

Bethany United Methodist Church
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The *Salvation Army* and *Laurel Shelter Thrift Store* have 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	9/23
General Fund Total	4275.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	10.00
Altar Flowers	90.00
Mission Fund	40.00
George Nelson Mem. Concert Series	671.00
COUNTING TEAMS	Sept.
5-Luther, Rollins, Robins	30

SUNDAY WORSHIP	9/23
8:30 Sanctuary	49
8:30 Nursery	0
11:00 Sanctuary	119
11:00 Nursery	0
11:00 Children's Church (already included in Total Worship)	12
TOTAL WORSHIP	168
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	42
Youth	6
Children	11
TOTAL in SS	59

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS			
Interested in serving as a Nursery Volunteer? We need volunteers in September! Please sign up outside the nursery or contact Jeannie Meisner (804-642-3855).			
Date	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School Hour	11:00 a.m.
9/30	Janet Chapin	Loreen Paiva	Sarah Hillard
10/7	Debbie Robins	Debbie Robins	Marion Dixon
10/14	Bev Kearney	Susan Conry	Vicki Wolz
10/21	Doris Luther		



**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 CONSECRATION SUNDAY**
September 30, 2018 **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
 WELCOME**

Pastor Mike

MEDITATION

Scherzo (Joke)

Eugène Gigout

"A good joke is the one ultimate and sacred thing which cannot be criticized. (1844-1925)
 Our relations with a good joke are direct and even divine relations." – G. K. Chesterton

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

How Majestic Is Your Name

TFWS No. 2023

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marsha Germek

Strengthen the weak hands and strengthen the rubbery knees.

Tell fearful souls, "Courage! Take heart! God is here, right here!"

God will make a way, and put all things right and redress all wrongs.

The rude and rebellious are not permitted on this road.

It is for God's people – impossible to get lost on this road.

Only the redeemed shall walk on this road in this life and the next, welcomed home with gifts of joy and gladness as all sorrows and sighs scurry into the night.

***OPENING HYMN**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

UMH No. 147

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward and pray over the handmade coverings being presented to the following recipients: Prayer shawls—Carol Johnson, Laura Polk, Krista Chase, Brenda France, Evelyn Perhac, Nina Whitmore; Lap Robe—Ronald Oliver

SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER

Pastor Mike

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH No. 895

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

Amen

TFWS No. 2043

ANTHEM (8:30)

Trees

Oscar Rasbach

Carol Johnson, soloist

(11:00)

Kum Ba Yah (Come by Here)
 Chancel Choir

African American spiritual
 arr. by Terry Kirkland

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

Nursery Attendant: Jeannie Meisner

Director of Music: Sandra Fox

Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Acolytes: 8:30 Kate Neikirk 11:00 Justus Minor

Sound Room: 8:30 Chip Neikirk 11:00 Jeremy Nardozi

September Altar Guild: Patsy Bell, Clare Hall, Jackie Hampton

Trustee Contact for this Week: Milton Hudgins

CHILDREN'S STORY

Pastor Mike

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING**THE OFFERTORY***Offertory, from "Organ Service"*Gordon Binkerd
(1916-2003)

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give;
not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." – 2 *Corinthians* 9:7

***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 PREPARATIONTake My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

UMH No. 399

SCRIPTURELuke 19:1-10*

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Marsha Germek
Pew Bible NT, pg. 78**THE MESSAGE***When Lives Are Changed*

Pastor Mike

Response to the Word**INVITATION TO COMMITMENT**

Pastor Mike

UNISON PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Almighty and merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We praise you and thank you for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us; your bounty has sustained us; your discipline has chastened us; your patience has borne with us; your love has redeemed us. It is because of your love for us in Jesus Christ for all humankind and your mission to see changed lives that we make our commitment to Your Church here at Bethany today. Give us a heart to love and serve you above all the options we have in this wonderful world. Enable us to show our thankfulness for your goodness and mercy by giving ourselves to your service both within and outside of these walls, submitting all things to your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

HYMN OF COMMITMENTHere I Am, Lord*

UMH No. 593

During the singing of this hymn, each person is encouraged to bring their Faith Promise Card forward as an act of consecration, placing it in one of the baskets at the front of the sanctuary.

