



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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| STEWARDSHIP | 12/29 |
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| General Fund Total | 6367.00 |
| Capital Improvement Fund | 65.00 |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund | 555.00 |
| Endowment Fund (in honor of Milton & Judy Hudgins) | 50.00 |
| Upper Room | 2.00 |
| COUNTING TEAMS | January |
| 1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty | 5 |
| 2-B.Robins, Niethamer Harvey | 12 |
| 3-Burner, Burner, Andersen | 19 |
| 4-Riggin, Blubaugh, Blubaugh | 26 |

| SUNDAY WORSHIP | 12/29 |
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| 8:30 Sanctuary | 46 |
| 11:00 Sanctuary | 62 |
| 11:00 Nursery | 1 |
| 11:00 Children's Church (included in Total Worship) | 0 |
| TOTAL in Worship | 109 |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL | |
| Adults | 22 |
| Youth | 4 |
| Children | 5 |
| TOTAL in SS | 31 |

NURSERY HELPERS

Interested in serving as a Nursery Helper? We need one helper each hour.

Please stop by the nursery or call/text Joy Wike (901-651-0834) if you can help. Thanks!

| Date | Sunday School Hour | 10:45 a.m. |
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| January 5 | | Cat White |
| January 12 | Shannon Minor | Regina Berry |
| January 19 | | |
| January 26 | Janet Chapin | Laura Glaze |

