



Bethany Banner

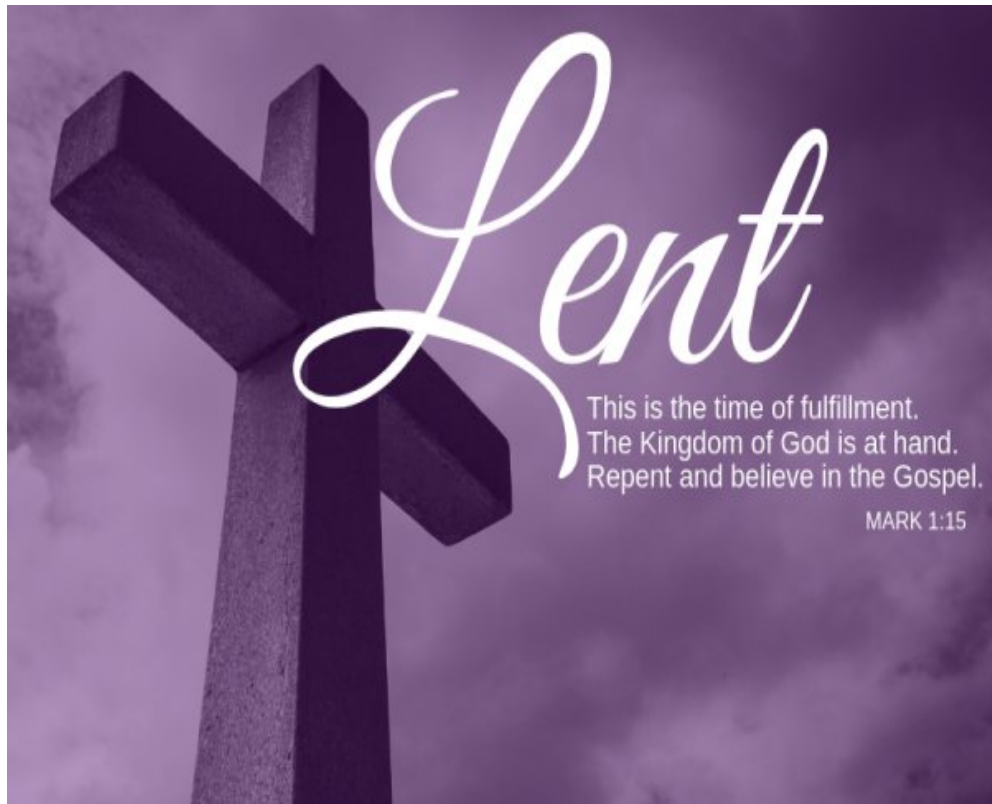
March 2023

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
Sunday Worship – 8:30 a.m. Informal; 11 a.m. Traditional

Sunday School for all ages – 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours: Tues.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Church Office: 804-642-2110; www.bethanyumc-gp.org



This is the time of fulfillment.
The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.

MARK 1:15

Pastor: Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song

Director of Music: Sandra Fox

Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Carter Roane

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

Virtual worship.

On Saturday evening, January 21, I had massive internal bleeding with no pain and some outward symptoms, and I went to the ER at a local hospital, experiencing more episodes. The ER doctor made an order for me to be transferred to the hospital in Richmond to get more specialized care. On early Sunday morning while I was waiting for transfer to Richmond, Kim texted to inform our Lay leader Judy, and our church office administrator, Dee Dee of my condition, and to ask them to cover me for Sunday worship services.

On Sunday morning from my hospital bed, I joined Bethany in worship, both informal and traditional. I felt thankful to God for relieving me from worsening symptoms and for being able to worship on Sunday. I saw Judy, Dee Dee, and Doe, who is one of Bethany's Lay Servants, leading the congregation in worship that was spirit-led and done in cooperation. I saw intercessory prayers offered by the congregation in the pews and at the communion rail. I felt deeply the presence of God in worship, God working through people in worship. Also, I felt the concerns and love I received from the congregation in worship, and that Kim and I were blessed by the Bethany congregation.

The following Sunday, after being discharged from the hospital on Wednesday, January 25, while I was recuperating, I again joined virtual worship at home, when the District Superintendent of the Mission River District sent a District Lay Servant to cover me in the pulpit.

