



**Bethany United Methodist Church**  
*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*  
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May 8, 2022  
 10:00 a.m.

**MOTHER'S DAY  
 STAFF RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

**WELCOME, GUESTS! We're glad you are worshipping with us today!**  
**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: Decatur Hogge  
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell  
 Altar Guild this month: Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby  
 Liturgist: Steve Wike  
 Trustee Contact this week: M. E. Thomas  
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent  
 Greeters: Sam and Kay Uhler, David Ayers  
 Counting Team: Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey

STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund	4560.00
Capital Improvement	200.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	50.00
Altar Flowers	50.00
Upper Room	2.00
Amplify Media	137.50
Craft Fair	150.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship	75
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)	35
<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>110</b>

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
5/15	<b>Team 3:</b> Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
5/22	<b>Team 4:</b> Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins
5/29	<b>Team 5:</b> Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
6/5	<b>Team 6:</b> Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

**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
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Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.
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**Intrada** *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* TFWS No. 2050

**Welcome and Announcements, Sharing Joys, Concerns, and Updates** Pastor Paul Song

**\*Call to Worship** Steve Wike

Leader: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

**People: By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.**

Leader: Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

**People: Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.**

**All: This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH No. 92

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)* UMH No. 882

**Opening Prayer** Steve Wike

**In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**Staff Recognition** Cat White, SPRC Chair

**Anthem** *A Mother Lined a Basket* Mary Nelson Keithan

**Time with Children** "Love Forever" John D. Horman  
Pastor Paul

**Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, petition "Lord, hear our prayer."** Pastor Paul Song

**The Lord's Prayer** UMH No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Offering and Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Music**

*Liebesträum No. 3 (A Dream of Love)*

Franz Liszt  
(1811-1886)

“Because I feel that in the Heavens above,  
The angels, whispering to one another,  
Can find, among their burning terms of love,  
None so devotional as that of ‘Mother’...”  
— Edgar Allan Poe, *To My Mother*

**\*Doxology**

UMH No. 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.**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Steve Wike

**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.**

**\*Gospel Reading**

John 20:24-29

Steve Wike

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Stop Doubting and Believe”

Pastor Paul Song

**\*Hymn**

*The Gift of Love*

UMH No. 408

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Paul Song

**Exodus**

*Happy the Home When God Is There*

UMH No. 445

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Steve and Dee Dee Wike, with thanksgiving for the legacy of faith instilled in us by our moms, who are in heaven this Mother’s Day.



**Post-Resurrection Message**

- 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.”

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	5.8.22
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen <b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Woody Brown, Katherine Jordan, Matt Shackelford, Nancy Smith <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 <b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Alice McGee, Jack Wallace <b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Mike Andersen, Chuck Ashe, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White <b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Nancy Cooper, Sarah Hillard, Joy Long, Alice Northam, Jim Stevens <b>RECUPERATING AT HOME:</b> Isabella Wheat, Judy Vaughan		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Soren Andrews, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Roger Ferguson, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Sissi Mise, John Rhoades, Randy Riffe, Margie Turbyfill, Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams, Sabrina Wikle <b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Les Breen, Michelle Brown, Martin Kulik, Barry McDade <b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Herbert Paul Edwards (FL), Dewayne Haywood, Lynne Freeman, Matt Iddings (PA), 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), Sandy Taylor, Larry Wilkinson <b>PRAYERS:</b> 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> )		
<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, Rm 20</i> Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13 Ruth Wallace, Rm 5	

## 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!

### DIRECTORY CHANGES

**David and Janet Chapin** are moving to Gloucester. Effective 5/13, their new address will be: 6909 Motley Landing Dr., Gloucester, VA 23061. New phone number is: 804-699-3251.

*Happy Mother’s Day! God bless all mothers!*

**We observe May as Christian Home Month, with prayers for all homes and families.**

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
<b>Tuesday, May 10</b>	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
<b>Wednesday, May 11</b>	9:00 a.m.	Trustees
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, May 12</b>	9:00 a.m.–noon	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH)
<b>Saturday, May 14</b>	8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	River Country Quilters (WBFH)
<b>Sunday, May 15</b>	9:30 a.m.	Breakfast at the Beach (see back of insert for details)
	10:00 a.m.	United Women in Faith Sunday
	4:00 p.m.	George Nelson Memorial Concert Series: Streets of Gold Gospel Quartet

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**May 15 is United Women in Faith Sunday (formerly UMW Sunday).** Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. as we celebrate this important ministry at Bethany. Guest speaker Nancy Yarbrough will present information regarding the recent name change from United Methodist Women to United Women in Faith.