Pastor: Mike Derflinger

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

Chaplain in Residence: Carol Johnson

Director of Music: Sandra Fox

Lay Leader: Judy Burner

Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

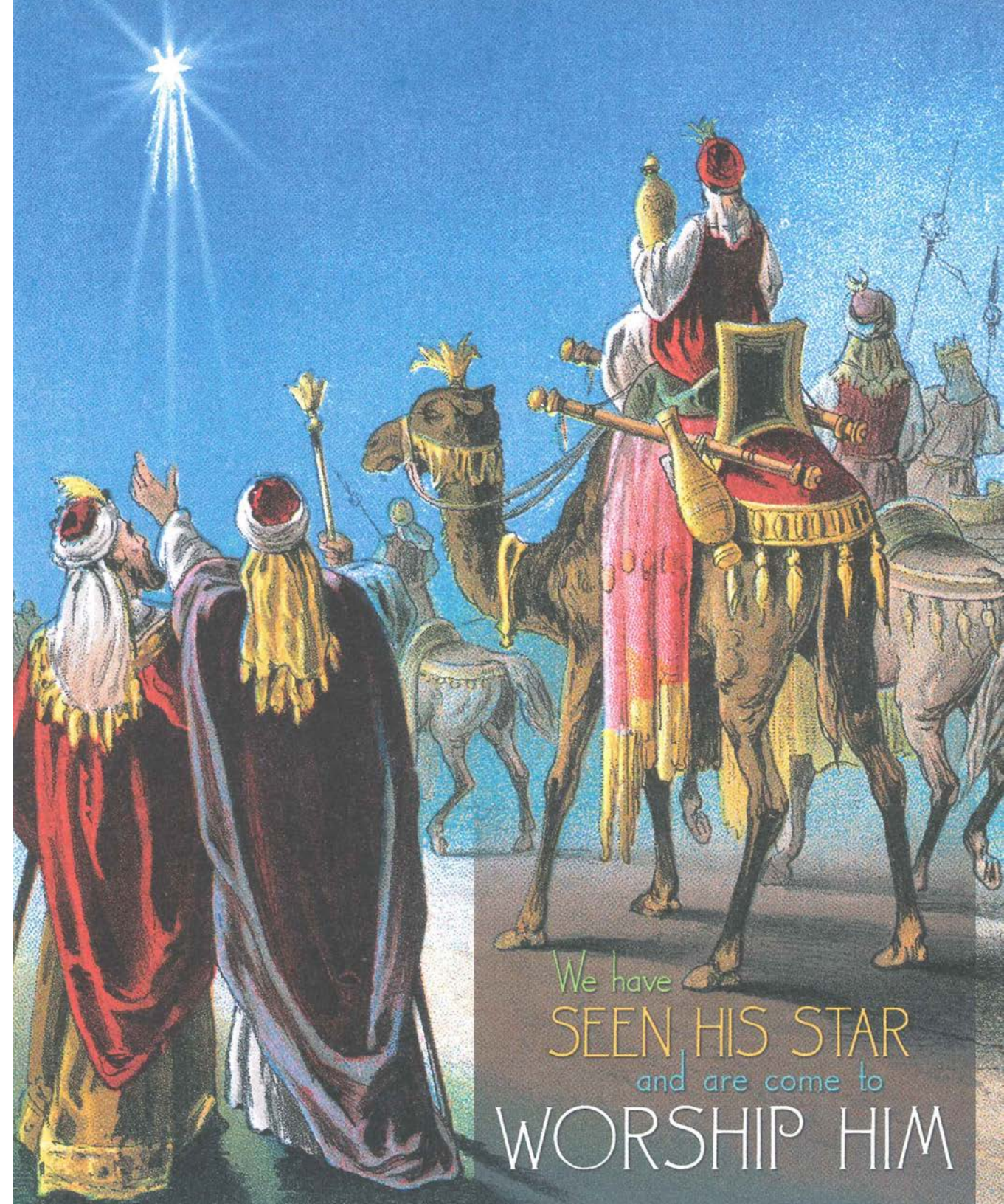
Nursery Coordinator: Joy Wike

Acolytes: 8:30 Alexandria Bontrager 11:00 Aidan Dumbrocyo, Baum Hogge

Sound Room: 8:30 Kirk Bell 11:00 Adam White

January Altar Guild: Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Cathy Raines

Trustee Contact for this Week: Tom Barnard





January 5, 2020
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

EPIPHANY AND CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
Series: 20/20 Vision

WELCOME, GUESTS! We've been expecting you!

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Please see an usher.

CELL PHONES: *Please remember to silence your 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 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* UMH 247

WELCOME Pastor Mike

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) *People, Look East* UMH 202

***OPENING CAROL** *We Three Kings, vv. 1, 2, 5* UMH 254

SHARING OUR PRAYER CONCERNS Pastor Mike

UNISON PRAYER 8:30 Doe Breen

Holy God, in this New Year, we confess that we need you as we have always needed you. We hunger for your presence, your peace, your justice, and your love. Not for ourselves only, but that we may be your presence to others. Open ourselves afresh and anew that we may also see you in our neighbor, in the refugee, even in our enemy, and perhaps especially, in ourselves.

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *Amen* Rudy Shackelford (composed 1997)

VOLUNTARY FOR THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY
Chorale Fantasy on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Based upon UMH No. 247

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHILDREN'S STORY Pastor Mike

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHES, GIFTS AND MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER Doe Breen

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the life we are called to live. May these gifts of money, time, and talents embody our desire to watch for and to participate in your coming reign among us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANTHEM (8:30) *My Tribute* Andrae Crouch
(11:00) Carol Johnson, soloist
The Story of the Wise Men Rodger Strader
Chancel Choir

***THE DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

***CAROL OF PREPARATION** *As With Gladness Men of Old* Insert

***SCRIPTURE** Jeremiah 29:10-13 Doe Breen
The Word of God for the people of God. Pew Bible OT, pg. 693
Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE *Seeing What God Wants You to See* Pastor Mike

HOLY COMMUNION UMH, pp. 13-15

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Gifts of money left at the altar rail during Communion are designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help people in crisis in our church family and our community.

Music during Communion *Noël No. 9 – On the Flute Stops* Louis Claude d'Aquin (1694-1772)

"Noël, for the love we bear Mary we shall sing joyfully:
She who bore the fruit of life, all for our salvation."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Pastor Mike

Lord Jesus Christ, we go into your world as those who have received the abundant feast. We pray the hands of Christ rest upon our heads in blessing, the touch of the Holy Spirit to dwell within us in wisdom and joy, and the strength of God to give us peace and courage to be found faithful. Amen.

