



Bethany Banner

December 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.

Holiday Services at Bethany United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 2

Celebration of Holy Communion

Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, December 9

Morning Worship 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program & Worship 11:00 a.m.

Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party – immediately following 11:00 service

Sunday, December 16

Morning Worship 8:30 a.m.; no Sunday School

Breakfast hosted by United Methodist Men 9:00 a.m.-10:20 a.m.

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata & Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 23

Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Communion 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 30

Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Pastor: Mike Derflinger

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Kris Kent

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

Nursery Coordinator: Jeannie Meisner



Happy Birthday, Jesus! What an awesome month we have ahead of us at Bethany UMC. There is lots of fellowship and fun planned. Here's the combined calendar for Children's, Youth and Family Ministry Activities:

Saturday, December 1st, 9:00-11:00am, Annual Chrismon Tree Decorating

Meet in the WBFH for a light breakfast and then we will go to the sanctuary to adorn the tree for the beginning of Advent at Bethany!

Saturday, December 8th, 10:00-11:00am, Children's Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal. Meet in the sanctuary.

Sunday, December 9th, 11:00am, Annual Children's Christmas Program

Join us immediately following the service for the "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party in the Lacey Martin Sunday School Classroom.

Friday, December 14th, 5:30-7:30pm, Dinner and Caroling

Come for a comfy dinner then brave the December chill by singing carols to our homebound members and friends. Please contact Shannon Roane to volunteer to assist. Sponsored by The Family Ministry Committee.

Saturday, December 15th, 5:00-8:00pm, Annual Youth Christmas Party

Please bring a dish to share, wear your fun 'n festive gear, invite a friend and come to Bethany UMC for a night of fun, great food and a local mission project! We will be going to The Dollar Tree to purchase and stuff stockings for the local Helping the Homeless Ministry. The main course for dinner will be provided. We ask that instead of a gift to swap, everyone brings \$5.00 to help with the stocking stuffing! **RSVP's are super important for this event so please contact Kris Kent at 815-4246 by 5:00 on 12/12.** Thank you! ~Jeremy, Beth and Kris

Sunday, December 16th, 5:00-7:00pm, Annual Bible Buddies Christmas Party

We've been invited to meet at the home of Susannah and Jason Hogge for an evening of games, caroling and fun. Please bring 2 non-perishable items to be donated to the Backpack Snack Program at Abingdon Elementary. Also, feel free to bring a plate of cookies to share. **RSVP to Kris at 815-4246 by 12/12.** Thank you! ~Cat, Susannah and Kris

Thursday, December 20th, 4:00-6:00pm, Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing

Drop off your kindergartner to 18-year-old for some heart-warming fun in front of Peebles. They can stay for part or all of the two hours. Dress warm!

I wish you all many well deserved blessings for a wonderful season of family, friends and joy as we celebrate sweet Baby Jesus' birth.

Merry Christmas!

Kris

**BETHANY HOST WEEK for GUEST HOMELESS NIGHT SHELTER
DECEMBER 3 – 10**



Please consider signing up for his local mission effort at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4daea62fabfe3-week62>

GUEST (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team) is a coalition of churches and civic groups that provide shelter on a rotating basis during the coldest months of the year for our brothers and sisters who do not have access to housing. The success of this program depends on volunteers like you! Please contact Nancy Orth (rorth2@cox.net; 804-693-4762 home; 804-832-2232 cell) if you would like to sign up and aren't able to at the web site above.

GUEST VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSIONS – All volunteers must participate in a training session before they are qualified to participate. **A training session will be held at Bethany on Sunday, November 25 at 4:00 p.m. in sanctuary.**

SECOND TUESDAY VISITATION will meet at 2 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 11.**

Come out and share the Christmas spirit with our shut-ins and we will receive a blessing as well.

HOME BOUND MINISTRIES will meet on **Wednesday, December 12** at 9:30 a.m. Come and join in the fun and fellowship as we cook and deliver meals to our shut-ins .

