

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	12/2
General Fund Total (McGee \$40)	7985.26
Capital Improvements	20.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	157.00
Endowment (McGee \$80; in honor of Milton & Judy Hudgins \$50)	130.00
Altar Flowers	45.00
Youth (McGee \$200)	600.00
Bazaar Fund	27.00
Children's Ministry	5.00
Poinsettias	235.00
COUNTING TEAMS	December
1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty	9
2-B. Robins, Nardozzi, Harvey	16

SUNDAY WORSHIP	12/2
8:30 Sanctuary	53
8:30 Nursery	0
11:00 Sanctuary	93
11:00 Nursery	0
11:00 Children's Church (already included in Total Worship)	7
TOTAL in Worship	146
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	33
Youth	5
Children	10
TOTAL in SS	48

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.
12/9	Polly Harrison	Doris Luther	Wendy Hogge
12/16	Nancy Kendall	(No Sunday School)	Marion Dixon
12/23	Judy Burner	Doris Luther	
12/30	Janet Chapin	Marcia Hargis	

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 Alix Shackelford 11:00 Ella Ward

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

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

Trustee Contact for this Week: Tom Barnard

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Under Wraps

THE GIFT WE NEVER EXPECTED

December 9, 2018 **"GOD IS DANGEROUS"** **8:30 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

VOLUNTARY

Sheep May Safely Graze, from the
Birthday Cantata (No. 208)

Johann Sebastian Bach
 (1685-1750)

Happy Birthday, Mary Kaylor!

"Evening, thou that bringest all, whatever the light-giving dawn scattered:
 thou bringest the sheep, thou bringest the goat, thou bringest the child to its mother."
 —Sappho of Lesbos (ca. 610 B.C.)

*ADVENT HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come (vs. 1, 2)

UMH No. 214

*OPENING CAROL

Once in Royal David's City (vs. 1, 2)

UMH No. 250

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Todd, Dawn, Alexandria, and Makena Bontrager

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, says the Lord of hosts.

The light of hope has awakened our spirits.

A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Renew in us your covenant, O God, that we may be ready for the dawn of your salvation.

We light a second candle to bring light to every darkness, and to guide us in the way of peace.

With gratitude for your light, O God, we will prepare to welcome a new birth of your love.

SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Mike
 UMH No. 895

CHILDREN'S STORY

Kris Kent

THE ANTHEM (8:30)*Mary, Did You Know?*
Carol Johnson, soloist

Mark Lowry

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

Doe Breen

Loving, Wise, and Dangerous God, your Son Jesus came to do a dangerous work in this world: to destroy the power of death and sin, to love and help people in time of need, and to restore all of us to a right relationship with Himself. We give our time, talents, tithes and offerings to let You know that we are on your side; that we, too, are not afraid to walk into the dark crevices of this world with your light. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

The Shepherds at the Manger, from "The Christmas Tree" Franz Liszt (1811-1886)
In memory of Matthew Shepard, slain in Laramie, Wyoming, on 6 October 1998, age 21;
now interred in the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

***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 READINGSJohn 3:16-19; Matthew 1:18-25*

Doe Breen

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

THE MESSAGE*God Is Dangerous*

Pastor Mike

PRAYER AFTER THE MESSAGE

Doe Breen

Expectant, Loving, and Dangerous God, do a dangerous work in our hearts this Advent season. Lead us into those places where we have to rely on You, like so many Bible characters did. Help us trust in Your goodness and love. Thank you for sending Jesus. And thank you Jesus for sending the Holy Spirit to shatter our bonds of sin and to open the door to You and for setting us free to move forward with confidence and courage. Help us accept the love and forgiveness that You boldly and freely offer as You take us by the hand and as You go to work in our lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

