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Bethany Banner March 2016

The Church with Open Hearts,
Minds, and Doors



Holy Week at Bethany

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Choir Cantata
8:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil
(til noon on Good Friday)

Saturday, March 26

10:00 a.m. til noon
Easter Egg Hunt

Alleluia! He Is Risen!

Easter Sunday

6:45 a.m. – Community Sunrise Service at VIMS
7:30 a.m. – Community Breakfast at Bethany
10:00 a.m. – Easter Celebration & Holy Communion
(one service only, no Sunday school)

Starting from scratch, God made the entire human race and made the earth hospitable, with plenty of time and space for living so we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually find him. God doesn't play hide-and-seek with us.

God is not remote; God is near.

Acts 17:26-27, **The Message**, Eugene Peterson

Dear Friends,

Sometimes it is very difficult to see God, or experience God, in the events that unfold around us, especially when those events are surrounded by pain, loss, grief, uncertainty, and even death. God's presence can be a hidden presence, not because God chooses to withdraw himself from us, but because we fail to see him who is so near. We are so intent on moving beyond whatever it is that is causing such discontent or discomfort, that we overlook God who is closer than we realize.

It is difficult at times when, as a pastor, I try to bring some comfort to families, or individuals, or even congregations, suggesting God's presence with us, walking with us through the wildernesses, or the valleys of the shadow of death; how God is that rod and staff for comfort and strength; how God knows what we are going through and will walk through whatever we encounter, with us. Yet we do not see; we do not know.

There are many reasons for our failure to see. We are so concerned about the future outcome that we fail to see the present blessings. We also fail to see because we are looking for the wrong signs of God's presence; we may be looking for peace when God's presence is in the turmoil. We may be looking for resolution when hope lies in the non-fulfillment of our present expectations. We may be wishing for answers when God's goodness is manifest in further questions.

God is frequently closer than we think. We need, however, to develop a new confidence that God inhabits our despair as well as our praises. It is so easy to give God the praise when things are going well, but let us remember that God is present in all things, and we will see him when we look, expecting to find him.

Something to think about as we come to the end of our Lenten journey, realizing that God is present for us in the events of Palm/Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday as much as on Resurrection Sunday.

Happy Spring! *Debbie*

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

To view our current prayer list and church directory, go to the [Members Only](#) page on our website and enter the password **servant**. If you need the password, please call or email the church office.

BETHANY FAMILY		
Paul Reynolds	Jennie & Carroll Lipscomb	Jack & Mary Poland
Gene Harrell	Abigail Walker	Pat Hogge
Sandra Hollins	Bessie Conner	Ted & Peggy Peterman
Bob Nardozzi	Ray and Alice Doggett	Esther Marie Jordan
Billy Davis	Archie Leigh	Tom Sawyer
Charlotte Cecil	Denise Campbell	Ken Matthews
Sarah Hillard	Richard Parkes	Jack Whitmore
Kelly Cooper	Kathy Jacobs	Marshall Lewis
Judy Burner	Paul Kendall	Rebecca Kiley
Mary Kaylor	Paige Mitchell	

BETHANY FRIENDS		
Chucky Baughman	Joan Martin	Shirley Lewis
Jeanette French	June & JoAnn Smith	Brandon Wright
Annette Wilburn	Baby Burke	Jan Breen
Alora Condra	Mildred Townsend	Tommy Ashe
Paul Doss	Tammy Rosser & family	Blackstone Retreat Ctr.
Dylan Matrayek	Jeanette (Sput) French	Marsha Nichols

ASSISTED LIVING		
Gloucester House:	Esther Marie Jordan, Room 509 Jean Heywood, Room 110	Agnes Williams, Room 113
Heron Cove:	Jack Kaylor, Room 11	
Sanders Assisted Living:	Mary Fields	Mildred Townsend, Rm 1213
Stonebridge N.C.:	Gloria Wallace	
Sunrise Senior Living:	Pauline Harris (Sunrise Senior Living @ Bon Air 2105 Cranbed Rd., Apt. 107, Richmond, VA 23235)	



HOME BOUND MINISTRIES - Come out and help us cook and deliver meals to our shut-ins on **Monday, March 14** at **9:30 a.m.** It's a great way to spend your morning.

SECOND TUESDAY MORNING VISITATION - Want to put a smile on someone's face as well as your own? Come and visit our shut-ins on **Tuesday, March 8** at **10 a.m.**

JOY CIRCLE - The JOY Circle will meet on **Tuesday, March 1** at **7 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey Classroom. Our speaker will be Karen Kovac from Tidewater Physical Therapy. All ladies of the church are invited to join us.



