



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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March 6, 2022
10:00 a.m.

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY COMMUNION**

WELCOME, GUESTS! We're glad you are worshiping with us today!
CELL PHONES: *Please remember to silence your cell phone before the service begins. Thank you.*
**Please stand as you are able. And it's okay to sit.*

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY	
Acolyte:	
Media:	Jeremy Nardozzi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell
Altar Guild this month:	Kathy Jacobs, Sandra Harvey, Nancy Kendall
Liturgist:	Doe Breen
Trustee Contact this week:	Donna Andersen
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent
Greeters:	Charlotte Cecil, David Ayers
Counting Team:	Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

STEWARDSHIP	2/27
General Fund Total (May Fest 90.00)	3,322.00
Capital Improvement	235.00
Easter Flowers	153.00
SS Literature	62.00
Upper Room	2.00
Media Upgrade	200.00
Youth	50.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship	71
Online Worship (FB Live + YouTube previous wk)	32
Total in Worship	103

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
3/13	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
3/20	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
3/27	Team 2: Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey
4/3	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen

Ash Wednesday Service – 41 attended

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

Rev. Moonsup “Paul” Song, Pastor	call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues.-Fri., 8-4 For pastoral emergencies, call/text cell
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Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128 email: rfox6@cox.net	Works from home, by appt.
Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.
Kris Kent, Director of Children & Youth Ministries	office 804.642-2110, cell: 804.815.4246 email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org	Office hours: Tues.-Thurs.. 9-1

Intrada *O Love, How Deep (Deo Gracias)* UMH No. 267

Welcome and Announcements, Sharing Joys, Concerns, and Updates Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship** Doe Breen

Leader: In returning and rest you shall be saved;
Congregation: in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

***Hymn** *The God of Abraham Praise* UMH No. 116
***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical Version) UMH No. 882

Opening Prayer Doe Breen
O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* American folk hymn

Children’s Time Kris Kent

Prayer of Illumination Doe Breen
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 2:1-4 Doe Breen
***Gospel Reading** Luke 22:14-23
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Sermon	“Call for Peace”	Pastor Paul Song
Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, petition	“Lord, hear our prayer.”	Pastor Paul Song

Holy Communion

Invitation
Confession and Pardon
All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God. Amen.

The Peace
The Peace of Christ, and also with you.

Offering and Offertory Prayer		
Offertory Music	Chorale: “O Man, Lament Thy Grievous Fall”	Sebald Heyd (1525)
	Prelude on “O Man, Lament Thy Grievous Fall,” from <i>The Little Organ Book</i> , BWV 622	Johann Sebastian Bach (21 March 1685-1750)
	“O man, lament thy grievous fall, For which Christ left His Father’s hall And came to earth from heaven. He of a virgin maiden pure Was born, of man the Savior sure, And came earth’s ills to leaven.	
	The dead He raised again to life, The sick he loosed from pain and strife, Until the time appointed That He for us should shed His blood And take on Him our sin’s dark load, Stretched on the cross accursed.”	

*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 Great Thanksgiving (on the screen)

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup (*use pre-double sealed bread and cup in each pew*)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Hymn	<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i>	UMH No. 548
*Benediction		Pastor Paul Song
Exodus	<i>O the Depth of Love Divine</i>	UMH No. 627

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Confirmation Class ’22 meets each Sunday evening, 6-8 p.m., until April 10, in the Fellowship Hall. Please pray for our confirmands, for their journey of faith. “Faith Formation” is the theme of confirmation class.
Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 13. Make sure to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night.
Deadline for April Banner articles is March 15.

Bethany’s first Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a huge success. We had a total of 45 people with 17 of those being helpers. We appreciate everyone who helped with setting up, purchasing food, cooking and cleaning up afterwards. Being able to get together with fellow members and friends was a blessing. Thank you so much for supporting what we hope will be an annual event.
— Nina Whitmore

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	3.6.22
CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen GRIEVING: Families of Woody Brown, Katherine Jordan, Nancy Smith HEALTH ISSUES: Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, Dylan Chapin & family, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Jim Durette, Jimmy Greene, Sandra Hollins, Bonnie Lewis , Marshall Lewis, Sue Morecock, Peggy Peterman (NC), Debbie Robins, Rosemarie Tong, Sandie Wharen HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Alice McGee, Jack Wallace HOSPICE: Matt Shackelford PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, Chuck Ashe, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Sandra Byrd, Shelton Glaze, Sandra Harvey, Joy Long, Alice Northam, Dickie Poland, Jim Stevens RECUPERATING AT HOME: Isabella Wheat, Judy Vaughan			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Roger Ferguson, Traci Greene, Carissa (Cari) Harrington, Zachary Hoover, John Rhodes, Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams, Sabrina Wikle GRIEVING: Families of Sandy Austin, Michelle Brown, Gwendolyn Ward Callis, Barry McDade, Terri Ervi, Martin Kulik, Doug Mattox (MO), Amy Pierro HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Cindy Albertson, Soren Andrews, Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Phil Boykin, Les Breen, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Herbert Paul Edwards (FL), Dewayne Haywood, Lynne Freeman, Peggy Kearney, Debbie Potter (FL), Mathew Reviere, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Tene West, Betty Wilson HOSPICE: William Ervi PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY) RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Dorothy Brown, Boone Kohen, Sue McCloy (WV), Dottie Myers (PA), Jeff Suntken, Sandy Taylor, Larry Wilkinson PRAYERS: Randy Wilson, Kwame & Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Alli Razzaghi, Kasie Hall			
BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)			
<i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long</i> (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, <i>Bowdy Schrader</i> , Jim Minor, all members of the military.			
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)			
Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061		Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Doris Courtney, Rm 105 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 113	
Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A	
Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235		Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149		Jennie Lipscomb	
Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061		<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Rm 20	