***CLOSING CAROL** *The First Noel, vv. 1, 3, 5* UMH 245

***CLOSING CHORUS** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds, v. 1* UMH 557
*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

**Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Aaron Cothorn,
son of Dawne Sawyer, for his birthday.**

*The 2020 Altar Flower calendar has been posted in the main hallway.
The following dates are available in January and February: 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/16.*

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to the families of:
Miriam Callis, sister of Iva Belvin who passed on December 19
Brenda France, sister of Bev Kearney, who passed on January 1

HUGS MINISTRY – Thank you for the lovely shawl and for your prayers. The Lord is my rock and refuge! I am His child. God bless you for all your kindness. – Diane Kay Johnni

| Bethany UMC Prayer List | | BETHANY FAMILY |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|
| CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, David Lewis, Ted Peterman (NC), Matt Shackelford | | |
| HEALTH ISSUES: Irene Brown, Woody Brown, Charlotte Cecil, Dawn Cluts, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Clare Hall, Jennie Lipscomb, Paige Mitchell, Jane Niethamer, Peggy Peterman (NC), Don Schultz, Nancy Smith | | |
| HOMEBOUND: Iva Belvin, Linda Booth, Gene Harrell, Katherine Jordan, Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams | | |
| HOSPITALIZED: Jennie Lipscomb (Riverside Regional, 5102) | | |
| PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, Fred Townsend | | |
| RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Marsha Germek, Kathy Jacobs, Bev Kearney, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Jeannie Meisner, William Schultz & Bain Schultz | | |
| SURGERY/TESTS: | | |
| NEWLYWEDS: Zach and Michelle (Taylor) Camacho, Albert and Ashleigh (Polk) Schroeder | | |
| BETHANY FRIENDS | | |
| CANCER/CHEMO: Tom Beard, Cleveland Cameron, Pap Connell, Patrick Cooney, Jr., Dave Cooper, Elizabeth Flowers (NC), Richard Grow, Karen Hendrix, Ben Lankford, George Skinner, Eddie Stalnaker, Alan Thomasson (GA), Elizabeth Wheeler | | |
| CHILDREN & YOUTH: Emmett (AK), Henry Chapin, Makenna Jobes (FL), Willa | | |
| EMPLOYMENT/TRAVEL: Lamont Johnson | | |
| GRIEVING: Families of Duane Burnett, Miriam Callis, Brenda France, Kerry Janzen, Emma Trottier | | |
| HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Bob Baughman (PA), Les Breen, John Cook, Chuck Corbin, Janet Elvis (SC), Wally Iddings (PA), Don (CA), Verma Lankford, Bill Lawry, Dave Magee (Ireland), Troy McCullen, Mary Jo Smith (NC), Vicky Whitney | | |
| HOSPITALIZED: Keith Brown, Allen Derflinger | | |
| RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Richard Alligood, Joyce Burnett, Tommy Dutton, Steve George, Laurie Minor | | |
| SURGERY/TESTS: Thia Martin (1/6, Riverside Regional) | | |
| BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>) | | |
| <i>Edward Bailey, Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Laine Fay, Kevin Jacobs, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i> | | |
| ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>) | | |
| c/o Bonnie Ballenger , 11228 Church Grove Ct., Henrico, VA 23233 | Dorothy “Dot” Critzer | |
| Gloucester House , 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061 | Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 | |
| | Jean Heywood, Rm 110 | |
| | Esther Marie Jordan, Rm 509 | |
| | Archie Leigh, Rm 217 | |
| ManorCare , 715 W. Central Rd., Room 253B, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 | <i>Mary Margaret Kuivinen</i> | |
| Sanders Assisted Living , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061 | <i>Ellis Hall</i> , Rm 106 | |
| 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. | | |