Want to see another **Bethany Cookbook**? We'd like to publish a cookbook this year but we need someone to head up this project. Are you interested? Please e-mail Judy Burner at aburner@cox.net or call her at 642-6016 to discuss this.

BETHANY BAZAAR

"A tisket a tasket we would love to have your theme basket" – for our Bazaar shop. Now is a good time to be thinking of some ideas and items for this project. Put your thinking hat on and let's have a great display of baskets to make our room sparkle.

Bazaar workshops are buzzing with activity and lots of items being made. Consider joining one, if you haven't already. Once you do you will experience a fun and exciting time!-



XYZ CLUB — XYZ Club will meet **Wednesday, March 16** at **11:30 a.m.** in the WBFH. Following lunch our program, "*From the Ground Up*," will be presented by Charles Records, Professional Civil Engineer. Currently he is developing Coleman's Crossing and soon will start the redevelopment of the American Legion site. His interesting and informative program is something you should not miss!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – We're looking forward to another exciting month in Sunday school! You won't want to miss out, so plan to visit one of our adult classes. Plan now to come to March's breakfast on **Sunday, the 13th** at **9:30 a.m.** and stay for Sunday school! Thanks to the Lacey Martin and Mary Lotsey classes for helping with the breakfast in February.

For more information on our adult Sunday school classes, click [HERE](#) or visit <http://www.bethanyumc-gp.org/sunday-school/>.

GENTLE REMINDER: Bethany is a busy place with many events and meetings throughout the week. To have your announcement included in our publications, please submit it in writing, if possible. Bulletin submissions are due by 3 PM on Tuesday. **Banner** submissions are due by 3 PM on the 15th of the month, unless otherwise specified. Thank you.

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

Eric Chen, violin

Sunday, March 20 at 4 PM
Bethany UMC Sanctuary



Talented beyond his 14 years, Eric began his violin studies at the age of three and appeared as guest soloist with Livingston Symphony Orchestra at age eight. Currently, Eric studies violin with Naoko Tanaka at the Juilliard School Pre-college as well as under the mentorship of violinist Stefan Jackiw.

Eric, the Grand Prize winner of the 2015 George Nelson Memorial Concert Series Young Artists Competition, has won numerous awards. Besides music, Eric loves reading, rock climbing, and traveling.

Make plans now to join us for a delightful afternoon of music by this gifted young performer!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Brothers and Sisters,

We recently received a thank you letter from the Virginia United Methodist Conference Treasurer for paying 100% of our 2015 Apportionments. We were one of 865 churches in our conference to pay 100% or more of our apportionments. Apportionments are how we contribute to the connectional church. Conference missions and ministries, conference services, District Superintendents Fund, Virginia Education Fund, Active and Retired Health Insurance, Clergy pension and the Episcopal Fund are just a few of the funds that our apportionments support. For a complete listing and a great explanation of Apportionments go to www.vaumc.org and in the search box type in apportionments. Why would a church pay more than their required apportionments? Any money that is contributed over what we've been asked to give is used to help support churches that are struggling and unable to contribute. What a blessing it is to be able to help other United Methodist churches in their hour of need. How wonderful it is to be a part of a connectional congregation!

I give thanks to God for your continued generosity and support of the many ministries and missions of Bethany Church. During February you went the 2nd mile and supported the following Designated Funds: Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Bazaar, Bible Study, Capital Improvement, Altar Flowers, George Nelson Concert Series, Youth, Missions, GUEST and Upper Room.

We received 86 Faith Promises to support our church financially in 2016. 56 people/families have so far this year supported our general fund through their Faith Promise giving. Thank you for your timely contributions! We are still accepting Faith Promises, so if you meant to turn one in but time slipped away from you please get in touch with Bernard Robins. I am sure that he will be glad to hear from you!

I am so blessed to worship God with each of you. Your love, hospitality and generosity are amazing! You really do set an example of what Christians look like! I thank God for you every day. I ask that you continue to pray for your Finance Committee that we will keep our eyes on God and honor Him with our decisions for His church.

Blessings,

Dolores Breen
Finance Chair

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Sunday, March 6th– Bible Buddies

12:00pm to 2:00pm

More details soon!

Saturday, March 19th–Bethany UMC Grounds Maintenance

9:00am to 10:30am

Anyone that has an hour or so to spare, please bring your rake and join in as we beautify the grounds of Bethany!

