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Bethany Banner
January 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.

Happy New Year!

Ministry and fellowship opportunities this month:

Bazaar Workshops

Homebound Ministries

UMW Circles (JOY and Naomi)

UMM Gathering at Nick's

XYZ Club

Dinner 8 Kick-Off Covered Dish Dinner

G.U.E.S.T

...and more. Look inside for details.

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



MIKED UP – January 2018

All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. – John 1:3-5.

A Christmas Prayer

Lord Jesus, not even the distance between heaven and earth, not even death's darkness could extinguish the light of your love for us. I do not claim to comprehend fully that love, but from time to time I can feel it and sense it and see it, and in my mind can gain some understanding about it. And I hope to believe in You and your love always, through the ups and downs of daily living, through the celebrations and accomplishments, through the ordinary days and unusual days, through the joys and sorrows of my life. Today, I join with your people everywhere who rejoice in the very good news of not only your birth, but your whole life and ministry, your redemptive death and resurrection, and the presence of the Holy Spirit who you sent to us. For all of this, I thank you.

Bethany UMC Prayer List

BETHANY FAMILY

CANCER/CHEMO: Mike & Donna Andersen, Roy & Darlene Bauschatz, Larry & Nancy Cooper, Paul & Nancy Kendall (has finished treatments), Fred & Jane Niethamer
GRIEVING: Lorraine Brown, Janice Day, Alice Doggett, family of Mary Field, Kris Kent & family, Jeannie Lipscomb, Doris Luther, Dawne Sawyer, Slattery family, Mary Dale Williams
HEALTH ISSUES: Meredith Ransone Dills, Gene & Jeannie Harrell, Mike Hearon, Patrick & Rebecca Kiley, Archie & Loretta Leigh, Marshall & Bonnie Lewis, Alice McGee, Ted & Peggy Peterman (NC), Peggy Lewis, Norma Sage
HOSPITALIZED:
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Chris Denton, Jennie Lipscomb

BETHANY FRIENDS

CHILDREN & YOUTH: Jackson Scalf (& family)
ADULTS: Robin Barnett (TN), Janie Blanchard, Les & Jan Breen, Cancer Patients (Susan Emory, Jeanette, and Claire), Jeff Carino, Ross Carmine, Bonita Chaplin, Mary Ann Costa, Wiley Cross, Alice Cruz, Josh Daniel, Amanda Ellis, Bill & Ruth Fenstermacher, Loretta Germek, Jerry Hall, Walt Hayden (FL), Brian Hudson, Wally Iddings, Pal Jackson, Laymon & Sarah Jacobs (TN), Ralph & JayeP. Johnson, Gale Jones, Vanessa Kellum, Donna Kidd, Veronika Kiryanova (Canada), John Lawson, Thom Ligon, Bill Lockwood, Jim Lundquist, Bill Luther, James Marshall, Lydia Newman, Evelyn Owens, Jack Perhac, K.C. Powers, Tess Robins, Melody Rogers, Harold Royals, Bonnie Sandahl, Sherry Shackelford, Becca Shepard, Rhonda Simmons, Steve Smith, Lucy Soles, Father Kevin Sweeney, Rev. Ann Tang, Jeff Thomson, Suzanne Trio, Linda Wallace, Deborah West, Judy & Raymond West, Vicky Whitney (PA), Charlotte Wright
GRIEVING: Kevin & Suzanne McDade (NC), Rev. Doug Nagel, Joan Martin
HOSPITALIZED:
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Paul Kaiser, Ashby Morgan

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. 107
York Convalescent & Rehab Center 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692	Alice Doggett, Room 27B Jerri Doggett, Room 32A Mary Poland, Room 27A

OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia (\$3,315.00)

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY

Kandee Willis, stepsister of Mike Harrison, who passed away on December 12.
Richard Martin, father of Kris Kent, who passed away on December 5.
Shirley Royals Brown, sister of Frances Brown, who passed away on November 23.

Children and Youth Ministry JANUARY EVENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! Start off 2018 with your friends at church doing great things together for the glory of God!

