will be talking about educator T. C. Walker and the Woodville Rosenwald School. Please join us and bring a friend! For more information, call or text Nadine Tatum at 757-690-4504.

**DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES.** After 2 months of advertising and promoting, your Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee does not yet have a resumé for our Director of Children’s Ministries. We will continue public announcement of the opening through a variety of means. Feel free to refer any of your friends with related qualifications and expertise. You are encouraged to inform them of this opportunity. Suitable applicants can send their resúmes to the church address with ATTN: Pastor Mike Derflinger, and by email to [MikeDerflinger@vaumc.org](mailto:MikeDerflinger@vaumc.org). Thank you.

I would like to meet with volunteers of Bible Buddies, our ministry with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, which is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> after the 11 a.m. service.

### **HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:45AM FOR GRADES 9-12.**

Confirmation is the continuation of one’s faith journey (a journey begun at baptism) and the beginning of one’s covenant relationship with the church. High School Youth will emerge from their Confirmation experience with the opportunities to receive Baptism if they have not already been baptized, to make a public profession of their faith in Christ, to receive the vows of church membership, and prepare for a life of Christian discipleship.

Letters of Invitation were sent out by post and email to parents last week. If you haven’t received a letter from me to your youth in Grades 9-12, please contact me immediately.

– Pastor Mike

**WE HAVE LOST CONTACT WITH THESE MEMBERS.** Information on these members in our pictorial directory is no longer accurate. Michael and Jennifer Barber, Dennisa Booth, Katie Boyette, Lisa Boyette (may still be Lisa Boyette Braswell), Carl Melvin “Chip” Dize, Jr., Karleen Frederick, Jennifer Coates Harbuck, Christopher Holder, Nikki (may go by Dominique) Holder, George and Sara Joyner, Lisa Marie Krukovsky, Jonathan Loase, Tricia Thomas Manning, Stephanie Wood McGowen, Brian Paulino, Dorothy Pillow, Ashley Reynolds, Tristan Reynolds, Jeri Stelson, Michael and Jennifer Stumph, Michelle Ann Ward, Glenn West, Gina White, Johnathan Wood, Stephanie Wood. Please contact Pastor Mike with any information. Thank you!

### **CONGRATULATIONS to the Faith Sunday school class for perfect attendance on August 25!**

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**A donation to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund has been made by the Lacey Martin Fellowship Class in honor of Al Burner.**

### **THANK YOU!**

Thanks never seems quite adequate, but, Mary and J.R. White gratefully thank the wonderful folk of Bethany for your support, kindness and love you poured out as evidenced by a truck and U-haul trailer packed FULL of clothes and furniture Kirk and Ed delivered this Tuesday to the McClure River Community Center. Yours kindness will go a long way in helping this beleaguered community.

—Kirk Bell and Ed Conner