Tuesday, March 22nd–Easter Egg Stuffing

10:00am to 11:30am

Adult Easter Egg Stuffers needed. No experience required!

Please meet in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, March 26th–ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

For toddlers through fifth graders.

Bring your basket and have some Springtime fun!



Sunday, March 27th–We will not be having Sunday School. Please come to the 10:00am Easter Sunday Family Worship Service.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Sunday, March 6th

Please turn in all retreat permission slips and fees as they are due absolutely no later than 12:00pm TODAY! Thank you!!

Friday, March 11th thru Sunday March 13th

Annual Youth Retreat at Blackstone

Meet at 4:00pm at BUMC on 3/11. We will be returning by 2:00pm on Sunday, 3/13.

Sunday, March 13th

Sunday School WILL be held for any youth not attending the retreat.

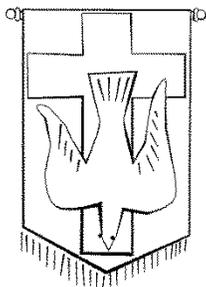
Sunday, March 20th

The BUMC Youth and their families will be hosting the George Nelson Post Concert reception. This will follow the concert performed by high school student and competition winning violinist Eric Chen. Please assist by providing a finger dessert. All youth that are attending the concert and participating in hosting the reception that will follow, are asked to dress in their "Sunday Best" or "Business Casuals."

Sunday, March 27th

There will be no Sunday School as the Easter Sunday Worship Service will be held at 10:00 am.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE — The Endowment Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 PM**, immediately prior to the Finance Committee meeting.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES for youth in grades 6-12 who have not already been confirmed, joined the church, or been baptized, will begin on **Sunday, March 6 at 12:30 PM**. We will meet for 8 weeks and join the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 15. Please keep in prayer the confirmands who will be taking this journey of faith and joining the church on Pentecost. — *Pastor Debbie*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016— Get ready to hit the beach and catch the waves of God's amazing love!! Vacation Bible School 2016 is set to arrive the week of **June 27th through July 1st**. We'll be opening the Surf Shack for your preschooler through fifth grader! See me to sign up as a Happy Helper and get ready to Hang 10!!! — *Cowabunga Kris*, 815-4246

HUGS MINISTRY – We want to thank you for the shawl and lap robe. These will come in handy on these cold nights. Thanks for the Christian love, for thinking of us, and for all the prayers. Love– *June & Jo Ann Smith*

What is HUGS? HUGS (Hands Unto God's Service) is a unique ministry of prayer, comfort, and caring manifested through prayer shawls, lap robes, and quilts hand-crafted by members of Bethany UMC. Just as hugs convey a sense of love, concern, support, and security within embracing arms, the HUGS ministry exists to provide Christian love and comfort to those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need.

The shawls, quilts, and lap robes are prayed over as they are made. Once a willing recipient is identified, his or her item is placed on the communion railing to be blessed by the Pastor and prayed over by members of the congregation. When recipients wear or cover up with the items made for them, it is hoped that they feel embraced by our congregation's love and prayers for their well-being.

You can be a part of this unique and vital ministry by volunteering to knit or crochet the items given or making a financial contribution to help cover the costs of materials used in the production of them. To find out more, please contact **Janet Chapin** at 804-642-6822.

CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY are extended to:

The family of **Margaret Barker**, neighbor of the Kaylors and Bauschatzes, who passed away on January 31.

C. L. and Peggy Burton, whose daughter **Deborah Burton** passed away on February 3.

Tammy Rosser and family upon the death of her mother, **Cheryl Porter**, on February 10. Tammy is the friend of Dawn McDade.

Darlene and Roy Bauschatz upon the death of her sister, **Maxine Churchin**, who passed away on February 14.

Alton and Frances Brown and family upon the death of Alton's sister-in-law, **Helen Brown**, wife of his brother Gene.

Please continue to hold these families and friends in your prayers.

BUMC'S MILITARY

Todd Bontrager	Michael Brown	Peter Demetriades
Meagan Demetriades	Chad Dickson	Kyle Nichols
Bernard Johnson	Lamont Johnson	

Please remember these and ALL members of the military and their families in your prayers.



Join us each **Thursday from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** as we gather in the sanctuary to pray for our friends and loved ones, our community, our nation, and those in need. Lifting one another in prayer is a tangible expression of the love God has placed in our hearts. As Jesus prayed for us, let us pray for each other. – John 17:9, 1 Cor. 13:13, 1 Peter 4:8

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

BANNER SUBMISSION DEADLINE Please submit your announcements for the April **Bethany Banner** by no later than **Tuesday, March 15**. As always, due to space & time constraints, preference is given to online submissions. Thanks for your assistance.

