



## Bethany Banner February 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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**Look with wonder at the depth of the  
Father's marvelous love that he has  
lavished on us!**

**He has called us and made us his very  
own beloved children.**

– 1 John 3:1a, *The Passion Translation*

**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

### Pandemic thoughts.

I watched a YouTube video in which a medical doctor lectured on why we should keep our blood vessels clean so that we can live a healthy life. He asked three ice-breaking questions. “How many diseases do humans have?” According to the International Disease Classification, he said, there are 12,420 kinds of diseases in human life. “What is the most common disease?” It is gum disease, called periodontitis. “What is the most invasive disease?” It is Rabies, he said. Then he asked, “What is the worst disease you don’t want to get sick from?” The cruelest and most fearful disease, which most seriously destroys quality of life, he thinks, is stroke, leading to paralysis, one of the vascular diseases. If you want to live a healthy life, he concluded, you must keep your blood vessels clean. Then he suggested a very basic thing for our blood vessels to stay clean: it is aerobic exercising every day for at least 30 minutes, done consistently. It is simple, basic, but it is very important for us to live a healthy life.

As we have been through the COVID-19 virus pandemic for over two years, I reflect on “what does God teach us from this pandemic situation, a lesson we learn for our faith, spiritual life, and our relationship with God, to stay healthy?” Out of many lessons, I think, it is to return to basics. We don’t know how long the pandemic will last. We can’t predict if it will end someday or not. But either way, God has called us to return to the basics of our faith by renewing our relationship to God, resetting the value and goal of life, returning to basic spiritual practices by recovering our worship, praying constantly, reading and meditating on the Word of God, loving and serving each other by doing no harm, doing good, and staying in love with God—three simple rules which are called the Wesleyan way of life.

*Bible Reading Plan 2022* is our basic spiritual practice, returning to the word of God. Since January we have read through Genesis, a story of beginning—the beginning of the heaven and earth, of the covenant of God, of the redemption of God— and we know God who is the center of our life.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

Blessings,  
Pastor Paul

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**JOY Circle** will meet **Tuesday, February 1 at 7 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey Classroom. Our speaker will be Thane Harpole, Fairfield Foundation, talking about the role the Foundation plays in the Machicomico Park and Timberneck Farm House Restoration. Future plans for this area will also be discussed. All are invited to attend this exciting learning experience.

**BAZAAR NEWS** —Let's try again! Hopefully the spike in Covid will be over in February! We are planning to hold our weekly Bazaar Workshops beginning **Thursday, February 3 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall, which will give us room to spread out. Please join us and remember to wear your mask. See you then!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS** —We are planning to resume Sunday School for children, youth and young adults at 9:00 on **February 6**, if all goes well! Lacey Martin Fellowship, Faith, Friendship and TBD continue to meet at 11:00, after Worship. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these classes. You will be glad you did!

**HOME BOUND MINISTRIES** will once again be cooking for our shut-ins on **Wednesday, February 16 at 9:30 a.m.** Come help and join in the fun!

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on **Monday, February 21** in observance of **Presidents' Day.**

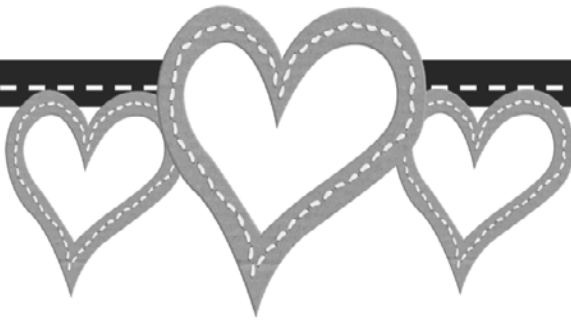
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### **ATTENTION: All committee/Sunday School chairs**

Please submit a COPY of your checkbook register (showing all transactions for 2021) and December 2021 bank statement. Also, if you have not changed the mailing address for the account to **BUMC, PO Box 527, Gloucester Point, VA 23062**, please do so immediately. Register copies and bank statements should be given to Cathy Raines or dropped off in the church office no later than February 15.

