



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

July 31, 2022
10:00 a.m.

8TH 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. —

Prelude *The Solid Rock* Music by William B. Bradbury
Trish Rowe, pianist

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

***Call to Worship** (based on Philippians 4:19-20) Betty Neikirk
Leader: Our God will supply every need of ours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
People: To our God be glory forever and ever.
Leader: Come, let us bring God our needs this day,
People: To our God be glory forever and ever.

***Hymn** *My Jesus, I Love Thee* UMH No. 172
***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version) UMH No. 882

Opening Prayer Betty Neikirk
Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
You created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such
piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish desire or passion may hinder us from knowing
your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find
perfect freedom. Help us to live a life of generosity upon your abundance so that we may be your
means of bringing life to our brothers and sisters who hunger for your presence of hope and love. In
Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem *I Can Only Imagine* Bart Millard
Carter Roane, soloist

Children's Time Kirk Bell & Susannah Hogge

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

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Baum Hogge
Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell
Altar Guild this month: Peggy Lewis, Laura Glaze, Laura Vaughan
Liturgist: Betty Neikirk
Trustee Contact this week: Milton Hudgins
Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent
Greeters: Charlotte Cecil, David Ayers
Counting Team: Betty and Chip Neikirk, Sandra Harvey

STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund (\$590, M. Lewis memorial)	6744.59
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	555.00
Offset Online Donation Fees	5.00
Altar Flowers	100.00
Upper Room	7.00
Homebound Ministries	250.00
Children/Youth Ministries	200.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship	94
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)	31
Total in Worship	125

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
8/7	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
8/14	Team 4: Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins
8/21	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
8/28	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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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.		
Offertory Music	Higher Ground	John Oatman, Jr.
*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		Betty 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 12:13-21	Betty Neikirk
The Word of God for the people of God.		
Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“Generosity Is the Answer”	Pastor Paul Song
*Hymn	The Voice of God Is Calling	UMH No. 436
*Benediction		Pastor Paul Song
*Closing Chorus		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.		
Postlude	To God Be the Glory	Fanny J. Crosby

Upcoming Sermon Series

“New Normal after COVID-19 Pandemic”

August 7 — Re-member. Deuteronomy 8:11-20

August 14 — Re-affirm. Matthew 16:13-20

August 21— Re-connect. Hebrews 10: 19-25

September 4— Re-turn. Joel 2:12-20

September 11— Re-form Ephesians 4:17-24

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	7.24.22
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen		
GRIEVING: Families of Marshall Lewis, Matt Shackelford, Isabella Wheat		
HEALTH ISSUES: Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, David Chapin, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Jimmy Greene, Sandra Hollins, Bonnie Lewis, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Peggy Peterman (NC), Debbie Robins, Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen		
HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Alice McGee, Jack Wallace		
HOSPICE: Alice McGee		
HOSPITALIZED: Lonnie Byrd (Riverside Walter Reed), Linwood Rowe (Riverside Regional)		
PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, Chuck Ashe, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Darlene Bauschatz, Jeannie Harrell, Joy Long, Jeannie Meisner, Jim Stevens		
RECUPERATING AT HOME: Ruth Wallace		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
CANCER/CHEMO: Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Roger Ferguson, Jackie Gibbs, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Sissi Mise, Randy Riffe, Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams, Sabrina Wikle		
GRIEVING: Families of Naomi Hogge, John Rhoades		
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: 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, Robert & Ruth Yoder		
HOSPICE: William Ervi		
PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Juanita Duncan, 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, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>		
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	

Please contact the church office (804-642-2110, admin@bethanyumc-gp.org) with your prayer updates or requests. We are happy to pray for you & appreciate your help updating our list.

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

PASTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND — 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!



THE SALVATION ARMY
Stuff the Bus
School Supplies List
August 5-7th



Please consider donating any of the below *needed supplies* for the upcoming school year.

