



**Bethany Banner**

**May 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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**Bethany United Methodist Church**

# **MAY FESTIVAL**

**May 7th, 2022**  
**9 am to 3 pm**  
**Outside on the lawn**

*Vendors & Volunteers needed!*

*Contact Cathy @ 410-899-6495 for info*

**Family friendly**

**Make or buy a gift for Mother's and Father's Day**

**Maypole dancing!**

**Have lunch and enjoy the fun!**

**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

### **Mother's love.**

An English writer, Rudyard Kipling, wrote a poetic expression about mother's love, "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers." It is his figurative expression of mother's love, linking it to the love of God. Mother's love originated from God.

Isaiah prophesies the motherly love of God to suffering people, "Can a mother forget the baby or the child she has born? Though she may forget I will not forget you!" (Isaiah 49:15). We come to know God's love through our mother's love. It is life-giving, life-forgiving love, and unconditional and sacrificial love.

May is Christian Home month, and this year we celebrate Mother's Day on May 8. I remember red and pink carnations at my home church when I was a child. It was a tradition that we used them on Mother's Day, when all mothers were recognized during worship and each carnation was given to them in honor of their love. I still remember my mother's happy smile at me when I gave her a carnation, saying, "Happy Mother's Day."

"God bless all mothers and women" is a prayer and petition on Mother's Day in the United Methodist Book of Worship. Let us join in praying, with silent prayer following each petition:

"For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them  
reverence and love.

We pray to the Lord ...

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give  
them hope, and their family and friends support and console them,

We pray to the Lord...

For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have  
nurtured and cared for us,

We pray to the Lord ....

For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not  
responded to their children and have not sustained their families,

We pray to the Lord ...

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you  
watch over your church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as  
Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that  
we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound  
respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

----- (UM Book of Worship, p. 438) -----

Happy Mother's Day!

Blessings,  
Pastor Paul



### **Sermon Series: Post-Resurrection Message**

May 1 — John 20: 19-23, "Peace be with you."

May 8 — John 20: 24-29, "Stop doubting and believe."

May 15 — United Women in Faith (UMW) Sunday

May 22 — John 21:15-25, "Do you love me?"

May 29 — Matthew 28:16-20, "Make disciples of all nations."

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOY CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. in the WBFH.** Marie Butler will have a program on the different meaning of types of flowers. She will be instructing us how to make a tussie mussie. All ladies of the church are invited. If you would like to attend please contact Donna Lane or Judy Burner. Cost of the class is \$10.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES - Wednesday, May 18, 9:30 a.m.** - We delivered 23 meals in April and appreciate everyone who helped in any way! Come join us for fun, fellowship, and a mission ministry!

**BAZAAR UPDATE:** We have a lot to do before November's Bazaar and we need your help and your creative ideas! Please join us on Thursday mornings from 9-12 in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall.

When you are doing your spring cleaning, please remember to put aside items for our Vintage/Collectibles Room. Any items you think can be someone else's treasure will be greatly appreciated! Bring donations in any time, mark them "Vintage" and put them in the room next to the Nursery.

We will have a Silent Auction again this year. If you have a skill or item you would be willing to offer, such as yard work, car repair, sewing, baking, etc., let us know!

Don't forget - we will host a Bake Sale and Craft Table at the May Festival on May 7. Stop by and buy something special for Mother's Day! All proceeds go to Missions!

Thanks for all your help!  
*The Bazaar Bunch*

# BAKE SALE

Get your ovens ready! We're going to have a bake sale at the May Festival on Saturday, May 7. We will accept baked goods in the fellowship hall from 1:00–2:00 p.m. and 7:00–8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6. Please wrap items securely and label ingredients that may affect those with allergies. Thank you for your help in making this year's May Festival a success!

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### The Annual "Breakfast at The Beach" is back!

**Sunday, May 15th from 9:30 to 11:30am**

All children and youth are invited to attend our annual Sunday school event! Please bring a breakfast item and come to the home of Susannah and Jason Hogge (1333 Laurens Rd., Gloucester Point). Wear your casual clothes and bring a towel and your beach shoes as we may be wading in the rivah! (\*This is a fair weather event and will need to be rescheduled to another date in June if storms are forecasted.\*)

RSVP to Ms. Kris by 5/13.

