



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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April 3, 2022
10:00 a.m.

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
CELEBRATION OF 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.*

Intrada *What Wondrous Love Is This* UMH No. 292

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

***Call to Worship** Laura Glaze

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

Congregation: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

Leader: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

Congregation: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

Congregation: Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!

***Hymn** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* UMH No. 344

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

Opening Prayer Laura Glaze

Giver of the most expensive gift of all, help us to learn from you.

May we who are so adept at catering for our own wants, make ourselves more vulnerable to the needs of others. Let us live unselfishly and more sensitively, that we may spread love's fragrance wherever the odor of cynicism and despair hangs in the air. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Anthem *I Love All Graceful Things* Boland/Thiman
Norah Nijbroek, soloist
Norah is the granddaughter of Nancy Wilburn.

Children's Time Kris Kent

Prayer of Illumination Laura Glaze
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.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:	Decatur Hogge
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell
Altar Guild this month:	Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Sylvia Ransone
Liturgist:	Laura Glaze
Trustee Contact this week:	Don Thomas
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent
Greeters:	Dawn Cluts, David Ayers
Counting Team:	Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen

STEWARDSHIP	3/20
General Fund	2,251.00
Capital Improvement	25.00
Pastor's Discretionary	50.00
Digital Ministry	7,500.00
UMCOR (Ukraine)	200.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship	86
Online Worship (YouTube Previous wk)	42
Total in Worship	128

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
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
5/1	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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Old Testament ReadingIsaiah 43:16-21Laura Glaze

*Gospel ReadingJohn 12:1-8

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

Sermon

“Love Is Worthy to Be Wasted”

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.

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music

“Wondrous Love”: Variations on a Shape-note Hymn

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

“And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I’ll sing on.”
– Isaac Watts, 1707

*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.

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (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

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH No. 334

*Benediction

Pastor Paul Song

Exodus

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

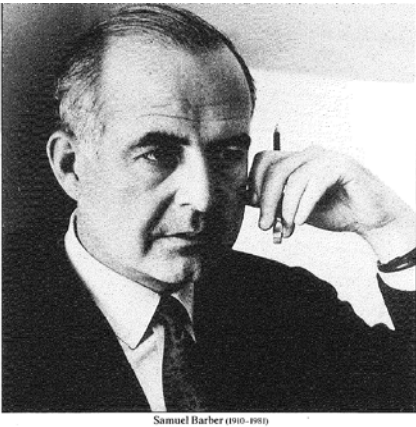
UMH No. 298

Note on Music for Lent

Samuel Barber is one of America’s most renowned composers, and three of his works appear regularly in services at Bethany: *Adagio for Strings* on Memorial Day; *Chorale Prelude on “Silent Night”* on Christmas Eve; and during Lent his “*Wondrous Love*”: *Variations on a Shape-note Hymn*, created in 1959. The modal tune was borrowed from a secular song about the famous pirate Captain Kidd and first appeared as a hymn in William Walker’s *Southern Harmony* (1835). The text is a meditation on Christ’s love, so great that he would give up His crown for a sinner’s soul.

Samuel Barber’s four variations on *What Wondrous Love Is This* (UMH No. 292) mirror the mood and meaning of the hymn’s four stanzas with sensitivity and finesse the equal of Johann Sebastian Bach in his variations on Lutheran chorales. Springing from such a venerable tradition, the blues-tinged music Barber composed for the final stanza of *Wondrous Love* gains a special poignancy and resonance: “And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, and through eternity I’ll sing on.”

