



## Bethany Banner

April 2018

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

Sunday Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages – 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours: M-F, 9:00 a.m–3:00 p.m.



### April Highlights

Sunday, April 1 – Easter Celebration & Holy Communion  
(see inside for complete schedule of Holy Week services)

Monday, April 2 – Office Closed

Friday, April 6 – Church Clean-Up Day

Wednesday, April 11 – Last day for free tax prep by AARP

Sunday, April 22 – Youth Sunday  
No 8:30 service; one service (youth-led) at 11:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. – Virginia Choristers in Concert

#### **Pastor: Mike Derflinger**

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Kris Kent

Assistant Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Dawn McDade

Director of Music: Sandra Fox      Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Nursery Coordinator: Jeannie Meisner

# **Holy Week Services at Bethany**

## **Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday**

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. -- Sunday Worship

## **Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. — Choir Cantata and Holy Communion

8:00 p.m. – Prayer Vigil (thru 12:00 p.m. on Good Friday)

## **Friday, March 30 – Good Friday**

12:00 p.m. – Good Friday Worship Service

## **Saturday, March 31**

9:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt (children thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

## **Sunday, April 1 – Easter Sunday**

6:35 a.m. – Community Sunrise Service at VIMS

Susanna Wesley United Methodist will provide the Welcome, the Sermon & the bulletin. Bethany United Methodist will provide the music.

Gloucester Point Baptist will provide the breakfast following the service.

In case of inclement weather, the church providing the breakfast will become the service host site.

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Easter Worship & Holy Communion at Bethany UMC

## **Flowering of the Cross**

Remember to bring fresh cut flowers to adorn the cross in celebration of our Savior's Resurrection!

## **April Youth and Children News**

Due to Easter Sunday and Spring Break, there will be no afternoon activities on **April 1<sup>st</sup>** or **April 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**: VBS Planning Meeting in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**: Annual Youth Sunday Rehearsal in the sanctuary.

**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**: UMYF from 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**: Cupcake War! We will be baking and decorating cupcakes in teams for the cupcake sale being held on Sunday, April 22. We will also have the final rehearsal for the Youth Service which is being held at 11:00 a.m. the next day.

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**: ANNUAL YOUTH SUNDAY AND CUPCAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE YOUTH FUND.

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**: Bible Buddies from 12:15 to 2:00 p.m.

**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE!!** Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is our Family Spring Carnival!\*\*\*

**JOY CIRCLE** will meet on **Tuesday, April 3 at 7 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey classroom. Guest speaker Michelle Pollack, of Abingdon Episcopal Church, will talk about the Back Pack Program. For more information, contact Judy Burner ([aburner@cox.net](mailto:aburner@cox.net), 642-6016).

**BETHANY SPRING CLEANING DAY**—Please come out for a few hours for spring cleaning of the church on **Friday, April 6 at 9 a.m.** If enough of us show up we can get a lot done in just a few hours. Hope to see you there. Please call Al Burner (804-642-6016) for more information or if you need to come on another day.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SPEAKER** - Mark the dates! Jeff Lane will be presenting "The Law of Concatenation - A New Perspective of the Theory of Evolution and Creationism," which he has researched for the last twenty years. The talk will combine the knowledge of science and the wisdom of the Genesis story of Creation, using examples of life as we know it today to explore Darwin's theory of evolution. The presentation, open to all, will take place on **April 8** and **April 15** in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45). Breakfast foods will be served.

"I truly believe this perspective came to me as a God-given insight to bridge the gap separating Evolutionists and Creationists. I am excited and honored to share this perspective with both our congregation and interested persons in the community." — *Jeff Lane*

# **XYZ** (eXtra Years of Zest)

**Wednesday, April 18 – 11:00 a.m.**

***A Visit with Anne Ducey-Ortiz,***

Director of Planning & Zoning/Zoning Administrator, who will present information on proposed solar farm

**HOME BOUND MINISTRIES - Cooking for shut-ins on Monday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. Come join in the fun!!** For more information, contact Judy Burner ([aburner@cox.net](mailto:aburner@cox.net), 642-6016).

**GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERTS** – Join us on **Sunday, April 22 at 4:00 p.m.** as we welcome ***The Virginia Choristers*** in concert.