NURSERY NEWS: Many thanks to these fine people who have volunteered their time to help in the nursery. Most of these people have helped many times. Please consider helping in December to get all the slots filled. To volunteer, please sign up outside the nursery or call me at 804-642-3855.

— *Jeannie Meisner*

Marion Dixon — Paul and Nancy Kendall — Carol Johnson — Dawn Cluts
Marsha Germek — Judy Hudgins — Bernard and Debbie Robins
Jane Niethamer — Frieda Merichko — Janet Chapin — Judy Burner
Mike and Donna Andersen — Cat White — Ann Byrd —Bunny Ekdahl
Marcia Hargis — Sue Morecock — Loreen Paiva — Laura Glaze — Susan Conry
Vicki Wolz — Doris Luther — Vanessa Morris — Wendy Hogge
Darlene Bauschatz — Kathleen Greene

Brothers & Sisters,

We began our November Finance Committee meeting with Nehemiah 8:10 “The joy of the Lord is your strength” and Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” The day of our Bethany Bazaar was certainly joy filled! There was laughter and much hugging in our building all day as we shared the love and joy of our Lord with each other and with our guests who came to shop. We deposited about \$16,000 from the bazaar as of November 13th and that amount will grow as more beautiful creations are sold! We look forward to another joy filled day when we give to others the money that we raised! Praise God for His many blessings!

During the month of November, not only did you support our general budget with your Faith Promises but you went the 2nd mile by supporting the following designated funds: Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, Capital Improvement, Youth, Upper Room, GUEST, Bazaar, Cemetery Fund and Altar Flowers. You have also given to the Salvation Army and Food Pantry boxes and supported the many tasks of putting on our Bethany Bazaar.

As of November 13th we have received \$290,586 towards our general budget. Please contact Bernard Robins if you need an update on your Faith Promise contributions for this year.

Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the ministries and missions of Bethany Church. I truly believe that when we obey and honor God in all that we do, He blesses us! His blessings are abundant and many. You have made my job and the job of the finance committee easy this year because you have honored God and Bethany Church by tithing. I am looking forward to seeing where God leads us in 2019!

May your Advent and Christmas seasons be filled with all the wonders and joys of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Merry Christmas,
Dolores Breen
Finance Committee Chair

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY

Families of:

Ronald Oliver, who passed on November 17.

Ralph Johnson, husband of JayeP Johnson.

Francis Rowe, father of Frances Woods, who passed on November 6.

Lily Mae White, grandmother of Adam White, who passed on November 3.

Sandra Hoover, sister of Nina Whitmore, who passed on October 28.

SUNDAY WORSHIP	10/21	10/28	11/4	11/11
8:30 Sanctuary	40	52	60	57
8:30 Nursery	0	0	0	0
11:00 Sanctuary	93	88	93	104
11:00 Nursery	1	0	1	0
Children's Church*	0	8	7	1
TOTAL WORSHIP	134	140	154	161
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Adults	27	35	20	24
Youth	2	5	8	4
Children	12	8	8	3
TOTAL in SS	41	48	36	31

*Children's Church counted is included in Total Worship.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MONTH

12/2	Mary Kaylor
12/9	Marsha Germek
12/16	Poinsettias
12/23	Poinsettias
12/30	Sarah Hillard

Thanks to everyone who has donated altar flowers or participated in floral fundraisers this year to beautify our sanctuary for God's glory and remember and honor loved ones and special occasions. The 2019 Altar Flower chart has been posted in the main hallway for those who wish to sign up for flowers in the New Year.

Whenever possible, please return the florist's vases to the church office or sacristy so they can be cleaned and reused by Gloucester Florist. This not only helps the florist but also ensures that we continue receiving quality arrangements at an affordable price. Thank you.

Congratulations to the GHS girls' field hockey team – and Bethany's own *Kate Neikirk and Tally Vaughan* – on winning the state championship!

