



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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BETHANY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 29, 2022
10:00 a.m.

**ASCENSION SUNDAY
MEMORIAL DAY**

WELCOME, GUESTS! We're glad you are worshiping 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:	Josiah Minor
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell
Altar Guild this month:	Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby
Liturgist:	Shannon Minor
Trustee Contact this week:	Don Thomas
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent
Greeters:	Jim and Betty Durette, David Ayers
Counting Team:	Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund	3637.25
Capital Improvement	200.00
Media Upgrade (Sound system)	100.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship	92
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)	74
Total in Worship	166

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
6/5	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
6/12	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
6/19	Team 2: Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey
6/26	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen

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
Dee Dee Wike, Church Office Administrator	office 804.642-2110, cell: 901.831.8534 email: admin@bethanyumc-gp.org	Mon.-Fri., 9-3
Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128 email: rfox6@cox.net	Works from home, by appt.
Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.
Kris Kent, Director of Children & Youth Ministries	office 804.642-2110, cell: 804.815.4246 email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org	Office hours: Tues.-Thurs.. 9-1

Intrada *Hail Thee, Festival Day* UMH No. 324

"Hail thee, festival day! blest day to be hallowed forever, day when our risen Lord rose in the heavens to reign."

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

Litany of Memorial Day (on the screen)

***Call to Worship** Shannon Minor

Leader: Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.
Congregation: Our life is hidden with Christ in God.
Leader: He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens, that he might fill all things.
Congregation: When Christ, our life, appears we shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!

***Hymn** *America the Beautiful* UMH No. 696

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version UMH No. 882

Opening Prayer Shannon Minor
O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Anthem *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* William Whiting
Music by John B. Dykes

Children's Church Kris Kent
(Children 4 yrs. old through 3rd grade are dismissed as congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me.")

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.

Meditation	Adagio for Strings	Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
“Word over all, beautiful as the sky, beautiful that war and all its deeds of carnage must in time be utterly lost, that the hands of the sisters Death and Night incessantly softly wash again, and ever again, this soil’d world; For my enemy is dead, a man divine as myself is dead, I look where he lies white-faced and still in the coffin – I draw near, Bend down and touch lightly with my lips the white face in the coffin.” — Walt Whitman, <i>Reconciliation (Drum-Taps)</i> , from “ <i>Leaves of Grass</i> ”		
Offering and Offertory Prayer		
Offertory Music	Power and Glory – Fraternal March introducing “Onward, Christian Soldiers” Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford	John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)
*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		Shannon Minor
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.		
New Testament Reading	Acts 1:6-11	Shannon Minor
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 28:16-20	
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“Make Disciples of All Nations”	Pastor Paul Song
*Hymn	Go, Make of All Disciples	UMH No. 571
*Benediction		Pastor Paul Song
*Closing Chorus	Shalom to You	UMH No. 666
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.		
Exodus	Let There Be Peace on Earth	UMH No. 431

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	5.29.22
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen GRIEVING: Families of Woody Brown, Katherine Jordan, Matt Shackelford, Nancy Smith 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 HOSPITALIZED: Isabella Wheat (ICU, Riverside Regional) PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, Chuck Ashe, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Nancy Cooper, Sarah Hillard, Joy Long, Alice Northam, Jim Stevens RECUPERATING AT HOME: Judy Vaughan, Ruth Wallace UPCOMING SURGERY: Jeannie Meisner (TBD)			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: 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 GRIEVING: Families of Les Breen, Michelle Brown, Ted Fisher, Mike Harrison, Martin Kulik HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Herbert Paul Edwards (FL), Lynne Freeman, Dewayne Haywood, Matt Iddings (PA), Mathew Reviere, Tim Sullivan, 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), 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</i> , Kevin Jacobs, <i>Cory Long</i> (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, <i>Bowdy Schrader</i> , Jim Minor, all members of the military.			
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		Ellis Hall, Rm 20 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13	

May 3, 2022

To the Pastor and Congregation of Bethany Methodist Church;

The AARP Tax-Aide Program volunteers that staff this site thank you for the use of your facility for the past several months.

This tax season has been another one of challenges. In October when we began our planning the COVID virus was spreading quickly. The IRS and TaxAide Program management all set requirements on what procedures we had to follow. The Committee at Bethany Methodist saw the need for our service and allowed us to return to rooms in the church. Our required process was much like last year and required 3 visits to the church. One to receive the intake forms and set up a return appointment. Two; to return for scanning documents into the computer and to make another appointment to return and pick up the completed return. Councilors did the return at home during the week and then reviewed the return with the client the following week.

