



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:	Aidan Dumbrocyo
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell
Altar Guild this month:	Pauline Reimold, Paul Kendall, Lynne Barnes
Liturgist:	Regina Berry
Trustee Contact this week:	Rob Raines
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent
Greeters:	Jane Sterling, David Ayers
Counting Team:	Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty

STEWARDSHIP	3/6	3/13
General Fund	12, 516.00	5,898.00
Capital Improvement	270.00	
Pastor's Discretionary	200.00	140.00
Flowers (Easter)	203.00	
Craft Fair	30.00	30.00
Youth	168.00	28.00
ATTENDANCE		
In-person Worship	86	72
Online Worship (YouTube Previous wk)	36	42
Total in Worship	122	114

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
3/27	Team 2: Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey
4/3	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
4/10	Team 4: Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins
4/17	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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March 20, 2022
10:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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.*

Intrada

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
from *Cantata No. 147* (see UMH No. 644)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(21 March 1685-1750)

Welcome and Announcements, Sharing Joys, Concerns, and Updates

Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship**

Regina Berry

Leader: Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!

Congregation: God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

Congregation: let the wicked forsake their way. And the unrighteous their thoughts;

Leader: let them return to the Lord.

All: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

***Hymn**

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

UMH No. 108

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH No. 882

Opening Prayer

Regina Berry

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Medley of the Cross

Anna Laura Page
Jean Anne Shafferman

Children's Church

Kris Kent

(Children 4 yrs. old through 3rd grade are dismissed as congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me.")

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, petition “Lord, hear our prayer.”		Pastor Paul Song
Meditation	Chorale: “When in the Hour of Utmost Need”	Loys Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1560)
	Prelude on “When in the Hour of Utmost Need,” from <i>Eighteen Chorales</i> , BWV 668a	Johann Sebastian Bach
	“When in the hour of utmost need we know not where to turn for aid, When days and nights of anxious thought nor help nor counsel yet have brought, Then this our comfort is alone: that we may meet before Thy throne And cry, O faithful God, to Thee for rescue from our misery.” -- Paul Eber, ca. 1560	
Offering and Offertory Prayer		
Offertory Music	<i>Toccata in D Minor, “Dorian,”</i> BWV 538	Johann Sebastian Bach
	In memory of Robert Alton (“Bob”) Reid, born to eternal life on 27 March 2015	
*Doxology		
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.		UMH No. 95
Prayer of Illumination		
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.		Regina Berry
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 55:1-9	Regina Berry
*Gospel Reading	Luke 13:1-9	
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“Are We on God’s Side?”	Pastor Paul Song
*Hymn	<i>Take Up Thy Cross</i>	UMH No. 415
*Benediction		Pastor Paul Song
Exodus	<i>Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands</i>	UMH No. 319

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	3.20.22
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, David Chapin, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, 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, Sarah Hillard, Joy Long, Alice Northam, Dickie Poland, Jim Stevens RECUPERATING AT HOME: Isabella Wheat, Judy Vaughan UPCOMING SURGERY: Nancy Cooper (3/30)			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Chad Farr, Roger Ferguson, Traci Greene, Carissa (Cari) Harrington, Zachary Hoover, John Rhodes, Randy Riffe, Margie Turbyfill Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams, Sabrina Wikle GRIEVING: Families of Sandy Austin, Les Breen, Michelle Brown, Gwendolyn Ward Callis, Barry McDade, Terri Ervi, Martin Kulik, Doug Mattox (MO), Amy Pierro HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Soren Andrews, Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Herbert Paul Edwards (FL), Dewayne Haywood, Lynne Freeman, Peggy Kearney, 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 (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>			
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		Ellis Hall, Rm 20 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13	

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR LENT

Our Lenten Meditation this morning may have been the last music ever composed by Johann Sebastian Bach, whose 337th birthday we shall celebrate tomorrow, March 21st. From his deathbed the blind musician dictated to his son-in-law, Johann Christoph Altnikol, an organ prelude based upon the chorale (or hymn) *When in the Hour of Utmost Need*. But significantly, Bach changed the words to read as follows:

“Before Thy throne, my God, I stand,
Myself, my all, are in Thy hand.
O show me Thine approving face,
Nor from Thy son withhold Thy grace.”

Moreover, Bach made subtle alterations in the hymn tune so that the first line would contain precisely 14 notes and the melody as a whole, 41 notes. Using the symbolism of numbers, the composer “autographed” his creation, since *B* is the second letter of the alphabet, *A* the first, *C* the third, and *H* the eighth – the sum of which is 14. When reversed, the number 14 becomes 41, which stands for J. S. Bach: 9+18+14=41.

As a young organist looking to impress the world with his phenomenal talent, Bach composed virtuoso showpieces titled *toccata* (meaning “to touch” in Italian), including two in the key of D minor. Our Offertory today, while less famous than the Halloween favorite *Toccata in D Minor*, even more powerfully evokes imagery of Gothic horror: the relentless galloping motion suggests a musical depiction of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse from the *Revelation of St. John*. Perhaps this interpretation is speculative, but this Toccata seems to invite conjecture. It was nicknamed “Dorian” by someone who mistook the lack of B-flat in the key signature as an indication that the music conforms to the ancient Greek Dorian mode!