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### Graduating High School Senior Recognition and Reception

**Sunday, May 22, 2022 — 10:00am Worship Service**

Please plan on attending this special service as we honor our three Bethany UMC graduating High School Seniors:

Connor Brooks (Gloucester High School)

Ellanah Daniel (West Point High School)

Connor Kent (Gloucester High School)

A cake reception will immediately follow the service in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall and is open for all to attend!

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### Stay tuned for news on "Games, Songs and S'mores" for all Youth!

We will be going to Bellamy UMC for a fun evening with some community Christian Friends! Date to be announced!



### END OF WATCH BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday, May 26 – 10am to 4pm**

**Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall**

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



**July 18-22, 9:00AM- 1:00PM**

For 6th through 12th grade students

Classes for Handbell, Piano (Keyboard),  
Violin, Trumpet, Guitar, Drum.

**Cost: FREE**

Application form with detailed  
information will be posted soon.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Finance Committee would like to thank you for your continued financial support for our budget and fundraisers. The generosity of our members and friends has given us the opportunity to start the procurement of equipment for our media ministry. This ministry will reach Bethany shut-ins, members that have moved away and still want to be part of Bethany, and the local community.

Bethany has met approximately 31% of the 2022 budget after the 1st quarter. This may not be an indicator for the remainder of the year since during the 1st quarter we received some one-time required IRA distributions.

Thank you again, and may God bless you.

Jack Whitmore  
Finance Chairman

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** – Our love and sympathy are extended to the families of:

***Matt Shackelford***, husband of Tiina Shackelford and father of Miranda and Alix Shackelford, who went to be with the Lord on 3/31/22.

***DeJuana Tackett***, mother of Dee Dee Wike, who went to be with the Lord on 4/20/22.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Do you have a loved one you'd like to honor? Would you like to lift up one of our many selfless BUMC servants? Altar flowers are a wonderful way to do so! Our altar flowers are one of the faith symbols on our beautiful altar — a symbol of real life in the presence of God. Please consider checking the Altar Flower Sign-Up Chart in the main hallway for one of the vacant spots to provide flowers for our service. Gloucester Florist will deliver two beautiful bouquets — yours for the taking after service! All you need to do is place your \$50 payment in the offering plate. Should you want to customize your order, you are welcome to contact Gloucester Florist in advance and make payment to them. Potted plants/flowers that you provide are also welcome! Thank you for your support!

### May Altar Flowers

5/1 Kevin & Kris Kiley  
5/8 Steve & Dee Dee Wike  
5/15 Billy & Wendy Hogge  
5/22 Fred & Dean Townsend  
5/29 OPEN

## **THANK YOU NOTES** (from April bulletins)

Bethany family,

Thank you for your love, prayers, cards and calls during Dad's illness and his passing. We have felt your love and have appreciated it more than you'll ever know. Love and blessings, *Martin & Dolores Breen*

Thank you to Bethany's Homebound Ministries for the delicious meal and to our Youth, whose beautiful card made it extra special! What a blessing it is to be part of a church family that so lovingly cares for one another.

— *Elizabeth Brown*

Many thanks to those who helped with the playground spring clean-up: David Ayers, Al Burner, Jeff Lane, Don Thomas, and M.E. Thomas.

Thank you to the ladies of the Naomi Circle for the kind Easter gift and card left on my desk. Your grace and support are a blessing! — *Kris Kent*

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	4.24.22
<p><b>Cancer/Chemo:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen</p> <p><b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Woody Brown, Katherine Jordan, Matt Shackelford, Nancy Smith</p> <p><b>Health Issues:</b> 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</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> Nancy Cooper, Sarah Hillard, Joy Long, Jane Niethamer, Alice Northam, Jim Stevens</p> <p><b>RECUPERATING AT HOME:</b> Isabella Wheat, Judy Vaughan</p>		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
<p><b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Soren Andrews, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Roger Ferguson, Traci Greene, Carissa (Cari) Harrington, Zachary Hoover, Sissi Mise, John Rhodes, Randy Riffe, Margie Turbyfill, Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams, Sabrina Wikle</p> <p><b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Les Breen, Michelle Brown, Martin Kulik, Barry McDade, DeJuana Tackett</p> <p><b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Charles &amp; Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Herbert Paul Edwards (FL), Dewayne Haywood, Lynne Freeman, Mathew Reviere, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Tene West, Betty Wilson</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, Sue McCloy (WV), Dottie Myers (PA), Jeff Suntken, Sandy Taylor, Larry Wilkinson</p> <p><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>		
<i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>		
<b>ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)</b>		
<b>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</b>	Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Doris Courtney, Rm 105 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 113	
<b>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</b>	Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A	
<b>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</b>	Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
<b>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</b>	Jennie Lipscomb	
<b>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</b>	<i>Ellis Hall</i> , Rm 20 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13 Ruth Wallace, Rm 5	



