

ON HEARING THE “GOLDBERG” VARIATIONS—A POSTSCRIPT

With today’s Meditation and Offertory, we complete our performance of the gigantic “Goldberg” Variations which began on July 9th. If you were present on all twelve Sundays (taking a hiatus between August 20th and September 3rd) congratulations for accepting the challenge of listening with open hearts and minds to one of the most complex and rewarding musical compositions! Its express of joy, pathos, audacity, drama, triumph, thoughtful reflection, and breathtaking virtuosity reminds us why music is the most *moving* of all the arts – and the one most apt to praise our Creator.

“Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:
 praise him with the psaltery and harp.
 Praise him with the timbrel and dance:
 praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
 Praise him upon the loud cymbals:
 praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.”
 — Psalm 150

For those who enjoy puzzles with their music – and this composer was foremost among them – we offer a little quiz in closing.

1. Who composed the “Goldberg” Variations?
 - a. Johann Gottlieb Goldberg
 - b. Whoopi Goldberg
 - c. Johann Sebastian Bach
2. For what instrument was the “Goldberg” Variations written?
 - a. Organ
 - b. Harpsichord
 - c. Hawaiian guitar
3. As music therapy, what health issue was the “Goldberg” Variations intended to treat?
 - a. Insomnia
 - b. Tinnitus
 - c. Caffeine addiction

— Rudy Shackelford

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ: 1. c; 2. b; 3. a

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, October 15, 2023

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in honor of Wendy Heywood Hogge - our beloved wife, daughter, mom, and Nana - in celebration of her 70th birthday on October 12.
 With love from Billy, Jean, Amy, John, Brandon, and Parker

The pink and white floral arrangement is given in loving memory of our niece, Allison Lynn Holtry, who will remain forever young in our hearts by Tony & Barbara Holtry.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 a.m.	Celebrations & Fellowship (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Confirmation Class
Monday, October 16	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal (Mary Lotsey)
Tuesday, October 17	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Arts Committee (WBFH)
Wednesday, October 18	6:30 p.m.	Cantata & Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, October 19	10:30 a.m.	Naomi Circle (Mary Lotsey)
	5:00 p.m.	Media Upgrade Team (Mary Lotsey)
	6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Bethany Bible Study (BBS) (Lacey Martin)
Friday, October 20	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Homeschool Music Academy of Gloucester
Sunday, October 22	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 a.m.	Celebrations & Fellowship (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Confirmation Class
	4:00 p.m.	Estate Planning Seminar (WBFH)

Cluster Charge Conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 1:00 p.m. at Lower United Methodist Church, 120 Lower Church Rd., Hartfield, VA.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE for November *Bethany Banner* is TODAY. Please submit your information in writing to the church office (email to admin@bethanyumc-gp.org or put in the Church Office Administrator mailbox outside the church office). Thank you!

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR –Sunday, October 22, 4 p.m., Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall
Attorney Jeremy Forrest of Forrest Law Center, PLLC, will be here to discuss estate planning. The seminar is free and open to all adults. Please feel free to invite anyone who might have an interest and join us for this informative presentation.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES will cook for the shut-ins on **Tuesday, October 24 at 9:30 a.m.** We need folks to cook as well as deliver.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on **Tuesday, October 24 at 6:15 p.m.**

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet at Nick's Spaghetti & Steak House on **Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m.** Watch the email blast and next week's bulletin for program details. All men are welcome!



What is one of the things you enjoy about Christmas? For me, it's the smell of nutmeg and cinnamon, especially cinnamon. I get transported right to a Christmas scene. However, there is another sensory delight which is special to me and that is the sound of bells. It brings to mind Mary, Joseph, Jesus, peace and great joy. God gave us senses to enjoy these things. So, let's give something back to him.

Therefore, I would like to see if we can start a hand bell choir again at Bethany. In order to do that, however, we need players. We need YOU!

You don't need to be a musician to begin to play bells but you will be a musician once you have mastered the instrument and its techniques. If you can count to four and know your left from your right, you have the necessary qualifications. You don't need a deep understanding of music theory.

You also don't need to have a lot of experience or professional training. With a desire to learn, a solid sense of rhythm and steady beat (which can be learned), and a little practical know-how, you'll be on your way to playing in a hand bell choir in no time.

So, please think about this and let me know if you are interested, or come to our **first weekly practice on Tuesday, October 24 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Lacey Martin classroom.

Questions? Call or text me at 757-329-6128. — *Sandy Fox*, Music Director

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 each Sunday for fellowship and celebration!

Birthdays:

10/15 Jackson Goetz
10/17 Carson Brooks, Robert Miller
10/20 Vicki Williams, Hannah Perkins
10/21 Scott Stilianos

Anniversaries

10/19 Albert & Ashleigh Schroeder (4)
10/20 Robert & Margie Morris (54)

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dee Dee will be taking a vacation day on Friday, November 3, and still needs volunteers to staff the office (8-10am, 10am-noon, 1-4pm shifts available). If you can help, please contact Dee Dee at 804-642-2110 or admin@bethanyumc-gp.org.

NOTE: The Homeschool Music Academy of Gloucester will be in session that day, so this will give you an opportunity to see and hear what they're about!



Decorate your car and come join the fun as we hand out candy and goodies and share God's love with the families in our neighborhood! We'd like to have 14-16 cars in the parking lot and need donations of candy and goodies to share with the trick-or-treaters. • There are baskets in the Narthex and by the church office for you to leave your treats. There are also sign-up sheets for you to indicate if you will have a car or truck in the Trunk-or-Treat event.

If you have questions, please contact:

Donna Lane (804-832-0446) or
Dawne Sawyer (757-329-2597).

This event is sponsored by the Friendship Sunday School Class.