Kim and I thank our Bethany church family and church leadership for your prayers, love and support during my illness. Your thoughts, prayers, prayer cards and shawls, and encouragement have led us to know by experience who we are in the Bethany church family. I am thankful that God has led Bethany church to do his mission and ministry through upgrading audio/visual equipment for the past two years, which has enabled us to offer virtual worship to all who are not able to attend in person worship. Your vision and commitment made it possible to reach out to the community virtually using technology.

My time in illness was an opportunity to know the love of God, the love of people, and thankfulness.

My prayer goes to you that this Lenten season will be a time to get closer to God.

Kim and I thank you and we love you. — *Pastor Paul*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES NIGHT, Friday, March 3, 6:30 p.m.

A favorite annual fellowship honoring Bethany's women returns on Friday, March 3. A catered BBQ pulled pork dinner will be served. Kirk Bell and Steve Wike will provide musical entertainment and humor will be amply supplied by Alan Harvey. Cost is \$8. Deadline to order was February 26; however, if this is the first time you have seen this announcement and you are interested in attending, contact Alan Harvey at 804-684-2790 to see if reservations are still available.

JOY CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm** in the Mary Lotsey classroom. All ladies are invited!

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES will be cooking for our shut-ins on **Thursday, March 23 at 9:30 a.m.** Come and enjoy the fellowship and share your love with others.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON DRUG ISSUES TO BE HELD AT BETHANY, Wednesday, March 15, 7 PM

Misuse of prescription and illicit drugs has become more prominent in our community. Regardless of age or vocation, anyone can become addicted, even though young people are more at risk. The quality of illicit drugs is consistently undependable and increases the risk of overdose. Less expensive and readily available chemicals may be added to more costly drugs, increasing the risk of a potentially fatal reaction.

Bethany UMC will host a community forum on Wednesday, March 15, to give our church family and neighbors the opportunity to hear information and ask questions about this ongoing health and social dilemma. The Director, a Counselor, and a Nurse from the American Addiction Treatment Center will give a short presentation and be available to answer questions. Their goal is to heighten our awareness and sensitivity to the problem, as well as direct us to sources of local assistance available for those who are struggling with this issue, whether that is you or someone you love. All are welcome to attend, including youth directors, teachers, parents, students, healthcare providers, and concerned citizens.

THURSDAY NIGHTS AT BETHANY

HOUSE OF PRAYER – Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

The sanctuary will be open each Thursday beginning at 6:30 p.m.

We encourage you to come pray for our church, the United Methodist Church, our community, our nation, and our world.

If there is a special need for which you would like prayer, please email prayers@bethanyumc-gp.org or contact the church office.

BETHANY BIBLE STUDY (BBS), 2023

We are currently studying the book of Romans on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Lacey Martin classroom. Bring your Bible and a friend and join us on **Thursday nights** as we grow together in God's Word! You are welcome to join any time as we walk verse-by-verse through the book of Romans.

Have to miss a week? No problem. Come whenever you are able.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are excited to announce a new Sunday School Class for Young Adults! The class will be taught by Doe Breen, an experienced and knowledgeable Bible study teacher with a solid understanding of family relationships. The class will meet from 9:45 to 10:45 during the Sunday School hour. We will let you know when the first class will meet.

Be sure to join us at 9:30 Sunday mornings for a cup of coffee and a donut before gathering with your friends in a classroom off the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall!

Second Sunday Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Bring a dish to share and enjoy a little friendly fellowship before heading off to Sunday school!

Questions? Contact Nancy Wilburn at 804-642-5820.

BETHANY BANNER PUBLICATION AND DELIVERY CHANGES

After much prayer and discussion by the Communications Committee and Administrative Council, the decision has been made to discontinue bulk-mailing the monthly newsletter, *Bethany Banner*, beginning with the April issue. **The March issue will be the final issue distributed by mail.**

The newsletter will still be published monthly and made available on our website and via email blast. **Printed copies will be available at church** for those who still wish to read a good old-fashioned hard copy. Shut-ins will receive a copy via first-class mail, along with their bulletin.

Many factors were considered in reaching this decision, including the many methods we currently communicate with our church family, community, Mission Rivers District, and Virginia Annual Conference (such as the weekly Sunday bulletin, twice-weekly email blast, church sign, brochures, local print media, voicemail message, website, Bethany's Facebook page, and the district e-newsletter); the increasing cost of postage, supplies, and staff labor to produce, print, and prepare the newsletter for mailing; and the ongoing challenge of ensuring timely delivery. Most of the newsletter content is a duplication of information communicated through the channels mentioned above, so even if you don't read the *Banner*, you still have access to current information about our activities and services.