CLOSING CAROLAway in a Manger*

UMH No. 217

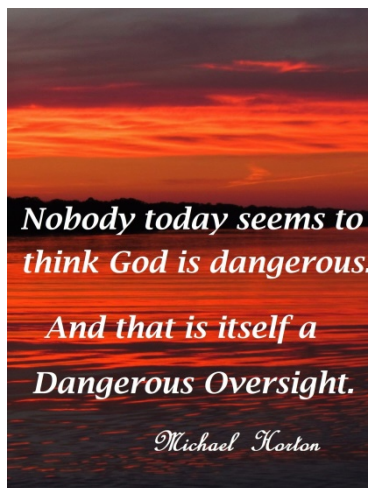
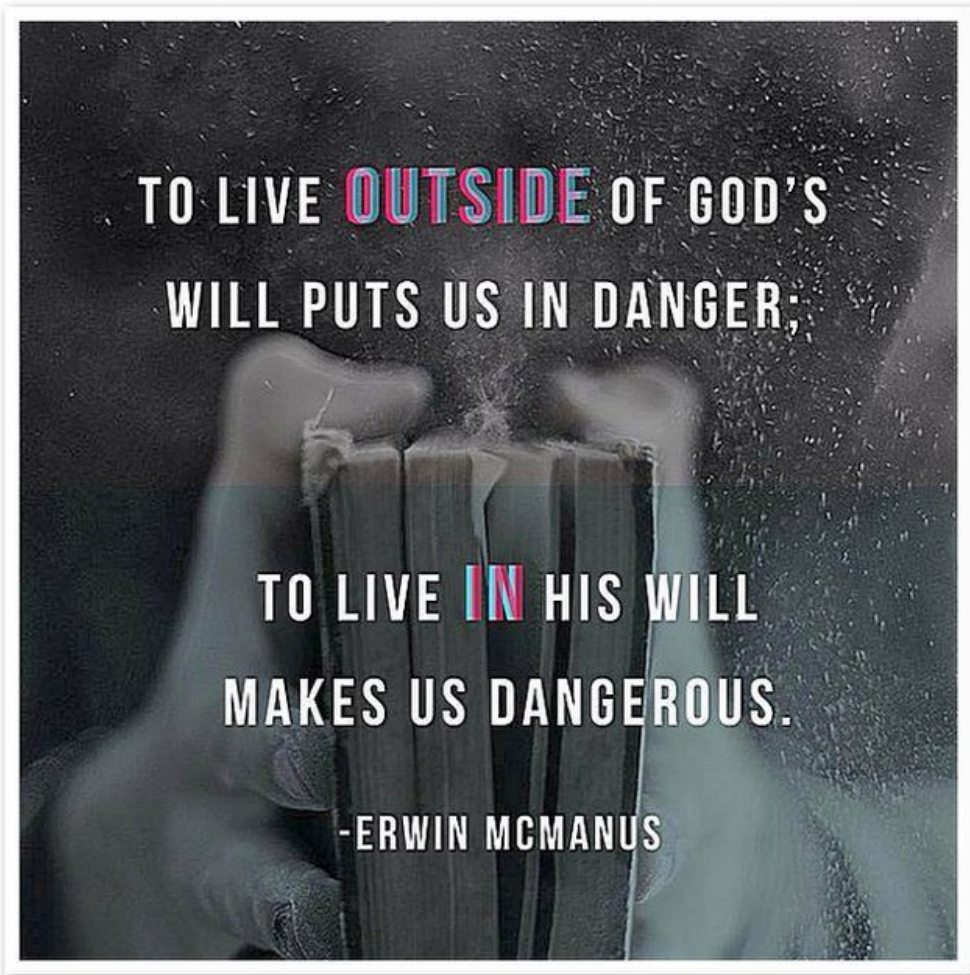
***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

Pastor Mike

CLOSING CHORUSThe First Noel* (refrain)
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

UMH No. 245

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, Jennie Lipscomb, Lewis Marion, Paige Mitchell, Alice Lee Northam, Richard Parkes, <u>Ted</u> & Peggy Peterman (NC), Fred Townsend			
HOMEBOUND: Annette Adams, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Gene Harrell, Pat Hasty, Kathy Jacobs, Lewis Marion, Paul McFarland			
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, Ann Dickerson, Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Brenda France, Joan French, 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 Linsenbigler (PA), Kristi McNeill (KY), Melisa Morales (AR), Jeanette Nichols, K.C. Powers, Larry Ridinger (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, John Keith Callis, Frank Gill, Ralph Johnson, Karilene Kruse, Larry Maddox, Ronald Oliver, Jack Perhac, Diane Rials (SC), Francis Rowe, Bill Slattery			
HEALTH ISSUES: Bob Baughman (PA), Cameron Bransfield (FL), Michael Brown (PA), Ross Carmine, Dana Cooper, Loretta Germek, John Gilchrist, Richard Hearon (FL), Gail Hill, Sharon Hoell, Veronika Kiryanova (Canada), Paula Lankford, Verma Lankford, Joanne Mastropietro (FL), Barry McDade, Donna Miller (TX), Edgar Mundo (NY), Steve Neal, Evelyn Perhac, Sandy Purdy, Linwood Rowe, Vicky Whitney (PA), Charlotte Wright & Chuck Corbin			
HOSPICE: Jan Breen (at home), Marcus (TX)			
HOSPITALIZED: Lisa Breen (Duke), Thom Ligon (Sentara-Princess Anne), Peggy Rodgers (Waynesboro)			
PARKINSON'S: Duane Burnett			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Bob Baughman (PA), Carmen Coberly, Aaron Cothorn, Steve & Julie George, Jerry Hall, Irene Hogge, Kameron Lemons, Dr. Joe Lombard, Dottie Myers (PA), 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</i> (El Salvador), all members of the military.			
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)			
c/o Lee & Silma Kuivinen , 3717 Wren Ln., Rolling Meadows, IL 80008-2863		<i>Mary Margaret Kuivinen</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	
Heron Cove at Sanders , 7385 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		<i>Les Breen</i> , Room 9	
Sanders Assisted Living , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Room 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	
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.			
CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)			
Families of:			
Diane Rials , cousin of Judy Burner, on 12/2.			
Larry Maddox , husband of David Chapin's sister Cindy, on 11/29.			
John Keith Callis , nephew of Iva Belvin, on 11/26.			



