

Bethany United Methodist Church
*The Church with Open Hearts,
 Minds, and Doors*
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The **Salvation Army** has an ongoing need for the following items: **Household cleaners, paper products, over the counter medicines, and personal hygiene items.**

Please place donations in the baskets beside the church office and in the narthex. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP	2/24
General Fund Total	11,394.09
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	10.00
George Nelson Memorial Concert Series	725.00
COUNTING TEAMS	March
6-Hampton, Morecock, Thomas	3
7-Cecil, Durette, Hillard	10
1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty	17
2-B. Robins, Harvey	24
3-Burner, Burner, Andersen	31

SUNDAY WORSHIP	2/24
8:30 Sanctuary	34
11:00 Sanctuary	89
11:00 Nursery	0
11:00 Children's Church (already included in Total Worship)	5
TOTAL in Worship	123
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	34
Youth	0
Children	6
TOTAL in SS	40

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS		
Interested in serving as a Nursery Volunteer? We need two individuals each hour. Please sign up outside the nursery or contact Kris Kent (804-815-4246).		
Date	Sunday School Hour	11:00 a.m.
March 3	Dawn Bontrager, Cat White	Polly Harrison, Betty Neikirk
March 10	Tiina and Miranda Shackelford	Judy Hudgins, Donna Lane
March 17	Janet Chapin, Doris Luther	Patricia Kidd, Shannon Minor
March 24		Joy Wike, Shannon Roane

Pastor: Mike Derflinger
Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike **Chaplain in Residence:** Carol Johnson
Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Kris Kent **Lay Leader:** Judy Burner
Director of Music: Sandra Fox **Organist:** Dr. Rudy Shackelford
Acolytes: 8:30 Connor Kent 11:00 Shelby & Samantha Jacobs
Sound Room: 8:30 Kirk Bell 11:00 Adam White
March Altar Guild: Nina Whitmore, Joni Neal, Sharon Cheek
Trustee Contact for this Week: Joni Neal



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MARCH 3, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
 CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

WELCOME, GUESTS! *We are delighted to worship with you today and invite you to participate as fully as you feel comfortable.*
AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE: *Please ask an usher for assistance if you require a large print hymnal, large print bulletin, or hearing aid.*
CELL PHONES: *Please remember to silence your cell phone before the service begins. Thank you.*
Please greet one another before our worship begins.
***Please stand as you are able. And it's okay to sit.**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME Pastor Mike

VOLUNTARY *Passacaglia in C Minor, BWV 582* Johann Sebastian Bach
 (21 March 1685-1750)

“And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. —*Matthew 17:1-2*

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Holy Ground* TFWS No. 2272
 1st time: choir a cappella, 2nd time: everyone

***SCRIPTURE** Luke 9: 28-36 Doe Breen
 The word of God for the people of God. Pew Bible NT, page 66
Thanks be to God.

***HYMN** *O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair* UMH No. 258

SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER Pastor Mike
UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *Amen* UMH No. 900

CHILDREN'S STORY

Pastor Mike

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Doe Breen

**Lord Jesus, we give thanks for all we have received. We return a portion to You.
Bless those who receive them, just as we are blessed for sharing them. We do so in
your name. Amen.**

THE ANTHEM (8:30)

Spiritual Medley
Carol Johnson, soloist

Negro spirituals

(11:00)

Communion Hymn
Chancel Choir

David Kellermeyer

***THE DOXOLOGY**

UMH No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE MESSAGE*With Your Head in the Clouds*

Pastor Mike

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Mike

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of beaches and deserts, of snow showers and clear blue skies: all too often we see
the worst in the world around us, and look past your signs of hope. Forgive us! Open
our eyes to your Presence and to your endless possibilities. Give us courage to listen
and look for you. Take our hearts, and make them new again with your holy love.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH No. 895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**Music during Communion**

Special Music
Adam White

CLOSING SONGShine, Jesus, Shine*

TFWS No. 2173

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Mike

***CLOSING CHORUS**

Grace Greater than Our Sin (chorus)
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

UMH NO. 365

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in recognition of Mary
Michelle's 29th birthday by Loreen Paiva and Ron Ervi.