Under the direction of Lynnelle Ediger-Kordzaia, the choir has expanded from a single choir to include numerous choirs in partnership with youth organizations throughout the region. The program provides singers in elementary through high school the opportunity to grow, learn, and excel through quality instruction and experiences that emphasize the development of musical skills and understanding.



The Virginia Choristers

**BETHANY BAZAAR NEWS FLASH!** Time is ticking! November is getting closer and we still have a lot of work to do! We need your help on Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00, and could always use ideas and input! Please join us in the Lacey Martin Fellowship classroom any Thursday morning. Don't forget to save those Virginia quarters! *The Bazaar Bunch*

## **HOUSEHOLD GOODS BEING COLLECTED FOR DICKENSON COUNTY**

As part of Bethany's mission effort, May 13 to May 18, to Southwest Virginia, we will be collecting household items in good shape such as linens, blankets, etc. as well as clothes for delivery to the Bins-Counts Community Development Center in Dickenson County, Virginia. Dickenson County, which borders Kentucky, ranks 134 out of 134 Virginia counties in terms of per capita income. Please consider donating gently used items. Call Al Burner (804-642-6016) to schedule pickup or for more information.

## BETHANY MISSION TRIP MAY 13 TO MAY 18

Bethany will sponsor a mission trip to Project Crossroads in Marion, VA leaving on Sunday, May 13 and returning Friday, May 18. Project Crossroads is a mission of The United Methodist Church that serves the needs of God's children through home repair, new home construction, firewood delivery, and emergency assistance. All skill levels from helper to experienced are needed and appreciated. More details will be made available closer to the departure date as we know more about the needs of that depressed community at that time. Please contact Al Burner (804-642-6016) for more information or to express interest in being in mission for this effort. Please pray for this mission and prayerfully consider your own involvement in this and/or other mission efforts.

SUNDAY WORSHIP	2/25	3/4	3/11	3/18
8:30 Sanctuary	53	53	35	55
8:30 Nursery	0	0	0	0
11:00 Sanctuary	89	91	79	95
11:00 Nursery	0	1	1	0
Children's Church	0	5	3	5
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>155</b>
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Adults	60	43	39	41
Youth	5	5	10	6
Children	5	8	9	10
<b>TOTAL in SS</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MONTH	
4/1	Easter Flowers
4/8	Martin & Doe Breen
4/15	Judy Vaughan
4/22	Marcia Hargis
4/29	AVAILABLE

### CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY

Please be in prayer for the families of:

**Louis A. Cruz**, father of Steve Wike's sister-in-law, who passed away on March 8.

**Teddy Bourgoyne**, cousin of Dee Dee Wike, who passed away on March 3.

**Bonita Chaplin**, mother of Dawne Sawyer, who passed away on February 21.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Brothers & Sisters,

At our Finance Committee meeting on March 13th we talked about how healthy our financial status is here at Bethany Church. All of our financial obligations and apportionments are paid on time! I give thanks to God for the men and women that I serve with on this committee. What a blessing it is to serve God with this amazing group of men and women!

We also discussed our designated funds at this meeting, particularly the Endowment Fund and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. The Endowment Fund is put aside for the future ministries and missions of Bethany Church. Pastor Mike uses the Pastor's Discretionary Fund regularly to help our local brothers and sisters in need. We appreciate your generous support of these designated funds.

Did you know that we support Cambodian Missionary Clara Biswas with prayers, as well as financially? As a body of Christ we made this commitment a number of years ago. This past month we sent her \$3315. This mission is a line item in our General Fund. We also have 10 local non-profits and The Society of St. Andrews as part of our General Fund's Outreach Ministries. It is because of your faithfulness and extravagant generosity that we are impacting lives for Jesus Christ here at home, as well as around the world.

As we together fulfill our commitment to God we are transforming lives for Jesus Christ! I give thanks to God daily that I serve Him with such dedicated and loving brothers and sisters. I pray that God will continue to pour His blessings upon each of us as we strive to be more faithful servants of His.

May the Love of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ be with each of you!

Happy Easter!  
Dolores Breen

**HUGS MINISTRY** — Thank you for the beautiful shawl and your prayers. God has blessed me and I am grateful. I will keep you in my prayers!

Thank you, *Mary Ann Costa* (cousin of Bob Nardozzi)

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**TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY** - Words cannot express how grateful we are to belong to Bethany United Methodist Church. Our prayer shawls we love and remind us of our daily blessings and prayers. Lunch was wonderful and all the cards, phone calls and prayers were greatly appreciated.