<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	
5/1	Betty Neikirk; Susan Young; Ben Breen; Hannah Campbell
5/2	Brenda Ashe; Andrew Whitehill; Paul McFarland
5/3	Joni Neal; Jonathan Loase
5/5	Abby Strickler; Madison Goetz
5/7	Hannah Kidd
5/8	Ava Grace Naquin; Olivia Naquin
5/9	Larry Johnson; Addy Silberhorn, Tiina Shackelford
5/11	John Farrow
5/12	Jennings Naquin
5/14	Cheyenne Taylor; Mike Sage; Matt Sage
5/15	Mary Leigh
5/16	Billie Edwards
5/17	Philip Ransone
5/18	Evan Reams
5/19	Shanah-Ann Kendall Bair
5/20	Bob Blubaugh
5/21	Sid Dixon; Mark LeMay; Karen Ambrose Demyanovich
5/22	Kayla McDade
5/23	Kris Baker; Sharon Smith
5/24	Alexander Kendall
5/25	Laura Vaughan
5/27	Wendell Fletcher; Linda Ambrose Fletcher
5/28	Ellanah Daniel; Bunny Ekdahl
5/29	Milton Hudgins
5/30	Brian Lewis
5/31	Brandon Bell; Jen Smith Naquin

### **LITURGISTS**

5/1 Loreen Paiva  
 5/8 Steve Wike  
 5/15 Susannah Hogge  
 5/22 Youth  
 5/29 Shannon Minor

<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>		# yrs
5/7	Jim & Shannon Minor	17
5/10	Tom & Denise Mosca	40
5/11	Steve & Dawn McDade	26
5/20	Ron Ervi & Loreen Paiva	22
5/20	Mike & Bunny Ekdahl	8
5/22	Wilford & Kelly Kale	29
5/25	Fred & Dean Townsend	70
5/27	Donald & Debbie Rhodes	44
5/30	Shawn & Greta Rohrbach	27
5/30	Ryan & Melissa Brooks	19

### **COUNTING TEAMS**

5/1 Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty  
 5/8 Team 2: Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey  
 5/15 Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen  
 5/22 Team 4: Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins  
 5/29 Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

### **TRUSTEE CONTACTS**

5/1-5/7: Donna Andersen  
 5/8-5/14: M. E. Thomas  
 5/15-5/21: Rob Raines  
 5/22-5/28: Diana Simmons  
 5/29-6/4: Don Thomas

### **MAY ALTAR GUILD**

Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby



# May 2022

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

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 1 - 7	<b>May 1</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes)	2	3	10:00am Music Camp 7:00pm JOY Circle	10:00am 135th Anniversary Committee 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 5:00pm Media Meeting 6:30pm S/PPRC	6 7 9:00am 5:00pm May Festival
	8	9	10	9:00am Trustees 1:00pm Abingdon Women's Club 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop	13	14 8:30am 4:00pm River Country Quilters
May 8 - 14	9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes)		7:00pm Finance Committee				
	15	16	17	10:00am Music Camp 6:00pm York River Villas 7:00pm Administrative Council	9:30am Homebound Ministries 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:30am Naomi Circle	21
May 15 - 21	<b>Banner Submissions Due</b> <b>UMW Sunday</b> 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 9:30am Breakfast at the Beach 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes) 4:00pm Streets of Gold Concert						
	22	23	24	25	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:00am 4:00pm End of Watch Blood Drive	28
May 22 - 28	<b>Graduate Recognition Sunday</b> <b>Youth Participation Sunday</b> 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes)						
	29	30	31	10:00am Music Camp 6:30pm UMM Meeting @ Nick's	2	3	4
May 29 - Jun 4	9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes)	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>					