As you know, our normal process is based on in-person tax return preparation where the taxpayer and the councilors are together for the preparation and checking of the return. In spite of the required inefficiencies this year we were able to do 183 returns for 2021, 6 returns for 2020 and 1 return for 2018. As a measure of our success, the program is comparing returns done this year with the number done in 2019, pre-pandemic. Gloucester point was at 64%, our District 11 was at 57% and was best in the state of Virginia. Nationally the TaxAide Program helped with about 1 million returns, which is about half of pre-pandemic levels.

Our District 11 is the largest in the state in land area and the smallest in the number of volunteers and returns filed. We did tax returns this year at the Gloucester Court House Library, the Cryer Center in Deltaville, Immanuel Baptist Church in Saluda, Bethany Methodist Church and Mathews Library. The Court House crew does taxes on most Saturdays as well. Our site had people come from as far away as New Kent County, Shacklefords, Mathews County and York County.

We hope that by next year things will be closer to normal and look forward to continuing our service to local taxpayers and thank you again for the use of your facility.



Jeff Breaks, Local Coordinator AARP Tax-Aide Program
Volunteers: Joan Gattuso, Pauline Reimold, Steve Snyder, Wynne Beale and Cathy Barefoot.

Also: If any members of the congregation are interested in learning more about helping with this TaxAide Program next year, please see Jeff Breaks.

Today’s altar flowers are given for the glory of God in honor of our mom, Dawne and in memory of our dad, Tom Sawyer on their anniversary, May 26, and also to honor Matthew’s graduation from Norfolk Collegiate School on May 27.
With grateful hearts — *Deniece, Joe, and family*

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
Monday, May 30		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 31	6:30 p.m.	United Methodist Men (Nick’s, Gloucester Point)
Wednesday, June 1	10:00 a.m.	135th Anniversary Committee (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, June 2	9:00 a.m.–noon	Bazaar Workshop (Lacey Martin)
Sunday, June 5	4:00 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting (WBFH)

United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet on Tuesday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Nick’s Spaghetti & Steak House, Gloucester Point. Guest speaker will be Chris Hutson, Gloucester Point County Supervisor. All men are welcome. For more information, contact Alan Harvey (804-684-2790) or Milton Hudgins (804-642-5622).

JOY CIRCLE - We will be meeting on Tuesday, June 7 at 6:10 p.m. in the front church parking lot. We will be going to 3 Amigos in Yorktown for supper. Please contact Judy Burner if you'd like to attend. All ladies of the church are welcome.

BETHANY TOWN HALL MEETING
Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 p.m., Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall

Please plan to join us for this informational meeting about the current issues of human sexuality and proposals in the United Methodist Church.



Music Camp registration is now open! Camp dates are July 18-22 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.

135 Years of Bethany History

Did you know that both Bessie Conner and her brother Stuart Conner were Bethany Choir directors? Bessie served from ca. 1954 until 1958 and Stuart from 1972 to 1976.

Reminder: Please give names and addresses of those you would like invited to our 135th 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.

FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Pastors, Lay Leaders, and Laity!

We hope and pray that this email finds you well.

As we prepare to host the 240th session of the Virginia Annual Conference, we do so with great anticipation and honor. We have not had an in-person Annual Conference for the past three years, and that is what makes this year's Annual Conference special. As hosts, we can all take pride in ensuring that we provide the kind of hospitality that is only worthy of the York River District. We, therefore, solicit your help. To date, we have only a fraction of the volunteers that are needed to knock hosting this year's Annual Conference out of the park. Offering yourself as a volunteer would make a huge difference.

Here is how we can knock hosting this year's Annual Conference out of the park.

- 1) Pray for a blessed Annual Conference.
- 2) Go to the District website. Locate the Sign-up Genius and sign up (if you are in doubt, call Lisa in the District Office).
- 3) Volunteer for 1, 2, 3 ... hours.
- 4) If you are still in doubt, contact Lisa in the District Office and inquire about available opportunities.

Blessings to you!

Rev. Charles F. Ledlum-Bates, PhD

District Superintendent, Rappahannock & York River Districts of the United Methodist Church

**FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTES
2022 Order Form**

You have an opportunity to honor or memorialize your Father, Uncle, Grandfather, Brother, friend, etc. for Father's Day. The proceeds (\$1 per name) from this fundraiser will benefit United Women in Faith Missions.

To participate, COMPLETE THIS FORM, include your payment, and drop in the offering plate or mail/deliver to the church office by the deadline.

DEADLINE for inclusion in the FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN is SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH.

(Make checks payable to Bethany UMW, write "Father's Day" in the memo.)

(Please PRINT clearly)

Your Name and Phone Number / Email Address:

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