



Bethany Banner

April 2022

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Church Office: 804-642-2110

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Invite a friend to join us for our Holy Week, Easter, and weekly Sunday worship services!

Pastor: Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song

Director of Music: Sandra Fox

Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Kris Kent

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Do not be afraid.

All four Gospels record accounts of the resurrection of Jesus, and of the people who witnessed that Jesus rose from the dead, and of his empty tomb. Each gospel writer also wrote the angelic message uniquely according to the context of their faith community so that those reading might grow their faith in the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here is the message of the angel:

“Do not be afraid.” (Matthew 28:5)

“Don’t be alarmed.” (Mark 16:6)

“Why do you look for the living among the dead?” (Luke 24:5)

“Woman, why are you crying?” (John 20:13)

The Gospel of Matthew records that on the first day of the week after Jesus died on the cross, two women went to the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, and an angel of the Lord whose appearance was like lightning with clothes as white as snow appeared and rolled the stone away and sat on it. The guards were afraid of the angel. They shook and became like dead men. At this scene, the two women were also afraid, and the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, he has risen, just as he said.” (Matthew 28:5-6)

What are we afraid of?

We are afraid of death. We are afraid of the power of sin. We are afraid of uncertainty of the future. We are afraid of a painful past. We are afraid of illness in body and mind. We are afraid of loneliness. We are afraid of the heavy burden of daily life. We are afraid of broken relationships.

Reflect on your own fears and fill in the blank, “I am afraid of _____.”

And meditate on the message of the resurrection of Jesus according to the Gospel of Matthew.

The message of the resurrection of Jesus, “He has risen, just as he said” (Matthew 28:6), brings us good news today, giving strength, so that we can live through fear and anxiety with faith, hope, love, and joy, like the two women at the tomb on the first Easter morning. “So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples” (Matthew 28: 8). Post-resurrection stories in the Bible continue to witness to this good news, and we receive it today.

May the Lord who has risen bless you and keep you.
Happy and blessed Easter to you all.

Pastor Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASKS UPDATE - Your PRG Committee has relaxed the wearing of masks at church. For those still not vaccinated we ask that you continue to wear your mask. For those vaccinated we leave it up to your discretion. Hand holding is strongly discouraged. We thank you for your understanding.

JOY Circle will meet Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are invited. Donna Lane will present a cooking demonstration which was postponed from last month. The members of the JOY Circle will be making Health Kits which will be delivered to Annual Conference for those in other countries in need. We welcome new members Donna Lane, Dawne Sawyer and Nina Whitmore. The JOY Circle and the Naomi Circle will be doing a community project delivering Easter treats to the 62 residents of the Gloucester House.

HOME BOUND MINISTRIES will be delivering meals to the shut-ins on Monday, April 18. Please meet in the kitchen at 9:30 a.m. We have jobs for everyone. We especially need drivers. We usually prepare meals for 25-35 folks. We always get favorable comments from those receiving the meals. Come and help us put a smile on someone's face!

135TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

1) Bethany Members: If there are persons you would like invited to our Anniversary Celebration on September 18, please give full names and addresses to either Judy Burner or Don Thomas or place them in the mailbox slot designated HISTORIAN just outside the church office. The committee will be glad to send them an invitation to the celebration.

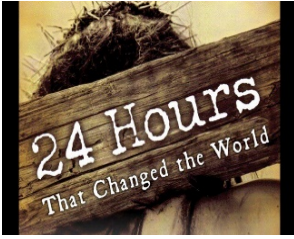
2) The Anniversary Committee is requesting a photograph (any size) of members who have passed away since our last anniversary on **September 24, 2017**. These photographs will be placed in the Memory Book first compiled by Patsy and Rey Morales. The photos will also be used in a visual presentation employing our new screen monitors and audio/visual system during the anniversary celebration on September 18, 2022. Please give the photos, clearly marked, to either Judy Burner or Don Thomas or place them in the mailbox designated HISTORIAN just outside the church office. Thanks.

BAZAAR WORKSHOPS: Bethany Bazaar News Flash! Time is ticking! November is coming quickly and we have a lot of work to do! Please join us any Thursday morning from 9 - 12 noon in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. We need your help and can use ideas for new crafts. We hope some of you are "working from home" on items for this year's Bazaar! Thanks for all your help!

HOLY WEEK BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

All are invited to a daily Holy Week (April 11-16) Bible study and meditation based on the book, **24 Hours That Changed the World**, with video trip to Jerusalem, written by Adam Hamilton.

Daytime group meets at Noon in the Fellowship Hall, and evening group meets nightly at 7:00 via Zoom (8:00 pm on Maundy Thursday). Registration form is located at both entrances of the Sanctuary.