EASTER FLOWERS 2016 ORDER FORM

In celebration of Christ's resurrection we are pleased to offer a variety of spring flowers you may purchase **IN MEMORY OF** or **IN HONOR OF** your loved ones this Easter. Flowers may be picked up following our Easter morning worship service. Proceeds from the sale of Easter flowers will support Bethany's Youth.

Please make checks payable to Bethany UMC and enclose your payment with this form.

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER FLOWERS IS MARCH17.

(Please PRINT clearly)

YOUR NAME _____ PHONE/EMAIL: _____

- In Honor of In Memory of _____
- In Honor of In Memory of _____
- In Honor of In Memory of _____
- In Honor of In Memory of _____

FLOWER VARIETIES	PRICE EA.	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
Lily (16", white-no choice)	13.00		
Tulip (14"-16", various-no choice)	9.00		
Columbine (12", red/white origami)	9.00		
Columbine (12", blue/white origami)	9.00		
Calla Lilly (various-no choice)	14.00		
Virginia bluebell (12", blue)	10.00		
Jacob's Ladder (14", blue)	11.00		
Kalanchoe (not cold hardy, various-no choice)	11.00		
Geranium (12", red)	9.00		
Geranium (12", pink)	9.00		
Geranium (12", purple)	9.00		
Geranium (12", white)	9.00		
Geranium (12", salmon)	9.00		
Hyacinth (12", pink)	9.00		
Hyacinth (12", blue)	9.00		
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			\$

IMPORTANT: Please mark your flower choices and quantities below and keep this portion of the order form so you will know which flowers to take with you on Easter Sunday.

- Lily _____ Tulip _____ Columbine (red/white) _____ Columbine (blue/white) _____ Calla Lilly _____
- VA bluebell _____ Jacob's ladder _____ Kalanchoe _____ Hyacinth (pink) _____ Hyacinth (blue) _____
- Geranium (red) _____ Geranium (pink) _____ Geranium (purple) _____ Geranium (white) _____
- Geranium (salmon) _____

HAPPY WANDERERS - Headed to Richmond on **Wednesday, March 30** to shop at several antique shops and have lunch. We will leave the front parking lot of church at 8:45 a.m. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us.

E-mail Judy Burner at aburner@cox.net or call 642-6016.

THANK YOU

Some of the blessings that make life so sweet are the special people who share our good and bad times. It is to these people who gave comfort and support that we express our heartfelt thanks to the acknowledgement of the passing of our daughter, Deborah Burton. — *Peggy & C. L. Burton & Jeff*

ADULT MISSION TRIP - Our adult mission trip to **Project Crossroads** in Marion, VA will take place May 1-May 5. Please mark the date and pray about joining us this year for a time of great fellowship and ministry. For more information, email **Jane Niethamer** at fjnieth@aol.com.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! I would like to thank all of the members of Bethany United Methodist Church who contributed to my SIRS project. The outcome was not what I expected but that is a good thing. Your generosity has made it so people are able to keep warm this winter. Sincerely, *Hannah Campbell*



BUMC EVENTS

March 2016

March 2016							April 2016						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 28	29	Mar 1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2	