We realize that change is difficult and that old habits die hard, and we appreciate your continued support during this transition. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in the church office.

—Dee Dee Wike, Communications Committee Chair

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dee Dee will be taking vacation the last week of March and is looking for volunteers to staff the church office **Tuesday, March 28 through Friday, March 31**. Shifts are available from 8am-10am, 10am-noon, and 1pm-4pm each day. If you are available and willing to help, please contact Dee Dee at 804-642-2110 or email admin@bethanyumc-gp.org. No computer skills required.

MAUNDY THURSDAY CANTATA – SINGERS NEEDED

On **Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m.**, the Chancel Choir will perform the cantata, *The Lenten Sketches*, by Joseph Martin. We need singers for all voice parts and invite you to join us for rehearsal on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. No audition is required. It's not too late to join us! For more information, contact Sandy Fox at 757-329-6128.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT VIMS SUNDAY, APRIL 9

(Mark your calendar, more details to come)

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ACQUIRES SHACKELFORD MANUSCRIPTS

The Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., has accepted manuscripts of music composed and transcribed by Rudy Shackelford for its permanent collection of American music.

Shackelford's published works for organ, harpsichord, and guitar are already part of the Library's vast holdings, as are letters Shackelford received from Luigi Dallapiccola, the leading Italian composer after World War II. This correspondence concerns Shackelford's organ transcription of *Annalibera's Musical Notebook*, a piano suite Dallapiccola wrote to celebrate his daughter's birthday. The Library of Congress commissioned several works from Dallapiccola, who visited America often during the 1950s and 1960s as guest professor of composition at universities and music festivals.

Rudy Shackelford has composed works for the Alard String Quartet, the Annapolis Brass Quintet, and the Cleveland Classical Trio, among many ensembles devoted to new music. His *Trumpet Voluntary* and *Charles Wesley Organbook*, celebrating Bethany's 110th and 120th anniversaries, are published by Paraclete Press.

SECURITY RECOMMENDATION — The Board of Trustees, Pastor, and Church Office Administrator met on Wednesday, February 8, to discuss building security and the safety of staff, Bethany groups, and outside organizations using our facilities. While it was agreed that every effort should be made to ensure Bethany is a welcoming place for all, the Trustees recommended the following security measures be implemented immediately, during the work week only, for the protection of staff, our Bethany family, and visitors.

1. All outside doors, including the church office entrance, will remain locked during office hours (8am-4pm, Tuesday-Friday), for the protection of staff and volunteers. Signs will be posted advising visitors to call the church office if the door is locked upon arrival.
2. Individuals with church keys should use them to access the building as needed, but should relock the door after entering. It is not necessary to call the office first if you have a key.
3. Individuals without church keys are welcome during office hours but should call the church office upon arrival or before coming to the church, so staff can be on the lookout for you.
4. Bethany groups and civic organizations, particularly those meeting after hours, are encouraged to lock the outside doors once their meetings are in progress.

We feel these security measures will provide a safe and secure environment for our ministry staff, with minimal inconvenience to our Bethany family. These recommendations will not impact our regular Sunday morning worship and activities; outside doors will be unlocked on Sunday mornings. We appreciate your cooperation as we implement these new security measures. – *Bethany Trustees*

EASTER FLOWERS 2023 ORDER FORM

In celebration of Christ's resurrection, we are pleased to offer a variety of spring flowers you may purchase **IN MEMORY OF** or **IN HONOR OF** your loved ones this Easter. Flowers may be picked up following our Easter morning worship service. Proceeds from the sale of Easter flowers will support Bethany's Youth.

Please make checks payable to Bethany UMC

and enclose your payment with this form.

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER FLOWERS IS SUNDAY, MARCH 19.

(Please PRINT clearly)

YOUR NAME: _____

PHONE/EMAIL: _____

In Honor of In Memory of _____

In Honor of In Memory of _____

In Honor of In Memory of _____

In Honor of In Memory of _____

FLOWER VARIETIES	DONATION AMOUNT	QTY	AMOUNT DUE
Lily (white only)** (note below)	15.00		
Tulip (various-no choice)	11.00		
Geranium (red)	9.00		
Geranium (pink)	9.00		
Geranium (purple)	9.00		
Geranium (salmon)	9.00		
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			\$

IMPORTANT: Please mark your flower choices and quantities below and keep this portion of the order form so you will know which flowers to take with you on Easter Sunday. ****A limited number of lilies have been pre-ordered this year due to a change by the grower. Only 10 lilies will be available, on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Lily _____
 Tulip _____
 Geranium (red) _____
 Geranium (pink) _____
 Geranium (purple) _____
 Geranium (salmon) _____

BETHANY HUGS UPDATE

What is HUGS? HUGS (Hands Unto God's Service) is a unique ministry of prayer, comfort, and caring manifested through prayer shawls, lap robes and baby afghans hand crafted by members of the Bethany congregation. Just as hugs convey a sense of love, concern, support, and security within embracing arms, the HUGS ministry exists to provide Christian love and comfort to those in physical, spiritual or emotional need.

The shawls, lap robes, and baby afghans are prayed over as they are made. When worn or covered up with these items, it is the hope of this ministry that the recipients feel embraced by our congregation's love and prayers for their well-being.

Unfortunately, due to COVID and family health issues, the HUGS ministry has been inactive for a while. It's time to reach out again to those in need. Is there someone weighing on your heart that you feel would benefit from receiving a HUG from our church? Please contact Janet Chapin at 804-699-3251 or 804-832-2576.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Alton Brown and his family on the birth of his precious great-granddaughter, **Aleena Amaya Baker**, on February 12.

Congratulations to the Hasty family on the birth of **Colton John Hasty** on January 28. He is the son of Josh & Jessica Hasty, grandson of Blair & Lisa Hasty, and great-grandson of Pat Hasty.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you, JOY Circle, for the Valentine's Day card and Chick-fil-A gift card. What a nice surprise they were. We so appreciate being remembered in such a thoughtful way!

Carson Brooks (Guilford College) and Connor Brooks (Roanoke College)

A BIG thank you to Kirk Bell for coming to Gloucester House and getting the current Bethany 11 AM service for us. I appreciate that so much because I miss attending Bethany on Sundays. Seeing it electronically is the next best thing to being there. I appreciate Kirk sharing his gift of working with electronic media so us "Old Folks" can continue to feel a Blessed connection with Bethany and not feel so isolated since we can't be there in person.

Love in Christ, Lorraine Brown

The **Hospitality Committee** would like to thank those who helped with the Diane McFarland funeral by setting up, bringing food and cleaning up afterwards. It is always very much appreciated.

Thank you all for the beautiful cards and your prayer during this time of our life. Thank you, Pastor Paul, for your part in Fred's service. The service was very comforting. Rudy, thank you – the music was beautiful and enjoyed by all. Very comforting! – *Dean Townsend and family*

Thank you for the cards, calls, e-mails, soups, and prayers during my recent encounter with COVID. And, thanks to the HUGS Ministry for the handsome lap robe. Each time I use it I will be reminded of Bethany as a warm, comforting, and embracing church family. I missed being with you and am glad to be back. — *Don Thomas*

Thank you to the congregation for your continued love and concern these past many weeks. We are especially grateful to those who have donated to the church in Jack's honor. – *Ruth Wallace*

Thank you to our Bethany family and friends for the food, Christmas cards and gifts, and the beautiful plant we received. We are blessed and appreciate you all. – *Jimmy and Kathleen Greene*