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, David Lewis, Ted Peterman (NC)			
GRIEVING: Family of Bob Nardozi, Tong family			
HEALTH ISSUES: Charlotte Cecil, Marsha Germek, Paige Mitchell, Peggy Peterman (NC), Nancy Smith, Nadine Tatum, Rosemarie Tong			
HOMEBOUND: Annette Adams, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams			
HOSPITALIZED: Kathleen Greene (Sentara Wmsbg. Rm. 440)			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Bunny Ekdahl, Mike Ekdahl, Charles Enroughty, Loreen Paiva, Cathy Raines, Cheryl Roane, Rosemarie Tong			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS:			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Bill Ambrose, Ann Dickerson, Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Brenda France, Donna Franklin, Makenna Jobes (13-FL), Rustie (GA)			
CHILDREN & YOUTH: Charlotte & Silas Agee, Adora Hanssen's family, Luke Wilcox			
GRIEVING: Families of Lisa Breen, Coach Dan, Greg Duerksen, Laymon Jacobs (TN), Hazel Jenkins, Paula Lankford, Arthur Paiva, Larry Ridinger, Sharon Sutton, H.H. Thacker			
HEALTH ISSUES: Jan Breen, Rebecca Dodelin, Deborah Eriksen, Beth Schiber, Snyder family of PA (Andrew, Ashley & unborn baby), Trudy			
HOSPICE: Lynn Hudson			
HOSPITALIZED: Molly Brawley (Riverside Regional), Allen Derflinger (Winchester Regional), John Finney (Riverside Regional), Ray Sparrer (Univ. of MD)			
OTHER: Shannon Dishman (job search), Barbara Williams (mission trip)			
PARKINSON'S: Duane Burnett			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Delores Goode, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Pitt Roane, Duane Smith Donna Toler, Mildred Townsend, Amy Williams			
UPCOMING SURGERY/TESTS: Mark Doyle			
BUMC'S MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)			
<i>Edward Bailey, Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Laine Fay, Thomas Howse, Kevin Jacobs, Bernard Johnson, Lamont Johnson, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>			
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)			
c/o Lee & Silma Kuivinen , 3717 Wren Ln., Rolling Meadows, IL 80008-2863		<i>Mary Margaret Kuivinen</i>	
c/o Bonnie Ballenger , 11228 Church Grove Ct., Henrico, VA 23233		Dorothy "Dot" Critzer	
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</i> , Room 106	
Sunrise Senior Living , 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235		Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
York Convalescent & Rehab Center , 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692		Kathleen Green, Rm C1 Mary Poland, Rm 27A Alice Doggett, Rm 27B	
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.			
CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)			
Randy and Rosemarie Tong and family, grieving loss of beloved pet and Randy's father, who passed in July 2017.			
Family of Larry Ridinger , nephew of Bonnie Ridinger Cecil, who passed February 23.			

Hello friends and family,

On behalf of my brother Jeremy Nardoizzi, sister Jenny Farkas and myself, I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for the amazing outpouring of support that we have received in response to my dad's passing. We have been blessed with cards, flowers, and food in honor of my dad and the response has been overwhelming. For this we are truly grateful. I would like to especially thank the Bethany United Methodist choir for coming by the house to sing to my dad. That means more to our family than you could possibly know. I also want to thank our Bethany United Methodist church family and countless friends who have reached out to us in our time of need. I would love to thank you all by name, but for fear of leaving someone out, please know that if you visited, called, or helped us in any way, we are beyond thankful for your love and caring.

I would also like to thank all of the members of the Bob Squad. You were instrumental in helping my dad continue to fight his battle with cancer. The team at Riverside Peninsula Cancer Institute was beyond amazing and you helped give us a few extra years that we might not otherwise have had.

Many of you have asked what our plans are with regard to honoring my father's memory. We have decided to postpone the memorial service until this summer when the whole family can be together. We plan to have both my mother and father interred at Bethany United Methodist Church, where they were longtime members. After the memorial service we plan to host a barbeque in their honor, because as anyone who knows my parents knows, it's what they would do.

My dad was very active in our community in a number of ways. He was a longstanding member of the Bethany United Methodist choir and supported a number of charitable organizations through the church's good work including the GUEST program, Helping Hands, church bazaar, and many events where he lent his culinary talent. It wasn't a surprise to find my dad in the Bethany Kitchen.

He was an avid lover of the arts and performed in the Chesapeake Chorale and Gloucester Choral Society. He was also an active member of The Court House Players where you could find him both on stage and behind the scenes. He was cast in the lead role for his very first production in Hello Dolly. I think he was both surprised and humbled by this. We were all so thrilled for my dad that several of our family members came in to town to support him. He was totally surprised when my aunts and uncle came to one of the performances.

Through The Court House Players my dad was invited to become a member of the Irish performing group Celtastrophe. The irony of an Italian singing Irish tunes! I had the privilege of attending a number of their performances and it was fun to see how much they enjoyed singing together.

It is for these reasons that we ask that in lieu of flowers you would consider taking in a show, supporting the local artists, or donating to one of the following charities in honor of my dad.

Bethany United Methodist Church
 Either the Music/Choir Fund or the Endowment Fund
 C/O Martin & Dolores Breen
 7481 Matoaka Avenue
 Gloucester Point, VA 23062

The Court House Players
 PO Box 643
 Gloucester, VA 23061

Thank you for your love and support,
 Chris & family

Our Sunday School meets from 9:45-10:45 each Sunday morning with several different classes for adults, one class for youth, three classes for children, and a nursery for infants & toddlers.

Our Nursery — For the convenience of parents with small children, a nursery is provided for infants through 3-year-olds during our 11:00 service, as well as during the Sunday school hour.

Our Children's Church is during 11:00 worship only. Children ages 4 and older sit with parents until dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Message.

