



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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STEWARDSHIP	9/1
General Fund Total	6092.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	35.00
Altar Flowers	90.00
COUNTING TEAMS	September
5-Luther, D. Robins, Rollins	8
6-Hampton, Morecock, Thomas	15
7-Cecil, Durette, Hillard	22
1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty	29

SUNDAY WORSHIP	9/1
8:30 Sanctuary	46
11:00 Sanctuary	54
11:00 Nursery	2
11:00 Children's Church (included in Total Worship)	0
TOTAL in Worship	100
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	30
Youth	1
Children	6
TOTAL in SS	37

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 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 8	Regina Berry	Judy Hudgins
September 15	Marsha Germek	
September 22	Donna Andersen	Donna Andersen
September 29	Nancy Kendall	Wendy Hogge

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 Justus Minor 11:00 Shelby Jacobs, Christian Martin

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

September Altar Guild: Nina Whitmore, Joni Neal, Sharon Cheek, Cathy Raines

Trustee Contact for this Week: David Lewis

September 8, 2019

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION – 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.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR *All Things Bright and Beautiful* UMH 147

WELCOME Pastor Mike

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Hal Hopson

***OPENING HYMNS** *For the Beauty of the Earth*, vv. 1, 6 UMH 92
To God Be the Glory, vv. 1,2 UMH 98

SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS Pastor Mike
UNISON PRAYER (TAKEN FROM PSALM 61:2-4) Marsha Germek

Almighty God, I call out to you when my heart is overwhelmed and I'm at my wit's end: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I am. Give me a right perspective on my circumstances. You have always been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the enemy, and given me an open invitation to where you are. I ask you to direct my steps and my paths, according to your will and your purposes for me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *Amen*

VOLUNTARY
The Elephant, The Swan, and The Lion, from "Carnival of the Animals" Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)
Commemorating National Pet Memorial Day

"Just this side of heaven is a place called *Rainbow Bridge*. When an animal dies who has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to the Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends, so that they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water, and sunshine, and our friends are comfortable and warm. All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to vigor and health. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by..."

– Anonymous

CHILDREN'S STORY Pastor Mike

RECEIVING GOD’S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Marsha Germek

Savior, like a shepherd, lead us! We walk by faith, we live by faith, and we give by faith. You have given us so much; accept these gifts from our hands and hearts, our faithful response to your abundant grace. We do so in your name. Amen.

THE ANTHEM (8:30)

In Remembrance of Me

Regan Courtney

Doe Breen, soloist

(11:00)

The Unclouded Day / Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Appalachian gospel song

Chancel Choir

arr. Sheldon Curry

***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.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

You Alone Are Holy

TFWS 2077

***SCRIPTURE**

John 6:3-14

Marsha Germek

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

Investing in Your Relationships, Part 1

Pastor Mike

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH, pp. 12-15

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Gifts of money left at the altar rail during Communion are designated for the

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund to help people in crisis in our church family and our community.

Music during Communion

Adagietto (Moderately Slow), from “*Piano Sonata No. 4*”

Gordon Ware Binkerd (1916–5 Sept. 2003)

In memory of Gordon and Patricia Binkerd

“After the kingfisher’s wing has answered light to light, and is silent, the light is still at the still point of the turning world.” – T. S. Eliot, *Four Quartets*

***CLOSING SONG**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH 133

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Mike

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor and in celebration of the 90th birthday of my mother and our Sido, Jean Heywood by Wendy, Billy, Amy, John, Brandon, and Parker.

All are invited to the Gloucester House this afternoon, September 8, between 2:00 and 4:00, for a small gathering of Mom’s friends.

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY
CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase, Gene Harrell, Carol Johnson, David Lewis, Ted Peterman (NC), Matt Shackelford	
GRIEVING: Families of Annette Adams, Bob Nardozzi	
HEALTH ISSUES: Woody Brown, Judy Burner, Dawn Cluts, Kathleen Greene, Jeannie Harrell, Judy Hudgins, Archie Leigh, Bonnie Lewis, Jennie Lipscomb, Paige Mitchell, Peggy Peterman (NC), Nancy Smith	
HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams	
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Irene Brown, Paul McFarland, Clair Hillard, Loreen Paiva, Marsha Poland, Norma Sage, Gerlinde Stevens, M. E. Thomas, Rosemarie Tong	
BETHANY FRIENDS: PRAY FOR PEOPLE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE DORIAN	
CANCER/CHEMO: 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, Rustie Ruiz (GA), George Skinner	
CHILDREN & YOUTH: Makena Bontrager, Braydyn Hysyll, Makenna Jobes (FL), Braden Peebles, Ian Simmons, Jacob Staley, Judah Swenson, Brooke Taylor, Luke Wilcox, Sawyer, Willa, GHS football team	
EMPLOYMENT/TRAVEL: Lamont Johnson	
GRIEVING: Families of Corey Blubaugh, Dorothy Breth, Joe Brown, Dorothy Corbin, Ann Dickerson, Tim Ewing, Joan French, Johann Kulik, Thom Ligon, Mary Linsenbigler, Sue Miller, Marsha Pohorence, Joan Powers, Donnie Ridinger, Jack Ridinger, Darla K. Robertson, Mary Alice Tillotson, Betty Tucker, Pat Whitten (NC)	
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Bob Baughman (PA), Laura Baxter, Lee Beach, Molly Brawley, Jan Breen, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brittle, Chris Chapman, Denzil Cook, Mr. Cook (father of Beth), Allen Derflinger, Juanita Duncan, Jon Erik, Deborah Eriksen, Marsha Gillis & husband, Trudy Grimm, Allen Hines, Wally Iddings (PA), Diana Lee, Fred Leigh, Chris Lombard, Tommy Mainwaring, 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	
HOSPICE: Buck Walton	
HOSPITALIZED: Buddy Bland	
PARKINSON’S: Duane Burnett	
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Alton Brown, Trudy Grimm (NJ), Tonia Kyker, Lynn Martin, Thia Martin, Laurie Minor, Duane Smith, Ray Sparrer, Suzanne Trio	
SURGERY/TESTS: 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>)	
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
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
York Convalescent & Rehab Center , 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692	Mary Poland, Rm 27A
	Alice Doggett, Rm 27B
	<i>Joan Martin</i>
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.	