Feb 28 - Mar 5			3:30pm Trustees 7:00pm JOY Circle	10:30am AWC Board Meeting 11:00am AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir	Bethany G.U.E.S.T. Host Week 9:00am Bazaar Workshop 10:00am House of Prayer 1:00pm Staff Meeting		
Mar 6 - 12	Bethany G.U.E.S.T. Host Week COMMUNION SUNDAY 12:00pm Bible Buddies 12:00pm UMYF 12:15pm UMW Joint Meeting 12:30pm Confirmation Class	12:30pm Knitters Group 2:30pm Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Studies	10:00am Visitation 6:00pm AWC (Pot luck) 6:30pm Endowment Committee 7:00pm Finance Committee	11:00am AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:00am Bazaar Workshop 10:00am House of Prayer 10:00am York River Garden Club	DISTRICT UMYF RETREAT @ BLACKSTONE 10:00am River Country Quilters	
Mar 13 - 19	UMYF RETREAT 9:30am Sunday School Breakfast 12:30pm Confirmation Class	9:30am Homebound Ministries 12:30pm Knitters Group 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Studies	10:30am Sanders Communion 2:30pm Rockin' Readers Book Club 3:00pm BANNER SUBMISSIONS DUE 7:00pm Administrative Council	11:00am AARP Tax Aide 11:30am XYZ Lunch Meeting 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:00am Bazaar Workshop 10:00am House of Prayer 10:30am Naomi Circle	9:00am Bethany Grounds Maintenance 2:30pm Happy Wanderers / Living Passover	
Mar 20 - 26	12:15pm UMYF 12:30pm Confirmation Class 4:00pm GNMC: Eric Chen	12:30pm Knitters Group 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Studies	10:00am Easter Egg Stuffing	11:00am AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir	MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:00am Bazaar Workshop 10:00am House of Prayer 7:00pm Cantata & Holy Communion 8:00pm Prayer Vigil (thru noon Good Friday)	GOOD FRIDAY 12:00am Prayer Vigil (til noon)	10:00am Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 27 - Apr 2	6:45am Sunrise Service-VIMS 7:30am Community Breakfast at Bethany 10:00am Easter Celebration & Holy Communion	12:30pm Knitters Group 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Studies	6:30pm UMM	8:45am Happy Wanderers (Richmond) 11:00am AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:00am Bazaar Workshop 10:00am House of Prayer		

BIRTHDAYS	
3/1	Billy Wayne Hogge; Ann Hogge; David Tillage
3/3	Andrew Teagle
3/4	Kathleen Greene; Marilyn Hudgins
3/5	Colleen LeMay
3/6	Linda Reams
3/7	Dennisa Booth; Tally Vaughan
3/8	Matthew Suarez
3/9	Jim Minor; Mary S. Morris; Judy Johnson
3/10	Teresa Sullivan; Brenda Thomas; Phil McGee
3/11	Kathryn Jacobs; Michael Colbert
3/12	Kevin Thompson
3/13	Kyle Bunting; Marsha Germek; Katie Doggett
3/14	Thelma Belvin; Randy Williams; Matthew Byrne
3/15	Angela Day Waliszewski
3/17	Eugene Brown; Kevin Kiley
3/19	Sarah Hillard; Frank Farmer; Tina Silberhorn; Lisa Krukovsky
3/20	Warren Douglas
3/21	Peggy Peterman; Sammi Jacobs
3/22	Jennifer Orth-Veillon; Darlene Bauschatz
3/23	Don Schultz
3/25	Bessie Emory; Stephanie Wood
3/26	Kristee Georgiou
3/27	Stacie Martin; Jennifer Barber; Bonnie Lewis
3/28	Timothy Leigh
3/29	Joyce Mitchell; Rylee Quintero; Michelle Ward; Douglas Doggett; Terri Mason
3/30	Amanda Gayle; Kamryn Cooper
3/31	Lizabeth Marshall; Joseph Paul Byrne, II



ANNIVERSARIES		
		# yrs.
3/3	Rick & Patricia Kidd	26
3/6	Linda & Stan Reams	34
3/10	Steve & Susan Young	15
3/14	Linda & Wendell Fletcher	8
3/18	Andrew & Gina White	
3/19	Tim & Cathy Leigh	28
3/25	Cheryl & Pitt Roane	46

TRUSTEE CONTACTS	
WEEK OF	NAME
2/28-3/5	Al Burner
3/6-3/12	Tom Barnard
3/13-3/19	Donna Andersen
3/20-3/26	M.E. Thomas
3/27-4/2	David Smith

LITURGISTS		
DATE	8:30	11:00
6	Judy Burner	Judy Burner
13	Loreen Paiva	Loreen Paiva
20	Doe Breen	Doe Breen
27	Youth (Easter Sunday)	Youth (Easter Sunday)

DATE	COUNTING TEAMS
6	Hampton
13	Kaylor
20	Robins
27	Burner

ACOLYTES		
DATE	8:30	11:00
6	TBA	TBA
13	TBA	TBA
20	TBA	TBA
27	TBA	TBA
*Communion Sunday: Acolyte will assist Pastor Debbie with communion		

SOUND ROOM OPERATORS		
Date	8:30 Service	11:00 Service
6	Roy Bauschatz	Kirk Bell
13	Roy Bauschatz	Jeremy Nardozzi
20	Lewis Marion (Lonnie Byrd – 4 PM George Nelson Concert)	Kirk Bell
27	Lewis Marion	Jeremy Nardozzi

ALTAR GUILD
Joni Neal, Carolyn Scott, Nina Whitmore