



## Bethany Banner March 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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### LENTEN SEASON SPECIAL EVENTS

**Shrove Tuesday Dinner**

**Tuesday, March 1, 6:00 p.m.**

*Something "new"! Come join us for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in the WBFH! We'll enjoy pancakes and breakfast meat for a feast before the fasting of the Lenten season. If you have an electric griddle we can use for the pancakes, please contact the church office.*

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 p.m.**

**Palm Sunday Service**

**Sunday, April 10, 10:00 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday Service & Cantata**

**Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.**

**Community Easter Sunrise Service at VIMS**

**Sunday, April 17, 6:15 a.m.**

**Bethany UMC Easter Service**

**Sunday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.**



**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

Blessing in the wilderness experience.

We have read the book of Exodus for 14 days, from Jan 21- Feb 5, following the reading schedule of our *Bible Reading Plan 2022*. It is the story of the people of Israel and their journey in the wilderness toward the land that God promised to give them.

It is interesting to read that there were two different kinds of exodus experiences among them. First is their geographical exodus. They left Egypt physically, out of the land, out of the life of slavery. Second is their psychological exodus. Even though they left the land of slavery, they were still living in Egypt emotionally. They left Egypt with joy and thanksgiving to God. They danced together. However, whenever they faced a challenging situation, they grumbled against God, forgetting the hand of God that led them to the promised land. They complained to Moses, challenging his leadership, even threatening to kill him.

I notice irony from their life experience in the wilderness. They left their old land of slavery in Egypt in body but they still lived in Egypt in mind. Their spiritual exodus from Egypt is challenged during their journey to the promised land.

But God trained them for forty years in the wilderness before they entered into the promised land. Forty years in the wilderness was for them to know God, to learn to trust God, to grow mature in relationship with God, to know God's provision, protection, and promise by experience.

Before Jesus began his public ministry, he was led by the Spirit to the wilderness, to be tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-11). He was tempted by the devil, fasting forty days and forty nights in the wilderness. But it was time for him to be shaped by the will of God, his Heavenly Father, the redemptive work of God for the world through him.

Following his example in the wilderness for forty days, Christian tradition has observed a season of Lent, a forty- day period, not counting Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting until Easter. It is a time for us to train ourselves to be more attentive to God, to practice spiritual discipline with Scripture reading with meditation, prayer, and service, remembering the Passion of Jesus Christ.

The season of Lent this year begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. We will offer a worship service at 7:00 p.m. at the church. A Lenten devotional booklet is provided for you to practice daily prayer, Bible reading and meditation. During the Lenten season, we will continue to follow *Bible Reading Plan 2022*, by reading the book of Isaiah, the Gospel of Mark and John, to know the Passion of Jesus Christ.

May this season be a blessing to you.

Grace,

Pastor Paul

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOY Circle** will meet **Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m.** in the WBFH (following the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper). Our own Donna Lane will present a cooking demonstration. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

### **SAVE THE DATE! – 135TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.**

Plans are underway for our Homecoming on Sunday, September 18. Our speaker will be Rev. Debbie Marion. If you'd like to serve on this Committee please let Judy Burner know. Mark your calendars now to join in the Celebration! **Our next planning meeting will be Tuesday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the WBFH.**

**HOME BOUND MINISTRIES** will once again be cooking for our shut-ins on **Monday, March 21 at 9:30 a.m.** All are welcome to help! Always need folks to deliver!

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## MARCH CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

**\*Youth Group and Bible Buddies will meet on Sunday, March 6th and 20th.**

Please watch weekly bulletins, text messages and Facebook posts for meeting times and activity details.