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	2.26.23
<p>CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen</p> <p>GRIEVING: Families of Diane McFarland, Fred Townsend, Jack Wallace</p> <p>HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, Billy Davis, Sandy Fox, Jimmy Greene, Estelle Harris, Sandra Hollins, David Hoover, Kathy Jacobs, Jon Kent, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Kim Paiva, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen</p> <p>HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid and Marion Dixon, Ruth Wallace</p> <p>HOSPICE: Alice McGee</p> <p>HOSPITALIZED: David Cecil (rehab)</p> <p>PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White</p> <p>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Mike Andersen, Judy Burner, Nerine Hickman, Paul McFarland</p> <p>UPCOMING SURGERY: Dylan Chapin (March), Nancy Kendall (2/27)</p>		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
<p>CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Fran Bonnaville, Kendall Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Dallas "Butch" Folk (ME), Carol Gibbs, Nell Goldstein, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Sissi Mise, Laine Seely, John Sheppard, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Jill Ward, Gwen Wesson, Susan Williams</p> <p>GRIEVING: Families of Gloria Respress, Ronald Stubblefield, Murielene Swindeck</p> <p>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Sandy Brinker (PA), Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Adie Kurth, Don Kurth, Scott Leiffer, Donna Messersmith, Sylvia Motley, Pastor Floyd Myers (PA), Vaughan Snyder (PA), Kent Stevens (FL), Tim Sullivan, Evie Sutton, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wikle</p> <p>HOSPICE: William Ervi, Selma</p> <p>PARKINSON'S: Janet Burch (KY)</p> <p>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Jim Flansberg, Mary Hellison, Norman Spaleny, Becky Wadsworth-Knowles (FL)</p> <p>UPCOMING SURGERY: Silvia Howerton (UT)</p> <p>OTHER PRAYERS: Kasie Hall, Ukraine, Randy Wilson</p>		
BUMC'S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)		
<p><i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i></p>		
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)		
<p>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</p>	<p>Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Doris Courtney, Rm 305 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 102</p>	
<p>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</p>	<p>Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29</p>	
<p>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</p>	<p>Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A</p>	
<p>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</p>	<p>Pauline Harris, Apt. 130</p>	
<p>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</p>	<p>Jennie Lipscomb</p>	
<p>The Hamilton Assisted Living, 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692</p>	<p>Sue Morecock, Rm 214</p>	



BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Billy Wayne Hogge; Ann Hogge; David Tillage; Gwen Morris Szulgit
3/4	Kathleen Greene
3/5	Colleen LeMay
3/6	Linda Reams
3/7	Dennisa Booth; Tally Vaughan
3/9	Jim Minor; Mary S. Morris; Judy Johnson
3/10	Teresa Sullivan; Brenda Thomas
3/11	Kathryn Jacobs
3/12	Kevin Thompson
3/13	Kyle Bunting; Katie Doggett
3/14	Randy Williams; Matthew Byrne
3/15	Angela Day Waliszewski
3/16	Lynne Barnes
3/17	Kevin Kiley
3/19	Sarah Hillard; Frank Farmer; Tina Silberhorn; Lisa Krukovsky
3/20	Warren Douglas
3/21	Peggy Peterman; Sammi Jacobs
3/22	Jennifer Orth-Veillon; Darlene Bauschatz
3/23	Don Schultz
3/25	Stephanie Wood
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

ANNIVERSARIES

		# yrs
3/3	Rick & Patricia Kidd	33
3/6	Linda & Stan Reams	41
3/10	Steve & Susan Young	22
3/14	Linda & Wendell Fletcher	15
3/19	Drs. Tim & Cathy Leigh	35
3/25	Cheryl & Pitt Roane	53

COUNTING TEAMS

3/5	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
3/12	Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
3/19	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
3/26	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

02/26-03/04: Diana Simmons
 03/05-03/11: Don Thomas
 03/12-03/18: Milton Hudgins
 03/19-03/25: Donna Lane
 03/26-04/01: Tom Barnard

ACOLYTES

3/5 Christian Martin
 3/12 Ella and Emily Ward
 3/19 Aidan Dumbrocyo
 3/26 Baum Hogge

LITURGISTS

3/5 Regina Berry
 3/12 Pauline Reimold
 3/19 Cat White
 3/26 Lynne Barnes

ALTAR GUILD

Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Sylvia Ransone

ALTAR FLOWERS

No flowers during Lent

March 2023

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, 3/12. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, 3/11.

March 2023							April 2023						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4
			10:00am AARP Tax Aide 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm House of Prayer 6:30pm S/PPRC 7:00pm Bible Study (BBS)	World Day of Prayer 6:30pm Ladies Night	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship		7:00pm JOY Circle	9:00am Trustees 10:00am AARP Tax Aide 1:00pm Abingdon Woman's Club 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10:00am York River Garden Club 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study (BBS)		
12 DST BEGINS	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship		7:00pm Finance Committee	BANNER DEADLINE 10:00am AARP Tax Aide 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Community Forum on Drug Crisis	10:30am Naomi Circle 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study (BBS)		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship		7:00pm Administrative Council	10:00am AARP Tax Aide 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:30am Homebound Ministries 10:00am Music Camp 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study (BBS)		
26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1
Youth Participation Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship		6:30pm UMM Meeting @ Nick's	10:00am AARP Tax Aide 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study (BBS)		