1/7/18: UMYF to meet in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall from 12:15 to 2:00pm

1/14/18: Bible Buddies to meet in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall from 12:15 to 2:00pm

1/19/18: Youth Lock-In at BUMC from 6:30 to 10:00am Saturday

1/21/18: ****No UMYF due to Friday night Lock-In****

1/28/18: Bible Buddies to meet in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall

****COMING SOON!!****

2/4 and 2/11: UMYF Officer Nominations and Voting

To our gracious Bethany Family,

Please accept a note of heartfelt thankfulness for the love, kindness and support that you offered to us during our Dad's/Grampa's hospice care and passing as well as Mom's/Gramma's fall and her recovery. Thank you for helping us through the storm with your prayers, cards, texts, comforting hugs, generous gift cards, monetary donation and meals. It was overwhelmingly touching to be the receivers of such support. For the last 15 years we have heard testimonies of the love and gifts from the heart that The Bethany Family has shown others through their most fragile times. Now it's our turn to thank you for you taking the time to help make us through such a trying time and for keeping us all afloat.

Most Gratefully,

Kris, Jonathan, Austin and Connor Kent

United Methodist Church Begins Work on New Version of The United Methodist Hymnal.

“Revising our church hymnal, especially by adding the songs and prayers that define worship for United Methodists of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, will help our congregations expand relationship-building and discipleship-making into their communities,” said Rev. Junius B. Dotson General Secretary (CEO) of Discipleship Ministries, which shares responsibility for our denomination’s hymnal with The United Publishing House (UMPH).

The 2020 hymnal will be significantly different from the traditional printed hymnal, with a much deeper and broader scope of material and delivery methods (print, digital, etc.) that utilize current and future technology. “A core of material will be present in every print version of the hymnal, but each United Methodist congregation will be able to have a customized print version, if that is what congregations prefer,” said Brian Milford, president and Publisher of UMPH.

The Hymnal Revision Committee is very diverse. Constituencies not represented on the committee will be sought and highly valued as consultants in the revision process. To see the members on the committee and keep up with the revision, go to www.umc.org and www.umcdiscipleship.org.

HOME BOUND MINISTRIES - Start the year off right and come out and help cook for our shut-ins on **Friday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m.** We also need folks to deliver as well. For more information contact Judy Burner (642-6016, aburner@cox.net).

CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR was a huge success! We raised \$2,025 to help with supplies for our 2018 Bazaar. Thanks to those who came out and toured and a special thanks to our hosts - Billy and Ann Hogge, Bernard and Debbie Robins, Don Thomas and Abigail and Mike Walker. The homes were beautifully decorated and the fellowship was fantastic!

BAZAAR WORKSHOPS

Our Bazaar Bunch is ready to work on the 2018 Bethany Bazaar! Mark November 10, 2018 on your calendar, with the night before for the Preview Dinner. We hope you will consider coming out to help. (You don't have to be "crafty," just willing to work!) We will meet from 9 a.m. til noon on Thursdays, beginning January 4. On January 11 we will add a night session from 7-9 p.m. to give others a chance to participate!

When you clean out after Christmas, think of us before getting rid of usable Christmas decorations that we can recycle.

We will have a Vintage Room again so please put aside antique items for next year's Bazaar.

We will let you know what items to begin saving, but we can always use corks, shells, and Tide Pod containers.

Thanks for all your help and we'll see you on January 4!

The Bazaar Bunch

Judy Burner & Nancy Wilburn, Co-Chairs

Committee: Donna Andersen, Sue Morecock, Joni Neal, and Nina Whitmore

The **Esther Thompson Cottage** is a small residence used to provide emergency housing for families in crisis.

The Esther Thompson Cottage Committee has recommended to the Board of Trustees that the cottage be sold. The Trustees have had an initial meeting to discuss the cottage and want to receive input from members of the congregation.

The Trustees will host two listening meetings – on **January 10, 2018 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.** and **January 25, 2018 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** – whereby members of the congregation may offer their comments. Comments should be limited to less than 10 minutes per person. Written comments are encouraged, especially from those not able to attend in person. The Trustees will not be speaking in response to comments or making a decision at this time. Please note that the Board of Trustees recommendation is presented to the Administrative Council. The Council makes the final decision.

To schedule a slot, please call or speak with Marsha Germek (804-815-3639). Please give written comments to Al Burner (aburner@cox.net).

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year! As I look back at all we accomplished in 2017 I give God all the glory and praise! We cannot do anything without Him who is so loving and generous to each of us. We have served our community with love, food, fellowship, music, yard cleaning, ramp building and laughter! We opened our doors to many local groups, the AARP, Boy Scouts, GUEST, York River District events, Bible Study, Sunday School, Youth Group fun, Children's events, concerts, choir practice, a place to pray, a place to worship, a place to laugh and a place to cry. We celebrated new births and marriages, we celebrated lives lived well, and we cried together in loss and tragedy. We have honored those who place their lives on the line everyday so that we are free to worship God. We have spent time honoring and worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and God our loving Father.