**\*We will begin “Youth Participation Sundays” on the 4th Sunday of each month beginning in March.** Our Youth will be serving as Liturgists, Ushers, and Greeters during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

And watch out all 6th through 12th graders: An overnight Youth church lock-in is coming to BUMC this Spring! — *Ms. Kris*

**BAZAAR WORKSHOPS:** Work has begun on items for the 2022 Bazaar! It is not too late to join in the fun! We will be crafting every Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. until the end of October. We are in need of Christmas greenery! You can leave it in the room next to the Nursery. We also need people who can sew to stitch up some items such as pillows. Let us know if you can help in that way. Remember, this is a church-wide effort to raise money for missions, so join us if you can!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Most Sunday School classes continue to meet at 11:00 after the worship service (Lacey Martin, Faith, Friendship and TBD). Children meet at 9:00 while their parents meet in the Young Adults Class. Pastor Paul is also offering a discussion class for those participating in the year-long Bible reading plan. Please consider joining one of these groups - you will be glad you did!

## **THIS IS YOUR BETHANY S/PPRC ...**

Ann Byrd, Doug Vaughan, Jackie Hampton, Tom Smith, Cat White (Chair), Susannah Hogge (Vice Chair), Paul Kendall (Lay Member), Judy Burner (Lay Leader). New members for 2022 - Kris Kiley, Bernard Robins, and Dawne Sawyer.

The S/PPRC will meet at least quarterly. If there is a problem or concern, congregants are responsible for contacting a member of S/PPRC. Please be in prayer for us as we work to unite staff and congregational interests to focus on the continued mission of Bethany UMC.

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

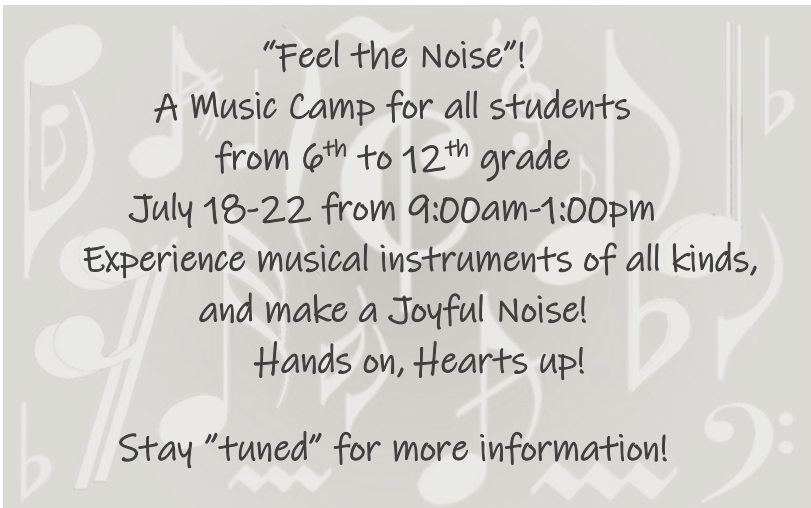
We have had a hard time these past two years. The prayer is to do better this year. So, ladies, let us wear our masks, take our vitamins, and get the booster.

UMW is about missions — missions in third world countries and missions right here at home. We should pray for those in need across the world and look out for our neighbors.

If you are not a member of UMW, please join us. There are two circles. The Naomi Circle meets the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. The JOY Circle meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing the circles back in action!

*Dawn Cluts, President*



**"Feel the Noise"!**  
A Music Camp for all students  
from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
July 18-22 from 9:00am-1:00pm  
Experience musical instruments of all kinds,  
and make a Joyful Noise!  
Hands on, Hearts up!  
Stay "tuned" for more information!

## GOOD NEWS REGARDING MEDIA MINISTRY UPGRADE

Bethany received a York River District Board of Missions grant for \$7500 in support of our media ministry upgrade at their annual meeting held February 6! We also celebrate the overwhelming success of the "Every Step Matters" financial campaign in which over \$15,000 was raised for the media upgrade! Please note that work has started in the area at the rear of the sanctuary where the new media desk and electronics will be housed. This work includes the raising of headers to facilitate the 8 inch platform that will be constructed by volunteers and located there so that the media team will have an unobstructed view of the sanctuary. The work to run additional power to that area will start February 15. In addition, the new media high-rise roll top desk is expected to be ordered soon. This desk will house the video and audio control electronics in a secure and attractive environment. We thank everyone for their support of this project and ask for your patience and understanding during the construction phases.

**FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS – Volunteers are needed to energize and develop our Family Ministry.** Please contact **Cathy Raines at 410-599-6493** if you are interested in helping, have ideas to share, or connections that we can use to get our message out into the community.

“Family ministry” is a term used to describe activities that churches offer to support family relationships. Placing priority on family is key, but a strong family ministry should be built on the foundation of partnering with parents, in addition to focusing on children and youth programs. **I am committed to starting the following programs that are near and dear to my heart and need your help and support!**

**Single Parent Ministry** - start initially with a single mom’s support group (with daycare provided). Later on, as the group grows, I can see offering things such as financial literacy classes, family meal nights, home repair lunch and learn.

**Foster Family Ministry** – starting with an event in May (which is National Foster Care Month) that would allow foster parents to have a safe place to drop off kids in order to go to the food store, grab a meal, go shopping, or just take a long walk by themselves. This event could be a board game, movie or craft night, or a cooking class with dinner following!

**THANK YOU** -- The *JOY Circle* would like to thank all who helped make our fundraiser a success! We appreciate your support and hope everyone enjoyed the Brunswick Stew.

I want to thank Bethany’s *JOY Circle* for the Valentine card and Chick-Fil-A gift card (my favorite place)! It was a pleasant surprise, and I appreciate being remembered in such a nice way. — *Carson Brooks*, Mary Baldwin University

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**Christian Sympathy** is extended to the family of **Doris Cecil**, sister-in-law of Carl Cecil, who passed in PA.

## EASTER FLOWERS 2022 ORDER FORM

In celebration of Christ's resurrection we are pleased to offer a variety of spring flowers you may purchase **IN MEMORY OF** or **IN HONOR OF** your loved ones this Easter. Flowers may be picked up following our Easter morning worship service. Proceeds from the sale of Easter flowers will support Bethany's Youth.

Please make checks payable to **Bethany UMC**  
and enclose your payment with this form.

**THE DEADLINE TO ORDER FLOWERS IS ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2.**

(Please PRINT clearly)

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE / EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of     In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of     In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of     In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of     In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

FLOWER VARIETIES	DONATION AMOUNT	QTY	AMOUNT DUE
Lily (white only)	14.00		
Tulip (various-no choice)	11.00		
Geranium (red)	9.00		
Geranium (pink)	9.00		
Geranium (purple)	9.00		
Geranium (salmon)	9.00		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>			<b>\$</b>

**IMPORTANT:** Please mark your flower choices and quantities below and keep this portion of the order form so you will know which flowers to take with you on Easter Sunday.

Lily \_\_\_\_\_     Tulip \_\_\_\_\_     Geranium (red) \_\_\_\_\_     Geranium (pink) \_\_\_\_\_

Geranium (purple) \_\_\_\_\_     Geranium (salmon) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Bethany UMC Prayer List</b>	<b>BETHANY FAMILY</b>	<b>2.20.22</b>
<p><b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen  <b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Irene Brown, Woody Brown, Katherine Jordan, Nancy Smith  <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), Debbie Robins, Rosemarie Tong, Sandie Wharen  <b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Alice McGee, Jack Wallace  <b>HOSPICE:</b> Matt Shackelford  <b>PARKINSON'S:</b> Mike Andersen, Chuck Ashe, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White  <b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Sandra Byrd, Shelton Glaze, Sandra Harvey, Joy Long, Alice Northam, Dickie Poland  <b>RECUPERATING AT HOME:</b> Isabella Wheat, Judy Vaughan</p>		
<b>BETHANY FRIENDS</b>		
<p><b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Kyle Cooper, Wanda Dowell, Roger Ferguson, Traci Greene, Carissa (Cari) Harrington, Zachary Hoover, John Rhodes, Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams, Sabrina Wikle  <b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Sandy Austin, Michelle Brown, Gwendolyn Ward Callis, Doris Cecil, Barry McDade, Terri Ervi, Martin Kulik, Doug Mattox (MO), Amy Pierro  <b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Cindy Albertson, Soren Andrews, 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, Betty Wilson  <b>HOSPICE:</b> William Ervi  <b>PARKINSON'S:</b> Janet Burch (KY)  <b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Dorothy Brown, Boone Kohen, Sue McCloy (WV), Dottie Myers (PA), Gary Riggins, Jeff Suntken, Sandy Taylor, Larry Wilkinson  <b>RECUPERATING AT HOME:</b> Chuckie Baughman  <b>PRAYERS:</b> Randy Wilson, Kwame &amp; Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Alli Razzaghi, Kasie Hall</p>		
<b>BUMC'S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)</b>		
<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>		
<b>ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)</b>		
<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, Rm 20</i></p>	