Dear Bethany Members,

I want to thank everyone who has been so kind since the unexpected passing of my sister. I have enjoyed reading all the condolence cards and appreciate all those who have reached out to me.

— *Nina Whitmore*

Gwen and I would like to thank the members at Bethany for their prayers and kindness during my months of chemotherapy. I would especially like to thank the C.A.R.E. Ministry for the lovely card they sent and the HUGS Ministry for the beautiful and warm afghan they made for me. Through your prayers and by the grace of God, I am now cancer free.

In Christian love, *Ken Wood*

Dear Church members,

Thank you for making all our years in Bethany Church so special. We have so many wonderful memories to take with us.

When we wrap up in our beautiful shawl and lap afghan, we will think of our many happy years at Bethany. Please visit us.

Ruth & Robert Yoder
23 Union Bay Ct. S.E.
Concord, NC 28025
704-785-9413

Thanks to all of you for your calls, prayers, cards, and encouragement during my illness and chemo treatments. A special thanks to the HUGS Ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl, and the Homebound Ministries for their meal — both much appreciated gifts of love and comfort during this challenging season of my life. Please keep the prayers coming for our family as we walk this valley one step and one day at a time.

With love, *Krista Chase*

HUGS MINISTRY

Dear sisters in Christ,

Such a pleasant surprise to receive a lovely shawl of many colors. It goes nicely with my green prayer chair where I have my time of devotions. Blessings to the ones that prayed over it. Sure I'll wear it out. Ha!

Shalom, *Frieda M.*

Thank you for the warmest shawl! It is so beautiful too! I constantly receive compliments & then tell them about you all! Every time I wear it, it is like a Hug from all of you! Thank you so much! *Jeanette Nichols*

Bethany UMC Prayer List**BETHANY FAMILY**

CANCER/CHEMO: Shawn & Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Bob Nardozi, Wes & Zealon Stille
GRIEVING: Families of Roy Bauschatz, Willie Brooks, Larry Cooper, Chris Denton, Clifford Doggett
HEALTH ISSUES: Irene Brown, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Charles Enroughty, Jimmy Greene, Gene & Jeannie Harrell, Mike Hearon, Archie & Loretta Leigh, Marshall & Bonnie Lewis, Lewis Marion, Paige Mitchell, Richard Parkes, Ted & Peggy Peterman (NC), Fred Townsend, Nina Whitmore
HOMEBOUND: Annette Adams, Katherine Jordan, Phil & Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams
HOSPICE: Byron Conner (CO)
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Gene Harrell, Kathy Jacobs, Deb Ziegenfus
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Charlotte Cecil (11/23), Mike Ekdahl (TBD), Lewis Marion (11/26)