You have supported our General Budget with your Faith Promises and you have gone the 2nd mile to support our designated funds. In the last month you have given generously to the following designated funds: Capital Improvement, Pastor's Discretionary fund, Altar Flowers, Bethany's Bazaar, GUEST, Upper Room, Youth, Endowment Fund, HUGS Ministry and the Homebound Ministry. Thank you!

I am looking forward to seeing where God leads us in 2018. I thank God for each of you and the love and care you show for one another. I am honored to serve our Lord with you.

Blessings,
Dolores Breen
Finance Committee Chair

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Date	8:30	SS	11:00
11/26	46	52	113
12/3		34	161
12/10		42	191
12/17			200

ALTAR FLOWERS

1/7	Bob Nardoizzi
1/14	Peggy Lewis
1/21	AVAILABLE
1/28	AVAILABLE



It's time to SIGN UP for 2018 DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP!

What is DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP? DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP is a fun, relaxing way to get to know other members of the congregation on a more personal level, as you share a meal together.

Who can participate in DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP? It's open to couples and singles of ALL ages.

How does DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP work? Participants are divided into groups of 8 and have dinner together in someone's home, a restaurant, a park...anywhere the group decides. When in a home, everyone brings a dish as requested by the hostess. Group members (couple/single) take turns planning and hosting. Each group decides on how often you get together throughout the year (we suggest that you try to get together at least 4 times). Each group's plans are based on the "make-up" of the group (kids, no kids, etc.). When planning with your group, be considerate of others' needs. The most important thing is to use the time together to get to know each other, versus how many times you get together.

What do I do? 1) Complete the information below and drop in the offering plate, and 2) plan to attend the Kick-Off Dinner.

**OFFICIAL DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP
KICK-OFF COVERED DISH DINNER
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.**

After the groups are selected, each group will have their first official meal together. Don't forget to bring your calendar so plans can begin for your 2018 DINNER 8 FELLOWSHIP group.

----- COMPLETE INFO, TEAR & PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE -----

NAME: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____



**BETHANY HOST WEEK for GUEST NIGHT SHELTER is
JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 5**

To volunteer, sign up online at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4daea62fabfe3-week54>

Thanks to everyone who helped make our December Host Week a success! We will be hosting our second week of the season at the end of the month and are again looking for volunteers to serve the homeless in our community. **The success of this program depends on volunteers like you!**

Please contact Nancy Orth (nancyorth2@gmail.com; 804-832-2232 cell or 804-693-4762 home) if you would like to sign up and aren't able to at the web site above.

THANK YOU NOTES

Heartfelt love and thanks is extended to all who remembered Alton and I at the death of my sister, Shirley. The cards were most appreciated and the verses they conveyed meant a lot. To those who took the time to attend the funeral please know how much we love and appreciate you. The gift of tomorrow is not promised so enjoy those around you and share all the love you can while they are among you.

With love, *Alton and Frances Brown*

Thank you very much for the beautiful funeral service for Harvey Williams, led by Pastor Mike, Art Wolz, Braxton Allport, and music by Rudy Shackelford, and for all of the cards, notes, visits, telephone calls, and gifts to the church and the American Cancer Society in memory of Harvey. The food was delicious that was prepared by and under the supervision of the Food Committee and others. The HUGS Ministry gave me a beautifully colored scarf. The nice booklet, "A Time to Grieve," sent to me by the Stephen Ministry, was very much appreciated. Thank you also for the cards, notes, gifts, and visits since I broke my hip. - *Mary Dale Williams*

Thank you for my hand knitted lap robe. It was very thoughtful and has been keeping me warm. - *Ashby Morgan*

TEA/COFFEE SCHEDULE

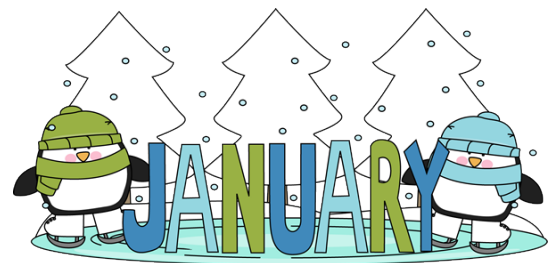
We need volunteers from each adult Sunday School class to be responsible for turning off and cleaning the coffee pot and tea pot each Sunday morning, to ensure cleanliness and safety in our kitchen and fellowship hall. **Thanks to the Lacey Martin class for your help in January!**

