



**Bethany United Methodist Church**

*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*

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**BETHANY**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 24, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**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.

**HEARING DEVICES:** Need to hear the service better? See one of our ushers for a hearing device.

*\*Please stand as you are able. And it's okay to sit.*

— *As the music begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.* —

**Intrada** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past (St. Anne)* William Croft (1708)

UMH No. 117

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

**\*Call to Worship** Kate Neikirk

Leader: God calls the church to pray.

**Congregation: Prayer opens our hearts to God.**

Leader: Prayer ushers us into God's presence.

**Congregation: God calls the church to pray.**

Leader: Prayer reminds us of our weakness.

**Congregation: Prayer connects us to God's strength.**

Leader: God calls the church to pray.

**Congregation: Prayer reorients us to our source.**

Leader: Prayer invites us to humility and obedience.

**All: With one voice and heart, we lift our prayers to God!**

**\*Hymn** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* UMH No. 147

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* UMH No. 881

**Opening Prayer** Kate Neikirk

**Holy God, we thank you for the example of Jesus who made prayer the bedrock of his life and taught us to do the same. Through prayer he received strength to choose faithfulness rather than give in to temptation. Through prayer he remained connected to you and was sustained by your Spirit for the tasks of ministry. Through prayer he healed, taught, forgave and called. Through prayer he met the trials of life with grace, refusing to react in anger, blame or condemnation. Merciful Savior, grant us a deeper desire for prayer as we seek to follow Christ's example. In his name, we pray. Amen.**

**Anthem** Music Camp Presentation

**Children's Time** Kris Kent

**VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY**

Acolyte:	Aidan Dumbrocyo
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell
Altar Guild this month:	Peggy Lewis, Laura Glaze, Laura Vaughan
Liturgist:	Kate Neikirk
Trustee Contact this week:	Don Thomas
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent
Greeters:	Bethany Children and Youth
Counting Team:	Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty

STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund (\$75, M. Lewis memorial)	1670.00
Capital Improvement Fund	150.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	5.00
Endowment Fund (\$30, M. Lewis memorial)	30.00
Bazaar	30.00
Vacation Bible School	50.00
Music Camp (3rd qtr grant pmt)	500.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship	78
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)	30
<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>108</b>

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
<b>7/31</b>	<b>Team 2:</b> Betty and Chip Neikirk, Sandra Harvey
<b>8/7</b>	<b>Team 3:</b> Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
<b>8/14</b>	<b>Team 4:</b> Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins
<b>8/21</b>	<b>Team 5:</b> Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

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**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** *Fugue in E-flat Major, “St. Anne”* Johann Sebastian Bach  
 Celebrating the Feast of St. Anne, July 26th (1685-28 July 1750)

**Offertory Music** *Prelude on “St. Anne”* Rudy Shackelford  
 In memory of Louise Shackelford, born 27 July 1911 (composed 1965)

**\*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** Kate Neikirk  
**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** Luke 11:1-13 Kate Neikirk  
 The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Does Your Prayer Work?” Pastor Paul Song

**\*Hymn** *Jesus Loves Me* UMH No. 191

**\*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** *Rejoice in God’s Saints* William Croft (1708)  
 UMH No. 708

Over the past year, the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund has allowed us to provide rent/mortgage, utilities, lodging, and other emergency aid totaling nearly \$8,800 to 41 families in our community. Your generosity has made that possible and is needed now to replenish the fund so that we can continue meeting the needs of our neighbors in these challenging times. Will you help? Thank you!

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	7.24.22
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen			
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Marshall Lewis, Matt Shackelford, Isabella Wheat			
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, David Chapin, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Jimmy Greene, Sandra Hollins, Bonnie Lewis, Sue Morecock, Peggy Peterman (NC), Debbie Robins, Rosemarie Tong, Sandie Wharen			
<b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Alice McGee, Jack Wallace			
<b>HOSPITALIZED:</b> Linwood Rowe (Riverside Regional)			
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Mike Andersen, Chuck Ashe, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White			
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Jeannie Harrell, Joy Long, Jeannie Meisner, Jim Stevens			
<b>RECUPERATING AT HOME:</b> Judy Vaughan, Ruth Wallace			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Roger Ferguson, Jackie Gibbs, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Sissi Mise, John Rhoades, Randy Riffe, Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams, Sabrina Wikle			
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Mike Harrison, Naomi Hogge			
<b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Jean Bassett (NC), Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Herbert Paul Edwards (FL), Dewayne Haywood, 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> Juanita Duncan, 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>		Ellis Hall, Rm 20 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13	

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**MID-YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE** – The Finance Committee thanks everyone for your generosity during the first half of this year, especially for your support of the Media Upgrade project.