THANK YOU!

We have been so blessed by our Bethany family with cards, visits, phone calls, and delicious foods. A special blessing came our way last Sunday. Our Friendship SS class came to our house for the morning lesson. Gene really rallied up and added to the discussion. Thank you everyone for keeping us in your prayers. Blessings to you all. – *Gene and Jean Harrell*

A huge thank you to Steve and Dee Dee Wike for the help in my yard. They did more to lift my spirit than they can ever know. I am going to take Dee Dee's advice and spend time on the deck now that the yard looks so nice. I was again blessed by God. – *Jeannie Meisner*

SCHOOL KIT SUPPLIES STILL NEEDED – Bethany’s United Methodist Women are still collecting one-subject (70-count) spiral notebooks and 8 ½ x 11” wide-ruled notebook paper for the School Kits that will be delivered to Annual Conference in 2020. Wide-ruled notebook paper is especially needed. Please leave items in basket marked “School Kit Supplies” in the Mary Lotsey classroom. Only the items listed are needed. Thank you!

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, 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!

Scripture: John 6: 3-14

Title: Investing in Your Relationships, Part 1

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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.		
TODAY	9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Sunday School Breakfast & Fall Kick-Off Confirmation Class (Mary Lotsey) Rise Against Hunger (WBFH)
Monday, September 9	7:00 p.m.	Men’s and Women’s Bible Studies (WBFH)
Tuesday, September 10	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Second Tuesday Visitation (Mary Lotsey) Finance Committee (Lacey Martin) Abingdon Woman’s Club (WBFH)
Wednesday, September 11	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry (Lacey Martin) Book Club (Mary Lotsey) Chancel Choir Troop 75 (Education Wing)
Thursday, September 12	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary) Sonabank e-Giving Presentation (WBFH)
Friday, September 13	9:30 a.m.	Homebound Ministries (WBFH)
Saturday, September 14	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	River Country Quilters (WBFH)
Sunday, September 15	9:45 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Confirmation Class (Mary Lotsey) Bible Buddies

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – FALL KICKOFF TODAY at 9:30 A.M.!
Kickstart fall by making plans to join us for the Sunday School Breakfast in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall, then attend one of our Sunday school classes.
 For a list of classes, visit <http://www.bethanyumc-gp.org/sunday-school/> or ask a member!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – TODAY AFTER THE 11:00 SERVICE!

We're looking forward to a great event TODAY and WE NEED YOU!
 If we have 60 volunteers to help we can finish in about 90 minutes. All ages are welcome! A light lunch will be served. It's a great event! You won't want to miss it! Thanks to everyone for their donation to this worthwhile mission project.



TWO NEW STUDIES BEGINNING TODAY IN OUR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

TBD Sunday School Class is beginning 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.

The Connected Class is beginning 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).

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION BEGINS TODAY 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 recently. If you didn’t receive a letter from me to your youth in Grades 9-12, please let me know. – Pastor Mike

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 12th @ 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

We do not have a prospect for Director of Children's Ministries so I’m asking for adults to lead Children’s Church each Sunday and recruit their second- person helper beginning this Sunday, 9/8. I suggest a different adult each Sunday to be the lead facilitator so everyone has the opportunity to worship. I encourage this group of 4 to network on ideas and themes.

If you agree to do a Sunday but cannot, I ask you to find your replacement. I also suggest no Children’s Church on December 29 (the last Sunday of 2019).

Whether it’s decided to have a team of 4 or not, adults willing to serve as Children's Church facilitators need to contact the church office by Tuesday at 3 p.m. weekly for inclusion in the bulletin.

We will continue to promote this position through various media.

Questions? Please email Pastor Mike at MikeDerflinger@vaumc.org or call/text him at 540-631-4469.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Our prospect for the Director of Youth Ministries declined.

We will continue public announcement of both openings 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 résumés to the church address with ATTN: Pastor Mike Derflinger, and by email to MikeDerflinger@vaumc.org. Thank you.

Bruton Parish Episcopal Church, Williamsburg, is beginning a new lecture series, The Bruton Forum. The first program, “Scripture and Revelation,” will take place on September 13th at 7:30 p.m. Lectures are free, but reservations are required. For information and reservations, go to www.brutonforum.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

AUTUMN FEST – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 11 A.M.–3 P.M.

featuring Chili Cook-Off and Pie Contest

Prizes to be awarded for winning entries

Games and Activities for adults and children

Candy prizes for game winners!

Sign-up in the narthex or main hallway near office! We need your help to make this a success! For more information or to volunteer, contact Nancy Wilburn at 804-642-5820.