– Rudy Shackelford

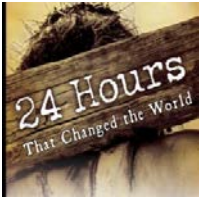


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Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	4.3.22
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen			
GRIEVING: Families of Woody Brown, Katherine Jordan, Nancy Smith			
HEALTH ISSUES: Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, 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, Mildred Townsend, Tene West, Betty Wilson			
HOSPICE: William Ervi, DeJuana Tackett (AR)			
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	

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (WBFH)
Monday, April 4	7:00 p.m.	Council on Ministries (WBFH)
Tuesday, April 5	10:00 a.m.	Music Camp Committee (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (WBFH)
Wednesday, April 6	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	AARP Tax Aide (Lacey Martin—by appt. only)
	10:00 a.m.	Egg Stuffers Boot Camp (WBFH)
	10:00 a.m.	135th Anniversary Committee (Mary Lotsey)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 7	9:00 a.m. til noon	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH)
Saturday, April 9	9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89065816551?pwd=RVBJcFFKTHo2YjFIMFFVQ0MxQjV1UT09>

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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on Easter Sunday, April 17. Please pray for our confirmands as they continue their faith journey, and make plans to join us in celebration of this spiritual milestone. To God be the Glory!

135 YEARS OF BETHANY HISTORY

Did you know that Bethany began in 1887 as a small one-room building, named Gloucester Point Chapel, a mission of Bethlehem Methodist Church in Bena, VA? Long demolished, the Chapel was located across the road from today’s church.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Our annual BUMC Easter Egg Hunt is back and fast approaching! Can we count on you to help?

Each year we count on the congregation's generous donations of individually-wrapped candies and small trinkets to place inside each egg! Any donations can be placed in the basket in the children's library. **The Egg Stuffing will take place this Wednesday, 4/6 at 10:00 a.m.**

Come join the fun! Thank you so much for your help!

All Bible Buddies, Youth (3rd through 12th graders) and their parents are invited to a special Luncheon and Holy Land presentation at 11:15am on April 10th. Please come to the WBFH to have a Middle Eastern luncheon while we watch a slide show presentation of the recent Pilgrimage to The Holy Land by Ms. Hannah Kellogg. Ms. Kellogg is a youth leader at Bellamy UMC and teacher at Achilles Elementary School. Please plan on attending this special event! Contact Ms. Kris for more information.



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.



TBD SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets on Sunday mornings at 11:15 a.m. at the home of Sid and Marion Dixon (1321 Laurens Rd., Gloucester Point). We welcome adults of all ages who like to think outside the box as we discuss our Christian beliefs and heritage.

One of our recent studies was a book by Diana Butler Bass called *Grounded...Finding God in the World*.

We are currently discussing a memoir of faith by Barbara Brown Taylor and we also periodically discuss articles from *Sojourners* and *Christianity Today*.

If you are interested in checking out our class, just let Sandy Riggin (slriggin@verizon.net) or Vicki Williams (willv1@cox.net) know so we can pull out an extra chair for you.

NOTES & NEWS FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Jennie Lipscomb is prepared to leave Riverside Rehab in Saluda and is in search of a small house or apartment to rent, preferably near Gloucester Point. If you know of a place she can rent for less than \$1,000 per month, please call Jennie directly at 757-902-7747. Thank you.

The address for **Laine Seely**, who is recovering from brain tumor surgery, is: 3134 Swallow Drive NE, Marietta, GA 30066. Laine is the son of Donald and Julianna Seely, former parsonage family.

Bethany family,

Thank you for your love, prayers, cards and calls during Dad's illness and his passing. We have felt your love and have appreciated it more than you'll ever know.

Love and blessings, **Martin & Dolores Breen**

WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS

The church is updating its website and we need **YOUR** help to bring our content up-to-date! New enhancements will make our website more relevant and visually appealing and facilitate ongoing content management. Outdated content will be pulled off the site and replaced with up-to-date information, but we need **YOUR** help! Please take a few minutes to explore Bethany's new website at www.bethanyumc-gp.org and help us make it even better by submitting new content pertaining to your area(s) of ministry to the church office by April 15. Questions? Contact Dee Dee at 804-642-2110 or email admin@bethanyumc-gp.org. Thanks for your patience and partnership as we build a great website that will better serve our church and community!

