

Bethany United Methodist Church
*The Church with Open Hearts,
 Minds, and Doors*
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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!

STEWARDSHIP	11/25
General Fund Total	4,425.00
Capital Improvements	100.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	160.00
Upper Room	4.50
Poinsettias	26.00
Bazaar Fund (sales 11/21 & 11/26)	954.26
COUNTING TEAMS	December
7-Cecil, Durette, Hillard	2
1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty	9
2-B. Robins, Nardozi, Harvey	16
3-Burner, Burner, Andersen	23
4-Riggin, Blubaugh, Blubaugh	30

SUNDAY WORSHIP	11/25
8:30 Sanctuary	40
8:30 Nursery	0
11:00 Sanctuary	95
11:00 Nursery	0
11:00 Children's Church (already included in Total Worship)	5
TOTAL in Worship	135
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	21
Youth	6
Children	10
TOTAL in SS	37

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS			
Interested in serving as a Nursery Volunteer? We need volunteers in December! 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.
12/2	Debbie Robins	Debbie Robins	Marion Dixon
12/9	Polly Harrison		Wendy Hogge
12/16	Nancy Kendall	(No Sunday School)	
12/23			
12/30	Janet Chapin	Pat Hasty	

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 Connor Kent 11:00 Kayla & Cole McDade

Sound Room: 8:30 Chip Neikirk 11:00 Adam White

December Altar Guild: Polly Harrison, Wendy Hogge, Cathy Raines

Trustee Contact for this Week: Milton Hudgins

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	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>	UMH No. 214
WELCOME		Pastor Mike
VOLUNTARY	<i>"Savior of the Nations, Come": Chorale with Variations</i> (based on UMH No. 214)	Hugo Distler (1908-1942)
CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)	<i>Morning Bells</i>	Joseph M. Martin
*ADVENT HYMN	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>	UMH No. 214
*OPENING CAROL	<i>What Child Is This?</i>	UMH No. 219
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		
SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER		Pastor Mike
CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)	<i>Amen</i>	UMH No. 903
CHILDREN'S STORY		Pastor Mike

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loreen Paiva

Christmas happened, God, because You *wanted* to change the world and *expected* to change the world, to give hope where there was none. We do so with our tithes and offerings, our Reverse Advent bags, stuffed stockings for those with no home, and a dozen other ways: to give hope, help, and life, so that you can continue to change many lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ANTHEM (8:30) *Come, Share the Lord* TFWS No. 2269
 Doe Breen, soloist
(11:00) *Do You Hear What I Hear?* Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne
 Chancel Choir arr. Harry Simeone

***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.**

***SCRIPTURE READINGS** *Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:39-45* Loreen Paiva
 The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE *God Is Expectant* Pastor Mike

PRAYER AFTER THE MESSAGE Loreen Paiva
God, I'm grateful that you loved us enough to put on flesh, to come and pitch your tent beside us, to become a vulnerable baby. And Lord, I love that you want Christmas to change the world. So change the world, God. Start with me. Change those things in my heart that have seemed unchangeable. I pray for the people on my heart who might not even know why you came. I pray for those closest to me, for those I've hoped will turn their lives toward you. I love you, Jesus. I am expectant for you.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS Pastor Mike

Lord and Savior Jesus, your arrival is the moment when our world experienced the hope that would forever change everything. As we come to your table, we're reminded of the hope that you brought into this world. As we wait in Advent, we know you love expectant hearts. Surprise us with the gifts of your goodness, love, and faith and sustain us with your Spirit in this busy and beautiful season as we pray together according to your Word, *Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

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 *Chorale Prelude on "Savior of the Nations, Come," BWV 659* Johann Sebastian Bach
 Transcribed for piano by Ferruccio Busoni (1685-1750)