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**AARP TAX AIDE** — Beginning **Wednesday, February 2**, AARP Tax Aide volunteers will be preparing tax returns by appointment only on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Due to the pandemic, individuals must come to the church to schedule an appointment and pick up a packet containing forms and additional information. Appointments may not be scheduled by phone and are available on a first come, first served basis. At this time, no Bethany Tax Day has been scheduled.



## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

Children and Youth Ministry events are going to be LOVE-ly in February!

I am “heart deep” in plans for a community mission project, Dinner and a Movie/Parents Night Out, and trying to get the Bible Museum trip to DC off the ground.

Stay tuned to our weekly bulletins and text messages for detailed updates on these exciting upcoming events.

~ Ms. Kris



# SUPER BOWL SUNDAY FUNDRAISER



The JOY Circle has you covered for your main dish for Super Bowl Sunday. We will be taking advance orders for **Chicken Brunswick Stew.**

The cost is \$10 per quart, payable the day of pick up. Checks should be payable to *JOY Circle*.

You will be able to pick up your stew after church on Sunday, February 13.

Order deadline is February 7.

Orders may be placed in offering plate or returned to church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of quarts \_\_\_\_\_

(\$10 per quart, money due day of pick up)

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MONTH	
2/6	Peggy Lewis
2/13	Susan & Ed Conner
2/20	Steve & Dee Dee Wike
2/27	OPEN

## THANK YOU NOTES

My Bethany family – Thank you so much for all you have done for Alan and I after my accident. The beautiful cards, the calls, and the wonderful food are much appreciated. Most of all, thanks for your prayers. They have been a blessing. Many thanks, *Sandra Harvey*

To my secret angel, you have blessed me beyond measure. My thank you notes to you on the bulletin board have been moved to the church office. I hope the New Year gives you 100 times the blessings you have given me. Lovingly, *Jeannie Meisner*

Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits, meals and love from our church family after my shoulder surgery. You all are a very loving church of whom we are blessed to be a part. — *Donna Lane*

**Christian Sympathy** is extended to the families of:

**Woody Brown**, Bethany member and husband of Elizabeth Brown, who passed on January 7. Elizabeth’s address is 6901 Coleman’s Crossing Ave., Hayes, 23072.

**Marty Kulik**, uncle of Doe Breen, who passed on January 9. Doe’s address is 7481 Matoaka Ave., Gloucester Point, 23062.

**Terri Ervi**, sister-in-law of Ron Ervi, who passed on December 31. Ron’s address is 7444 Lafayette Heights Dr., Gloucester Point, 23062.

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	1.23.22
<p><b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Matt Shackelford, Bob Wharen</p> <p><b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Irene Brown, Woody Brown, Katherine Jordan, Nancy Smith</p> <p><b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, Dylan Chapin &amp; family, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Jim Durette, Jimmy Greene, Sandra Hollins, Bonnie Lewis, Marshall Lewis, Sue Morecock, Peggy Peterman (NC), Dickie Poland, Debbie Robins, Rosemarie Tong, Sandie Wharen</p> <p><b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Alice McGee, Jack Wallace</p> <p><b>PARKINSON'S:</b> Mike Andersen, Chuck Ashe, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White</p> <p><b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Sandra Byrd, Sandra Harvey, Joy Long</p> <p><b>RECUPERATING AT HOME:</b> Isabella Wheat, Judy Vaughan</p>		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
<p><b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Kyle Cooper, Wanda Dowell, Roger Ferguson, Traci Greene, Carissa (Cari) Harrington, Zachary Hoover, Doug Mattox (MO), John Rhodes, Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams, Sabrina Wikle</p> <p><b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Sandy Austin, Michelle Brown, Gwendolyn Ward Callis, Barry McDade, Terri Ervi, Martin Kulik, Jeanette Nichols, Amy Pierro, Vicky Whitney</p> <p><b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Cindy Albertson, Soren Andrews, Bob Baughman, Charles &amp; Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Phil Boykin, Les Breen, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Lynne Freeman, Peggy Kearney, Debbie Potter (FL), Mathew Reviere, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Tene West</p> <p><b>HOSPICE:</b> William Ervi</p> <p><b>PARKINSON'S:</b> Janet Burch (KY)</p> <p><b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Dorothy Brown, Boone Kohen, Dottie Myers (PA), Gary Riggins, Jeff Suntken, Sandy Taylor, Larry Wilkinson</p> <p><b>RECUPERATING AT HOME:</b> Chuckie Baughman</p> <p><b>PRAYERS:</b> Randy Wilson, Kwame &amp; Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Alli Razzaghi, Kasie Hall</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><b>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</b></p>	<p>Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Doris Courtney, Rm 105 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 113</p>	
<p><b>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</b></p>	<p>Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A</p>	
<p><b>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</b></p>	<p>Pauline Harris, Apt. 130</p>	
<p><b>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</b></p>	<p>Jennie Lipscomb</p>	
<p><b>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</b></p>	<p><i>Ellis Hall</i>, Rm 20</p>	
<p><b>York Convalescent &amp; Rehab Ctr, 113 Battle Rd, Yorktown 23692</b></p>	<p>Bonnie Lewis, Rm 3C</p>	