BETHANY FRIENDS

CANCER/CHEMO: Cindy Alligood, Carol Hogge Allmand, Mike Byrne, Jeff Carino, Dawnella Carter (TX), Al Christensen, Carmen Coberly, Mary Ann Costa, Alice Cruz, Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Brenda France, Joan French, Jackie Gibbs, Neile Greene, Tommy Griffin (PA), Walt & Reet Hayden (FL), Laymon & Sarah Jacobs (TN), Donna Kidd, Sandra King, Johann Kulik (NY), Mary Linsenbigler (PA), Bill Luther, Kristi McNeill (KY), Melisa Morales (AR), Jeanette Nichols, K.C. Powers, Larry Ridininger (PA), Chauntea Shield, Karen Smith (NY), Sharon Sutton, Jeff Thomson, Judy Urton, Jennifer West, Judy West, Pat Whitten (NC)
CHILDREN & YOUTH: Ty Hawkey, Baby Evie Poland, Emma Trotter (UT) Briggs Wylie (5-Leukemia)
GRIEVING: Families of Terri Blythe, Lorraine Brooks, Earl Garrett, Frank Gill, Ralph Johnson, Karilene Kruse, Ronald Oliver, Francis Rowe, Bill Slattery
HEALTH ISSUES: Cameron Bransfield (FL), Les Breen, Michael Brown (PA), Ross Carmine, Dana Cooper, Loretta Germek, John Gilchrist, Ty Hawkey, Richard Hearon (FL), Sharon Hoell, Veronika Kiryanova (Canada), Mary Margaret Kuivinen, Paula Lankford, Verma Lankford, Luke Lawson, Joanne Mastropietro (FL), Barry McDade, Donna Miller (TX), Edgar Mundo (NY), Steve Neal, Larry Patterson, Evelyn Perhac, Sandy Purdy, Linwood Rowe, Kathie Rumbley (MD), Diane Ryles (SC), Vicky Whitney (PA), Charlotte Wright & Chuck Corbin
HOSPICE: Jan Breen (at home), Thom Ligon, Marcus (TX), Jack Perhac
HOSPITALIZED: Lisa Breen (Duke), Ronald Oliver (Riverside Regional)
PARKINSON'S: Duane Burnett
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Carmen Coberly, Aaron Cothern, Paul McFarland, Mark Garrett, Steve & Julie George, Jerry Hall, Irene Hogge, Elaine Jackson (15), Kameron Lemons, Dottie Myers (PA), Ryan Niethamer, David Paul, Bertie West
UPCOMING SURGERY: Donnie Grinnan, Aunt Tina

BUMC'S MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (*italics—Bethany friends*)

Edward Bailey, Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Laine Fay, Thomas Howse, Kevin Jacobs, Bernard Johnson, Lamont Johnson, Jim Minor (El Salvador), all members of the military.

ASSISTED LIVING (*italics—Bethany friends*)

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
Sanders Assisted Living , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061	<i>Ellis Hall, Room 106</i>
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.

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January 2019

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1
Communion Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Young People's Christmas Rehearsal 2:00pm 8:00pm GUEST WEEK (SETUP)	1:30pm UMW Gift Wrapping at WRCC 7:00pm Men's Bible Study (TBD) 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (GAP)	6:00pm JOY Circle (off-site)	9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10:00am House of Prayer 7:00pm SPRC	9:00am 11:00am Christmas Tree Decorating	9:00am 11:00am Young People's Christmas Dress Rehearsal
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8:30am Worship 9:45am 10:45am Joint Adult SS (Senculuary) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Children's Christmas Program 12:00pm 1:00pm Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party	7:00pm Men's Bible Study (TBD) 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (GAP)	2:00pm Second Tuesday Visitation 7:00pm Abingdon Woman's Club	9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 9:30am Homebound Ministries 10:00am Candidacy Mentor Group 2:00pm Book Club 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Child Protection	10:00am House of Prayer	5:30pm 8:00pm Dinner & Caroling	9:00am 12:00pm Cantata Dress Rehearsal 1:00pm 4:00pm Eagle Ceremony 5:00pm 8:00pm UMYF Christmas Party
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
GUEST WEEK (WBFF/Kitchen)	GUEST WEEK (WBFF/Kitchen)	GUEST WEEK (WBFF/Kitchen)	GUEST WEEK (WBFF/Kitchen)	GUEST WEEK (WBFF/Kitchen)	GUEST WEEK (WBFF/Kitchen)	GUEST WEEK (WBFF/Kitchen)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:30am Worship 9:00am Church-wide Breakfast (UMM) 11:00am Christmas Cantata 5:00pm 7:00pm Bible Buddies (home of Jason & Susannah Hoggie)	7:00pm Men's Bible Study (TBD) 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (GAP)	9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10:00am House of Prayer 10:30am Naomi Circle 4:00pm 6:00pm Bell Ringing at Peebles	10:00am House of Prayer	9:00am 11:00am Christmas Tree Decorating
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON 7:00pm Candlelight Family Service 11:00pm Candlelight Communion Service	OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 6:30pm Troop 75	OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 6:30pm Troop 75	10:00am House of Prayer	10:00am House of Prayer	9:00am 11:00am Christmas Tree Decorating
30	31	Jan 1, 19	2	3	4	5
8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	Church Office Closing at noon	Jan 1, 19	9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 6:30pm Troop 75	10:00am House of Prayer	10:00am House of Prayer	9:00am 11:00am Christmas Tree Decorating

DECEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

12/1	Janice Day
12/4	Duane Bayly, Kelli Eastwood, Al Burner, Randy Campbell, Makena Bontrager, Dawn Bontrager
12/5	Dawn Cluts, Ricky White, Gerald Davis, Vernon McDaniel, III
12/6	Maxx Polk, Rosemarie Tong
12/7	Scott Farmer, Mae Eppard, Carol Justis, Judy Hudgins, Henry Chapin, Hannah Chapin, James Derflinger
12/8	Charlotte Chapin
12/9	Mary Kaylor, Irene Brown
12/11	Martin Breen, Gerald Hickman
12/12	Dylan Chapin
12/13	Kaye Vance
12/14	Russell Jeffries
12/16	Susan Conry
12/18	Chrissy Fox Whitehall, Sharon Thayer, Aubrey Lynn Chase
12/19	Cathie Allport, Bev Kearney
12/20	David Byrd, Alan Ottarson
12/23	Alix Shackelford
12/24	Jeffrey Leigh, Catherine Leigh, Dakota Buck, Tanner Bayly, Shelby Jacobs, Baum Hogge
12/26	Doug Wheat
12/27	Katie Burner, Lana Loring
12/28	Amanda Maples, Mary Dale Williams
12/29	Kaiten Cooper, Carter Roane

ANNIVERSARIES

	ANNIVERSARIES	# years
12/3	Kevin & Crystal Thompson	11
12/4	Jim & Gerlinde Stevens	42
12/8	Jack & Susan Rollins	29
12/21	Bernard & Debbie Robins	32
12/23	Bruce & Joy Long	52
12/26	Clair & Sarah Hillard	51
12/27	Bobby & Nan Leigh	60
12/28	Warren & Candy Douglas	44
12/28	Philip & Sylvia Ransone	55
12/29	Jim & Jane Sterling	63

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

WEEK OF	NAME
12/2-12/8	Milton Hudgins
12/9-12/15	Tom Barnard
12/16-12/22	Donna Andersen
12/23-12/29	M. E. Thomas
12/30-1/5/19	David Lewis

LITURGISTS

DATE	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
12/2	Loreen Paiva	
12/9	Doe Breen	
12/16	Open	
12/23	Youth	
12/24	(7PM)	(11PM)
12/30	Sue Morecock	

COUNTING TEAMS

DATE	COUNTING TEAMS
12/2	7-Cecil, Durette, Hillard
12/9	1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty
12/16	2-B. Robins, Nardozzi, Harvey
12/23	3-Burner, Burner, Andersen
12/30	4-Riggin, Blubaugh, Blubaugh

SOUND ROOM OPERATORS

Date	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
12/2	Chip Neikirk	Adam White
12/9	Chip Neikirk	Jeremy Nardozzi
12/16	Kirk Bell	Adam White
12/23	Chip Neikirk	Jeremy Nardozzi
12/24	Kirk Bell (7PM)	Kirk Bell (11PM)
12/30	Adam White	Jeremy Nardozzi

ACOLYTES

DATE	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
*12/2	Connor Kent	Kayla & Cole McDade
12/9	Alix Shackelford	Ella Ward
12/16	Cooper White	Christian Martin
12/23	Miranda Shackelford	Aidan Dumbrocyo
12/24	Christmas Eve TBD	Christmas Eve TBD
12/30	Makena Bontrager	Alyssa Hall

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

ALTAR GUILD — Kathy Jacobs, Wendy Hogge, Polly Harrison