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Bethany Banner
June 2017

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.



Register now for VBS!

June 26-30, 2017

9:00 a.m. — Noon

Ages: 4 years old to rising 5th graders

Register online at www.bethanyumc-gp.org or pick up a registration form on Sunday morning.

Pastor: Deborah T. Marion

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

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every
matter under heaven.... Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Dear friends,

How often in these recent months I have thought about the above scripture, and all of chapter 3, for that matter. For everything there is a season, and a reason, especially when we look at our life's journey.

I have always known that God would let me know when it was time to step down from the pulpit and enter into that new season called retirement. That stepping down was certainly evident when God led me from teaching and called me into ministry, and ministry was where I knew I would stay until led somewhere else. So now I am being led, and I must follow!

The greatest blessing in all of this is that I was led to Bethany four years ago. What a way to go out! You always want to end things on a high note and you can't get much higher than having the opportunity to serve in a place such as this. Many claim to be a friendly and welcoming congregation, but few live up to the impression they have of themselves. Not so with Bethany. From my first introduction to Bethany at the "meet your pastor" meeting in April of 2013, I knew this is where I not only was called to be, but wanted to be. Yes, we have had our ups and downs, disagreements and disappointments, but they shrink in comparison to the many great times together. I don't feel as though you had to start over when I appeared, but rather we continued to move forward, together, as God has led us.

You have a great spirit. You were willing to explore new possibilities and opportunities, and very few times did I hear, "we've never done it that way," or, "we tried that and it didn't work." We trusted each other, making it possible to move forward in ministry together, but there is still more to do! Bethany is a very mission minded church and you are to be commended for your work beyond these walls, serving all of God's people, wherever that leads you, and whatever tasks you are led to do. You have been blessed with much, and have given much, and will continue to do so, knowing that God gets all the glory.

It is bittersweet that Lewis and I end our time here with you, but we are not going far. I will however, respect the protocol of keeping distance, and allowing your new pastor to become your pastor. You will come to love Pastor Mike and his family, and he will feel at home with you, and you will be blessed by what he, and his family, bring to Bethany's table of fellowship.

Lewis and I love you, and you will always hold a very special place in our hearts. We especially thank you for allowing us to be a part of your sacred moments of births, baptisms, confirmations, and the burying of your loved ones; to be included on your mission trips, and other opportunities to be together for fun and fellowship.

Continue to go where God leads, take care of each other, be kind to one another, and always remember that God loves you.

Be blessed as you have blessed. Love, *Pastor Debbie and Lewis*

Bethany UMC Prayer List

BETHANY FAMILY		
Roy & Darlene Bauschatz, Martin Breen, Mary Linda Brooks, Al Burner, Bessie Conner, Jerri Doggett, Alice Doggett, Gene Harrell, Mike Hearon, Harry Jordan, Mary Margaret Kuivinen, Archie Leigh, Bonnie & Marshall Lewis, Jennie Lipscomb, Joy Long, Doris Luther, Ted & Peggy Peterman, Marie Reynolds, Tom Sawyer & family		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
Scott Balderson, Barbara Berry, Sue Blake, Janie Blanchard, Les & Jan Breen, Andrew Brunson, Jeff Carino, Bonita Chaplin, Kathi Christiansen, Kristen Collier, Mary Ann Costa, Bill & Ruth Fenstermacher, Makayla Floyd's grandmother, Margaret Kearney, Vanessa Kellum, Donna Kidd, Thom Ligon, James Marshall, Richard Martin, Lydia Newman, Evelyn Owens, Mr. Palmer, Richard Parkes, Jack Perhac, K.C. Powers, Tess Robins, Bonnie Sandahl, Rhonda Simmons, Steve Smith, Rebecca Sutphin, Suzanne Trio, Rev Vidya, John & Ruth Whitmore, Vicky Whitney, Kandee Willis, Joy Wood, Charlotte Wright		
BUMC'S MILITARY		
Edward Bailey, Todd Bontrager, Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Bernard Johnson, Lamont Johnson, Jim Minor, Kyle Nichols, all members of the military and their families		
ASSISTED LIVING		
Gloucester House:	Esther Marie Jordan, Rm 509 Jean Heywood, Rm 110	Bessie Emory, Rm 101
Sanders Rehab:	Mary Field, Rm 101	
Stonebridge N.C.:	Gloria Wallace	
Sunrise Senior Living:	Pauline Harris	
Walter Reed Convalescent Center:	Jeri Doggett, Room B13	
York Convalescent & Rehab Center:	Mary Poland, Room 27A	
CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY		
The family of Ray Doggett , who passed away on May 19. Ray is the husband of Alice and father of Clifford, Sherri, and Jerri.		
Family of Kathy Young , who passed away on May 12.		
Al and Judy Burner and family of Addie Mae Jones , Judy's cousin, who passed away on May 13.		
Family of Jack Grubbs , friend of Jane Niethamer, who passed away on May 4.		
Family of Ned Ambrosius , son of Marian Abrosius and brother of Lana Loring, who passed away on May 3 following a long battle with cancer.		