**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!

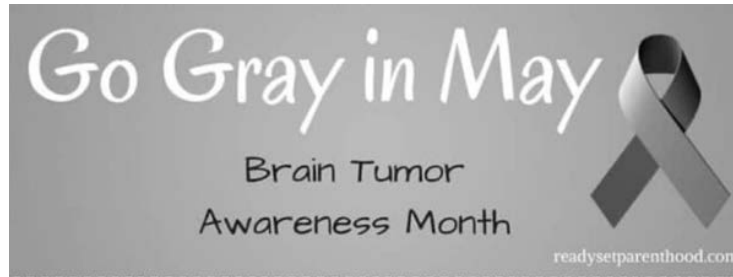
**May 22 is Graduation Sunday at Bethany, recognizing High school and College graduates.** Please send information to Kris Kent, Director of Children & Youth Ministries, including graduate’s name, name of high school or college from which student is graduating, name of college student will be attending in the fall, and college degree awarded, if student is a college graduate.

**Deadline to submit information is May 15.**



**Music Camp registration is now open! Camp dates are July 18-22, 2022 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** The camp is FREE and open to rising 6th-12th graders. Visit our website for more information and to register your student (electronically or by downloading forms). Printed forms are also available at the entrances. Space is limited to 50 students on a first come, first-served basis.

Today we honor Willie Brooks, who after years as Bethany's Lead Usher, went to reserve a seat for us all in heaven on this day in 2018. As Willie suffered from a fatal brain tumor, Milton and Jon wear a gray tie to honor him and other friends and family that were true Warriors in their fight.



#### THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for your prayers for Carissa (Cari) Harrington, who has recently been pronounced cancer-free, and for Jeff Suntken, whose surgery seems to have been successful, resulting in a much-improved pain level. What a blessing it is to know that our Bethany family is so faithful to pray for our friends and loved ones. – *Dawne Sawyer*

Thank you all for the cards, prayers, calls, and visits following the illness and passing of my mom, DeJuana Tackett. Although we miss her, we know that Mom is rejoicing, healed and happy, in the presence of our Lord and loved ones. We love and appreciate you all more than you know. – *Dee Dee Wike and family*

#### GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES

#### Streets of Gold Gospel Quartet

Sunday, May 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

The Wakefield-based quartet features Diane Lane (Tenor), Laura Spain (Baritone), Charles West (Bass), and Bethany's own Steve Wike (Lead). The group has performed throughout central Virginia since 2020, sharing the love of God and the Gospel message in song. Copies of the group's CD, "Jesus Loves Me," will be available for purchase at the concert. Concert is free; a love offering will be taken.



#### 135 Years of Bethany History

Did you know that the beautiful stained-glass windows in the sanctuary were a gift of the Will Ashe Estate, around 1940?

In the original sanctuary, the two smaller windows were located on either side of the choir loft, with the figures looking out towards the congregation ... not located in the center as they are today.

**Reminder:** Please give names and addresses of those you would like invited to our 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on 9/18/22 to either Judy Burner or Don Thomas, or place them in the HISTORIAN mail box outside the church office, as well as photographs of deceased members since our last anniversary (9/24/2017) for the memory book.



## **MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTES – 2022**

*(alphabetized by giver's last name)*

In honor of Charla Barnard  
*by Tom Barnard*

In memory of Charla's mother, Ellen Purcell and Tom's mother, Monica Barnard  
In honor of our daughter, Jill Daniel and daughter-in-law, Beth Barnard  
*by Tom and Charla Barnard*

In memory of my mother, Mae Kennedy and sister, Maxine Churchin  
In honor of my sister, Hazel Williamson  
*by Darlene Bauschatz*

In memory of Scott's mom, Yvonne George  
In honor of Dorothy Brown and Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God  
*by Regina and Scott Berry*

In memory of Jeanette Breen, Martin's mother  
In memory of Aunt Sheila and Aunt Arlene, Martin's aunts  
In honor of Angela Williams, Doe's mother  
In honor of Charlotte Cecil, Jeannie Harrell, and Sandy Fox  
In honor of Christina Hart-Perkins  
*by Martin and Doe Breen*

In honor of my Bible study ladies: Marsha Germek, Janet Chapin, Sue Morecock, Dori Luther,  
Joni Neal, Dawn Cluts, Jackie Hampton, Loreen Paiva, Ann Byrd, and Vicki Wolz  
*Love, Doe*