For more information please visit www.bethanyumc-gp.org.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.		
Sunday, March 3	9:45 a.m.	Joint Adult Sunday School led by Pastor Mike (Sanctuary)
	12:15–1:00 p.m.	UMYF (Youth Room)
Monday, March 4	6:00 p.m.	The Points HOA (Lacey Martin)
	7:00 p.m.	Men's (TBD) and Women's (Connected) Bible Study
Tuesday, March 5	10:00 a.m.	York River Circle King's Daughters & Sons (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (Mary Lotsey)
Wednesday, March 6	9:30 a.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry
	10:00am-4:00pm	AARP Tax Aide (Education Wing)
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, March 7	8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
Friday, March 8 thru Sunday, March 10	UMYF Spring Retreat "The Verge" at Camp Piankatank	
Saturday, March 9	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	River Country Quilters (WBFH)
Sunday, March 10	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Breakfast
	12:15-2:00 p.m.	Bible Buddies (WBFH)
	5:00 p.m.	Dinner & Kick Off Covered Dish Dinner (WBFH)

This morning Pastor Mike will lead a joint adult Sunday school class in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour. All adults are welcome to attend. There will be no adult classes in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall today.

JOY CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Mary Lotsey Classroom. Join us as our speaker for the meeting will talk to us about recycling. All women of the church are invited to attend.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE — Come and enjoy a light supper of soups on Wednesday, March 6, at 6 p.m. in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall, followed by our Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Bring a pot of your favorite soup to share and your muffin tins for lots of sampling. Drinks and cornbread will be furnished. Also, 3-5 volunteers are needed to finalize set-up at 4:30 and 3-5 volunteers are needed for clean-up after the service. If you can help, call Bev Kearney at 694-1129 or send text to 757-812-0534.

DINNER 8 is a great way to get connected and build friendships with those in our church family. Join us as we kick off a new year of fellowship with a covered-dish dinner on Sunday, March 10 at 5:00 p.m. in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. For more information or to sign up, come to the dinner or call Loretta Leigh at 642-2734.

VISITATION - Come out on Tuesday, March 12 at 2 p.m. and go with us to visit our shut-ins. We will meet in the Mary Lotsey Classroom prior to our visitation. You will receive a blessing!

Have you signed up for **CLEAN GLOUCESTER DAY**? If not, make plans to join us Saturday, March 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon to clean up our corner and help beautify our neighborhood. Regina Berry (reginaberry50@gmail.com, 814-397-6419) is putting together a team from Bethany. Even if you can't work the full four hours, an hour of your time will make a huge difference in our community! To sign up, please contact Regina. Thank you.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial will be held in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 17 following the 11:00 service. This is a way to support the children and youth in need – around the world.

All women are invited to join us for our monthly Naomi Circle meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Mary Lotsey room. Program will be “Women Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith – a Happy Birthday Celebrating Our 150th Anniversary.” For more information, contact Dawn Cluts at 684-5340.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS and Good Friday fast guides from Society of St. Andrew are available on the tables in the narthex and at the side entrance. You are encouraged to pick up a copy and make the Lenten devotionals a part of your daily time with the Lord. If you prefer to receive the Lenten devotionals by email, visit <https://endhunger.org/Lent/> to subscribe.

NOTE ON TRANSFIGURATION IN MUSIC

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, the church festival commemorating the supernatural and glorified change in the appearance of Christ on the mountain, as described in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 17, verses 1-9. The feast of Transfiguration always occurs on the last Sunday before Lent.

But did you know that the phenomenon of transfiguration also plays an important rôle in music? From the early medieval period up to the 21st century, composers have structured their works as series of variations on a motif or phrase stated at the beginning. Each variation is a transfiguration of that initial musical idea, related to it yet evolving from it in new and often surprising ways.

One of the greatest examples of transfiguration in music is the *Passacaglia in C Minor* for organ by Johann Sebastian Bach, which will be our Voluntary this morning. This monumental work opens with a statement of its 8-measure theme in the bass, played on the pedals, as it will continue to be repeated throughout most of the 20 variations that follow. Bach borrowed this melody from a 1688 setting of the Catholic Mass by French composer André Raison, specifically from verse 2 of the *Kyrie eleison*:

“All-powerful Father, Lord, creator of all:
have mercy upon us.
Christ, Lord, splendor and wisdom of the Father:
have mercy upon us.
Sacred spirit of both, united in love:
have mercy upon us.”

Bach drew the strongest possible inspiration from the apparently barren soil of self-imposed restrictions and limitations. What in the hands of a smaller mind might have developed into a sterile mathematical *tour de force* was transformed by him into an immortal creation. The technical mastery is as nothing compared to the power and magnificence of Bach's inspiration, embracing both joy and suffering in what Spinoza called “the intellectual love of God”!

— Rudy Shackelford

CANTATA REHEARSALS have begun and the chancel choir needs singers for all voice parts. What a great way to show your love for the Savior who rejoices over you with singing! Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. as we rehearse the cantata and music for Easter. Have questions? Contact Sandy Fox at 804-642-5091, 757-329-6128, or foxyfoxies@gmail.com.

Thank you for your prayers and concern for my dad, **Allen Derflinger**, as he continues his recovery from a stroke. Please continue to pray for Dad, Mom, and the rest of our family. Some have asked for his address so they can send cards. Cards can be mailed to:
Allen Derflinger, 108 W Strasburg Rd, Front Royal VA 22630. – *Pastor Mike*