January 2018

January 2018							February 2018						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28			

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 31	Jan 1, 18	2	3	4	5	6	
	NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN AT NOON 3:30pm Trustees 7:00pm JOY Circle	7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer 7:00pm SPPRC			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Comunion Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm UMYF	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	7:00pm Abingdon Women's Club 7:00pm Finance Committee	3:30pm Esther Thompson Cottage Listening Meeting 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer 10:00am York River Garden Club 2:00pm UMW Board (ML) 7:00pm 9:00pm Bazaar Workshop		10:00am 4:00pm River Country Quilters	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Bible Buddies	3:00pm Banner Articles Due 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	2:00pm 3:00pm XYZ (Set-up) 7:00pm Program Ministries	11:00am XYZ Club 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer 10:30am Naomi Circle 1:00pm Staff Meeting	9:30am Homebound Ministries 6:30pm 12:00am UMYF Lock-In	12:00am 10:00am UMYF Lock-In 6:00pm 7:30pm Next Generation Dinner	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	3:00pm Worship and the Arts Committee	7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer 7:00pm Esther Thompson Cottage Listening Meeting	6:00pm Dinner 8 Kickoff		
28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	
8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Bible Buddies 1:00pm 11:30pm GUEST SETUP	GUEST HOST WEEK 1/29-2/5/18 (WBFH/Kitchen reserved)		6:30pm 7:00pm UMM (at Nick's)	9:00am 12:00pm AARP Set Up 7:00pm Chancel Choir			

BIRTHDAYS	
1/1	Robert Yoder; Carol Schultz
1/2	Joan Fecondo, Robert Hornsby
1/3	Richard Miller; Scott Varner; Scott Glaze
1/4	Diana Simmons; Nancy Smith; Joe Bayly
1/6	Aaron Cothorn; Meg Teagle
1/8	Christina Mahoney
1/9	Wes Stilley
1/10	Abigail Woodhouse Walker
1/12	Thomas Smith
1/13	Clair Hillard
1/14	Mary Poland; Woody Brown; Michael Harrison
1/15	Ryan Brooks; Laura Glaze; Wiley Cross; Tim Hart, Jr.
1/16	Nancy Cooper; Stacey Montefusco; Steve Suarez
1/17	Rylie Patterson
1/18	Lewis Marion; Barbara Dunston; Vicki Vance
1/19	Ann Byrd
1/21	Pauline Harris; Richard Parkes, Vanessa Morris
1/25	Randy Tong; Gerlinde Stevens
1/26	Clifford Ray Doggett, Jr., Nancy Wilburn
1/27	Eric Thomas; Brittan Goetz; Ashleigh Polk
1/28	Robert Jordan
1/29	Bob Nardozi; Bruce Long; Linda Enroughty
1/31	Susan Ward; Elizabeth Brown



	ANNIVERSARIES	# years
1/1	Rob & Cathy Raines	9
1/15	Josh & Vanessa Morris	18
1/22	Randy & Rosemarie Tong	
1/29	Archie & Loretta Leigh	13

TRUSTEE CONTACTS	
WEEK OF	NAME
1/7-1/13	Tom Barnard
1/14-1/20	Donna Andersen
1/21-1/27	M. E. Thomas
1/28-2/3	David Lewis

LITURGISTS		
DATE	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
1/7	Judy Burner	
1/14	Marsha Germek	Clair Hillard
1/21	Doe Breen	
1/28	Youth	

DATE	COUNTING TEAMS
1/7	2-Robins, Nardozi, Harvey
1/14	3-Burner, Burner, Andersen
1/21	4-Riggin, LeMay, Blubaugh
1/28	5-Luther, Steele, Rollins

SOUND ROOM OPERATORS		
Date	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
1/7	TBD	TBD
1/14	TBD	TBD
1/21	TBD	TBD
1/28	TBD	TBD

ACOLYTES		
DATE	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
1/7*	Tally Vaughan	Alec Daniel
1/14	Alix Shackelford	Alexandria Bontrager
1/21	Miranda Shackelford	Ellanah Daniel
1/28	Justus Minor	Cooper White

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

ALTAR GUILD
Nerine Hickman, Lynda Blubaugh, Wendy Hogge