- ✓ BLACK SHARPIE

✓ BOX OF TISSUES

✓ CALCULATORS

✓ COLOR MARKERS

✓ COLOR PENCILS

✓ COMPOSITION BOOKS

✓ CRAYONS

✓ DRY ERASE MARKERS

✓ FOLDERS WITH POCKETS

✓ FOLDERS W/ POCKETS & PRONGS

✓ GLUE STICKS & LIQUID

✓ HAND SANITIZER

✓ HIGHLIGHTERS
- ✓ INDEX CARDS 3 X 5

✓ MECHANICAL PENCILS

✓ NOTEBOOK PAPER

✓ PENCILS #2

✓ PENCIL ERASERS

✓ PENCIL SHARPENERS

✓ PENS – BLACK / BLUE / RED

✓ 3 RING BINDERS (1 INCH)

✓ RULERS

✓ SCISSORS

✓ SCOTCH TAPE

✓ SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS

✓ SUPPLY BOXES

BOOK BAGS NEEDED



Maria Post- Gloucester Service Center
7059 Linda Circle, Hayes, VA 23072
Ph. 804-642-3960
Antonia.post@uss.salvationarmy.org

Gloucester Walmart
August 5-7th

Supplies may also be dropped
off by Monday, August 15th at:
The Salvation Army
Gloucester Service Center
7059 Linda Circle
Hayes, VA 23072

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given today for the glory of God by Debbie Robins in celebration of Bernard’s birthday.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
Monday, August 1	5:30 p.m.	The Points HOA (WBFH)
Tuesday, August 2	7:00 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting (WBFH)
Wednesday, August 3	10:00 a.m.	135th Anniversary Committee (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, August 4	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH)
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Summer Scriptures and Fun (WBFH)
	6:30 p.m.	S/PPRC (Mary Lotsey)
Sunday, August 7- Thursday August 11	5:30-8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Post-COVID Recovery Group (PRG) will meet immediately following today’s service in the Mary Lotsey classroom.

Due to the recent increase in COVID cases in our community and in our congregation, we would like to remind our Bethany family to practice social distancing, mask as needed, and follow CDC quarantine guidelines. If you have COVID, please stay home and quarantine as necessary. If you feel ill and think you may have COVID, we encourage you to remain at home until you are feeling better. If you are unvaccinated, please mask up. Sadly, this is still something we have to deal with, and we want to do so gracefully for the health and welfare of our Bethany family and those who visit our church. Thank you.

VBS NEEDS AND NEWS

Please kindly pick up a VBS food donation card from the tables in the main hallway and in the narthex. Food for our VBS dinners can be brought to the kitchen and placed in the fridge, freezer or on the counter. Thank you for your generosity!

This is it!!! Our last VBS meeting before the Rocky Railway boards all its passengers. If you can help with VBS, or are already on the Railway Team, please come to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, 8/2 at 7:00 p.m. All Youth Helpers should definitely attend to sign the “VBS Code of Conduct” and have their positions assigned. Contact Conductor Kris at 804-815-4246 to get on board for this fun and important event!

Summer Scriptures and Fun for all 3rd through 12th graders will meet on Thursday, August 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall for Dinner, a Bible Lesson and VBS prep! See you then!



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. Registration ends August 1.



Mark your calendars and join us for these 135th Anniversary events!

August 21, 4 p.m. – Bill Gurley concert

August 28, 10 a.m. – Rev. Christina Hart-Perkins will deliver the message.

Month of September – Bethany's history on display in Mary Lotsey classroom

September 17 – Bonfire/Cookout at the home of Rob & Cathy Raines. Details TBA.

September 18 – 10 a.m.

135th Anniversary Celebration with guest preacher and former Pastor, Rev. Debbie Marion, followed by covered dish fellowship luncheon in WBFH

135 Years of Bethany History

The Fire (01/16/82, Continued): Did you know that the Fire Department's efforts to battle the blaze were thwarted by freezing temperatures and a thick crust of snow and ice covering the ground?

Water from hoses and hydrants caused ladders, walkways, and the roof itself to ice over. Members and on-lookers watched as firemen hosed down the stained glass windows to protect them from the heat. Except for minor warping, the windows, miraculously, were saved.

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR RESUMES THIS WEEK!

The Chancel Choir will resume weekly rehearsals starting **Wednesday, August 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** and **WE NEED YOU!** We invite singers of all voices — soprano, alto, tenor and bass — to join us as we rehearse for Sunday worship and begin working on our Christmas cantata. No auditions or music reading skills required! If you can sing in the shower or in your car, you can sing in Bethany's choir! We guarantee you will love the fellowship!



Thank you for all the love and prayers for my parents, Marshall & Bonnie Lewis. They loved Bethany and their church family. – and – a special thank you to all of the "kitchen ladies" for a lovely reception. Fondly, *Marsha Morgan*