

**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	12/9
General Fund Total (McGee \$65)	6640.00
Capital Improvements (McGee \$30)	190.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	20.00
Altar Flowers	45.00
Youth (McGee)	100.00
Cemetery	80.00
Bazaar Fund	60.00
Poinsettias	520.00
COUNTING TEAMS	December
2-B. Robins, Nardozzi, Harvey	16
3-Burner, Burner, Andersen	23
4-Riggin, Blubaugh, Blubaugh	30

SUNDAY WORSHIP	12/9
8:30 Sanctuary	37
8:30 Nursery	0
11:00 Sanctuary	141
11:00 Nursery	0
11:00 Children's Church (already included in Total Worship)	1
<b>TOTAL in Worship</b>	<b>178</b>
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	21
Youth	9
Children	14
<b>TOTAL in SS</b>	<b>44</b>

### 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.
12/16	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 Cooper White      11:00 Aidan Dumbrocyo

**Sound Room:** 8:30 Kirk Bell      11:00 Adam White

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

**Trustee Contact for this Week:** Donna Andersen

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# Under Wraps

THE GIFT WE NEVER EXPECTED

December 16, 2018

"GOD IS JEALOUS"

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**

*The Marriage of the Virgin,*  
 from "Years of Pilgrimage - Italy"

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Transcribed for organ-piano duet by Rudy Shackelford

"Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

— Matthew 1: 20

**\*ADVENT HYMN**

*Savior of the Nations, Come (vv. 1, 5)*

UMH No. 214

**\*OPENING CAROL**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vv. 1, 3)*

UMH No. 240

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Adam, Cat, Cooper, and Stella White

The Lord your God is in your midst, rejoicing over you with gladness, renewing you in love.

I will bring you home and restore your fortunes, says the Lord.

**In this new light, we give thanks to the Lord.**

With joy you will draw waters from the wells of salvation.

**We will rejoice in the Lord always.**

We light a third candle to reveal the pathway to faithfulness.

**As a covenant people we will seek to live in the joy of the Lord.**

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

Pastor Mike  
UMH No. 895

**CHILDREN'S STORY**

Pastor Mike

**THE ANTHEM**

*Real*  
Dawn and Makena Bontrager

Nicole Nordeman

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

Baum Hogge

**Almighty and all-knowing God, it is a blessing to be able to give, and we thank you for our ability. Help us in all our dealings to be generous so that we may reflect who you are. We pray in the name of Jesus who was the most generous of all. Amen.**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Behold, a Rose is Blooming, from Eleven Chorale Preludes* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)  
Based on UMH No. 216

“The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.” — *Isaiah* 35: 1

**\*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**

*Exodus 34:14, Deuteronomy 6:13-15, Luke 1:26-38* Baum Hogge

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE MESSAGE**

*God Is Jealous*

Pastor Mike

**PRAYER AFTER THE MESSAGE**

Baum Hogge

**Heavenly Father, thank you for fighting for our hearts – for my heart. I do want You to be first in my heart and life; it's just that I feel my commitment to family, work, and that the things I enjoy so strongly. Lead me to look at my commitment to You in this season and show me what it means to put You first in my life and what that looks like. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**\*CLOSING CAROL**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vv. 1, 4)* UMH No. 218

**\*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	
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Shawn & Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Bob Nardozi, Wes & Zealon Stilley			
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Roy Bauschatz, Willie Brooks, Byron Conner (CO), Larry Cooper, Chris Denton, Clifford Doggett, Phil McGee			
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Iva Belvin, Irene Brown, Peggy Burton, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Charles Enroughty, Jimmy Greene, Gene & Jeannie Harrell, Mike Hearon, Archie & Loretta Leigh, Marshall & Bonnie Lewis, Jennie Lipscomb, Lewis Marion, Paige Mitchell, Alice Lee Northam, Richard Parkes, Ted & Peggy Peterman (NC), Fred Townsend			
<b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Annette Adams, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams			
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Gene Harrell, Pat Hasty, Kathy Jacobs, Lewis Marion, Paul McFarland			
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS:</b> Charlotte Cecil (12/20), Mike Ek Dahl (1/7/19)			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> 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, Walt & 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)			
<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH:</b> Frankie Coberly, Elani Jackson, Baby Evie Poland, Emma Trottier (UT) Briggs Wylie (5-Leukemia)			
<b>GRIEVING:</b> 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, George Veillon (France)			
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> 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			
<b>HOSPICE:</b> Jan Breen (at home), Marcus (TX)			
<b>HOSPITALIZED:</b> Lisa Breen (Duke), Nancy Grimm (NJ), Thom Ligon (Sentara-Princess Anne), Peggy Rodgers (Waynesboro)			
<b>PARKINSON'S:</b> Duane Burnett			
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Bob Baughman (PA), Carmen Coberly, Aaron Cothorn, Steve & Julie George, Jerry Hall, Irene Hogg, Kameron Lemons, Dr. Joe Lombard, Dottie Myers (PA), David Paul, Bertie West			
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY:</b> 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> )			
<b>c/o Lee &amp; Silma Kuivinen</b> , 3717 Wren Ln., Rolling Meadows, IL 80008-2863		<i>Mary Margaret Kuivinen</i>	
<b>Gayton Terrace</b> , 12041 Gayton Rd., Richmond, VA 23238		Dorothy Critzer, Room 418	
<b>Gloucester House</b> , 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061		Lorraine Brown, Room 107 Jean Heywood, Room 110 Esther Marie Jordan, Room 509	
<b>Heron Cove at Sanders</b> , 7385 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		<i>Les Breen</i> , Room 9	
<b>Sanders Assisted Living</b> , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Room 106	
<b>Sunrise Senior Living</b> , 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235		Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
<b>York Convalescent &amp; Rehab Center</b> , 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692		Mary Poland, Rm 27A Alice Doggett, Rm 27B	
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.			



**Christian love and sympathy** are extended to the family of **George Veillon** of France, who passed on 12/11. Mr. Veillon is the father-in-law of Jennifer Orth-Veillon, daughter of JJ and Nancy Orth. Thank you for your continued prayers for this family upon the death of their loved one.

I would like to thank all the Bethany Angels who sent cards or called during my unexpected stay in the hospital. We appreciate the food that has come in since my return home. Therapy will continue for a while yet, but I hope to get back to church this week. Bethany has always meant so much to us, like an extended family. We also appreciate the visits from Pastor Mike. – *Pat Hasty*



**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](http://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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY UMC		
8:25 a.m. Prayer Time (Mary Lotsey); 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship; 9:45 Sunday School		
<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Sunday Worship
	9:00-10:20 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.)
<b>Monday, December 17</b>	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study (TBD) Women’s Bible Study (GAP)
<b>Wednesday, December 19</b>	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry (Lacey Martin)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday, December 20</b>	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m.	Naomi Circle (Mary Lotsey)
	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Bell Ringing at Peebles
<b>Sunday, December 23</b>	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Sunday Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Christmas Cantata

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2019** may be picked up in the narthex. Please make certain you pick up the pack with your name on it. If you received envelopes but do not need them, please return them to the church office so they can be reassigned. • If you were not assigned numbered envelopes for 2019, you may request them by contacting Bernard Robins (642-6412 or [bdrobins@peoplepc.com](mailto:bdrobins@peoplepc.com)).

Non-members who regularly attend Bethany may also request numbered envelopes. • **Please do not use 2018 envelopes after Sunday, December 30, 2018, and do not use 2019 envelopes before Sunday, January 6, 2019.** • Donations are recorded by the Financial Secretary according to the date of the Sunday received; therefore, donations must be received no later than Sunday, December 30, 2018, to be credited for 2018.

## 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!

**FREE PICTURE WITH SANTA** – You are invited to have your free picture made with Santa Claus on **Saturday, December 22 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.** at West Marine, next to Eggheads Diner. Pets are welcome. (No snakes, please, or you'll be on Santa's naughty list!)

The **CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX** has been placed in the main hallway beneath the bulletin board for your convenience in exchanging Christmas cards with our church family. Before you leave church today please check the mailbox for any cards you may have received.

## Prayer Tip of The Week

As you prepare to celebrate Christmas by doing so many kind things for others so that they may have a Merry Christmas, do not neglect preparing yourself to celebrate the birth of Christ. Some ideas to try include daily Bible reading, our Advent devotional, listening to the sacred music of the season, and creating moments of quietness and stillness. It may help to have something to help you focus: a nativity scene, a view to the outdoors, a picture, a walk in the woods, and music can help you center your soul.

## Holiday Services at Bethany

**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.  
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December 25 & 26 – Closed.  
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## Poinsettias – 2018

### In Loving Memory of...



My dear husband, Roy Bauschatz by Darlene Bauschatz

My mother, Gladys Davis by Ann Byrd

Dorothy Clark and Wes Hogge by Sharon Cheek

Sally Nardozzi by Beth A. Cook

Merry Christmas to all our loved ones who have passed by Carolyn & Billy Davis

Howard Day by Janice Day, Shaun & Angela

Warren Belvin, JoAnne Lewis, and Harvey Williams by Sid & Marion Dixon

Clifford R. Doggett, Jr. by Katie Doggett

Laura Eppard and Rhonda Newbern by Mae Eppard

Our family members by Joan & Tony Fecondo

William J. Hargis, Jr. and Mary Steele by Marcia Hargis

David and Ella Grey Burke by Roger & Nancy Heflin

Our parents, Wayne & Pat Hogge and Douglas Hall;  
Our grandparents, John & Mallie Kaiser, Norman & Birdie Hogge,  
Betty Hall, Lawrence & Elizabeth Hanbury  
by Jason, Susannah, Baum & Decatur Hogge

Rev. Edward and Helen Diggs by Carol Johnson

Jack Kaylor by Mary Kaylor

Our parents by Paul & Nancy Kendall

Our special loved ones by Nan & Bobby Leigh

Donald G. Broadwell by Carolyn and their children

Suzanne T. Hagelberger by her mom, Frances and Graham

Leslie and Evelyn Lewis by Melissa, Carolyn, Marshall & Bonnie and their children

Delbert and Diddie Hogge by Bonnie & Marshall and their children

*\*Names in each section are listed alphabetically by last name of submitter.*

## **In Loving Memory of...**

Garland and Myrtle Lewis by Melissa, Carolyn, Marshall & Bonnie and their children

Charles and Geraldine Mitchell  
Peggy Mitchell Harris and James Mitchell  
by Paige L. Mitchell

Dr. & Mrs. W. J. Hagood, Jr., parents of Nancy Orth  
Mr. and Mrs. William C. Orth, parents of JJ Orth  
by Nancy & JJ Orth

Tom and Edith Emory by Don Sandridge

Rudolph & Louise Shackelford and Annie Lee Owens by Rudy Shackelford

William and Grace Lee Rowe by VC & Melissa Sutton and family

Mr. and Mrs. Noah C. Thomas and Agnes L. Williams by Brenda, M.E., and Donnie

My mother, Ida May Cameron;  
my best friend and her daughter, Barbara and Jessica Downey;  
my father, brother, and grandfather, William F. Cameron,  
William F. Cameron, Jr., and George F. Cameron  
by Judy Vaughan

Parents of Ruth and Parents of John (Jack) by Ruth Wallace



## **In Honor of ...**

My daughter, Laurie by Ann Byrd

United Methodist Women by Dawn L. Cluts

Bob Nardozzi by Beth A. Cook

Our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren by Carolyn & Billy Davis

Leon Dishman by Shannon Dishman

Our sisters—Laura Adriaan, Dianne Owens, and Edith Meza by Alan & Sandra Harvey

Our parents, Jim & Laura Hodges and our grandfather, Ellis Hall  
by Jason, Susannah, Baum & Decatur Hogge

The Bethany Chancel Choir by Mary Kaylor

Grandsons Patrick and Shelton Glaze; Pace and Pearson Kearney by Beverley Kearney

Our children by Paul & Nancy Kendall

Our special grandsons, Hunter and Christian Martin by Nan & Bobby Leigh

Grandchildren Gavin, Isaac, Nolan West & June Orth-Veillon by Nancy & JJ Orth

Mary Kaylor and Jean Heywood by Don Sandridge

Paula Lankford by her sister Nancy

Coleman & Aaron Conner and children Ashley, Jami Lynne & Audrey;  
Susan & Keith Ward and girls Ella & Emily;  
Jen & Rob Naquin and Jennings, Ava-Grace & Olivia  
by Nancy & Tom Smith

Verma Lankford by her daughter, Nancy Smith

Charlotte Cecil by Ruth Wallace