In memory of our dear friend, **Pat Hogge**, who left us in May 2016, we have made a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. – Judy & Milton Hudgins

NURSERY NEWS — With summer coming soon, families will be traveling. If you know our nursery will be blessed with visiting children, please call me at 642-3855 so I can arrange for extra help in the nursery.

I will be away July 2 and the nursery will need volunteers for that Sunday, as well as Sundays to come! Also, I have surgery scheduled for July 24 and I will be out at least 6 weeks. I will post sign-up sheets outside the nursery door for those Sundays. Please stop by and volunteer as you are able. With our services now piped into the nursery you will be able to worship **and** experience the blessing of serving Bethany's "little ones!"

Thank you,
Jeannie Meisner, Nursery Attendant

HOME BOUND MINISTRIES will be cooking for our shut-ins on **Wednesday, June 7 at 9:30 a.m.** If you haven't participated in this outreach ministry, join us and you will receive a blessing.

JOY CIRCLE will be meeting on **June 6 at 6 p.m.** at Olivia's Restaurant in the Courthouse. Please let Judy Burner (642-6016 or aburner@cox.net) know by June 4 if you plan to attend. Come and bring a friend if you wish!

"FINDING OUR WAY" GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP — None of us is immune from the stress and sadness of losing someone or something we hold dear. Whether that loss is a beloved friend or family member, a marriage, a job, or a pet, we all have seasons when we need help finding our way back to wholeness. If you have suffered loss recently, or are still struggling with grief from the past, please consider joining us in the Mary Lotsey classroom after the 11:00 service on **Sunday, June 11th**. For more information, please contact Mary Steele at 642-5316.

HELP WANTED—The SPPRC is in the process of looking for an Office Administrator to work 30 hours per week, M–F, 9–3 pm. This person will be the "face" of the church and should possess excellent skills in communication, administration, organization, and work in a multiple staff environment. Strong computer experience within a Windows environment to include Microsoft Excel & Microsoft Word is required. Candidates should send their resume to SPPRC Chairman, P.O. Box 527, Gloucester Point, VA 23062. Applications must be received by June 5, 2017.

THANK YOU NOTES

I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your cards, phone calls, love, and prayers. Also thanks to whoever sent the yellow and orange carnations to Jerri and Ray. There were no cards but the arrangements were lovely. We all enjoyed them. ♥ And while I am saying "thanks," I would like to thank the youth for their Sunday on April 30th. What a great performance! I am sure you spent many hours to give such a fine program. And so well done! Many thanks. And keep those prayers coming. We all need them. With love, *Alice Doggett*



I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, and food during my recent surgery. Especially thanks to the Homebound Ministries for the delicious meal they delivered to Willie and me. (He really appreciated it because that was one night he didn't have to cook!) I still have a long way to go but I am progressing nicely and I am sure all your prayers have been a huge part of my recovery. – *Mary Linda Brooks*

HUGS MINISTRY

"Grateful...Sometimes there just aren't enough words to describe the appreciation." Both of us are very appreciative of your thoughtfulness. –*Jack and Evelyn Perhac*



Ruth and I would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness towards us. We especially appreciate your prayers. Thank you for the lap robe and prayer shawl. My mother did needle work and I have an appreciation for the time it took to make them. Ruth appreciates her shawl on cool mornings sitting on the porch, and I enjoy my robe with my nap. The ministry of your church has touched us so we have enclosed a check we hope will help that ministry to continue. With prayerful thanks — *Bill & Ruth Fenstermacher* ♥ P.S. The colors of the prayer shawl and lap robe were perfect for each of us. We love that they were prayed over by the church. You all are great!



Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl and thinking of me as I recently recovered from surgery. It meant so much knowing of the love that went into every stitch and all of the prayers said over it by your wonderful church members. As I wrap myself in this beautiful blanket, I can feel God's love and your care. Thank you again — *Kari Fernandez* (Joni Neal's daughter)

UMW Father's Day Fundraiser 2017 Order Form

You have an opportunity to honor or memorialize your Father, Uncle, Grandfather, Brother, friend, etc for Father's Day. The proceeds **(\$1 per name)** from this fundraiser will benefit UMW Missions.

To participate, COMPLETE THIS FORM, include your payment, and drop in the offering plate, give to Jane Niethamer, or drop it by the church office. Completed forms, with payment can also be mailed to the church office.

**DEADLINE for inclusion in the FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN is
MONDAY, JUNE 12TH**

(Make checks payable to **Bethany UMW** and write "Father's Day" in the memo.)

(Please PRINT clearly)

Your Name : _____

Phone Number / Email: _____

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The HEROS are coming! The HEROS are coming!

Be part of an awesome week: June 26-30 from 9am til Noon



Vacation Bible School at Bethany UMC is a CHURCH WIDE EVENT! We are in need of ALL types of Helpers. Come be a part of the full week or just a few days! Please...let's all be devoted and make time to be a part of this exciting outreach ministry! Come to our planning meeting on Thursday, June 1st at 7:00pm!

See Kris Kent for more details. Also see your weekly Worship Service Bulletins for updates.

Registration is now open! Bethany UMC Parents and Grandparents: Please register on line at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vacation-bible-school-hero-central-tickets-34612862002> or put your completed form in my mailbox NO LATER THAN JUNE 18th!!

Jump into the action and come Celebrate your Strength in God!

Kris Kent, VBS Director
804-815-4246

NOTE: Links to the online and printed registration forms are also available on the church's website at www.bethanyumc-gp.org.

FINANCE COMMITTEE — We began our May Finance Committee meeting by hearing the words of Jeremiah 17:7-8:

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in a year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.”

When I was asking the Lord for a devotional to begin our meeting, this is where He led me. My Monday evening Bible study had just completed a year-long study of Jeremiah, so being led to this book really was no surprise to me, but this passage was! I have been Finance Chair since 2013. I have to say that God is who carries me and the finance committee. We pray before every meeting that He will lead us and guide us. And, He does! I have seen firsthand how mighty our God is! To Him be all the glory and praise!

We heard good news that financially we are in a good place. All of our bills and apportionments are paid in full! Praise God!

We have received Faith Promises totaling \$91,176. This represents 70% of what we could have expected to receive to date. The end of June marks the half-way point in the year. If you need to know where you are in your Faith Promise to God please contact Bernard Robins.

We heard more good news that our Endowment Fund is growing. We now own 2796 shares valued at \$37,708. That is a 220 share increase over last year! Praise God!

We heard good news about all the work our Trustees have done to keep our church building in excellent working order. Thanks to Kirk Bell there are new handicap parking signs in the back of the church. Soon you will also see new lines painted in the parking lot. Our Trustees are hard working and dedicated servants of the Lord. I thank them for taking such good care of our facilities.

I truly believe that God is blessing us for our faithfulness to Him. As we continue to honor Him with our time, talents and gifts, proclaiming His Holy name, He continues to be with us, leading us and guiding us.

Our Faith Promises are used for the ministries and missions of Bethany church and are impacting our community and world. Thank you also for your 2nd Mile Giving to: Capital Improvement, Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, Altar Flowers, Homebound Ministry, HUGS, Upper Room and Rise Against Hunger. The people of Bethany are incredibly generous!

I am blessed to serve on the Finance Committee and I am blessed to worship Our Lord with each of you. I ask you to please keep us in your prayers as we begin planning for next year’s budget. May we listen with open ears and discerning hearts to what God is calling us to do for His kingdom.

Blessings,

Dolores Breen, Finance Chair

“One person's trash is another's treasure.” How true that quote was as we celebrated the donators and shoppers at the recent BUMC UMM/Youth Ministry Yard Sale held on May 6th. Over \$1,300.00 was made to benefit the two ministries and help them reach their program and outreach goals. We thank all those that assisted, contributed or shopped. We so enjoyed the multi-generational conversations and laughter along with the ability to pitch in and get the job done! Thank you! — Kris and Dawn

BIBLE BUDDIES has one more super fantastic get together and then we will be taking a break for the summer! • Please set aside **Sunday, June 11th from 5pm to 7pm** for some great fun! More details to follow!
~Ms. Kris and Ms. Cat

Hey Kids and Youth!

