

Bethany United Methodist Church

*The Church with Open Hearts,
Minds, and Doors*

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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	11/4
General Fund Total	8072.26
Capital Improvements	35.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	272.00
Youth (UMYF)	25.00
Bazaar (In memory of Marie Baldwin)	50.00
Cemetery Fund	50.00
Upper Room	3.00
COUNTING TEAMS	November
4-Riggin, Blubaugh	11
5-Luther, Rollins, D. Robins	18
6-Hampton, Morecock, Thomas	25

SUNDAY WORSHIP	11/4
8:30 Sanctuary	60
8:30 Nursery	0
11:00 Sanctuary	93
11:00 Nursery	1
11:00 Children's Church (already included in Total Worship)	7
TOTAL in Worship	154
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	20
Youth	8
Children	8
TOTAL in SS	36

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.
11/11	Janet Chapin	Nancy Kendall	Polly Harrison
11/18	Mike Andersen	Doris Luther	Wendy Hogge
11/25			Sarah Hillard

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 Justus Minor 11:00 Baum Hogge

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

November Altar Guild: Peggy Lewis, Nancy Wilburn, Sarah Hillard, Laura Glaze

Trustee Contact for this Week: Joni Neal



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Saint

November 11, 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 silence your cell phones. 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

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Dear Veterans

Insert

MEDITATION

Polonaise ("Military"), Opus 40, No. 1

Fryderyk Chopin

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Veterans' Day

(1810-1849)

*"Hail, Columbia! happy land! Hail, ye heroes! Heaven-born band!
Who fought and bled in Freedom's cause,
And when the storm of war was gone, enjoyed the peace your valor won."
— Joseph Hopkinson*

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

Surely the Presence of the Lord

UMH No. 328

Lanny Wolfe

***OPENING HYMN**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

UMH No. 133

***SPOKEN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

All My Hope is Firmly Grounded

UMH No. 132

***HYMN BEFORE PRAYER**

Trust and Obey, vv. 1, 2

UMH No. 467

SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER

Pastor Mike

UNISON PRAYER

Mike Harrison

**Thank you good, good Father that You are always with us in the good and bad times.
You're always holding out Your arms to us, waiting and wanting us to come to You.
I thank You for Your promise that nothing can overtake me as long as I focus on You.
I want to stay in Your presence and seek You, so I take this time to share my heart and
mind with you, confessing my sin and accepting Your grace of forgiveness, Your strength,
and Your protection.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH No. 895

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

Amen

UMH No. 903

Music: Philp E. Baker

THE ANTHEM (8:30)	<i>The First Song of Isaiah</i> Janet Chapin, soloist	Jack Noble White
(11:00)	<i>God Bless America</i> Chancel Choir with Grady Toler, soloist	Irving Berlin
CHILDREN'S STORY		Kris Kent
RECEIVING GOD'S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING		
OFFERTORY PRAYER (based on Psalm 90: 1,2,17 in The Message)		Mike Harrison
<p>God, it seems you've been our home forever, long before you created this world and us. From "once upon a time" to "kingdom come" you are God. We pray that Your loveliness will rest upon us, and that our tithes and offerings will contribute to the work we do in Your name. Yes, Lord, please affirm the work that we do! Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.</p>		
THE OFFERTORY	<i>Elegy for a Veteran</i> "When falls the soldier brave, Dead at the feet of wrong, The poet sings and guards his grave With sentinels of song." — Abram Joseph Ryan	Rudy Shackelford (composed 1978)
*THE DOXOLOGY		UMH No. 95
<p>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.</p>		
*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i>	UMH No. 454
*SCRIPTURE READINGS	<i>Matthew 16:24-28</i> The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Mike Harrison Pew Bible NT, page 17
THE MESSAGE	<i>The Saint: Holding Fast Under Fire</i>	Pastor Mike
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Onward Christian Soldiers</i>	UMH No. 575
*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING		Pastor Mike

ALTAR FLOWERS are given for the glory of God by Joni Neal in memory of my sweetheart's birthday, November 12. Happy Birthday, George!

