



**Bethany United Methodist Church**

*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*  
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STEWARDSHIP	6/16
General Fund Total	5622.00
Capital Improvement Fund	25.00
Altar Flowers	95.00
Rise Against Hunger (Joan French)	50.00
VBS	23.00
COUNTING TEAMS	June
1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty	23
2-B.Robins, Harvey, Niethamer	30

SUNDAY WORSHIP	6/16
8:30 Sanctuary	43
11:00 Sanctuary	94
11:00 Nursery	0
11:00 Children’s Church (included in Total Worship)	0
<b>TOTAL in Worship</b>	<b>137</b>
SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Adults	31
Youth	2
Children	5
<b>TOTAL in SS</b>	<b>38</b>

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!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS		
Interested in serving as a Nursery Volunteer? <u>We need two individuals each hour.</u> <b>Please sign up outside the nursery or contact Kris Kent (804-815-4246).</b>		
Date	Sunday School Hour	10:45 a.m.
June 23	Vicki Williams	Cathy Raines
June 30		Joy Wike, Wendy Hogge
July 7		

**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

**Acolyte:** Baum Hogge  
**Sound Room:** Kirk Bell  
**June Altar Guild:** Nerine Hickman, Lynda Blubaugh, Wendy Hogge  
**Trustee Contact for this Week:** Joni Neal

June 23, 2019

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.



**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
VBS WRAP-UP SERVICE**



**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**

VBS Song (Instrumental)

**\*OPENING SONG**

*Yes, It's True*

VBS Song

**SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER**

Pastor Mike

**UNISON PRAYER**

Eternal God, the Stronghold of our life, the Anchor of our hope: forgive us for too often thinking that *our* way is the *only* way to do your will. Hear us as we seek *your* way forward in life as individuals, as families and as your church. Thank you for giving us your Son, and for His sending the Holy Spirit to counsel and empower us. Teach us that the “same mind” you call us to have is not ours, but the mind of your Son, Jesus Christ, as we pray in His name.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RENEWED STRENGTH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

UMH No. 895

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*SCRIPTURE**

*Acts 2:12-18*

The Word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

**MESSAGE**

What Does This Mean?

Pastor Mike

**RECEIVING GOD’S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

As we offer our gifts of time, treasure, minds and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of eternal life, and of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

**THE OFFERTORY***Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)*

Chris Rice

Susannah Hogge, Makena Bontrager, Carter Roane

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

Stella Cooper

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.

**VBS MESSAGE***Athens — Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth*

VBS Kids &amp; Helpers

**Day One**

Scripture Psalm 145:9

Marketplace Show &amp; Tell

Bible Point God loves us all.

Song *Love Round***Day Two**

Scripture 1 Peter 5:7

Marketplace Show &amp; Tell

Bible Point God loves us and takes care of us.

Song *Give All Your Worries to God***Day Three**

Scripture Psalm 118:6

Marketplace Show &amp; Tell

Bible Point God loves us when others don't.

Song *Happy Day***Day Four**

Scripture John 3:16

Marketplace Show &amp; Tell

Bible Point God loves us &amp; sent his Son, Jesus.

Song *We Will Live Forever***Day Five**

Scripture John 13:34

Marketplace Show &amp; Tell

Bible Point God loves us &amp; wants us to share his love.

Song *Come, Now is the Time***DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

Kris Kent

**\*BENEDICTION****\*CLOSING CHORUS***I Love You, Lord*

TFWS No. 2068

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice.**Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

