



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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March 27, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
YOUTH PARTICIPATION SUNDAY
UMCOR SUNDAY**

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:	Josiah Minor
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell
Altar Guild this month:	Pauline Reimold, Paul Kendall, Lynne Barnes
Liturgist:	Baum Hogge
Trustee Contact this week:	Diana Simmons
Ushers:	Connor Kent, Justus Minor, Aubrey Chase, Alexis Davis, Sabrina Davis
Greeters:	Justus Minor, Aubrey Chase, Logan Chase, Josiah Minor, Aidan Dumbrocyo
Counting Team:	Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey

STEWARDSHIP	
General Fund	3/20
Pastor's Discretionary	5,926.00
Endowment	0.00
UMCOR	70.00
	400.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship	85
Online Worship (YouTube Previous wk)	28
Total in Worship	113

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
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
4/24	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

A donation was made on 3/13 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in remembrance of Eugene Brown's 85th birthday on March 17, 2022.

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 *Woman in the Night* UMH No. 274

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

Youth Group Presentation

***Call to Worship** Baum Hogge

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,
Congregation: so God seeks and saves the lost.
Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,
Congregation: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.
Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,
Congregation: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.
Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.
All: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

***Hymn** *Ask Me What Great Thing I Know* UMH No. 163

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version) UMH No. 882

Opening Prayer Baum Hogge

Our Heavenly Father,
We your humble children invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life.
Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem *Midnight Cry* Greg Day & Church Day
Steve Wike, soloist arr. Tom Fettke

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 Amy Beach
A Hermit Thrush at Morn (1867-1944)

“I heard from morn to morn a merry thrush sing hymns of rapture,
 while I drank the sound with joy.” – John Clare

Celebrating Women’s History Month

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music Peter Tchaikovsky
March: Song of the Lark, (1840-1893)
from “The Seasons”

Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford

“O little lark, you need not fly to meet your Master in the sky, He treads our native sod.
 Why should you sing aloft, apart? Sing to the heaven of my heart: In me, in me, in me is God!”

-- Anna Bunston de Bary, *A Basque Peasant Returning from Church*

***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.

Prayer of Illumination Baum Hogge
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.

New Testament Reading Baum Hogge
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
***Gospel Reading** Luke 15:1-2, 11-32
 The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Pastor Paul Song
 “From the Eyes of the Father”

***Hymn** UMH No. 378
Amazing Grace

***Benediction** Pastor Paul Song
Exodus UMH No. 272
Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	3.27.22
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, 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, Chad Farr, 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, DeJuana Tackett (AR), 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	<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Rm 20 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13	

**MUSIC FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:
AMY BEACH, AMERICAN COMPOSER**



Amy Beach was the first American woman to succeed as a composer of large-scale concert music.

She was born Amy Marcy Cheney on 5 September 1867 in West Henniker, New Hampshire, during an era when the world of work was divided into two distinct spheres: the public and professional for men, the private and domestic for women. In Europe the extraordinarily talented Fanny Mendelssohn set aside a creative career in favor of her brother Felix, as did Clara Schumann for her husband Robert.

Despite her family's and society's lack of support, however, Amy Cheney knew even as a young child that "no other life than that of a musician could ever have been possible for me." In 1885, when she made her debut with the renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra, critics deemed her performance of Chopin's *Second Piano Concerto* "perfect."

Marriage at the age of 18 to prominent Boston physician Henry Harris Aubrey Beach, 25 years her senior, changed Amy's career path. On Henry's insistence, and in keeping with her newly elevated social status, she limited her performances on the piano to a few charity concerts per year and – happily for posterity – devoted herself entirely to composition. In this field she was self-taught, yet she achieved remarkable success with works published under her married name, Mrs. H. H. A. Beach. Apart from many songs and piano pieces, her most significant works are the *Mass in E-flat*, the "*Gaelic*" *Symphony*, and the *Piano Concerto* which she herself premiered with the Boston Symphony in 1900.