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Shawn & <u>Krista</u> Chase, Carol Johnson, Bob Nardozi, <u>Wes</u> & Zealon Stille			
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, <u>Archie</u> & Loretta Leigh, <u>Marshall</u> & Bonnie Lewis, Lewis Marion, Paige Mitchell, Richard Parkes, <u>Ted</u> & Peggy Peterman (NC), Fred Townsend, Nina Whitmore			
HOMEBOUND: Annette Adams, Katherine Jordan, Phil & Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams			
HOSPICE: Byron Conner (CO)			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Kathy Jacobs , Cheryl Roane, Deb Ziegenfus			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Cindy Alligood, Carol Hogge Allmand, Mike Byrne, Jeff Carino, Dawnella Carter (TX), Al Christensen, Carmen Coberly, Mary Ann Costa, Alice Cruz, Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Brenda France, Joan French, Jackie Gibbs, Neile Greene, Tommy Griffin (PA), <u>Walt</u> & Reet Hayden (FL), Laymon & Sarah Jacobs (TN), <u>Ralph</u> & JayeP. Johnson, Donna Kidd, Sandra King, Johann Kulik (NY), Mary Linsenbigler (PA), Bill Luther, Kristi McNeill (KY), Melisa Morales (AR), Jeanette Nichols, Ronald Oliver, K.C. Powers, Larry Ridininger (PA), Chauntea Shield, Karen Smith (NY), Sharon Sutton, Jeff Thomson, Judy Urton, Jennifer West, Judy West, Pat Whitten (NC)			
CHILDREN & YOUTH: Ty Hawkey, Baby Evie Poland, Emma Trottier (UT) Briggs Wylie (5-Leukemia)			
GRIEVING: Families of Terri Blythe, Lorraine Brooks, Earl Garrett, Frank Gill, Karilene Kruse, Bill Slattery			
HEALTH ISSUES: Cameron Bransfield (FL), Les Breen, Michael Brown (PA), Ross Carmine, Loretta Germek, John Gilchrist, Ty Hawkey, Richard Hearon (FL), Sharon Hoell, Veronika Kiryanova (Canada), Mary Margaret Kuivinen, Paula Lankford, Verma Lankford, Luke Lawson, Joanne Mastropietro (FL), Barry McDade, Donna Miller (TX), Edgar Mundo (NY), Larry Patterson, Evelyn Perhac, Sandy Purdy, Linwood Rowe, Kathie Rumbley (MD), Diane Ryles (SC), Vicky Whitney (PA), Charlotte Wright & Chuck Corbin			
HOSPICE: Jan Breen, Thom Ligon, Marcus (TX), Jack Perhac			
HOSPITALIZED: Ronald Oliver (Riverside Regional)			
PARKINSON'S: Duane Burnett			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Carmen Coberly, Aaron Cothorn, Paul McFarland, Mark Garrett, Steve & Julie George, Jerry Hall, Kameron Lemons, Dottie Myers (PA), David Paul, Bertie West			
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), 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			
Families of:			
Francis Rowe , father of Frances Woods, who passed on November 6.			
Lily Mae White , grandmother of Adam White, who passed on November 3.			

Sermon Notes
Series: The Saint

Matthew 16:24-28
Title: Holding Fast Under Fire

11.11.18

To Hold Fast is a nautical term. It means _____.

The Motivation for Holding Fast: God's incredible _____ and _____ to you.

Name some people who are faithful to you. What do you think is their motivation?

_____.

The Method of Faithfulness:

Be faithful in _____, in _____, and in the _____.

VV.27, 28: the glory of his Father is how God is in Heaven; it's the radiance of God the Father. For what he has done is how we practice our faith and lived our life in its entirety. The Son of Man coming in His kingdom is foreshadowed in the next event of Jesus' Transfiguration, which was only a week away; other popular views of this clause include as a reference to his crucifixion and resurrection, his ascension, the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in A.D. 70 which was surely a sign of Christ coming in judgment.

I can apply this to my life by "holding fast" to

Self-denial alone accomplishes nothing of everlasting value unless it flows from a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. – Craig Blomberg, Commentary on Matthew, page 262.

Congratulations to the GHS Girls Field Hockey Team (and Bethany players **Kate Neikirk** and **Tally Vaughan**) on another undefeated season! Way to go, ladies!

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING AT BETHANY! In addition to worship services, 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.

Thought for Today:

Dear Veterans,

**Those of us who have not served
will never fully understand
the sacrifices you've made
both in times of peace and of war.**

**We will never fully understand
what you were required to do
or how you were able to do it.**

**We will never fully understand
the depth of your scars.**

But what we can offer you is this:

We see you.

We recognize your humanity.

**And we send you Love
that is gentle, patient and healing.**

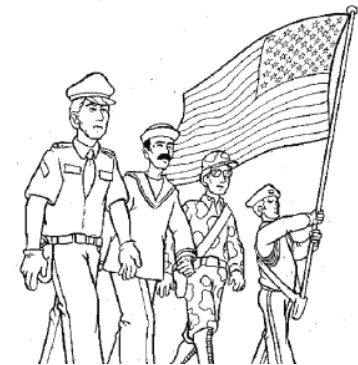
**With Blessings and Gratitude,
we ask that you remember you are loved.**

Thank you.

