

**Bethany United Methodist Church***The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*

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January 2, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**FEAST OF THE EPHIPHANY
HOLY COMMUNION****WELCOME, GUESTS! We've been expecting you!***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.***VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY**

Acolyte:	Aidan Dumbrocyo
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell
Altar Guild this month:	Peggy Lewis, Laura Glaze, Laura Vaughan
Liturgist:	Judy Burner
Trustee Contact this week:	Tom Barnard
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent
Greeters:	Nancy Cooper, David Ayers
Counting Team:	Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey

STEWARDSHIP	12/26
General Fund Total (K. Jordan, \$200)	4777.00
Capital Improvement	
Pastor's Discretionary	150.00
Endowment Fund	
Every Step Matters (Audio/Visual campaign)	450.00
UMCOR (Christmas Eve-Tornado Relief)	272.00
Cemetery Fund	100.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship	54
YouTube Viewers	40
Total in Worship	94

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
1/9	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
1/16	Team 4: Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins
1/23	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Sue Morecock, Don Thomas
1/30	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

Christmas Eve Attendance
7 PM – 97; 11 PM – 30**BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY**

Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song, Pastor	call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues.-Fri., 8-4 For pastoral emergencies, call/text cell
Dee Dee Wike, Church Office Administrator	office 804.642-2110, cell: 901.831.8534 email: admin@bethanyumc-gp.org	Mon.-Fri., 9-3
Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128 email: rfox6@cox.net	Works from home, by appt.
Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.
Kris Kent, Director of Children & Youth Ministries	office 804.642-2110, cell: 804.815.4246 email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org	Office hours: Tues.-Thurs.. 9-1

Intrada*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

Philipp Nicolai (1599)

Welcome and Announcements, Sharing Joys, Concerns, and Updates

Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship**

Judy Burner

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

Congregation: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Congregation: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**All: Let us worship God the Creator, and who gathers us!*****Hymn***O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

UMH No. 247

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH 882

Opening Prayer

Judy Burner

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.

We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all the possibilities of the future. Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past. Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, and we serve and bless you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem*The Story of the Wise Men*

Rodger Strader

Children's Church*(Children 4 yrs. old through 3rd grade are dismissed as congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me.")***Prayer of Illumination**

Judy Burner

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 Genesis 1:1-5 Judy Burner
Psalter Reading Psalm 1:1-6 (with musical response 2) UMH No. 738

Sermon New Year Has Come! What Do We Begin With? Pastor Paul Song

Litany Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition
I give myself completely to you God. Assign me to my place in your creation. Let me suffer for you. Give me the work you would have me do. Give me many tasks or have me step aside while you call others. Put me forward or humble me. Give me riches or let me live in poverty. I freely give all that I am and all that I have to you. And now, holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue for all eternity. Amen.

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, petition “Lord, hear our prayer.” Pastor Paul Song

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

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.

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music Chorale Fantasy on “O Morning Star,
How Fair and Bright” Dietrich Buxtehude
Based on UMH No. 247 (1637-1707)

***Doxology** UMH 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.

The Great Thanksgiving (on the 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** *We Three Kings* UMH No. 254

***Benediction** Pastor Paul Song

Exodus *We Three Kings* John H. Hopkins, Jr. (1857)
Based upon *Matthew* 2: 1-12

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Nancy Wilburn.

*The 2022 Altar Flower chart has been posted in the main hallway across from the Mary Lotsey classroom. **All Sundays in January are open.** If you wish to contribute to Bethany’s worship ministry by donating altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones, please write your name by an available date and pull an information slip from the bulletin board or contact the church office at 804-642-2110. Thank you!*

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR EPIPHANY

Epiphany, the festival commemorating Christ’s manifestation to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi — or three Wise Men — is celebrated annually on January 6th.

One of the finest chorales (or hymns) for Epiphany was penned by Philipp Nicolai, a Lutheran theologian, poet, and composer. *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (UMH No. 247) first appeared in 1599 as part of a volume of meditations on death and eternal life, Nicolai’s response to the Black Plague which had devastated his home in Westphalia (northwest Germany). This chorale is somewhat of a departure from the bold, confident, objective hymns of Martin Luther and introduces the sentiment of the soul’s love for the Heavenly Bridegroom. Nicolai’s text is alive with references to the light which Christ brings into the world, such as “Morning Star,” “Light Divine,” and “Heavenly Brightness.”