Thank you, *Bunny & Mike Ekdahl*

Bethany UMC Prayer List

BETHANY FAMILY

CANCER/CHEMO: Mike & Donna Andersen, Roy & Darlene Bauschatz, Willie & Mary Linda Brooks, Paul & Nancy Kendall, Fred & Jane Niethamer, Wes & Zealon Stilley

GRIEVING: Families of Laura Van Alstine, Beth Marshall

HEALTH ISSUES: Dawn & Makena Bontrager, Charlotte Cecil, Dylan Chapin, Krista Chase, Bessie Conner, Larry Cooper, Jimmy Greene, Gene & Jeannie Harrell, Polly Harrison, Mike Hearon, Patrick & Rebecca Kiley, Archie & Loretta Leigh, Marshall & Bonnie Lewis, Alice McGee, Paige Mitchell, Richard Parkes, Ted & Peggy Peterman (NC)

HOSPITALIZED: Willie Brooks (Riverside Regional), Lorraine Brown (Riverside Rehab Hospital), Bill Davis (VA Hospital, Richmond), Fred Niethamer (Riverside Regional)

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Joe Bayly, Willie Brooks, Jimmy Greene, Clare Hall, Fred Niethamer, Norma Sage

BETHANY FRIENDS

CANCER/CHEMO: Robin Barnett (TN), Frances Brown, Jeff Carino, Carmen Coberly, Mary Ann Costa, Leigh English, Joan French, Frank Gill, Neile Greene, Walt & Reet Hayden (FL), Laymon & Sarah Jacobs (TN), Ralph & JayeP. Johnson, Donna Kidd, Johann Kulik (NY), Bill Luther, Pastor Floyd Myers (PA), Evelyn Owens (FL), K.C. Powers, Harold Royals, Sherry Shackelford, Chauntea Shield, Karen Smith, Jeff Thomson

GRIEVING: Families of Janie Blanchard, Teddy Bourgoyne (LA), Claire's cousin, Louis Cruz, Charlie Red, Lawrence West

HEALTH ISSUES: Shane Andersen, Bob Baughman, Les & Jan Breen, Ross Carmine, Catherine Crittendon, Alice Cruz, Loretta Germek, Richard Hearon (FL), Wally Iddings, Veronika Kiryanova (Canada), Joanne Mastropietro (FL), David Paul, Jimmy Powell (KY), Vicky Whitney (PA), Hazel Williamson, Charlotte Wright & Chuck Corbin

UPCOMING SURGERY:

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Cherie Aukland, Jean Bowman (IL), Robert Ervi, Frances Harrison, Jim Germek, Paul McFarland, Melisa Morales (AR), Lydia Newman, Jeanette Nichols (WI), Evie Poland (baby), Kenny Shackelford

BUMC'S MILITARY

Edward Bailey, Todd Bontrager, Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Thomas Howse, Kevin Jacobs, Bernard Johnson, Lamont Johnson, Jim Minor, Kyle Nichols, all members of the military and their families

ASSISTED LIVING (*italics-Bethany Friends*)

Gayton Terrace 12041 Gayton Rd., Richmond, VA 23238	Dorothy Critzer, Room 418
Gloucester House 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester, VA 23061	Jean Heywood, Room 110 Esther Marie Jordan, Room 509
Sanders Assisted Living 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester, VA 23061	Harry Jordan, Room 201
Stonebridge at Woodbury (Memory Care) 2778 Country Club Dr., Hampstead, NC 28443	Gloria Wallace
Sunrise Senior Living 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond, VA 23235	Pauline Harris, Apt. 130
York Convalescent & Rehab Center 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692	Mary Poland, Room 27A Alice Doggett, Room 27B Jerri Doggett, Room 32A

OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia

# April 2018

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 1 - 7	<b>Apr 1</b> EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion 6:30am Community Sunrise Service @ VIMS 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 7:00pm JOY Circle	<b>4</b> 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 11:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:00am House of Prayer	<b>6</b> 9:00am Church Clean Up Day	<b>7</b> 10:00am 12:00pm VA Branch of Int'l Order KDS ----Exec. Board Meeting
	Apr 8 - 14	<b>8</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>9</b> 10:00am Bazaar Quilt Group 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Abingdon Women's Club 7:00pm Finance Committee	<b>11</b> 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 11:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:00am House of Prayer 2:00pm UMW Board (ML) 6:00pm VBS Planning Meeting 7:00pm Church & Society Committee	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Youth Sunday Rehearsal
Apr 15 - 21		<b>15</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Banner Articles Due	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Program Ministries	<b>18</b> 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 11:00am XYZ Club 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:00am House of Prayer 10:30am Naomi Circle	<b>20</b>
	Apr 22 - 28	<b>22</b> YOUTH SUNDAY 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Cupcake Sale 4:00pm GNMCS: Virginia Choristers	<b>23</b> 9:30am Homebound Ministries 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	<b>24</b> 6:30pm UMM	<b>25</b> 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>26</b> 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:00am House of Prayer 5:30pm Samaritan Group	<b>27</b>
Apr 29 - May 5		<b>29</b> 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	<b>May 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>





BIRTHDAYS	
4/1	Kyle Cooper; John Coleman
4/3	Janet Chapin; Charlotte Cecil
4/5	Michael Kendall
4/7	Brandon Sweeney; Isabella Wheat
4/9	Patrick Glaze; Christina Perkins
4/10	Alice Doggett; Peggy Lewis
4/11	Marshall Lewis; Suzanne Sullivan
4/12	Betty Morris; Dylan Andersen; Paige Mitchell, Scott Andersen
4/13	Jack Wallace
4/14	David Campbell; Betty Sue Varner; Josephine Jordan
4/15	Jack Silberhorn
4/16	Robert Blackwell
4/17	Gene Harrell
4/18	Rudy Shackelford; Adam White; Ethan Marshall; Anna Marie Wall
4/19	Rebecca Teagle; Crystal Thompson
4/20	Sondra Colbert; Jay Smith; Jon Kent
4/21	Betty Walker; Ashley Kelley
4/23	Diane White
4/24	Chas Barber
4/25	Johnny Simmons; Cooper White; Shirley Lewis; Debra Farrow
4/26	Neal White
4/27	Austin White, Emily White
4/28	Bayleigh Andersen; Irene Hogge
4/29	Ted Peterman; Tommy Ligon
4/30	Katie Hoover

	ANNIVERSARIES	# years
4/4	Breta & David Hoover	37
4/5	Shawn & Krista Chase	10
4/7	Joe & Lisa Gayle	34
4/10	Mike & Tina Silberhorn	25
4/12	Martin & Dolores Breen	10
4/20	Kelvin & Kelly Cooper	22
4/21	Rick & Gloria Koenig	6
4/23	Roger & Anna Marie Wall	13
4/24	Roy & Darlene Bauschatz	47
4/25	Sandra & Lonnie Byrd	12

TRUSTEE CONTACTS	
WEEK OF	NAME
4/1-4/7	Joni Neal
4/8-4/14	Don Thomas
4/15-4/21	Milton Hudgins
4/22-4/28	Marsha Germek
4/29-5/5	Tom Barnard

DATE	COUNTING TEAMS
4/1	7-Cecil, Durette, Hillard
4/8	1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty
4/15	2-Robins, Nardozzi, Harvey
4/22	3-Burner, Burner, Andersen
4/29	4-Riggin, LeMay, Blubaugh

ACOLYTES		
DATE	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
4/1*	Tally Vaughan	Kate Neikirk
Easter	Miranda Shackelford	Ellanah Daniel
4/8	Connor Kent	Alexandria Bontrager
4/15	Alix Shackelford	Alyssa Hall
4/22	No Service	Cole McDade
4/29	Miranda Shackelford	Cooper White

\*Communion Sunday. Acolyte will assist Pastor Mike with communion.

LITURGISTS		
DATE	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
4/1	Marsha Germek	
4/8	Doe Breen	
4/15	Judy Burner	
4/22	Youth (one service only at 11:00)	
4/29	Sue Morecock	

SOUND ROOM OPERATORS		
Date	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
4/1	Chip Neikirk	Jeremy Nardozzi
4/8	Kirk Bell	Adam White
4/15	Kirk Bell	Jeremy Nardozzi
4/22	No service (Youth Sunday)	Adam White
4/29	Kirk Bell	Jeremy Nardozzi

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Sharon Cheek, Joni Neal, Nina Whitmore