

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.”

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*, BWV 565, 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

NURSERY is available for infants to 3-year-olds during the Sunday school hour and 11:00 service.

The nursery is located in the main hallway between the office and fellowship hall.

Nursery volunteers are needed. WILL YOU HELP? Sign-up sheet is outside the nursery.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Fellowship & Celebrations (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages Confirmation Class 2023
	2:30 p.m.	Joshua Spiritual Formation Group (Mary Lotsey)
Tuesday, March 28	6:30 p.m.	United Methodist Men (Nick’s, Gloucester Point)
Wednesday, March 29	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	AARP Tax-Aide (appt. only, Education Wing)
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir & Cantata Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, March 30	6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Bethany Bible Study (BBS) (Lacey Martin)
Friday, March 31	6:30 p.m.	Easter Egg Stuffing (WBFH)
Saturday, April 1	9:00 a.m.	Cantata Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Children & Youth Bowling Night (AMF York Lanes, 4200 George Washington Mem Hwy, Yorktown)



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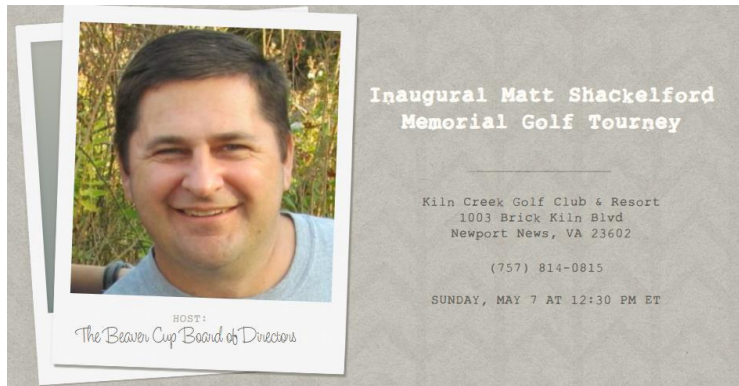
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OPEN HOUSE

Sat., April 1st (no Joke!)

11 AM to 3 PM

UPSY DAISY CREATIVE REUSE CENTER is a 501(c)(3) associated with Bethany United Methodist Church. The center will be collecting discarded materials that can be sold at discounted prices to the community and used to offer workshops, craft kits, educational lesson plans, and renewed/repurposed items for sale.



Matt Shackelford Memorial Golf Tourney

Sunday, May 7 @ 12:30 p.m., Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort

For more info. on the golf tournament, visit:

https://www.evite.com/event/00FEVMMPIFGGPYZV2EPNYID2ARIDTI?utm_campaign=send_sharable_link&utm_source=eviteLink&utm_medium=sharable_invite

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 as we celebrate this week’s birthdays/anniversaries!

Birthdays:

- 3/27 Stacie Martin; Jennifer Barber; Bonnie Lewis
- 3/28 Timothy Leigh
- 3/29 Joyce Mitchell; Michelle Ward; Douglas Doggett; Terri Mason
- 3/30 Amanda Gayle; Kamryn Cooper
- 3/31 Joseph Paul Byrne, II
- 4/1 Kyle Cooper; John Coleman

Anniversaries:

None this week

Please join your friends in the WBFH after the 8:30 service for Fellowship each Sunday to celebrate the coming week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries. We have a birthday cake, coffee and other goodies every Sunday! Visit a while then join your friends in one of three Sunday school classes for adults. Classes available for children and youth too! See you then!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOSHUA SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP meets **TODAY at 2:30 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey classroom.

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet **Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.** at Nick's Spaghetti and Steakhouse, Gloucester Point. Guest speaker, Vic Spain, will speak about the history of the Chesapeake oyster, its one-time abundance, decline, and its revival in recent years. Vic is a Master Oyster Gardener and member of the Tidewater Oyster Growers Association. All men are welcome.

EASTER BREAKFAST HELP NEEDED — This year Bethany will be hosting the community breakfast after the Sunrise Service. We would appreciate if you could help by providing some of the needed items for the breakfast. **Please take one of the cards on the table near the office and return the item by Sunday, April 2.** Thank you so much! — *Hospitality Committee*

THURSDAYS AT BETHANY – COME JOIN US!

House of Prayer— 6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary

The sanctuary is open on Thursday nights for all to come to pray.

When you come, center yourself to God by having a moment of silence, reading scripture and meditating. Pray for God's will be done, for the peace of God on earth, for churches in the world, for the United Methodist Church and its General Conference next year, for Bethany Church, for the sick and the troubled, and pray for your own prayers.

Bethany Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. in the Lacey Martin classroom.

Currently we are studying the book of Romans.

House of Prayer and Bethany Bible Study will not meet on Maundy Thursday, April 6 due to Cantata and Prayer Vigil.

MUSIC CAMP — Bethany is "**TUNING UP**" for our 2nd annual Summer Music Camp to be held from 9:00-1:00, July 17-21. We are looking for folks who would like to teach, assist, or just come out to join the fun of making music with us! Registrations will be starting in May on a first come, first served basis. We only have room for 50 **MIDDLE SCHOOL** students, so get your reservations in early before we send out our public announcement. Contact the office or Sandra Byrd (757-570-0858) for more details.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Activity is ramping up for Bethany's children and youth and we invite you to join in the fun! Highlights this month include Youth Movie Night on Friday, March 24 at York River Cinemas (time TBD) and Youth Participation Sunday on March 26 at 11:00 a.m. We need youth ushers and greeters for Youth Participation Sunday on the 4th Sunday of every month.

Our Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 will be open to the community, so please bring your friends and join us! Volunteers, egg stuffers, and donations of candy are needed for the event.

- 3/26 Youth Participation Sunday
- 3/31 Easter Egg Stuffing (WBFH)
- 4/1 Children & Youth Bowling Night at York Lanes, 6:30 to 8:00pm
- 4/8 Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00-2:00pm (Pre-K through 5th grade)
- 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23 and 4/30 at 9:45am, Youth and Children Sunday School
- 4/23 Youth Participation Sunday

For more information or to volunteer, call or text Carter Roane at (804) 815-5722.

Thanks for your support! – *Carter Roane*, Director of Children and Youth Ministries

LENT & EASTER AT BETHANY

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. — Chancel Choir Cantata

The Lenten Sketches by Joseph Martin will be performed by our Chancel Choir.

This incredible work is a series of tableaux illustrating the pivotal final days of Christ's earthly ministry: the triumphal entry, the Last Supper, the garden of Gethsemane, and the crucifixion.

You will be truly blessed to see and hear this moving and inspiring cantata.

Holy Week Prayer Vigil – Begins after the Maundy Thursday service and continues through noon on Good Friday. Sign-up sheets located in main hallway and narthex.

Good Friday, April 7 – Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 8 – Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00 p.m. (Pre-K through 5th Grade)

Easter Sunday, April 9

Community Easter Sunrise Service – 6:30 a.m., VIMS

Community Breakfast hosted by Bethany UMC – 7:30 a.m., WBFH

Easter Worship at Bethany – 8:30 informal and 11:00 traditional (Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.)

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS — Remember to bring fresh cut flowers on Easter morning to adorn the cross in celebration of our Savior's Resurrection!