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (WBFH)
Tuesday, March 8	10:00 a.m.	Music Camp (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (WBFH)
Wednesday, March 9	9:00 a.m.	Trustees (WBFH)
	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	AARP Tax Aide (Lacey Martin—by appt. only)
	1:00 p.m.	Abingdon Woman’s Club (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 10	9:00 a.m. til noon	Bazaar Workshop (Lacey Martin)
	10:00 a.m.	York River Garden Club (WBFH)
Saturday, March 12	All Day	WBFH Reserved
Sunday, March 13	2:00 a.m.	Daylight Savings Time Begins (clocks forward 1 hr)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Bible Buddies and Youth Group will gather on **Sunday, March 20** for a special afternoon! We will meet at 1:30 in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall for a mini service project then leave to attend the 3:00 p.m. performance of “The Sound of Music” to offer our support to three of our Bethany family members! Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. See Ms. Kris for more information.

Our trip to The Museum of The Bible in Washington, DC was a wonderful success. We had 10 kids and 8 adults learn, experience, have fun and grow! We will be having a slide show and share some thoughts about our day together during our “Youth Participation Sunday Worship Service” on March 26, 2022.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE (Adult) —We have combined the Faith Class and the Lacey Martin Classes. We are meeting in the Lacey Martin room at approximately 11:15 a.m. I am teaching this class, and we are using the traditional Cokesbury Sunday School material. If you are interested in joining a small group setting and becoming more familiar with the Holy Scriptures, please come and join us. — *Alan Harvey*

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR LENT

In 2022 the majority of Lenten Sundays occur during March, also the month that harbors the 337th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach. Like Martin Luther, Bach's name is synonymous with the Protestant Reformation, and his musical legacy remains its most exalted artistic achievement.

Since it was through music that Bach expressed his deepest thoughts and feelings about God, humanity, and the universe, he constantly strove to raise the art itself to the highest possible level of perfection. He did so with the humility of a true teacher, publishing as mere "keyboard exercises" some of the most profound and beautiful music ever composed. Such is today's organ Meditation, the *Prelude* on the 16th-century chorale (or hymn) "*O Man, Lament Thy Grievous Fall*" from the collection Bach modestly titled his *Little Organ Book*. Although he conceived it as a vast compendium of 164 chorale preludes for every Sunday of the church year, Bach actually completed only 46 pieces. In 1717, at age 32, Bach was placed under "house arrest" by his employer, Duke Wilhelm Ernst of Weimar (Germany), to prevent him from accepting a much better position in Cöthen!

Although unfinished, the *Little Organ Book* stands as an artistic and conceptual whole, fully covering the important liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter with additional preludes for Pentecost and other festival days. Inspired by the theology and imagery of the sacred hymn texts, Bach's creative imagination unfailingly discovered the unique and inevitable expression in music for each of them – concise "tone paintings" which, as Dr. Albert Schweitzer revealed, comprise "the dictionary of Bach's musical language, the key to the understanding of his music as a whole."

The vocabulary of suffering and death is most poignantly displayed in the *Prelude on "O Man, Lament Thy Grievous Fall,"* which reveals the redemptive significance of Christ's Passion. The purgatorial effect of pain has never been more powerfully expressed than in the final measures of this piece, a rending of the bowels of compassion which is visceral in its emotional impact. Human drama and theological intent are again equated in living myth.

— Rudy Shackelford

SAVE THE DATE! – 135TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. Plans are underway for our Homecoming on Sunday, September 18. Our speaker will be Rev. Debbie Marion. If you'd like to serve on this Committee please let Judy Burner know. Mark your calendars now to join in the Celebration! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15 at 10:00

THANK YOU NOTES

I've been meaning to thank you, JOY Circle, for the Chick-fil-A gift card that I received for Valentine's Day! You guys did not have to do that but thank you so much. Unfortunately, our Chick-fil-A doesn't accept gift cards, but my golf season starts this Saturday and I'll definitely be using it on the road!!! Can't thank y'all enough for everything you do for myself, and my family. Much love, *Hunter Martin*

Many thanks to all of you for your prayers and messages of support for our Shelton during his surgery and recovery this past month. We are so grateful to report that his stitches have been removed, he is progressing through his daily PT exercises, and he is zipping around campus sans crutches! With love and gratitude, Laura and Scott Glaze

RADA KNIVES -- JOY Circle is selling Rada knives. The only items not available are the black-handled "gifts." **Order deadline is March 31.** If you are interested in ordering or need a catalog please contact Charlotte Cecil, 804-815-1805.