In memory of my mother, Josephine Hudgins  
In memory of my grandmothers, Ruth Hudgins and Gladys Callis  
In honor of my sister-in-law, Judy Hudgins  
In honor of my daughter, Krista Chase and daughter-in-law, Melissa Brooks  
In honor of my good friends – Nina Whitmore, Sharon Cheek, and Wendy Hogge  
*by Mary Linda Brooks*

In memory of our daughter, Deborah Lynn  
In honor of Naomi Circle  
In honor of and in memory of "All Mothers"  
*by Peggy & C. L. Burton*

In memory of Gladys Davis, Louise G. Byrd, and Thelma Byrd  
In honor of Laurie Flowers  
In honor of the Women of Bethany Church  
*by Ann Byrd*

In memory of Judy's mom and aunt, Gladys Driggers and Ruby Martin  
In memory of Al's mom, Dorothy Burner  
In honor of our daughter-in-law, Rachel Burner  
In honor of JOY Circle members  
*by Al and Judy Burner*

In memory of Frances Brown, my mom Victoria Baughman, Lila Garrett,  
Dollie Cecil, my sisters Vicky Whitney and Betty Thomas, Nancy Smith, and Katherine Jordan

In honor of my daughter Linda Reams, Ruth Wallace, my granddaughter Ashley Blair,  
Bonnie Cecil, Joyce Cecil Mitchell, JOY Circle, Lynne Barnes, my sister Wally Iddings,  
Doe Breen, Lacey Martin Fellowship Class, Kris Kent, Susannah Hogge, Dee Dee Wike,  
Beth Cook, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins, Peggy Burton, Dawn Cluts, Pat Hasty,  
Nina Whitmore, Donna Lane, and Dawne Sawyer  
*by Charlotte Cecil*

In memory of our Gran Gran, Josephine Hudgins  
In honor of our mom, Mary Linda Brooks  
*by Krista Chase and Ryan Brooks*

In honor of our mom, Krista Chase  
*by Keagan, Aubrey, and Logan Chase*

In honor of my wife, Krista Chase  
*by Shawn Chase*

In memory of Dorothy Clark  
*by Sharon Cheek*

In memory of my mother, Treva Pfeiffer and my mother-in-law, Ladean Cluts  
*by Dawn Cluts*

In memory of Sally Sue Nardozzi  
In honor of Sandra Sue Cook  
*by Beth A. Cook*

In memory of Totsy Kearney, Myrtle Roark, Eleanor Glaze and Ma Ping Lin  
In honor of Beverley Kearney, An-Li Hoban, and Karen Glaze  
*by Laura and Scott Glaze*

In memory of my mother, Norma Hopkins and Gene's mother, Ethel Harrell  
In honor of daughter, Lizz Epperson and grandson's wife, Samantha Rowley  
In honor of Charlotte Cecil, Judy Burner, Jane Niethamer, Sandy Fox,  
Janet Chapin, and Charla Barnard  
*by Jean Harrell*

In memory of our mothers, Marie Harvey and Laura Odell Hogge  
In honor of our granddaughters – Nicole McPherson, Tiffany Harvey, Nikki Harvey,  
Jennifer Harvey, Kirsten Corbett, Ashley Rudisill, Melodie Clark,  
Eden Blaylock, and Lauren Harvey  
*by Alan and Sandra Harvey*

In memory of my mother, Christine Kruse and grandmother, Eleanor Kruse  
In memory of mother-in-law, Thelma Carter and dear friends,  
Katherine Jordan and Alice Doggett  
*by Pat Hasty*

In memory of mother, Ada Riley Oliver and mother-in-love, Daisy Brown Heywood  
In honor of daughter, Wendy Heywood Hogge  
*by Jean O. Heywood*

In memory of our wonderful mothers, Jean Hillard and Sylvia Anthony  
In honor of our daughter, Shelley, and granddaughters, Olivia, Brooke, and Grace  
In honor of our friend, Judy Hudgins  
*by Clair and Sarah Hillard*

In memory of my mother, Pauline Phillips Diggs  
*by Judy Hudgins*

In memory of my mother Josephine Hudgins, and grandmothers,  
Ruth Hudgins and Gladys Callis  
In honor of my wife Judy, daughter-in-law Jennifer, and granddaughter Adelle  
*by Milton Hudgins*

In honor of the Mothers of My Grandchildren  
*by Mary Kaylor*

In memory of mother, Myrtle Shelton Roark and mother-in-law, Totsy Rogers Kearney  
In memory of sisters, Jacqueline Roark Paul and Brenda Roark France  
In honor of daughter Laura Glaze and daughter-in-law Genia Kearney  
*by Bev Kearney*