***CLOSING CAROL** *People, Look East* UMH No. 202

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING** Pastor Mike

***CLOSING CHORUS** *The First Noel (refrain)* UMH No. 245
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Shawn & <u>Krista</u> Chase, Carol Johnson, Bob Nardozi, <u>Wes</u> & Zealon Stilley			
GRIEVING: Families of Roy Bauschatz, Willie Brooks, Byron Conner (CO), Larry Cooper, Chris Denton, Clifford Doggett, Phil McGee			
HEALTH ISSUES: Iva Belvin, 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, <u>Nina</u> Whitmore			
HOMEBOUND: Annette Adams, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Gene Harrell, Pat Hasty, Kathy Jacobs, Lewis Marion			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Charlotte Cecil (12/20), Mike Ekdahl (1/7/19)			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Cindy Alligood, Carol Hogge Allmand, Mike Byrne, Jeff Carino, Dawnella Carter (TX), Al Christensen, Carmen Coberly, Dave Cooper, Mary Ann Costa, Alice Cruz, Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Brenda France, Joan French, Jackie Gibbs, Neile Greene, Tommy Griffin (PA), April Hall, <u>Walt</u> & Reet Hayden (FL), Laymon & Sarah Jacobs (TN), Donna Kidd, Sandra King, Johann Kulik (NY), Mary Linsensbigler (PA), Bill Luther, Kristi McNeill (KY), Melisa Morales (AR), Jeanette Nichols, K.C. Powers, Larry Ridininger (PA), Chauntea Shield, Karen Smith, Sharon Sutton, Jeff Thomson, Judy Urton, Jennifer West, Judy West, Pat Whitten (NC)			
CHILDREN & YOUTH: Frankie Coberly, Elani Jackson, Baby Evie Poland, Emma Trottier (UT) Briggs Wylie (5-Leukemia)			
GRIEVING: Families of Lorraine Brooks, Frank Gill, Sandra Hoover, Ralph Johnson, Karilene Kruse, Ronald Oliver, Jack Perhac, Francis Rowe, Bill Slattery			
HEALTH ISSUES: Bob Baughman (PA), Cameron Bransfield (FL), Les Breen, Michael Brown (PA), Ross Carmine, Dana Cooper, Loretta Germek, John Gilchrist, Richard Hearon (FL), Gail Hill, 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), Steve Neal, Evelyn Perhac, Sandy Purdy, Linwood Rowe, Diane Ryles (SC), Vicky Whitney (PA), Charlotte Wright & Chuck Corbin			
HOSPICE: Jan Breen (at home), Marcus (TX)			
HOSPITALIZED: Les Breen (Sentara Hampton), Lisa Breen (Duke), Thom Ligon (Sentara Princess Anne)			
PARKINSON'S: Duane Burnett			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Carmen Coberly, Aaron Cothorn, Paul McFarland, Mark Garrett, Steve & Julie George, Jerry Hall, Irene Hogge, Kameron Lemons, Dr. Joe Lombard, Dottie Myers (PA), Ryan Niethamer, David Paul, Bertie West			
UPCOMING SURGERY: Donnie Grinnan, Aunt Tina			
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 (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)			
Families of: Phil McGee , husband of Alice, who passed 11/26. Byron Conner , husband of Carmen, and brother of Ed Conner, Bessie Conner, Doris Courtney, and Patsy Morales, who passed 11/26. Jack Perhac , husband of Evelyn, who passed 11/25.			



Holiday Services at Bethany

Sunday, December 2

Celebration of Holy Communion
Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, December 9

Morning Worship 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Children's Christmas Program & Worship 11:00 a.m.
Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party – immediately following 11:00 service

Sunday, December 16

Morning Worship 8:30 a.m.; no Sunday School
Breakfast hosted by United Methodist Men 9:00 a.m.-10:20 a.m.
Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata & Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 23


Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Communion 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 30

Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.



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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given for the glory of God and in honor of the "December birthday girls." (We made it another year!)

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY UMC		
8:25 a.m. Prayer Time (Mary Lotsey); 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship; 9:45 Sunday School		
TODAY	12:15 p.m.	Young People's Christmas Rehearsal (Lacey Martin)
WBFH reserved this afternoon thru December 10 for GUEST Week at BUMC		
Monday, December 3	1:30 p.m.	UMW Gift-Wrapping at Walter Reed Convalescent Center
Tuesday, December 4	6:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (off-site)
Wednesday, December 5	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry (Lacey Martin)
	6:30 p.m.	Troop 75 (Education Wing)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, December 6	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee (Lacey Martin)
Saturday, December 8	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Young People's Christmas Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sunday, December 9	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Sunday Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	9:45 a.m.	Joint Adult Sunday School led by Pastor Mike (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m.	Young People's Christmas Program & Worship
	12:15 p.m.	Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party (Lacey Martin)

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lacey Martin classroom.