<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	
2/1	Jeannie Meisner
2/2	Diane Pruitt
2/3	Debbie Tilley; James Leigh
2/4	Kevin Jacobs; Carson Hasty
2/6	Jackie Emerson; Wesley Buchanan
2/7	Alan Harvey
2/8	Jeff Lane
2/11	Peggy Burton; Shannon Minor
2/12	Sandra Byrd
2/13	Rev. Paul Song
2/14	Estelle Harris; Patsy Morales
2/15	Evan Lane; Alyssa Hall
2/17	Lori Rhodes Phillips; William Schultz
2/18	Yvonne White
2/21	Mike Simmons, Robin Moscati
2/23	Nancy Orth; Joel Kidd
2/24	June Matthews; Kirk Bell; Lisa Breaud; Jennie Lipscomb
2/25	Ed Conner; David Cecil; Amy Miller
2/26	Karen Morris; Dawn McDade; Sylvia Ransone
2/29	Patrick Kiley; Loretta Jackson

	<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	# yrs
2/1	Mark & Carla Goetz	19
2/2	James & Betty Durette	59
2/5	Kevin & Kris Kiley	49
2/11	Rev. Paul & Kim Song	32
2/11	Paul & Barbara Blais	22
2/14	Ed & Susan Conner	62
2/15	Randy & Pamela Campbell	20
2/19	Jim & Sandra Hollins	50
2/19	Doug & Isabelle Wheat	17
2/21	Steve & Dee Dee Wike	35
2/24	Art & Vicki Wolz	49

#### **TRUSTEE CONTACTS**

1/30-2/6: Diana Simmons  
 2/6-2/12: Don Thomas  
 2/13-2/19: Milton Hudgins  
 2/20-2/26: Donna Lane  
 2/27-3/5: Tom Barnard

#### **COUNTING TEAMS**

2/6 #1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty  
 2/13 #2: Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey  
 2/20 #3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen  
 2/27 #4: Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins

#### **FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD**

Kathy Jacobs, Sandra Harvey, Nancy Kendall



# February 2022

February 2022							March 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28						27	28	29	30	31		

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Jan 30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5
Jan 30 - Feb 5			7:00pm JOY Circle	10:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 5:00pm Media Committee 6:30pm S/PPRC		
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Feb 6 - 12	Communion Sunday 9:00am Sunday School (Children & Youth) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult)		10:00am Music Camp Team Meeting 7:00pm Finance Committee	10:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:00am York River Garden Club	6:00pm 8:00pm Parents Night Out	10:00am 1:00pm JOY Circle (Cook for fundraiser)
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Feb 13 - 19	9:00am Sunday School (Children & Youth) 10:00am 12:00pm Super Bowl Sunday Fundraiser 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult)		BANNER DEADLINE 4:00pm Banner Articles Due 6:00pm 6:30pm York River Villas 7:00pm Administrative Council	9:30am Homebound Ministries 10:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:30am Naomi Circle		
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Feb 20 - 26	9:00am Sunday School (Children & Youth) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult)	Church Office Closed Presidents' Day	6:30pm UMM Meeting @ Nick's	10:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop		
	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5
Feb 27 - Mar 5	9:00am Sunday School (Children & Youth) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult)						