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 | | |
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| Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. | | |
| Sunday, January 5 HOLY COMMUNION | 12:15 p.m. 12:15 p.m. | Ladies Lunch Bunch (Los Portales Mexican Restaurant) Bible Buddies (WBFH) |
| Monday, January 6 | 7:00 p.m. | Men’s & Women’s Bible Studies (WBFH) |
| Tuesday, January 7 | 7:00 p.m. | JOY Circle (Mary Lotsey) |
| Wednesday, January 8 | 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Trustees (Mary Lotsey) C.A.R.E. Ministry (Lacey Martin) Book Club (Mary Lotsey) Troop 75 (Education Wing) Chancel Choir |
| Thursday, January 9 | 9:00 a.m.-noon 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Bazaar Workshop (Lacey Martin) House of Prayer (Library) York River Garden Club (WBFH) |
| Friday, January 10 | 8 a.m.-11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary Reserved (HVAC Maintenance) |
| Saturday, January 11 | 9 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. | Church Planning Session (WBFH) River Country Quilters (Lacey Martin) |
| Sunday, January 12 | 12:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m. | Youth Parent Meeting (WBFH) |

CHRISTMAS CARDS – Please be sure to check the Christmas card mailboxes (main hallway) before you leave TODAY for any cards you may have received. Mailboxes will be returned to storage this week. Cards to members who have moved out of the area will not be forwarded by the church office, so please retrieve, address, and mail their cards, if needed. Thanks!

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – All ladies are invited to join the LLB for lunch today at Los Portales Mexican Restaurant. Meet in the main hallway after the 11:00 service to carpool. Look forward to seeing you!

On January 6 at 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild members, volunteers of the youth and children’s ministries, and members of the Friendship Sunday School class will pack up the Chrismons and the Advent greenery. If you want to volunteer, come join us.

The JOY Circle will meet in the Mary Lotsey classroom on Tuesday, January 7 at 7 p.m. All ladies of the church are invited!

CHURCH-WIDE PLANNING SESSION, January 11, 9-11 a.m. — The Administrative Council is sponsoring a planning session on Saturday, January 11 from 9-11 a.m. in the WBFH, to review the 2020 church calendar and discuss events and meetings planned for the coming year. All are invited to this planning session; your input is valuable and encouraged. Hope to see you there! If you have dates to submit but can't attend, please leave a note with your name, requested date(s), and description either in Pastor Mike's or Dee Dee's (Church Office Administrator) mailbox by January 6.

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND YOUTH OF BUMC! Please attend an informational meeting for 2020 on Sunday, January 12th from 12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Beth Cook @ 661-209-6863 by TODAY. Lunch will be provided, but we will need a count. Thank you!

SECOND TUESDAY VISITATION – Meet in the Mary Lotsey classroom at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14 to go out and visit. You will receive a blessing!

BAZAAR NEWS -- It is January!! Let the Bazaar preparations begin! Our first work session will be Thursday, January 9 from 9 until 12. Come join us for the whole time or any fraction thereof! We will appreciate any time you can give to our worthwhile Mission Project. Bring any ideas you have for craft items we can make! • When packing up 2019's Christmas decorations, please set aside any items you are no longer planning to use. We can recycle them or sell them in the Vintage room at the Bazaar in November. We appreciate all your support!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – Please have as one of your New Year's Resolutions that you will join one of our Sunday School classes or, if you already belong to one, that you will be faithful in your attendance! Check Bethany's webpage for information about the six adult classes.

We will have our Second Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, January 12 at 9:30. Come join us for food and fellowship before going on to a Sunday School class.

CHILDREN'S CLASS HELPERS NEEDED – A second helper is needed in the Children's Class (2nd-5th grades) during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.). If you can help on any Sunday, or would like more information, please contact Nancy Wilburn at 804-642-5820 or nwilburn@cox.net, or sign up outside the children's classroom. No special skills needed. If you love children and want to make a difference, see Nancy or sign up today!

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES (GNMCS) COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Lotsey classroom. This is a planning meeting for the fall 2020 and spring 2021 concert season. The committee welcomes suggestions from the congregation and members of the community. You may speak with any member of the committee. If you have a question or suggestion, please contact Steve Wike at 901-606-3091 or Ann Byrd at 804-693-9850.

OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITIONS IN 2020 – FROM YOUR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Church Historian – We need a person to write a brief Year in Review for 2018, 2019, and for 2020. An example for content can be found in the Bethany Chronology Booklet in your pew. You can write it yourself or form your own group. Please call or text Pastor Mike at 540.631.4469.

Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations – We need a person to serve a one-year term in 2020, and a person to serve a three-year term 2020-2022. Both terms begin January 1, 2020. Meeting times are first Thursdays at 6:30. All committee members must be BUMC members. S/SPR meets in closed session, and information shared in the committee is confidential.

To achieve our values of inclusivity, diversity and representation for our total church family in the mission and ministries of our church, we're looking for at least one, preferably two, members from The Millennial Generation (b. 1981-1996).

Please call or text Pastor Mike at 540.631.4469 to arrange a time to talk about the duties.

Family Ministries – This team sponsors and facilitates family-friendly events such as Trunk or Treat, picnics, Christmas caroling, and other events. We're open to new ideas and events, too, and we need helpers to ensure these events occur. Questions? Please contact Chairperson Shannon Roane or Pastor Mike.

LITURGISTS OF ALL AGES NEEDED! Did you know that 8 of our 9 Liturgists are Baby Boomers? We're glad for each one and they'll continue to serve well. We're glad, too, for our children and youth who served on fourth Sundays in 2019 and will continue to do so in 2020. Let's be more inclusive and involve people from every generation! Time to step up Builders (b. 1925-1945), Gen X (b.1965-1980), Millennials (b. 1981-1996), and Gen Z (1997-2017)!

Liturgist Coordinator Marsha Germek will lead a training sometime in the first quarter of 2020. Please let Marsha [sashablueice55@yahoo.com] or me [MikeDerflinger@vaumc.org] know if you're interested and if you have any questions.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN ACOLYTE?
If you would like to become an acolyte at Bethany, we will be holding a short training session in January (date TBD) right after the 11:00 a.m. service. Parents are asked to attend with their children. Anyone who is a current 4th through 12th grader is invited to participate and attend. If interested in attending please let me know by calling 804-642-6707 or by emailing me at betty@vims.edu. Thanks!
— Betty Neikirk, Acolyte Coordinator

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2020 may be picked up in the narthex. Please make certain you pick up the pack with your name on it. If you received envelopes but do not need them, please return them to the church office so they can be reassigned. Non-members who regularly attend Bethany may also request numbered envelopes. • If you were not assigned numbered envelopes for 2020, you may request them by contacting Bernard Robins (bdrobins@peoplepc.com or 804-642-6412). **Please do not use 2019 envelopes after Sunday, December 29, 2019.**

As with Gladness Men of Old

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR EPIPHANY

Epiphany, the festival commemorating Christ's manifestation to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi, or three Wise Men, is celebrated on January 6th.

One of the finest chorales (or hymns) for Epiphany was penned by Philipp Nicolai, a Lutheran theologian, poet, and composer. *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (UMH No. 247) first appeared in 1599 as part of a volume of meditations on death and eternal life, Nicolai's response to the Black Plague which had devastated his home in Westphalia. This chorale is somewhat of a departure from the bold, confident, objective hymns of Martin Luther and introduces the sentiment of the soul's love for the Heavenly Bridegroom. Nicolai's text is alive with references to the light which Christ brings into the world, such as "Morning Star," "Light Divine," and "Heavenly Brightness."

These visual metaphors are translated into music motifs by the God-given genius of Dietrich Buxtehude, the most important predecessor of Johann Sebastian Bach, who at age twenty walked over 200 miles to study with him! Buxtehude's sublime *Chorale Fantasy on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"* dances into the light with the rhythm of the jig, borrowed from popular music of the 17th century.

— Rudy Shackelford

MATTHEW 2:1-11
WILLIAM C. DIX, 1837-1898

DIX 77.77.77.
Arr. from CONRAD KOCHER, 1786-1872
by W. H. MONK, 1823-1889

1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing
2. As with joy - ous steps they sped To that low - ly
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger
4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day Keep us in the

star be - hold; As with joy they hailed its light,
man - ger bed, There to bend the knee be - fore
rude and bare, So may we with ho - ly joy,
nar - row way; And, when earth - ly things are past,

Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright; So, most gra - cious
Him whom heaven and earth a - dore; So may we with
Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest
Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no

Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to thee.
will - ing feet Ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
treas - ures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav - en - ly King.
star to guide, Where no clouds thy glo - ry hide. A - men.