Hero Central VBS needs to be a SUPER, POWERFUL and COLORFUL Week! So I need your help! Come to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, June 20th from 10:00 a.m.—12:30pm.** We will get some posters, decorations and fun stuff ready for our AWESOME week!



—See Ms. Kris for more information!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – If you haven’t been to Sunday school lately, you don’t know what you are missing! Come find out by visiting one of our eight Sunday school classes for adults. We study the Bible, pray for others, and have lively discussions. Come join us at 9:45 every Sunday morning, with breakfast at 9:30 on the second Sunday of every month. See you there!

Pastor Debbie and Lewis will have a new address effective 6/7:

190 Riverbank Dr., Deltaville, VA 23043
Phone: 804-776-0309 (home)
Email: mariondebbie36@gmail.com (Debbie)
Email: vason9491@gmail.com (Lewis)





RISE AGAINST HUNGER (formerly Stop Hunger Now) - **WE DID IT!!!**
We exceeded our goal! ♥ Thanks to all of you for your contributions to this worthwhile outreach ministry. Any overage will be applied to next year when we participate in this project again. ♦ We will be packaging 10,000 meals on **Sunday, June 4** after the 11 a.m. worship service. **WE NEED YOUR FAMILY!** After the service we will quickly eat a sandwich before proceeding to the WBFH. We need each family to fill out a release form to give to the Rise Against Hunger organization. Forms will be available Sunday. Make this a family event and bring your entire family. It's for all ages and is a fun project! You don't want to miss it!

ALTAR FLOWERS

6/4 Bev Kearney 6/18 Peggy Lewis
 6/11 Nancy Orth 6/25 Debbie & Lewis Marion

SAVE THE DATE!

Pastor Debbie's Retirement Luncheon
Sunday, June 25th

Potluck luncheon in the WBFH will follow the 11:00 service.
Join us as we honor and rejoice with Pastor Debbie and Lewis.

We want to bless Pastor Debbie & Lewis with a travel fund to kick off their adventure! To contribute to this love gift, please see Judy Burner or Jane Niethamer. Checks should be made payable to **Judy Burner with "**Pastor Debbie's Retirement**" noted in the memo line.**

All are invited to attend the Retirement Recognition at Annual Conference on Saturday, June 17 at 2:00 PM
Hampton Convention Center

YOU KNOW YOU CARE! Show it by coming to **C.A.R.E. (Christians Actively Reaching Everyone)** on **Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30**. We write cards to shut-ins, those in the hospital or nursing home, for birthdays, or just to let people know that Bethany cares about them! For more information on C.A.R.E., contact Nancy Wilburn at 642-5820.

Welcome, Pastor Mike and Sherri Derflinger



Mike grew up in Front Royal, Virginia. He is an Elder in the UMC and completing 32 years of pastoral ministry, all in the Virginia Conference. Mike's message is simple: Jesus loves you and has more for you than you imagine. He has a passion for preaching and teaching the Scriptures.

Sherri grew up in Danville, Virginia and is employed as a fiscal technician in the VDOT Surry office and with The Peanut Shop of Williamsburg.

The Derflingers have three wonderful young adult children: James, 23, finishing Liberty University, Jeremy, 21, a junior at Longwood University, and Julie, 18, a freshman at Liberty University. Also, they have one very lovable and scaredy cat, Fluffy.

BUMC EVENTS

June 2017

June 2017							July 2017						
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28 - Jun 3	May 28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3
					9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer 7:00pm VBS Planning Meeting (WBFH)		
Jun 4 - 10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Communion Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Rise Against Hunger	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	6:00pm JOY Circle @ Olivia's Restaurant	9:30am Homebound Ministries 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer 10:30am Naomi Circle		10:00am River Country Quilters
Jun 11 - 17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship & 5th grade promotion 12:15pm "Finding Our Way" Grief Support Group 5:00pm Bible Buddies	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	7:00pm Finance Committee	7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer 7:00pm Program Ministries		2:00pm Annual Conference Retirement Recognition, Hampton Convention Center
Jun 18 - 24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Father's Day 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	10:00am VBS Prep Time 2:00pm Rockin' Readers Book Club	7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer		
Jun 25 - Jul 1	25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
	8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Pastor Debbie's Retirement Luncheon 2:30pm VBS Setup	9:00am VBS 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	9:00am VBS	9:00am VBS 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:00am VBS 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer	9:00am VBS	