At mid-year (June 30th), budget income is 47% of the 2022 budget total of \$312,470. Some of the early offerings were the result of required individual IRA distributions sent directly to Bethany as a one-time yearly offering. We can't expect this dollar amount in the second half of the year. To meet the budget at year end, the average Sunday offering needs to be \$6,400.

With the economic slowdown and groceries and gas prices increasing, we realize these are tough times for our congregation. The Finance Committee will continue to monitor the budget and provide updates. – *Jack Whitmore*, Finance Chair



**ALL ABOOAARRDD!! Registration is underway for Rocky Railway VBS August 7-11 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.**

VBS is open to 4-year-olds through rising 5th graders. Register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/084703>, or pick up a registration brochure at church.



**NOTE ON MUSIC FOR SAINT ANNE**

Saint Anne is the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and her feast day is celebrated on July 26th. St. Anne is also the patron saint of housewives, women in labor, cabinet makers, and miners. Her emblem is a door, and her name derives from the Hebrew Hannah, meaning “grace.”

Martin Luther’s father was a miner, but sent his son to university in Erfurt to study law. Returning there from a visit home in July 1505, the future Reformer was almost struck by lightning and cried out, “Help, St. Anne! I will become a monk.”

Saint Anne is also the name of the well-known English hymn tune to which *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* is usually sung. This melody is attributed to William Croft (1678-1727), who was Organist of Saint Anne’s Church in London at the time of its publication, circa 1708.

The custom of nicknaming J. S. Bach’s *Fugue in E-flat Major*, BWV 552, “Saint Anne” seems to have originated in England, perhaps because the fugue subject is identical to the first seven notes of Croft’s tune. Although this hymn tune appeared more than 30 years before the publication of Bach’s masterpiece, there is no reason to suppose that the relationship is anything more than coincidental.

As a devout Christian, Bach also encoded theological concepts in his music, all of which is dedicated *Soli Deo Gloria*: “To God alone the glory!” The “*St. Anne*” *Fugue* exploits the number 3, symbolizing the Trinity. The key signature of E-flat major has three flats, and the entire *Fugue* is divided into three distinct sections, each with its own subject personifying the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The Three Persons-in-One dance together as Bach’s sublime *Fugue* reaches its grand finale!

– *Rudy Shackelford*

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers are given today for the glory of God by Jeannie Harrell in celebration of three very special birthdays – Jeannie’s on 7/23, daughter Lizz’s on 7/26, and granddaughter Dawn’s birthday on 7/30.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

<b>Tuesday, July 26</b>	1:00-7:00 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive (WBFH)
	6:00 p.m.	York River Villas (Lacey Martin)
<b>Wednesday, July 27</b>	9:30 a.m.	Homebound Ministries (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting (WBFH)
<b>Thursday, July 28</b>	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH)
	12:00 p.m.	UWIF Prayer & Self-Denial (WBFH)
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Summer Scriptures and Fun (WBFH)



Bethany UMC will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in the fellowship hall on **Tuesday, July 26th from 1:00-7:00 p.m.** Appointments are required. To sign up, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH** – Naomi and JOY circles will meet in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, July 28 at 12:00 p.m.**, immediately following the Bazaar Workshop. Prayer and Self-Denial will be the program, along with World Thank Offering. If you have been using the little boxes for World Thank Offering, please bring them with you.

**135 Years of Bethany History**

Did you know that on the evening of Saturday, January 16, 1982, the original Bethany church building was completely destroyed by a devastating fire?

It is believed that the origin of the fire was due to the partially clogged flue opening from the furnace to the chimney, causing hot gases and intense heat to build up between the chimney and its adjacent wall. Two Mormon missionaries noticed the billowing, black smoke pouring from the eaves of the church and notified a resident of the mobile home court nearby, who then called the Dispatcher’s Office at 8:52 p.m.