

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	12/16
General Fund Total (McGee \$75)	6958.50
Capital Improvements (McGee \$25, Bauschatz \$500)	620.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	70.00
Altar Flowers	90.00
Youth (Honor of Bev Kearney)	25.00
Cemetery Fund	50.00
COUNTING TEAMS	December
3-Burner, Burner, Andersen	23
4-Riggin, Blubaugh, Blubaugh	30

SUNDAY WORSHIP	12/16
8:30 Sanctuary	49
8:30 Nursery	0
11:00 Sanctuary	188
11:00 Nursery	0
11:00 Children's Church (already included in Total Worship)	0
TOTAL in Worship	237
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	No Sunday School due to church wide breakfast & cantata.
Youth	
Children	
TOTAL in SS	

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS			
Date	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School Hour	11:00 a.m.
12/23	Judy Burner	Doris Luther	Loreen Paiva
12/30	Janet Chapin	Marcia Hargis	Donna Lane

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 Miranda Shackelford 11:00 Connor Kent

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

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

Trustee Contact for this Week: M. E. Thomas

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Under Wraps

THE GIFT WE NEVER EXPECTED

December 23, 2018 "GOD IS FAITHFUL" 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

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on "Vom Himmel hoch..."
 from *Christmas Suite No. 2*

Garth Edmundson
 (1900-1971)

"From heaven above to earth I come to bring good news to everyone!

Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world and gladly sing:

To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen virgin mild;

This newborn child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth." — Martin Luther

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00)

Morning Bells

Joseph M. Martin

***OPENING CAROL**

Joy to the World (vv. 1, 2)

UMH No. 246

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

8:30 Kris Kent

11:00 Steve, Dawn, Kayla, and Cole McDade

The Mighty One has done great things! Holy is God's Name! The Light of the World is coming.

With Mary, our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

God's mercy endures from generation to generation for those who are in awe of God.

The proud, the rich, the mighty no longer have power over us.

The lowly are lifted up, and the hungry are satisfied.

We see the light of God shining over the land.

We light a fourth candle in anticipation of the wondrous birth.

We will open our hearts that Love may have a place to dwell.

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, Byron Conner (CO), Larry Cooper, Chris Denton, Clifford Doggett, Phil McGee			
HEALTH ISSUES: Alliyson Alligood, 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, 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 (1/14/19)			
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 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, 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)			
HEALTH ISSUES: Bob Baughman (PA), Cameron Bransfield (FL), Michael Brown (PA), Ross Carmine, Loretta Germek, John Gilchrist, Richard Hearon (FL), Gail Hill, Sharon Hoell, Veronika Kiryanova (Canada), Paula Lankford, Verma Lankford, Thom Ligon, Joanne Mastropietro (FL), Barry McDade, Donna Miller (TX), Edgar Mundo (NY), Steve Neal, Evelyn Perhac, Sandy Purdy, Peggy Rodgers, Linwood Rowe, Vicky Whitney (PA), Charlotte Wright & Chuck Corbin			
HOSPICE: Jan Breen (at home), Marcus (TX)			
HOSPITALIZED: Lisa Breen (Duke), Nancy Grimm (NJ rehab), Julie Grobb (CO), Peggy Rodgers (Waynesboro)			
PARKINSON'S: Duane Burnett			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Carmen Coberly, Aaron Cothorn, Steve & Julie George, Jerry Hall, Irene Hogg, Mary Margaret Kuivinen, 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, all members of the military.</i>			
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.			

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.

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	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Regular Schedule, no activities	
Monday, December 24	CHRISTMAS EVE – Office will close at noon.	
	7:00 p.m.	Family Candlelight Communion Service
	11:00 p.m.	Candlelight Communion Service of Lessons and Carols
Tuesday, December 25 & Wednesday, December 26	CHRISTMAS – Office will be closed December 25-26 and will reopen on Thursday, December 27 at 9 a.m.	
Sunday, December 30	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS – Regular Schedule, no activities	
Monday, December 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE – Office will close at noon and reopen on Wednesday, January 2 at 9 a.m.	

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).

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.**

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.

CLARA BISWAS CORRESPONDENCE — We have recently received a [Christmas thank you letter](#) and [May-December newsletter](#) from our Cambodian missionary Clara Biswas. Both letters are posted on the bulletin board outside the library and linked on the Missions page of our website, which is located under the Ministries tab.

VISITING ANGEL NEEDED — I am looking for a trustworthy, kind person to personally check in with my mom, Jean Heywood, once or twice a week for three months beginning January 1. I will try and get her stocked before I leave but there might be things she needs from time to time, and of course she always enjoys a short visit or perhaps a lunch at Chick-fil-A! If you are interested or know of someone who might be please give me a call at 757-870-3070. This will be a great opportunity to pick up some extra cash.

Wendy Heywood Hogge



Reflections after Our Message on 12.23.18
Galatians 4, 4-5, Luke 2, 8-11

Series: Under Wraps
Title: God is Faithful

Think about people in your life, past and present, who are faithful to you. What words would you use to describe them? What qualities did/do they have?

How have you experienced God's divine faithfulness in your life?

How do you embody faithfulness at Christmas? How do you experience it?

Consider how God's faithfulness came to full fruition through the cross. How might remembering this truth change the way you celebrate the birth of our Savior and Messiah, Jesus, this Christmas?

Name a part of your life that you would like to show more faithfulness in 2019.