BIRTHDAYS	
6/1	Ryan Mahoney
6/2	Connor Brooks; Mike Silberhorn
6/3	Henry Demyanovich, Miranda Shackelford
6/4	Dakota Sharpe; Chip Neikirk
6/5	Aislee Thomas, Mary Margaret Kuivinen
6/6	Mark Montefusco
6/7	Michael Andersen; Jackie Wood, Mike Ekdahl
6/8	Judy Burner; Joe Gayle
6/9	Andy White; Kris Kiley; Neil Marshall; Debbie Rhodes; Marcia Hargis; Susie Buck
6/10	Doris Courtney; Cole McDade
6/11	Greg Freeman
6/12	Erin Hearon
6/13	David Hoover; Nathan Schultz
6/14	Sue Morecock; Derrick Rhodes
6/15	Andrew White; James Geldmacher; Paul Blais
6/16	Morgan Cooper
6/17	Josh Hasty
6/18	Ken Bunting; John Rhoades; Donna Andersen
6/19	Art Wolz
6/20	Robert Naquin
6/21	Michael Johnson; Tiffany Busch; Coleman Ward; April Mafturak
6/22	Zealon Stille; Leanna Orth West; Kimberly Paiva; Harley White Stacey
6/23	Susan Hutchinson
6/24	Nina Whitmore; Roger Loring; Trip Vaughan
6/25	Susannah Hogge; Dean Townsend
6/27	Bonnie Young; Charla Barnard; Caragan Brooks
6/28	Katie Boyette; Krista Chase; Susan Rollins; Bonnie Paige Young; Cliff Beach; Nerine Hickman
6/29	Linwood Daniel; Lavalie Wilson; Haley Tillage; Deanna Mitchell
6/30	Doris Luther; Jacob Frederick; Mikinze Mozal; Josiah Minor

	ANNIVERSARIES	# of years
6/1	Keith & Susan Ward	11
6/3	Chip & Betty Neikirk	22
6/4	Kris & Norma Baker	43
6/8	Randy & Vicki Williams	51
6/13	Marshall & Bonnie Lewis	55
6/13	Dawn & Todd Bontrager	18
6/14	Sid & Marion Dixon	62
6/14	Wiley & Pam Carteret	
6/16	John & Nina Whitmore	43
6/18	Billy & Ann Hogge	34
6/18	Sam & Kay Uhler	51
6/18	Gail & Tony Wallace	40
6/21	Harvey & Mary Dale Williams	59
6/21	Roger & Lana Loring	42
6/21	Thomas & Sarah Beaudoin	9
6/23	Gerald & Nerine Hickman	11
6/26	Willie & Mary Linda Brooks	41
6/26	Kevin & Kathryn Jacobs	13
6/27	Scott & Laura Glaze	19
6/30	Jon & Kris Kent	16
6/30	JJ & Nancy Orth	44

TRUSTEE CONTACTS	
WEEK OF	NAME
6/4-6/10	Donna Andersen
6/11-6/17	M. E. Thomas
6/18-6/24	David Lewis
6/25-7/1	Joni Neal

LITURGISTS		
DATE	8:30	11:00
6/4	Marsha Germek	
6/11	Sandy Byrd	
6/18	Judy Burner	
6/25	Youth	

DATE	COUNTING TEAMS
6/4	5—Luther, Steele, Rollins
6/11	6-Hampton, Morecock, Cecil
6/18	1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty
6/25	2-Robins, Nardoizzi, Harvey

SOUND ROOM OPERATORS		
Date	8:30	11:00
6/4	Lewis Marion	Kirk Bell
6/11	Lewis Marion	Adam White
6/18	Lewis Marion	Jeremy Nardozzi
6/25	Kirk Bell	Adam White

ACOLYTES		
DATE	8:30	11:00
6/4*	Ellanah Daniel	Shelby Jacobs
6/11	Alix Shackelford	Aiden Dumbrocyo
6/18	Alec Daniel	Makena Bontrager
6/25	Ellanah Daniel	Jordan Roane

ALTAR GUILD
Peggy Lewis, Nancy Wilburn, Sarah Hillard

*Communion Service: Acolyte will assist Pastor Debbie with communion.