Our dear, departed friend and choir member Bob Reid especially enjoyed listening to Bach’s “*Dorian*” *Toccata*, so we dedicate this performance to his memory.

— Rudy Shackelford

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you from *Patrick & Shelton Glaze* for the Chick-Fil-A gift cards we received from the JOY Circle! That was the perfect Valentine's Day treat!

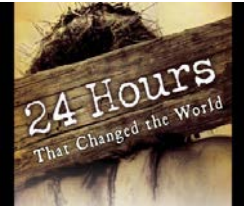
Thank you all so much for the prayers, calls, food, and flowers during my recent knee surgery and rehab. I am coming along and appreciate your thoughts and prayers more than you know.
— *Alice Northam*

Dear Bethany Friends,
Thanks to each of you who have remembered me throughout the year! It may have been via cards, visits, gifts or prayers. It is special not being forgotten! I miss coming to church and not being able to see you. With the passing of the viruses and time of service changes, maybe I can return in warmer weather! Love you, *Jean Heywood*

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	1:30 p.m.	Youth & Bible Buddies (WBFH)
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (WBFH)
Monday, March 21	9:30 a.m.	Homebound Ministries (WBFH)
Tuesday, March 22	10:00 a.m.	Music Camp Committee (WBFH)
Wednesday, March 23	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	AARP Tax Aide (Lacey Martin—by appt. only)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 24	9:00 a.m. til noon	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH)
	10:00 a.m.	Playground Clean-up

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASKS UPDATE - Your PRG Committee has relaxed the wearing of masks at church. For those still not vaccinated we ask that you continue to wear your mask. For those vaccinated we leave it up to your discretion. Hand holding is strongly discouraged. We thank you for your understanding.



All are invited to a daily Holy Week (April 11-16) Bible study and meditation based on the book, 24 Hours That Changed the World, with video trip to Jerusalem, written by Adam Hamilton. Daytime group meets at Noon in the Fellowship Hall, and evening group meets at 7:00 via Zoom. Registration form is located at both entrances of the Sanctuary.

Bible Buddies and Youth Group will gather **TODAY** 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.

HOME BOUND MINISTRIES will be cooking once again for our shut-ins on **March 21 at 9:30 a.m.** All are welcome to help! Always need folks to deliver!

BETHANY PLAYGROUND CLEAN-UP: Please join the Trustees for Bethany’s playground clean-up on **Thursday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m.** They will be picking up sticks, twigs, small branches, raking and disposing of leaves, and checking on the safety of the playground equipment. If you are interested in joining them, please bring gloves, rakes, and tarps. A truck to haul away the leaves will be provided. Thanks for your help with this spring clean-up project. (Rain date is Thursday, March 31.)

135TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

- 1) Bethany Members: If there are persons you would like invited to our Anniversary Celebration on September 18, please give full names and addresses to either Judy Burner or Don Thomas or place them in the mailbox slot designated HISTORIAN just outside the church office. The committee will be glad to send them an invitation to the celebration.
- 2) The Anniversary Committee is requesting a photograph (any size) of members who have passed away since our last anniversary on **September 24, 2017**. These photographs will be placed in the Memory Book first compiled by Patsy and Rey Morales. The photos will also be used in a visual presentation employing our new screen monitors and audio/visual system during the anniversary celebration on September 18, 2022. Please give the photos, clearly marked, to either Judy Burner or Don Thomas or place them in the mailbox designated HISTORIAN just outside the church office. Thanks.

BETHANY BAZAAR NEWS FLASH!

Time is ticking! November is coming quickly and we have a lot of work to do! Please join us any Thursday morning from 9 - 12 noon in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. We need your help and can use ideas for new crafts. We hope some of you are "working from home" on items for this year's Bazaar! Thanks for all your help!

— *The Bazaar Bunch*



Prayer for Ukraine, by Kayla Craig

O God of peace, our hearts are heavy and our brains can barely keep up with the breaking news. We don’t know what to say or what to do in a world so wounded. So we come to you with hearts heavy for all who sit in the crossfires of violence and acts of war.

O God of peace, be with the people of Ukraine.
With the mothers who carry babies to subway shelters.
With the fathers who hold their heads in their hands.
With the children who absorb the traumas.
Of violent acts of powerful men.

O God of peace, we don’t know the words to pray for a warring world and all who are vulnerable in it. We don’t pretend to know the extent of the damages or what tomorrow (or today) will bring. But we know that you are a God of peace and we can’t bomb our way to shalom.

O God of peace, comfort the crying and heal the hurt.
Tend the aching and soothe the fearful.
Make us instruments of your peace.
Creating a sacred symphony where
Rhythms of grace are danced upon
And evil has lost its sting, now and forevermore.

O God of peace, hear our prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- UMCOR Advance Special Giving to help Ukraine** — Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:
- Online at <https://umcmisson.org/advance-project/982450>
 - By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
 - By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church.
 - One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.