Thanks to our VBS Kids and Helpers for serving as this morning's Ushers and Greeters.
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Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Krista Chase, Gene Harrell, Carol Johnson, David Lewis, Ted Peterman (NC), Matt Shackelford	
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Family of Annette Adams, Bob Nardozi, Tong family	
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Woody Brown, Judy Burner, Dawn Cluts, Kathleen Greene, Jean Heywood, Jennie Lipscomb, Paige Mitchell, Peggy Peterman (NC), Pauline Reimold, Nancy Smith	
<b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams	
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Irene Brown, David Chapin, Loreen Paiva, Marsha Poland, Rudy Shackelford, Gerlinde Stevens, Rosemarie Tong	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Pap Connell, Patrick Cooney, Jr., Dave Cooper, Ann Dickerson, Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Brenda France, Donna Franklin, Ben Lankford, Mary Linsenbigler, Ellen McDade, Sue Miller, Darla K. Robertson, Rustie Ruiz (GA), George Skinner	
<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH:</b> Charlotte & Silas Agee (TN), Makenna Jobes (FL), Ian Simmons, Jacob Staley, Judah Swenson, Brooke Taylor, Luke Wilcox, Sawyer	
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Bill Ambrose, Dorothy Corbin, Joan French, Mary Alice Tillotson, Betty Tucker, Pat Whitten (NC), Wooten niece	
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Lee Beach, Joe Blake, Molly Brawley, Jan Breen, Denzil Cook, Allen Derflinger, Deborah Eriksen, Marsha Gillis & husband, Wally Iddings (PA), Diana Lee, Thom Ligon, Kevin Malone, Jean Morris (FL), Jack Ridinger, Linwood Rowe, Sylvia Rowe	
<b>HOSPICE:</b> Lynn Hudson	
<b>HOSPITALIZED:</b> Bob Baughman (PA), Sal Caracciolo (PA), Connie Mershon (Riverside Regional), Mary Smith (NC), Vicky Whitney, Janet Wike	
<b>PARKINSON'S:</b> Duane Burnett	
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Trudy Grimm (NJ), Bishop Sharma Lewis, Jeff Lindquist, Lynn Martin, Laurie Minor, Duane Smith, Ray Sparrer, Suzanne Trio, Donna Toler	
<b>SURGERY/TESTS:</b> Mark Doyle, Mary Gallimore, Tonia Kyker (6/23)	
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> )	
<b>c/o Bonnie Ballenger</b> , 11228 Church Grove Ct., Henrico, VA 23233	Dorothy "Dot" Critzer
<b>Gloucester House</b> , 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Esther Marie Jordan, Rm 509
<b>ManorCare</b> , 715 W. Central Rd., Room 253B, Arlington Heights, IL 60005	<i>Mary Margaret Kuivinen</i>
<b>Sanders Assisted Living</b> , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061	<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Rm 106
<b>Sunrise Senior Living</b> , 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235	Pauline Harris, Apt. 130
<b>York Convalescent &amp; Rehab Center</b> , 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692	Mary Poland, Rm 27A Alice Doggett, Rm 27B
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.	

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for celebrating God's generosity in your lives by not only fulfilling your Faith Promises to support the ministries and missions of Bethany Church, but by going the 2nd Mile and giving to the following designated funds. Capital Improvement, Pastor Discretionary Fund, Endowment, Youth, Altar Flowers, Rise Against Hunger, Homebound Ministry, GNMCS, UMCOR, VBS and Missions.

May we always remember that we are being called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! May God bless each of you for being His and Hands and feet this week here at Bethany Church by working at, praying for and supporting our VBS program.

Blessings,  
Dolores Breen, Finance Committee Chair

Brothers and sisters of Bethany UMC,

The Administrative Council had a called meeting on April 25, 2019 with the Bethany security team comprised of Lonnie Byrd, Kirk Bell, and Adam White. The team presented to the Admin Council a well thought out Emergency Action Plan. The Admin Council voted to adopt the plan. There are some areas that need to be tweaked so there will be more on this in the future.

One of the many things we discussed was the locking of the Sanctuary doors, the side door, and the handicap door by the office during the 11:00am Worship service. At our regularly scheduled meeting in May the Council had further discussion about the locking of these doors and voted unanimously to keep these doors unlocked during Bethany's Worship services, effective immediately. The Fellowship Hall doors and kitchen door will be locked after the Sunday School hour.

If you have any questions about this decision please let me know.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Martin Breen, Administrative Council Chair

### SAVE THE DATE! – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 12:00 p.m. – RISE AGAINST HUNGER

#### HUNGER DOESN'T HAVE TO EXIST - - LET'S END IT TOGETHER!

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's 815 million vulnerable people impacted by hunger.

Bring your family and join us for our fun and exciting meal-packaging event on September 8 as we work together to package over 10,000 meals for those in need. You are guaranteed a blessing!



**HUGS Ministry** – You've touch my heart with your kindness. I especially thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. Prior to surgery, it was covering me in prayer and it traveled to Nashville and back. Prayers were so appreciated and are still felt.

Love in Christ, *Tonia Kyker* (Cat White's mother)

**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](http://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.		
<b>Sunday, June 23</b> <b>VBS Sunday</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Traditional Worship Sunday School for all ages VBS Wrap-Up Service Ice Cream Social (WBFH)
<b>Monday, June 24</b>	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Homebound Ministries (Kitchen/WBFH) Women's Bible Study (Connected)
<b>Wednesday, June 26</b>	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C.A.R.E. Ministry (Lacey Martin) GNMCS Committee (Mary Lotsey) Troop 75 (Education Wing) Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday, June 27</b>	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary) Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Friendship)
<b>Saturday, June 29</b>	2:00-5:00 p.m.	WBFH Reserved for Baby Shower



**ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
**TODAY after the 11:00 service**  
Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall

Bring your family and join us for our annual VBS celebration!