JOINT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL led by Pastor Mike will meet in the sanctuary next Sunday, December 9 at 9:45 a.m.

**BETHANY HOST WEEK for GUEST HOMELESS NIGHT SHELTER is
DECEMBER 3 – 10**

Please consider signing up for this local mission effort at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4daea62fabfe3-week62>



GUEST (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team) is a coalition of churches and civic groups that provide shelter on a rotating basis during the coldest months of the year for our brothers and sisters who do not have access to housing. The success of this program depends on volunteers like you! Please contact Nancy Orth (rorth2@cox.net; 804-693-4762 home; 804-832-2232 cell) if you would like to sign up and aren't able to at the web site above.

GUEST VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSIONS – All volunteers must participate in a training session before they are qualified to participate.

ADVENT AT BETHANY

Free Advent Devotionals from Society of St. Andrew are available on the tables outside the sanctuary and in the narthex (main front entrance). You can also get a PDF version on your smartphone or tablet by going to <https://endhunger.org/advent/>.

Reverse Advent. In the spirit of giving, BUMC encourages each family to receive a Reverse Advent bag and fill it for a needy family. Treat it as you would a traditional Advent calendar; but instead of getting something each day, place an item per day in your bag, all the way to Christmas. ***Bags will be dedicated in worship on December 23rd and 30th and taken to Salvation Army, the G.U.E.S.T. Day Shelter, and Bread for Life Food Pantry for distribution.*** Items should include non-perishable food and pantry items, paper products, household cleaning, and personal hygiene items.

Angel Tree. We've received 10 tags of children and youth from Social Services. Our Angel Tree is in the narthex this morning. Please stop by, pick a tag, and make Christmas special for a child in need.

Gift Wrap at Walter Reed Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center. Residents like to give their families a wrapped Christmas gift; we provide the gift and our United Methodist Women wrap them at WRCC and label the name on each. Gifts are for sons, daughters, and grandchildren; suggested items include jewelry, socks for men and women, scarves, knick knacks, men's items, perfumes, Christmas items, etc. (No candles or bottles please.) ***We're collecting items through today. UMW will be wrapping at WRCC on Monday, December 3rd at 1:30 p.m. and you're invited to come with us and join in the fun!***

Caroling! Tentative date is Friday, December 14th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Led by our Youth and Family Ministries. Questions? Contact Shannon Roane or Kris Kent. *A full schedule of children and youth events in December is available from Kris Kent.*

SECOND TUESDAY VISITATION will meet at 2 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 11.** Come out and share the Christmas spirit with our shut-ins and you will receive a blessing as well.

HOME BOUND MINISTRIES will meet on **Wednesday, December 12** at 9:30 a.m. Come and join in the fun and fellowship as we cook and deliver meals to our shut-ins .

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for not only supporting our 2018 general budget but for going the 2nd mile and giving to the following designated funds: Capital Improvement, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Homebound Ministry, Altar Flowers, George Nelson Memorial Concert series, Upper Room and the Bethany Bazaar. You are a people of deep faith and gracious generosity and I am humbled to worship God with each of you.

Did you know that we have line items for Children and Youth Ministries in our budget? Our Children Ministries received a total of \$3,300 in our 2018 budget. That pays for Vacation Bible School, Sunday school materials, children's missions, Bibles, music, Bible Buddies, Nursery supplies and fun fellowship, to name a few activities. Our Youth Ministries budget for 2018 is \$1,000. This goes towards Sunday school materials, UMYF meetings, fun fellowship, helps (a little) with retreats and missions. I think that Miss Kris does an amazing job of stretching her budget money to meet her children's needs. Here we are in December and our children and youth budgets could use a little boost! I'd like to ask you to prayerfully consider going the 2nd mile and making an additional donation to either the Children's or Youth Ministries designated funds. Everything you give will be used to enrich the spiritual life of our children. Thank you in advance for helping our children and youth.

As we begin this Advent season I'd like to take a moment and tell you how much you mean to me. You have each taught me so much about God's love and mercy through your words and actions. I pray God's blessings upon each of you as we wait together to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Blessings,
Dolores Breen, Finance Committee Chair

Thanks to everyone who visited and did nice things for Archie during my recent trip. It is a great comfort to know that our church family was there for Archie while I was away. –
Loretta Leigh