They Did Their Share

On Veterans' Day we honor
Soldiers who protect our nation.
For their service as our warriors,
They deserve our admiration.
Some of them were drafted;
Some were volunteers.
For some it was just yesterday;
For some it's been many years.
We owe so much to them,
Who kept us safe from terror.
So when we see a uniform,
Let's say "thank you" to every wearer.

by Joanna Fuchs



**View these and other Veterans Day poems, prayers,
and facts at www.veteransdayfacts.com**

**** Please note: There is no Second Sunday Breakfast today. ****

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY UMC		
TODAY	8:25 a.m.	Prayer Time (Mary Lotsey)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Young People's Christmas Rehearsal (Lacey Martin)
	WBFH & Friendship Class Reserved through 11/21 for Bazaar After Sale	
Monday, November 12	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (TBD) Women's Bible Study (GAP)
Tuesday, November 13	2:00 p.m.	Second Tuesday Visitation
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Wednesday, November 14	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry
	2:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:30 p.m.	Troop 75
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 15	December Banner Articles Due	
	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m.	Naomi Circle
Sunday, November 18	8:25 a.m.	Prayer Time (Mary Lotsey)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15 p.m.	Young People's Christmas Rehearsal (Lacey Martin)
	12:15 p.m.	UMYF
	4:00 p.m.	George Nelson Memorial Concert Series "1918—Homage to Claude Debussy" Rudy Shackelford, Organ and Piano

CHESTNUT MEMORIAL UMC, 1024 Harpersville Rd. in Newport News, is hosting a presentation and panel discussion regarding the work of The Commission on a Way Forward by four lay members of our Virginia annual conference delegation to the special session General Conference in February 2019. The panel will be comprised of the chairperson of the 11-person delegation Martha Stokes, annual conference lay leader Warren Harper, former conference lay leader Darlene Amon, and immediate past president of the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women Joyce Winston, who spoke at Bethany on August 19th. No sign up registration. This event is **TODAY at 2 p.m.** and all are welcome.

SECOND TUESDAY VISITATION -- **Tuesday, November 13 at 2 p.m.** Meet in the Mary Lotsey classroom.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES - **Monday, November 19.** Meet at church at 9:30 a.m. to cook and deliver meals. Contact Judy Burner (642-6016, aburner@cox.net) for more info.

**THE GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS
"1918 - HOMAGE TO CLAUDE DEBUSSY"
RUDY SHACKELFORD, ORGAN AND PIANO
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 4 P.M.**

World War I ended 100 years ago with the Armistice of November 11th, 1918, now commemorated as Veterans' Day. In its cultural impact, "the war to end all wars" was a profound watershed, dividing the 19th-century Romantic era from our modern world. French composer Claude Debussy, who died in 1918, bridged these turbulent currents and reflected them in music that is both subtly elusive and powerfully prophetic.

Our concert will sample piano works by Debussy that span the gamut of styles and emotions, from haunted impressions of *Footprints in the Snow* and *The Engulfed Cathedral* to whimsical parodies of early American jazz in *Minstrels* and *Golliwogg's Cake Walk*. Rudy Shackelford has transcribed these fascinating pieces for symphonic organ, together with the elegant *Noble and Lyrical Waltzes* by that other great "impressionist" composer, Maurice Ravel.

Remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, our program opens with Clair Hillard reciting the World War I poetry of British soldier Wilfred Owen and César Franck's *Heroic Piece* for organ, a hymn of spiritual triumph. To close the concert on an equally victorious note, we present a stunning new organ-piano duet transcription of *Thou Art the Rock* from "*Byzantine Sketches*" by Henri Mulet, portraying the apostle Peter as the rock upon which Christ established His church.

Appealing to mindful music lovers and history buffs alike, this unique concert is not to be missed! Admission is free, but your generous donations of money and pet supplies will benefit the Gloucester-Mathews Human Society.

HUGS MINISTRY

Dear sisters in Christ,

Such a pleasant surprise to receive a lovely shawl of many colors. It goes nicely with my green prayer chair where I have my time of devotions. Blessings to the ones that prayed over it. Sure I'll wear it out. Ha!

Shalom,
Frieda M.

Thank you to the following Youth for their support and assistance for The Bethany Bazaar and Preview Dinner:

Alexandria Bontrager, Makena Bontrager, Carson Brooks, Sammi Jacobs,
Shelby Jacobs, Gavin Morris, Austin Kent, Connor Kent, Kayla McDade,
Alix Shackelford, Miranda Shackelford

We appreciate your service as you help make a difference in our community.
~Ms. Kris and The Bazaar Committee