#### CONFIRMATION CLASS PARENT MEETING – June 30 after the 11:00 service

Pastor Mike invites all parents of middle and high school students to attend a brief meeting to discuss confirmation class scheduling, content, and topics important to you as parents. The meeting will be held in the Mary Lotsey classroom next Sunday, June 30 immediately following the 11:00 service. Your child is welcome to attend with you. Please contact the church office to let us know if you plan to attend. Thank you.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES** —We will be cooking for our shut-ins on **Monday, June 24** at **9:30 a.m.** Come join us! For more information, contact Judy Burner at 642-6016.

**GNMCS Committee will meet Wednesday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Lotsey classroom.** It is most important that all members be present for this planning meeting. If you have a question or concern, please contact Steve Wike at 901-606-3091 or Ann Byrd at 804-693-9850.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH -- Ladies sign up today for lunch with the Ladies Lunch Bunch (LLB) at Food for Thought in Williamsburg on July 7.** We will be carpooling from church at 12:15. Sign-up sheets are located at church office entrance and in Narthex. Come join the fun!



**STAFF APPRECIATION ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Sunday, July 14 at 3:00 PM**

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee invites you to an Ice Cream Social honoring our staff on Sunday, July 14 at 3:00 p.m. If you are willing to make homemade ice cream or purchase ice cream and/or toppings please contact Polly Harrison at 804-824-4600, or leave a note in the SPPRC mailbox outside the church office. Thank you!



Our week at Athens was full of God's amazing love! Yes, IT'S kind hearts and about 40 helpful Youth and Adult Oikos and Station Leaders that were awesome representatives of Jesus Christ's loving spirit! My thanks for the part that you played in the amazing week we all had. As either a contributor, helper, a partner in prayer, you were instrumental in providing just what was needed to make ATHENS a joyful experience!

Efcharisto!,

Kris Kent  
VBS Director



**FROM OUR PASTOR:**

Your Administrative Council is considering how and when we can all come together to learn, talk and pray about the recent special session General Conference decisions and subsequent Judicial Council rulings with regard to The United Methodist Church's debate and stance on homosexuality, same-gender marriage and ordination of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning) persons. **The scheduled meeting time is Sunday afternoon, June 30 from 3:00-5:00.** The session is open to the entire Bethany family: Professing Members, Baptized Members, Affiliate Members, Constituents, and Worship Guests.

After a brief summary of the United Methodists' General Conference decision to adopt the Traditional Plan, we will break into small groups to discuss questions and what-if scenarios centered on: 1) INCLUSION – What is the meaning and reality of inclusion from the United Methodist global church perspective, and how do we see ourselves practicing inclusion at Bethany, and 2) IDENTITY – What does it mean to be in the United Methodist/Wesleyan tribe, and how do we envision Bethany's particular identity going forward. I will ask people to serve as group facilitators. After the group discussions, everyone will come back together to summarize and share each group's responses.

**Let me know if you will attend June 30 so we can plan accordingly. Please respond by: 1) writing your name and whether or not you will attend on a Prayer Request or Guest card and dropping it in the offering plate, or 2) call the church office. Please leave a message if you call outside of our 9 a.m.–3 p.m. office hours.**

I ask you to approach each session with openness, humility, a spirit of grace, and above all, love and respect for your fellow brothers and sisters. Let's pray for one another and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit each time we gather. May you join this holy conversation with courage, confident that "nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 8:38).

Peace,  
Pastor Mike Derflinger

**WORKING DRAFT OF REVISED SOCIAL PRINCIPLES AVAILABLE.** The Social Principles revision has been underway for two years, and a final draft will be presented to the 2020 General Conference for consideration. The Social Principles, while not to be considered law, are a call to all members of The United Methodist Church to a prayerful, studied dialogue of faith and practice. They can be found online as well as in The 2016 Book of Discipline, pages 105-146.

You can find the working draft at [www.umcjustice.org](http://www.umcjustice.org), under Who We Are. This is the first full revision since the founding of the The United Methodist Church in 1968.

*Note: The subject of human sexuality is being addressed in the Social Principles with the conclusion of the 2019 called session of the General Conference in February. Language is being developed in preparation for the 2020 General Conference, May 5-15, in Minneapolis, MN.*