These visual metaphors are translated into musical motifs by the God-given genius of Dietrich Buxtehude. In Protestant church music history, Buxtehude ranks as the most important predecessor of Johann Sebastian Bach, who at age twenty walked over 200 miles to study with him. Buxtehude’s sublime *Chorale Fantasy on “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”* dances into the light with the rhythm of the jig, borrowed from popular music of the 17th century. Listen with open hearts and open minds, and be *enlightened!*

— Rudy Shackelford

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	1.2.22
CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Matt Shackelford GRIEVING: Families of Irene Brown, Katherine Jordan, Nancy Smith HEALTH ISSUES: Cliff Beach, Woody Brown, Charlotte Cecil, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Shelton Glaze, Jimmy Greene, Pat Hasty, Sandra Hollins, Carol Johnson, Bonnie Lewis, Marshall Lewis, Sue Morecock, Peggy Peterman (NC), Debbie Robins, Norma Sage, Rosemarie Tong HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Alice McGee, Jack Wallace PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, Chuck Ashe, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Sandra Byrd, Dylan Chapin, Sandra Harvey, Donna Lane, Joy Long, Norma Sage RECUPERATING AT HOME: Isabella Wheat, Judy Vaughan		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
CANCER/CHEMO: Kyle Cooper, Wanda Dowell, Roger Ferguson, Traci Greene, Carissa (Cari) Harrington, Zachary Hoover, Martin Kulik (NY), Doug Mattox (MO), John Rhodes, Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams, Sabrina Wikle GRIEVING: Families of Sandy Austin, Michelle Brown, Gwendolyn Ward Callis, Barry McDade, Jeanette Nichols, Amy Pierro, Vicky Whitney HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Cindy Albertson, Soren Andrews, Bob Baughman, Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Les Breen, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Lynne Freeman, Peggy Kearney, Debbie Porter (FL), Mathew Reviere, Tim Sullivan, Tene West HOSPICE: Willian Ervi PARKINSON'S: Janet Burch (KY) RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Dorothy Brown, Boone Kohen, Dottie Myers (PA), Gary Riggins, Mason Staley, Sandy Taylor, Larry Wilkinson, Matt Quillen RECUPERATING AT HOME: Chuckie Baughman PRAYERS: Randy Wilson, Kwame & Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Alli Razzaghi, Kasie Hall RECOVERING FROM COVID-19: Barbara Weldon		
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	<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Rm 20	
York Convalescent & Rehab Ctr, 113 Battle Rd, Yorktown 23692	Bonnie Lewis, Rm 3C	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH QUESTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 9:

- #10 --- Why do people who profess Christianity follow evil ways, showing little humanity or little Christian love?
- #11 --- Why is it so hard to love someone who doesn't love me?
- #12 --- Dear God, Why can't we all just be kind to one another?



Bible Reading Plan 2022 is Bethany's spiritual challenge to read through the Bible in a year. The booklet of scheduled readings was mailed with your January *Banner*. If you have not received a copy, please take one from one of the entrance tables. You can also download a copy from our church website.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES will meet **Monday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

JOY CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey Classroom. Loreen Paiva will present our program on nutrition. All ladies are invited.

OFFERING ENVELOPES may be picked up from the bench in the rear entry way near the church office. **Please begin using your 2022 envelopes today.** If you want envelopes and don't see yours, please contact Jack Whitmore at 757-570-1959. If you don't need the envelopes assigned to you, please return them to the church office. Thanks.

BAZAAR WORKSHOPS

The Bazaar Bunch is ready to try again! We are hopeful that November 2022 will be better than November 2020! Mark November 12, 2022 on your calendar, with the night before for a "Sneak Peek" with hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

We hope you will consider coming out to help at the workshops.
(You don't have to be "crafty," just willing to work.)
We will meet from 9 - 12 Thursday mornings, beginning January 6.

When you clean up after Christmas, think of us before getting rid of usable Christmas decorations that we can recycle. We will have a vintage room again so please put aside any antique items for the Bazaar.

Thank you for all your support and we hope to see you on January 6!