Zoom link and schedule are below: Time: Apr 11, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Apr 11, 2022 07:00 PM

Apr 12, 2022 07:00 PM

Apr 13, 2022 07:00 PM

Apr 14, 2022 08:00 PM (following Maundy Thursday service)

Apr 15, 2022 07:00 PM

Apr 16, 2022 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89065816551?pwd=RVBjcFFKTHo2YjFIMFFVQ0MxQjV1UT09>

Meeting ID: 890 6581 6551

Passcode: 191759

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MAUNDY THURSDAY CANTATA

On **Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.** the sanctuary choir will perform the cantata **Colors of Grace** by Joseph M. Martin. This work portrays four lessons to be learned through our Teacher, the Christ. By example, he teaches us the lessons of service, obedience, humility, and forgiveness. If you obey his teaching, you will know the Truth; and if you live by the Truth, you come into the Light. Each lesson becomes a prism in which the light of Truth reflects the colors of Grace upon our lives. The Teacher says, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me and you will find rest for your souls."

From Thursday evening's Passover through Friday's dark hours on the Cross, the Light of Christ continues to illuminate the Truth. In Christ, the full spectrum of God's grace is reflected in beautiful hues.

In the suffering of this Holy Week, find joy. In its darkness, see Light. "For the light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 9th, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Calling all preschool children through fifth graders!

Bring your smile and your Easter basket to this hippety-hoppety, sun-shiney fun morning! Join us "rain or shine" for a great Bethany UMC Easter tradition! We will enjoy tasty treats, craft a make-and-take project, and share some good old-fashioned fellowship and fun!

Please contact Ms. Kris at 804-815-4246 for more information.



EASTER EGG STUFFER BOOT CAMP, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 10:00AM

Egg stuffers are needed to prepare for our Easter Egg Hunt — no previous training required! Wear comfortable clothing. Stretching prior to stuffing recommended. Lite snacks will be provided due to potential strenuous activity level. For more info, contact Kris Kent at 804-815-4246.

All Bible Buddies and Youth (3rd through 12th graders) are invited to a special Luncheon and Holy Land presentation at 11:15am on April 10th. Please come to the WBFH to have a Mid-Eastern luncheon while we watch a slide show presentation of the recent pilgrimage to The Holy Land by Ms. Hannah Kellogg. Ms. Kellogg is a youth leader at Bellamy UMC and teacher at Achilles Elementary School. Please contact Ms. Kris for more information.



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you from *Patrick & Shelton Glaze* for the Chick-Fil-A gift cards we received from the JOY Circle! That was the perfect Valentine's Day treat!

Thank you all so much for the prayers, calls, food, and flowers during my recent knee surgery and rehab. I am coming along and appreciate your thoughts and prayers more than you know. – *Alice Northam*

Dear Bethany Friends— Thanks to each of you who have remembered me throughout the year! It may have been via cards, visits, gifts or prayers. It is special not being forgotten! I miss coming to church and not being able to see you. With the passing of the viruses and time of service changes, maybe I can return in warmer weather!
Love you, *Jean Heywood*

Prayer for Ukraine, by Kayla Craig

O God of peace, our hearts are heavy and our brains can barely keep up with the breaking news. We don't know what to say or what to do in a world so wounded.

So we come to you with hearts heavy for all who sit in the crossfires of violence and acts of war.

O God of peace, be with the people of Ukraine.
With the mothers who carry babies to subway shelters.
With the fathers who hold their heads in their hands.
With the children who absorb the traumas.
Of violent acts of powerful men.

O God of peace, we don't know the words to pray for a warring world and all who are vulnerable in it. We don't pretend to know the extent of the damages or what tomorrow (or today) will bring. But we know that you are a God of peace and we can't bomb our way to shalom.

O God of peace, comfort the crying and heal the hurt.
Tend the aching and soothe the fearful.
Make us instruments of your peace.
Creating a sacred symphony where
Rhythms of grace are danced upon
And evil has lost its sting, now and forevermore.

O God of peace, hear our prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Bethany United Methodist Church
MAY FESTIVAL
May 7th, 2022
9 am to 3 pm
Outside on the lawn

CRAFT FAIR
DANCING
MUSIC
GAMES
EAT
DRINK &
BE MERRY

Vendors & Volunteers needed!
Contact Cathy @ 410-899-6498 for info

Family friendly
Make or buy a gift for Mother's and Father's Day
Maypole dancing!
Have lunch and enjoy the fun!

