



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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March 10, 2024

11:00 a.m.

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT / UMCOR SUNDAY

WELCOME, EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us today!

*CELL PHONES: Please remember to silence your phones before the service.
HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE: Please see an usher if you need a hearing device.*

**Please stand as you are able.*

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte(s): Aidan Dumbrocyo (11:00)
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk
 Aidan Dumbrocyo
 Altar Guild this month: Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby
 Liturgist: Sandy Byrd (11:00)
 Trustee Contact this week: M. E. Thomas
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
 Greeters: Rick and Gerri Wilson, David Ayers (11:00)

— *As the music begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.* —

Intrada *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, from *Cantata No. 147* Johann Sebastian Bach (21 March 1685-1750)
 "Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings;
 Where the flock, in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs." — UMH No. 644

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction

Dolores Breen
Certified Lay Speaker

***Call to Worship** Psalm 32:1-5 (UMH No. 766) Sandy Byrd
 Leader: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Congregation: Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
Congregation: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
All: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; then you forgave the guilt of my sin.

***Hymn** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* UMH No. 526
***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) UMH No. 881

Opening Prayer Sandy Byrd
Merciful Father,
We come before you this morning humbled that you love us so much that you would send your only son to atone for our sins. Father, we pray that you would guide us through our days. Help us to be ever mindful to keep our hearts and minds focused on you and the great plans that you have for our lives. It's in your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

Anthem *Precious Memories* J.B.F. Wright | arr. Sheldon Curry

Time with Children Brad Thomas

STEWARDSHIP	3/3
General Fund (\$50 Jim Durette)	5288.00
Capital Improvement	200.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	55.00
Upper Room	13.00
Easter Flowers	94.00
Music Camp	700.00
ATTENDANCE	3/3
In-person Worship (8:30am-32; 11am-78)	110
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	98
Total in Worship	208

COUNTING TEAMS	
3/10	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
3/17	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
3/24	Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
3/31	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song, Pastor	call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues. thru Fri., 8am-4pm For pastoral emergencies, call/text 703.625.8025
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Brad Thomas, Director of Children & Youth Ministries	Office 804.642.2110, call/text 304.483.3403 Email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues./Thurs. 9:30am-2pm (Mon./Wed. from home)

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.” Dolores Breen
The Lord’s Prayer UMH No. 895
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Meditation *A Hermit Thrush at Morn* Amy Beach
Celebrating Women’s History Month (1867-1944)
“I heard from morn to morn a merry thrush sing hymns of rapture, while I drank the sound with joy.”
— John Clare

Offering and Offertory Prayer Dolores Breen

Offertory *March: Song of the Lark, from The Seasons* Peter Tchaikovsky
Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford (1840-1893)
“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 Sandy Byrd
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.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Sandy Byrd
New Testament Reading Ephesians 2:1-10
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Thanks Be to God” Dolores Breen

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

***Benediction** Dolores Breen

***Closing Chorus** *Shalom to You* UMH No. 666
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Exodus *Woman in the Night* UMH No. 274
“Drink your heart’s desire!”

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	3.10.24
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Larry Whitfield GRIEVING: Families of Lonnie Byrd, Sid Dixon, Kira Fox, Gerlinde Stevens HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, David Cecil, Billy Davis, Debra Farrow, Estelle Harris, David Hoover, Milton Hudgins, Kathy Jacobs, Paul & Nancy Kendall, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Alice Northam, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavelle Wilson HOSPITALIZED: PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Dylan Chapin, Paul Kendall UPCOMING SURGERY:		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Peyton Arthur, Fran Bonnaville, Kendall Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Traci Greene, Dale Handley, Zachary Hoover, Connie Hutchinson (MI), Sissi Mise, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Kent Stevens, Jeff Suntken, Shalini Upadhyaya, Jill Ward, Bob Wharen, Tim Williford GRIEVING: Families of Robin Coker, Jacqueline Emerson, Dallas “Butch” Folk (ME) HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Kathryn Bjers, Juanita Duncan, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Val Hopkins, Adie Kurth, Lewis Marion, Dylan Moore family, Sylvia Motley, Alicia Lynn Williams Naples, Ken Pierkowski, Phillip Presson, Mary Ann Shackelford, Dixie Sharp, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sandie Wharen, Sabrina Wikle, Marian Williford (TN), Randy Wilson HOSPICE: Selma, Mary Smith HOSPITAL/REHAB: Siiri Jonasch PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY) RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Luke Burner, Terry Corbin, Jaunita Goins, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long UPCOMING SURGERY: Eric Bunch OTHER PRAYERS: General Conference, Ukraine, Israel & Middle East		
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, 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 Kathleen Greene, Rm 106 Jean Heywood, Rm 110	
Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061 (Marion Dixon’s mailing address: PO Box 36, Gloucester Point, VA 23062)	Marion Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 33 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13	
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	