In memory of our mothers, Grace Shanahan and Nell Kendall  
In memory of sister, Trudy Shanahan Grimm  
In honor of the mothers of Ukraine  
In honor of Sally Kendall Gulley, Shanah Kendall Bair, and Kathy King Kendall  
*by Paul and Nancy Kendall*

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In memory of Betty Kiley, Betty Kurth, Janice Kurth  
In honor of Dee Matrayek, Mary Kiley, Jane Kiley, Genevieve Morton, Caroline Silverman,  
AnnMarie Jeffries, and Laura Price  
*by Kevin and Kris Kiley*

In memory of my mother, Daisy Rhoads and mother-in-law, Florence Luther  
In honor of daughters, Debra Gallagher and Kathie Dorick and granddaughter, Laura Mills  
*by Doris Luther*

In memory of Daisy Dickerson and Julia Niethamer  
In honor of Tapleigh Niethamer  
*by Jane and Fred Niethamer*

In memory of Bertha Arrington, Ima Gene Ervi, Effie Creamer, and Mary Alicy Maney  
In honor of Mary Jo Smith, Alice McGee, and United Methodist Women  
*by Loreen Paiva and Ron Ervi*

In memory of Clarice Carmine and Anne Langley, mother and mother-in-law  
In honor of Shannon Roane and Jessica Roane, daughters-in-law  
*by Cheryl Roane*

In memory of Louise Shackelford and Annie Lee Owens, Maxine Bayly, Alice Doggett,  
Katherine Jordan, Frances Brown, Nancy Smith, Sally Nardozi, and Nadine Tatum  
*by Rudy Shackelford*

In memory of mother Thelma M. Gilmore, grandmother Myrtle Adams,  
and grandmother Carrie Gilmore  
*by Diana Simmons*

In memory of Helen J. Thomas and Agnes Lewis Williams  
*by M.E., Brenda, and Don Thomas*

In honor of Homebound Ministries Team  
*by Dean and Fred Townsend*

In honor of Nina Whitmore  
*by Jack Whitmore*

In memory of Nina Whitmore's mother, Margaret Stevens  
In honor of Jack's mother, Ruth Whitmore and our daughter, Jaime Austin  
*by Nina and Jack Whitmore*

In memory of our mothers, DeJuana Tackett and Janet Wike  
*by Steve and Dee Dee Wike*

In honor of Robin Wilburn, mother of Norah, Iris and Grayson Nijbroek  
In honor of Dr. Maureen Peters, mother of Patrick and Claire Wilburn  
*by Nancy Wilburn*

In memory of our mothers, Patricia Wilson and Shirley Rawson  
In honor of our sisters, Mary Ann, Pauline, and Betty Jean – best moms we know  
In honor of all the wonderful mothers of Bethany UMC  
*by Rick and Gerri Wilson*

In memory of my mother, Hazel Belvin Rowe and my grandmothers, Hazel Hogge Belvin  
and Mildred Riley Rowe  
In honor of my sisters, Nan Rowe Evans and Judy Rowe Mays  
In honor of my sister-in-law Opal Brown  
In honor of Melissa Brown and Lisa Stransky Brown, mothers of my grandchildren  
*by Frances Woods*

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### **Hymn to a Good Wife**

A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds.  
Her husband trusts her without reserve, and never has reason to regret it.  
Never spiteful, she treats him generously all her life long.  
She shops around for the best yarns and cottons, and enjoys knitting and sewing.  
She's like a trading ship that sails to faraway places and brings back exotic surprises.  
She's up before dawn, preparing breakfast for her family and organizing her day.  
She looks over a field and buys it, then, with money she's put aside, plants a garden.  
First thing in the morning, she dresses for work, rolls up her sleeves, eager to get started.  
She senses the worth of her work, is in no hurry to call it quits for the day.  
She's skilled in the crafts of home and hearth, diligent in homemaking.  
She's quick to assist anyone in need, reaches out to help the poor.  
She doesn't worry about her family when it snows;  
their winter clothes are all mended and ready to wear.  
She makes her own clothing, and dresses in colorful linens and silks.  
Her husband is greatly respected when he deliberates with the city fathers.  
She designs gowns and sells them, brings the sweaters she knits to the dress shops.  
Her clothes are well-made and elegant, and she always faces tomorrow with a smile.  
When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say, and she always says it kindly.  
She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive.  
Her children respect and bless her; her husband joins in with words of praise:  
"Many women have done wonderful things, but you've outclassed them all!"  
Charm can mislead and beauty soon fades. The woman to be admired and praised  
is the woman who lives in the Fear-of-GOD. Give her everything she deserves!  
Adorn her life with praises! (Proverbs 31:10-31, *The Message*)