***BLESSING OF OUR CONSECRATION CARDS AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Mike

CLOSING CHORUSSanctuary*

TFWS No. 2164

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY
CANCER/CHEMO: Shawn & <u>Krista</u> Chase, Paul & <u>Nancy</u> Kendall, Bob Nardozi, <u>Wes</u> & Zealon Stilley, <u>Ken</u> & Gwen Wood	
GRIEVING: Families of Roy Bauschatz, Willie Brooks, Larry Cooper, Chris Denton, Clifford Doggett	
HEALTH ISSUES: Irene Brown, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Charles Enroughty, Jimmy Greene, <u>Gene</u> & Jeannie Harrell, Mike Hearon, Carol Johnson, <u>Archie</u> & Loretta Leigh, <u>Marshall</u> & Bonnie Lewis, Paige Mitchell, Richard Parkes, <u>Ted</u> & Peggy Peterman (NC), Laura Polk, Nina Whitmore	
HOMEBOUND: Annette Adams, Byron Conner (CO), Katherine Jordan, Phil & Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams	
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Jim Germek, Kathy Jacobs-home, Cheryl Roane, Don Thomas, Deb Ziegenfus-home	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
CANCER/CHEMO: Carol Hogge Allmand, Robin Barnett (TN), Mike Byrne, Jeff Carino, Dawnella Carter (TX), Carmen Coberly, Mary Ann Costa, Alice Cruz, Joan French, Jackie Gibbs, Frank Gill, Neile Greene, Tommy Griffin (PA), <u>Walt</u> & Reet Hayden (FL), Laymon & Sarah Jacobs (TN), <u>Ralph</u> & JayeP. Johnson, Donna Kidd, Johann Kulik (NY), Bill Luther, Kristi McNeill, Melisa Morales (AR), Jeanette Nichols, K.C. Powers, Harold Royals, Chauntea Shield, Karen Smith (NY), Jeff Thomson, Judy Urton, Jennifer West, Judy West, Pat Whitten	
CHILDREN: Briggs Wylie (5-Leukemia), Avery Mitchem, Emma Trottier (16-UT)	
GRIEVING: Families of Camden Adkins, Calvin Booker, Jr., Lorraine Brooks, Tiffany Pinto, Melissa Yow	
HEALTH ISSUES: Cameron Bransfield (FL), Les Breen, Michael Brown (PA), Ross Carmine, Catherine Crittendon, Robert Ealey, Brenda France, Loretta Germek, Trudy Grimm (NJ), Richard Hearon (FL), Sharon Hoell, Veronika Kiryanova (Canada), Karlene Kruse, Mary Margaret Kuivinen, Paula Lankford, Verma Lankford, Luke Lawson, Joanne Mastropietro (FL), Barry McDade, Donna Miller (TX), Edgar Mundo (NY), Ronald Oliver, Larry Patterson, Evelyn Perhac, Sandy Purdy, Kathie Rumbley (MD), Diane Ryles (SC), Vicky Whitney (PA), <u>Charlotte Wright</u> & Chuck Corbin	
HOSPICE: Jan Breen, Thom Ligon, Marcus (TX), Jack Perhac	
HOSPITALIZED: Terri Blythe (MCV, Richmond)	
PARKINSON'S: Duane Burnett	
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Amy Bray, Carmen Coberly, Paul McFarland, Steve & Julie George, Jerry Hall, Kameron Lemons, Mr. Bonnie Mills (GA), David Paul (Richmond), Bertie West, Barbara Wike	
UPCOMING SURGERY:	
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 (El Salvador), Aaron Van Huysen, all members of the military.</i>	
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)	
Gayton Terrace , 12041 Gayton Rd., Richmond, VA 23238	Dorothy Critzer, Room 418
Gloucester House , 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Lorraine Brown, Room 107 Jean Heywood, Room 110 Esther Marie Jordan, Room 509
Sanders Assisted Living , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061	<i>Ellis Hall, Room 106</i>
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
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.	
CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY	
Family of: Lorraine Brooks , mother of Willie Brooks and sister of Alton Brown, who passed on September 23.	

I would like to thank everyone for all the kind words and cards that you sent on the passing of my son Wesley. He had been suffering with one kind of cancer or another for the past 3 years. He fought a long fight, but passed during the night of Sept 12 with a peaceful look on his face. He only got to use his prayer shawl a couple of times, but he seemed to appreciate all the hope/kindness behind it. All of the words of kindness have been greatly appreciated and I will let all the family members know of your kindness, and I know I will never forget it. Again, thank you so much. — *Sharon Cheek*

ADULT MISSIONS—A big thank you to all the folks that participated in our "local mission trip" in Gloucester for 3 days in September. We did yard and inside work at Bethany Church and at the GUEST Day Shelter, and yard clean up at Bob and Jeremy Nardoizzi's home. If you were unable to join us, you missed a lot of fun and hard work, but there will be more opportunities to come!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER — Thanks to everyone who participated in any way in this mission event. Our meals have already been shipped to Nicaragua. A shipping container, holding 280,368 meals, was shipped to their partner ORPHANetwork. This is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in Nicaragua. Since 2005, volunteers like Bethany members have helped distribute over 310 million meals worldwide. We hope to continue our involvement with Rise Against Hunger in the coming years.

COMMUNICATIONS AT BETHANY—Fall is the start of our busy season at Bethany. The church office makes every effort to stay in touch and communicate with our membership regarding upcoming events and news of interest through our weekly worship bulletin, monthly *Bethany Banner* newsletter, weekly Bethany Update (email blast), website (bethanyumc-gp.org), and Facebook page. (All of these items, or links to them, can be found on our website. Call Dee Dee if you need assistance.) When appropriate, we also post announcements on our voicemail regarding things like weather-related closings or special events.

Please contact the church office (bethanyumc3@verizon.net or 804-642-2110) if:

1. Your contact info changes or is incorrect
2. You are new to Bethany and wish to be added to one or more of our mailing lists or our birthday/anniversary list (please specify which when you contact us)
3. You have been around awhile and wish to be added to or deleted from a list

We appreciate your assistance in keeping our lists updated and making sure we have your correct information on file!