Widowed at age 43, she went to Germany to present her compositions and revive her career as a pianist, under the name Amy Beach. On her triumphant return to Boston in 1914, she devoted herself to concert tours and composition, completing the balance of her 300 works. Many were written at the MacDowell colony in Peterborough, New Hampshire, a rural retreat founded by the composer Edward MacDowell for artists, writers, and musicians to meet and create in peace and mutual inspiration. Long a hero to women composers, Amy Beach died on 27 December 1944 in New York City at the age of 77.

— Rudy Shackelford

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY – Please pray for Joan and Ray Farr on the death of their son, **Chad Farr** in Williamsburg. Joan has been practicing with the Bethany Choir in preparation for the Maundy Thursday cantata. The Farris are former residents of Colemans Crossing and recently sold their unit to Fred and Jane Niethamer.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (WBFH)
Tuesday, March 29	6:30 p.m.	United Methodist Men (Nick's, Gloucester Point)
Wednesday, March 30	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	AARP Tax Aide (Lacey Martin—by appt. only)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 31	9:00 a.m. til noon	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH)
	5:00 p.m.	Media Committee

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 (8:00 on Maundy Thursday). Registration form is located at both entrances of the Sanctuary.

Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89065816551?pwd=RVBjcFFKTHo2YjFI MFFVQ0MxQjV1UT09>

UMCOR Advance Special Giving to help Ukraine — Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.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.

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) will meet this Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Nick's Spaghetti & Steakhouse, Gloucester Point. Our speaker will be Dr. Ann DePaolo Wietsma of The Audiology Offices, who will be discussing the cutting-edge Whisper Hearing System, which employs the latest technology, similar to that of smart phones. **All adults are welcome.** For more information contact Milton Hudgins.

JOY CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are invited. Donna Lane will present a cooking demonstration which was postponed from last month. The members of the JOY Circle will be making Health Kits which will be delivered to Annual Conference for those in other countries in need. We welcome new members Donna Lane, Dawne Sawyer and Nina Whitmore. The JOY Circle and the Naomi Circle will be doing a community project delivering Easter treats to the 62 residents of the Gloucester House.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Thank you to our Youth for their service and involvement in today's Worship Service.

Don't forget.....we hold Youth Sunday School and dive into the scripture at 9:00am every Sunday! Also our Youth Group meets twice a month for fellowship, service projects, Christian education and spiritual development. All of this is served with great food and a big bunch of fun! Please let Ms. Kris know if you'd like to join us or if you're over 18, please volunteer to be a Happy Helper!

Attention Bible Buddies and Youth: Your assistance is needed! Please take part in the Maundy Thursday Cantata and Worship Service on 4/13/22 by assisting Ms. Sandy with a special presentation. She would like 9 of you to be a part of this special service! But don't worry: no singing is required! Rehearsal is the night before at 7:00pm. Please let Ms. Kris know if you are available to assist. Thank you!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 9th, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Calling all preschool children through fifth graders!

Bring your smile and your Easter basket to this hippety-hoppety, sun-shiney fun morning! Join us "rain or shine" for a great Bethany UMC Easter tradition! We will enjoy tasty treats, craft a make-and-take project, and share some good old-fashioned fellowship and fun!

Please contact Ms. Kris at 804-815-4246 for more information.



135 YEARS OF BETHANY HISTORY

Did you know that since 1887, Bethany has had 42 ministers, with Arthur W. Ayers serving the longest from 1962 -1972?

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 REQUEST FROM FORMER BETHANY MINISTER

Laine Seely, son of Rev. Donald H. Seely (Bethany's minister from 1975-80) and wife Julianna, was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor, which was removed on March 16 in a hospital in Marietta, GA, where Laine and his family live. After spending two days in ICU, he is scheduled for chemo/radiation for another "spot" of unknown origin in two weeks. Please keep Laine and his family along with Donald and Julianna in your prayers. Laine was a little boy at Bethany during his parents' ministry.