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.

JOINT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL led by Pastor Mike in the sanctuary this morning at 9:45.

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	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.	Worship and Young People’s Christmas Program
	12:15 p.m.	Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party (Lacey Martin)
WBFH reserved thru December 10 for GUEST Week at BUMC		
Monday, December 10	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study (TBD) Women’s Bible Study (GAP)
Tuesday, December 11	2:00 p.m.	Second Tuesday Visitation
	6:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (off-site)
	7:00 p.m.	Abingdon Women’s Club (WBFH)
Wednesday, December 12	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry (Lacey Martin)
	9:30 a.m.	Homebound Ministries (Kitchen/WBFH)
	10:00 a.m.	Candidacy Mentor Group (Mary Lotsey)
	2:00 p.m.	Book Club (Mary Lotsey)
	6:30 p.m.	Troop 75 (Education Wing)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Child Protection (Mary Lotsey)
Thursday, December 13	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
Friday, December 14	5:30-8:00 p.m.	Dinner & Christmas Caroling (sponsored by Family Ministries)
Saturday, December 15	January Banner articles due	
	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Cantata Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Eagle Ceremony & Reception (Sanctuary/WBFH)
	5:00-8:00 p.m.	UMYF Christmas Party (WBFH)
Sunday, December 16	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Sunday Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Church wide Breakfast (hosted by UMM)
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Christmas Cantata
	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Bible Buddies Christmas Party (home of Jason & Susannah Hogge, 1333 Laurens Rd.)

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 .

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING PRESENTS TO THE ANGEL TREE IS DECEMBER 12th. Return the gifts, wrapped and accompanied by the tag, to the green bin beside the Angel Tree. All presents will be delivered on the 13th to the Salvation Army for distribution to the families of the children.

To you who have taken a tag from the Angel Tree: If your tag still has a blank portion on the bottom please write the tag number (including the letter) and your name on it, and take that portion to the church office. On behalf of the children who will receive your gifts, thank you.

CHILDREN’S, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 14th, 5:30-7:30pm

Dinner and Caroling sponsored by The Family Ministry Committee.

Come for a comfy dinner then brave the December chill by singing carols to our homebound members and friends. Please contact Shannon Roane at (804) 815-5694 to volunteer to assist.

Saturday, December 15th, 5:00-8:00pm

Annual Youth Christmas Party

Please bring a dish to share, wear your fun ‘n festive gear, invite a friend and come to Bethany UMC for a night of fun, great food and a local mission project! We will be going to The Dollar Tree to purchase and stuff stockings for the local Helping the Homeless Ministry. The main course for dinner will be provided. We ask that instead of a gift to swap, everyone brings \$5.00 to help with the stocking stuffing! **RSVPs are super important for this event so please contact Kris Kent at 815-4246 by 5:00pm on 12/12.** Thank you! — Jeremy, Beth and Kris

Sunday, December 16th, 5:00-7:00pm

Annual Bible Buddies Christmas Party

We’ve been invited to meet at the home of Susannah and Jason Hogge for an evening of games, caroling and fun. Please bring 2 non-perishable items to be donated to the Backpack Snack Program at Abingdon Elementary. If your last name starts with A-K, please bring an appetizer. If your last name begins with L-Z, please bring a dessert to share. **RSVP to Kris at 815-4246 by 12/12.**

Thank you! — Cat, Susannah and Kris

Thursday, December 20th, 4:00-6:00pm

Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing

Drop off your kindergartner to 18-year-old for some heart-warming fun in front of Peebles. They can stay for part or all of the two hours. Dress warm!

ALTAR FLOWERS are given for the glory of God in loving memory of my parents Kathleen and Marshall Mattox and brother Andy Ligon by Marsha Germek.

Prayer Tip of The Week

God has plans for us and expects us to grow not only spiritually, but in our service as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit often uses us in our comfort zones, utilizing our personality, talents, and experiences in ways that are familiar to us, and we serve with confidence and love. It just feels “natural” to you. He often calls upon the spiritual gifts (Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11) and the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5: 22,23) that He’s given to you and to each believer, and you have and every believer has at least one spiritual gift. Try naming your comfort zones, spiritual gifts, and fruit of the Spirit as part of your prayer time.

Holiday Services at Bethany

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.
Worship and Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 23

Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Dedication of Reverse Advent Bags

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.
Dedication of Reverse Advent Bags