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY! We offer a full range of study and fellowship opportunities for children, youth, young adults, and older adults. **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. For more information please visit www.bethanyumc-gp.org.

Our Nursery — For the convenience of parents with small children, a nursery is provided for infants through 3-year-olds during both worship services, as well as during the Sunday school hour. Children ages 4 and older sit with parents until dismissed to Children’s Church following the Children’s Message.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given for the glory of God by Gene and Jeannie Harrell.

“On September 27, we celebrated 38 wonderful years together. The right partner makes life a joy through good and hard times – we’ve had our share. With God’s grace and the love of our Bethany family we are going strong.”

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY UMC		
TODAY	8:25 a.m.	Prayer Time (Mary Lotsey)
CONSECRATION SUNDAY	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15 p.m.	Acolyte Training
	12:15 p.m.	Young People’s Christmas Rehearsal (Lacey Martin/WBFH)
Monday, October 1	6:30 p.m.	Troop 75 (Education Wing)
	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study (Prayer, TBD)
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study (Sarah Young’s <i>Experiencing God’s Presence</i> , GAP)
Tuesday, October 2	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (Mary Lotsey)
Wednesday, October 3	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry (Lacey Martin)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, October 4	9:00 a.m.-12 noon	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH)
	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
Friday, October 5	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Youth Fun Night (WBFH)
Sunday, October 7	8:25 a.m.	Prayer Time (Mary Lotsey)
COMMUNION SUNDAY	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15 p.m.	Young People’s Christmas Rehearsal (Lacey Martin/WBFH)

BAZAAR PREVIEW DINNER tickets go on sale TOMORROW!

The Preview Dinner is on Friday, November 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Make plans now to bring a friend and join us for a delicious meal of crab casserole and country ham. Afterwards stick around for a sneak peek at this year's wonderful items that will be for sale the following day! Tickets are just \$19 and can be purchased from Jane Niethamer or picked up in the church office during regular office hours beginning October 1.

Bethany Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 10 from 9:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – Our District UMW Annual Meeting will be held at Bellamy United Methodist Church, 4870 Chestnut Fork Rd., Gloucester on **Saturday, October 6 from 9:30 a.m. til noon.** All women are invited to attend. If you are interested, please meet us in Bethany's front parking lot at 8:45 and we will carpool to Bellamy. For more information, contact Dawn Cluts (684-5340).

GLOUCESTER UNITED EMERGENCY SHELTER TEAM (G.U.E.S.T.) will host a Yard Sale Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, October 6 from 8 a.m. til Noon.

Donations are welcome to be dropped off during the Day Shelter operation hours of Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. After hours donations can be left under the carport.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Yard Sale. If you are able to come on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help sort and price donations, we could gladly use your help! We will also need volunteers the day of the Yard Sale to help setup and cleanup.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact:

Rev. Kristie Askew, Chairman, G.U.E.S.T. Board of Directors

Cell: 804-694-0509

GUEST Phone: 804.792.5046

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES - Cooking for shut-ins on **Tuesday, October 9 at 9:30 a.m.** We need cooks as well as deliverers. For more information, contact Sue Morecock (757-875-1603, 2ralphysnana@gmail.com).

There will be no Second Tuesday Visitation this month.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM — Rehearsals have begun for our Annual Young People's Christmas Program, "Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior." This year's performance will be held on Sunday, December 9th during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, with our "Happy Birthday, Jesus Party" to follow. It's not too late to join us for our weekly rehearsals!

Please meet in the Lacey Martin Classroom where a hearty snack will be served after the 11:00 service. This week we assign parts for the program, rehearse and close at 1:30 p.m. Please contact Ms. Susannah or Ms. Kris for more information.

UMYF TEEN NIGHT IS BACK!

Come have some Friday night fun, fellowship and dinner, too! Games, Karaoke, Pizza, Veggies and Ice Cream Sundaes! **Bring a friend from 6pm to 9pm on Friday, October 5th!** All 6th thru 12th graders are invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS—We had a great turnout on September 9 for the kickoff for the Sunday school year. If you weren't here you missed a wonderful breakfast provided by the children and youth classes and good fellowship with other Bethany believers.

Please make an effort to come to Sunday school. We have seven classes for adults and classes for both youth and children. The Mary Lotsey and Lacey Martin Fellowship classes have combined with an average attendance of twelve. That class and the Faith class continue to use the Uniform Series literature while GAP, TBD, Journey, and Friendship discuss current religious issues. Christian Family Living has started a new DVD series entitled "Parental Guidance Required," which should interest young adults with children. Come join us – you won't be sorry you did!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, October 28 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Front parking lot (fair weather only)



Decorate your car and come join the fun as we hand out candy & goodies and share God's love with the families in our neighborhood. We'd like to have 14-16 cars in the parking lot and need donations of candy & goodies to share with our guests. If you can help or have questions, please contact Shannon Roane (804-815-5694, roanes4@gmail.com.)

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