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY		3.21.22
<i>(Please contact church office with updates or to add/remove names.)</i>				
CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen				
GRIEVING: Families of Woody Brown, Katherine Jordan				
HEALTH ISSUES: Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, David Chapin, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Jimmy Greene, Sandra Hollins, Bonnie Lewis, Marshall Lewis, Sue Morecock, Peggy Peterman (NC), Debbie Robins, Rosemarie Tong, Sandie Wharen				
HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Alice McGee, Jack Wallace				
HOSPICE: Matt Shackelford				
PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, Chuck Ashe, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White				
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Sandra Byrd, Shelton Glaze, Sandra Harvey, Sarah Hillard, Joy Long, Alice Northam, Dickie Poland, Jim Stevens				
RECUPERATING AT HOME: Isabella Wheat, Judy Vaughan				
UPCOMING SURGERY: Nancy Cooper (3/30)				
BETHANY FRIENDS				
<i>(Please contact church office with updates or to add/remove names.)</i>				
CANCER/CHEMO: Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Chad Farr, Roger Ferguson, Traci Greene, Carissa (Cari) Harrington, Zachary Hoover, John Rhodes, Randy Riffe, Margie Turbyfill Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams, Sabrina Wikle				
GRIEVING: Families of Sandy Austin, Les Breen, Michelle Brown, Gwendolyn Ward Callis, Barry McDade, Terri Ervi, Martin Kulik, Doug Mattox (MO), Amy Pierro				
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Soren Andrews, Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Herbert Paul Edwards (FL), Dewayne Haywood, Lynne Freeman, Peggy Kearney, Mathew Reviere, Tim Sullivan, DeJuana Tackett (AR), Mildred Townsend, Tene West, Betty Wilson				
HOSPICE: William Ervi				
PARKINSON'S: Janet Burch (KY)				
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Dorothy Brown, Boone Kohen, Sue McCloy (WV), Dottie Myers (PA), Jeff Suntken, Sandy Taylor, Larry Wilkinson				
PRAYERS: Randy Wilson, Kwame & Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Alli Razzaghi, Kasie Hall				
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 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13			



BIRTHDAYS	
4/1	Kyle Cooper; John Coleman
4/3	Janet Chapin; Charlotte Cecil
4/4	Lucas Hornsby
4/5	Rev. Michael Kendall
4/7	Brandon Sweeney; Isabella Wheat
4/9	Patrick Glaze; Christina Perkins
4/10	Peggy Lewis
4/11	Marshall Lewis; Suzanne Sullivan
4/12	Betty Morris; Dylan Andersen; Scott Andersen
4/13	Jack Wallace
4/14	Betty Sue Varner; Josephine Jordan
4/16	Robert Blackwell
4/18	Rudy Shackelford; Adam White; Ethan Marshall; Anna Marie Wall
4/19	Rebecca Teagle; Crystal Thompson
4/20	Jon Kent
4/21	Ashley Kelley
4/23	Diane White
4/24	Chas Barber
4/25	Cooper White; Shirley Lewis; Debra Farrow
4/26	Neal White
4/27	Austin White, Emily White
4/28	Bayleigh Andersen; Irene Hogge
4/30	Katie Hoover

LITURGISTS

4/3 Laura Glaze
 4/10 Scott Glaze
 4/17 Clair Hillard
 4/24 Youth

	ANNIVERSARIES	# yrs
4/4	David & Breta Hoover	41
4/5	Shawn & Krista Chase	14
4/6	Rick & Gerri Wilson	26
4/7	Joe & Lisa Gayle	38
4/10	Mike & Tina Silberhorn	29
4/12	Martin & Dolores Breen	14
4/20	Kelvin & Kelly Cooper	26
4/25	Sandra & Lonnie Byrd	16

COUNTING TEAMS

4/3 #3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
 4/10 #4: Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins
 4/17 #5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
 4/24 #6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

4/03-4/09: Don Thomas
 4/10-4/16: Milton Hudgins
 4/17-4/23: Donna Lane
 4/24-4/30: Tom Barnard

APRIL ALTAR GUILD

Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Sylvia Ransone

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April 2022							May 2022						
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 27 - Apr 2	Mar 27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2
Apr 3 - 9	3 Communion Sunday 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes) 6:00pm Confirmation Class	4 10:00am 135th Anniversary Committee 7:00pm Council on Ministries	5 10:00am Music Camp 7:00pm JOY Circle	6 10:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 10:00am Egg Stuffing 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 6:30pm S/PPRC	8	9 9:30am 11:00am Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 10 - 16	10 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes) 11:15am 12:15pm Youth & Bible Buddies	11 12:00pm Holy Week Bible Study (WBFH) 7:00pm Holy Week Bible Study (ZOOM)	12 12:00pm Holy Week Bible Study (WBFH) 7:00pm Holy Week Bible Study (ZOOM)	13 10:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 12:00pm Holy Week Bible Study (WBFH) 1:00pm Abingdon Women's Club 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Holy Week Bible Study (ZOOM)	14 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 12:00pm Holy Week Bible Study (WBFH) 2:00pm UMW Board (ML) 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service & Cantata 8:00pm Holy Week Bible Study (ZOOM)	15 Banner Submissions Due CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY 12:00pm Holy Week Bible Study (WBFH) 7:00pm Holy Week Bible Study (ZOOM)	16 12:00pm Holy Week Bible Study (WBFH) 7:00pm Holy Week Bible Study (ZOOM)
Apr 17 - 23	17 6:15am Sunrise Service (VIMS) 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes)	18 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am Homebound Ministries 7:00pm Worship & Arts Committee	19 10:00am Music Camp 6:00pm York River Villas 7:00pm Finance Committee	20 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	21 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:30am Naomi Circle	22	23
Apr 24 - 30	24 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY Youth Participation Sunday 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes)	25 6:00pm The Points HOA Annual Meeting	26 6:30pm UMM Meeting @ Nick's	27 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	28 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop	29	30