# MARCH

BIRTHDAYS	
3/1	Billy Wayne Hogge; Ann Hogge; David Tillage; Gwen Morris
3/4	Kathleen Greene
3/5	Colleen LeMay
3/6	Linda Reams
3/7	Dennisa Booth; Tally Vaughan
3/9	Jim Minor; Mary S. Morris; Judy Johnson
3/10	Teresa Sullivan; Brenda Thomas
3/11	Kathryn Jacobs
3/12	Kevin Thompson
3/13	Kyle Bunting; Katie Doggett, Matt Shackelford
3/14	Randy Williams; Matthew Byrne
3/15	Angela Day Waliszewski
3/16	Lynne Barnes
3/17	Kevin Kiley
3/19	Sarah Hillard; Frank Farmer; Tina Silberhorn; Lisa Krukovsky; Fred Townsend
3/20	Warren Douglas
3/21	Peggy Peterman; Sammi Jacobs
3/22	Jennifer Orth-Veillon; Darlene Bauschatz
3/23	Don Schultz
3/25	Stephanie Wood
3/27	Stacie Martin; Jennifer Barber; Bonnie Lewis
3/28	Timothy Leigh
3/29	Joyce Mitchell; Rylee Quintero; Michelle Ward; Douglas Doggett; Terri Mason
3/30	Amanda Gayle; Kamryn Cooper
3/31	Joseph Paul Byrne, II

## MARCH ALTAR GUILD

Pauline Reimold, Paul Kendall, Lynne Barnes

ANNIVERSARIES		# yrs
3/3	Rick & Patricia Kidd	32
3/6	Linda & Stan Reams	40
3/10	Steve & Susan Young	21
3/14	Linda & Wendell Fletcher	14
3/19	Drs. Tim & Cathy Leigh	34
3/25	Cheryl & Pitt Roane	52

## COUNTING TEAMS

- 3/6 #5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
- 3/13 #6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
- 3/20 #1: May Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
- 3/27 #2: Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey

## TRUSTEE CONTACTS

- 2/27-3/5: Tom Barnard
- 3/6-3/12: Donna Andersen
- 3/13-3/19: M. E. Thomas
- 3/20-3/26: Rob Raines
- 3/27-4/2: Diana Simmons



# March 2022

Confirmation Class will meet at 6:00pm on Sunday evenings in the WBFH. Class dates are currently scheduled for 2/27-4/10.

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

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 27 - Mar 5	Feb 27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5
			6:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:00pm JOY Circle	ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 8:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 5:00pm Media Committee 6:30pm S/PPRC		
Mar 6 - 12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Communion Sunday Youth & Bible Buddies (TBD) 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Ad) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes)		10:00am Music Camp 7:00pm Finance Committee	9:00am Trustees 10:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 1:00pm Abingdon Women's Club 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:00am York River Garden Club		
Mar 13 - 19	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes)		Banner Submissions Due 10:00am 135th Anniversary Committee 6:00pm York River Villas 7:00pm Administrative Council	10:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:30am Naomi Circle		
Mar 20 - 26	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Youth & Bible Buddies (TBD) 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes)	9:30am Homebound Ministries	10:00am Music Camp	10:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop		
Mar 27 - Apr 2	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2
	Youth Participation Sunday 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes)		6:30pm UMM Meeting @ Nick's	10:00am 4:00pm AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop		