



Bethany Banner

August 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

www.bethanyumc-gp.org



ALL ABOARD!

Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School

for 4-year-olds thru rising 5th graders

August 7-11 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Light Dinner from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

VBS Program from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Climb aboard for mountains of fun! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Register online at: <https://vbspro.events/p/084703>.

Registration ends 8/1.

Call Conductor Kris at 804-815-4246 for more information.

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

Bethany's New Normal

A year ago at this time, when the COVID-19 pandemic was still strongly impacting us, I called for Bethany Leadership Group Formation, to facilitate how we prepare for the mission and ministry of the church during and after the pandemic time. Our goal was to meet for prayer, discernment and planning, and reading a book, *The Post Quarantine Church*, written by Thom S. Rainer, a church consultant and author of several books. Twelve to fourteen leaders of the church met weekly via Zoom for seven weeks. The report of this group was shared in our September 2021 church newsletter, and shared with ministry groups as well. The report is posted again in the *Bethany Banner* this month. Please read it so that you may see a vision of mission and ministry of Bethany through and after the pandemic time, and what a new normal would be like in the life of our church.

This year, our new normal begins with our thanksgiving to God as we celebrate our anniversary on September 18th. Bethany has witnessed to God for 135 years serving people and the community. Our celebration begins on August 28th with one of our own former members, ordained pastor Rev. Christina M. Hart-Perkins, as the guest preacher for worship. On September 18th, former Bethany pastor, Rev. Debbie Marion, will preach the sermon during our worship service. Afterwards we will gather for a covered-dish luncheon in the fellowship hall. Our anniversary team has planned for other programs and activities, which are listed in this month's newsletter.

Digital ministry is going to be a new normal at Bethany. We have planned to upgrade audio/visual tools to extend ministry not only to our congregation but also the community. As of this month, our audio system has been upgraded and our video system is projected to be completed by the middle of September, with new digital displays — two in the front and one in the back, with computerized system—to replace our current standing screen. With upgraded digital tools, we are able to livestream our worship, and to improve our ministries in person, as well as virtually, in all age groups.

Two Sunday worship services will be our new normal. Before the pandemic, Bethany church used to offer two worship services on Sunday. Our new

normal will be different in terms of worship. Beginning in September, with the exception of September 18, we will offer two different styles of worship — informal worship at 8:30 a.m., traditional worship at 11:00 a.m., with weekly Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 am. Our vision is to reach out to more diverse people so that they can come to the style of worship that they prefer. It is for missional purposes that we will return to two worship services in different styles.

Based on our discernment during Bethany Leadership Formation, we continue to see where God is leading us, to new challenges and opportunities, for the new normal to which we are called to respond faithfully, trusting that the life, mission, and ministry of Bethany is upon God. Glory be to God.

“It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.” (Philippians 2:13, NIV)

Grace,

Pastor Paul

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 assistance totaling nearly \$8,800 to 41 families in our community. Your generosity has made that possible and is needed now to replenish the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund so that we can continue meeting the needs of our neighbors in these challenging times. Will you help? Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES – Friday, August 26, 9:30 a.m. – Come join the fun and help us cook for some of our members. Deliverers are needed also!

BAZAAR NEWS – The Bazaar Bunch has been very busy! We have completed a wide array of items for your consideration on November 12. We have floral arrangements, wreaths for all seasons, snowmen, nautical items, ornaments and many other creative items. We will have baked goods, pickles, and preserves the day of the Bazaar.

We are planning to have the following shops at this year's Bazaar: Country Kitchen and Bake Shop, Yarn Shop, Wreath Shop, Art Gallery, E.T.C. , and Vintage and Collectibles (and perhaps others!). Tell your friends to mark November 12 on their calendars! (Put any items for Vintage and Collectibles in the room next to the Nursery.)

We can still use your help - any Thursday from 9:00 to 12:00!

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!



SUMMER SCRIPTURES AND FUN



We are continuing our "Summer Scriptures and Fun" in August! Come beat the heat on Thursday, August 4th, 18th and 25th from 6pm to 8pm. All rising third through twelfth graders are invited to bring a friend and join in the fun! Also...adult volunteers are needed. Contact Ms. Kris for more details. 804-815-4246



Come to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall **Sunday, August 21st**, following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, for our **Summer Lemonade Sale!** All proceeds benefit CHKD and the work they do for kids in Hampton Roads! Enjoy a cup of lemonade, a summery snack and a smile with our Bethany UMC kids!



135TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Several events have been planned prior to our actual Celebration on September 18. We hope you can join us for these special happenings:

August 21 - 4 p.m.

Pam and Bill Gurley will perform in concert - love offering will be taken.

August 28 - 10 a.m.

Our own Christina Hart-Perkins will deliver the message.

September

Stop by the Mary Lotsey Classroom during the month of September to enjoy the history of Bethany on display.

September 17

Bonfire/Cookout at the home of Cathy and Rob Raines
– times and details to be announced later

September 18

10 a.m. - 135th Anniversary Celebration with Rev. Debbie Marion preaching
11:30 a.m. - Covered dish meal for 135th Anniversary

Bill Gurley Concert
Sunday, August 21 — 4:00 p.m.



Bill Gurley, a local legendary instrumentalist, singer, and songwriter, will perform at Bethany UMC on **Sunday, August 21, at 4:00 p.m.** The concert will kick off a month-long celebration of the church's 135th anniversary. The event is free and all are welcome! Invite a friend and join us for an afternoon of great music!

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

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	7.24.22
<p>CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen</p> <p>GRIEVING: Families of Marshall Lewis, Matt Shackelford, Isabella Wheat</p> <p>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, Sandie Wharen</p> <p>HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Alice McGee, Jack Wallace</p> <p>HOSPITALIZED: Linwood Rowe (Riverside Regional)</p> <p>PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, Chuck Ashe, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White</p> <p>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Darlene Bauschatz, Jeannie Harrell, Joy Long, Jeannie Meisner</p> <p>RECUPERATING AT HOME: Judy Vaughan, Ruth Wallace</p>		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
<p>CANCER/CHEMO: 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</p> <p>GRIEVING: Families of Mike Harrison, Naomi Hogge</p> <p>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</p> <p>HOSPICE: William Ervi</p> <p>PARKINSON'S: Janet Burch (KY)</p> <p>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Juanita Duncan, Boone Kohen, Sue McCloy (WV), Dottie Myers (PA), Sandy Taylor, Larry Wilkinson</p> <p>PRAYERS: Randy Wilson, Kwame & Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Alli Razzaghi, Kasie Hall</p>		
BUMC'S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)		
<p><i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i></p>		
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)		
<p>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</p>	<p>Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Doris Courtney, Rm 105 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 113</p>	
<p>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</p>	<p>Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A</p>	
<p>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</p>	<p>Pauline Harris, Apt. 130</p>	
<p>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</p>	<p>Jennie Lipscomb</p>	
<p>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</p>	<p><i>Ellis Hall, Rm 20</i> Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13</p>	

Marshall Lewis, longtime Bethany member and husband of Bonnie Lewis, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 6. Please keep Bonnie and the rest of their family in your prayers.

August

BIRTHDAYS	
8/1	Loreen Paiva
8/2	Patricia Kidd
8/3	Linda Hall
8/4	Dylan Cichy, Jaime Austin, Sandy Fox
8/5	Jim Sterling
8/6	Tyler Tillage, David Tillage, Linwood Rowe
8/8	Jay White
8/9	Sandy Riggan, Mark Nichols, Jeremy Nardozi, Sebastian Brock
8/10	Carol Johnson, Keagan Chase, Denise Campbell
8/11	Billy Davis, Jimmy Greene
8/12	Blair Hasty
8/13	Ashley Hornsby
8/14	Alyson Hoover, Johnathan Williams, Josh Morris
8/15	Kate Neikirk
8/16	"B.J." McDaniel
8/17	Bob Wharen
8/18	Nick LeMay
8/19	Rev. Steve Young
8/20	Nancy White, Nakita Barber, Summer Bayly, Ted Hoover, K.D. Cooper, Carter Thompson
8/21	Britton Hogge, Alec Daniel, Steve McDade
8/22	Meredith Hogge
8/23	Jordan Cluts
8/24	Whitney Hodges, Jason Leigh
8/26	Bridget Polk
8/27	Dawne Sawyer, Jim Durette
8/28	David Belvin, Jack Whitmore
8/29	Kristen Sawyer, Donna Lane
8/30	McKenzie Hasty
8/31	Tom Barnard

	ANNIVERSARIES	# yrs
8/1	David & Janet Chapin	53
8/5	Mike & Diana Simmons	55
8/7	Jonathan & Leanna West	18
8/10	Paul & Stacie Martin	26
8/10	Nathan & Rev. Christina Hart-Perkins	21
8/11	Adam & Catherine White	16
8/17	Jeff & Donna Lane	48
8/17	Duane & Julie Bayly	18
8/17	Mitchell & Barbara Dunston	64
8/18	Vernon & Sue McDaniel	32
8/28	Jimmy & Kathleen Greene	51
8/28	Billy & Wendy Hogge	46
8/29	Rev. Braxton & Cathie Allport	58
8/31	Lewis & Rev. Debbie Marion	26

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

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

July 31-August 6: Milton Hudgins
 August 7-13: Donna Lane
 August 14-20: Tom Barnard
 August 21-27: Donna Andersen
 August 28-September 3: M.E. Thomas

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 8/7 Lorraine Brown
 8/14 VBS Sunday
 8/21 Jeannie Harrell
 8/28 Jon & Kris Kent

LITURGISTS

- 8/7 Doe Breen
 8/14 TBD
 8/21 Sandra Harvey
 8/28 Youth

ALTAR GUILD

Kathy Jacobs, Sandra Harvey, Nancy Kendall

August 2022

August 2022							September 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jul 31 - Aug 6	Jul 31	Aug 1 5:00pm The Points HOA	2	3 10:00am 135th Anniversary Committee 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 6:00pm 8:00pm Summer Scriptures and Fun 6:30pm S/PPRC	5	6
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Aug 7 - 13	Communion Sunday 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes) 5:30pm 8:00pm Vacation Bible School	5:30pm 8:00pm Vacation Bible School	5:30pm 8:00pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Finance Committee	5:30pm 8:00pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 5:30pm 8:00pm Vacation Bible School		
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Aug 14 - 20	9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes)	Banner Submissions Due	6:00pm York River Villas	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 6:00pm 8:00pm Summer Scriptures and Fun		
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Aug 21 - 27	9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship 11:00am 12:00pm CHKD LemonAid Fundraiser 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes) 4:00pm Bill Gurley Concert			7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 6:00pm 8:00pm Summer Scriptures and Fun	9:30am Homebound Ministries	8:30am 4:00pm River Country Quilters
	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3
Aug 28 - Sep 3	Youth Participation Sunday 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth/Young Adult) 10:00am Worship (Rev. Christina Hart-Perkins) 11:00am Sunday School (Adult Classes)			7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			

Challenge 6: Make Lasting Changes That Will Make a Difference.

- New Normal – two things will never change: God’s wisdom and faithfulness.
 - Celebrate accomplishments – Phone ministry, YouTube, Large screen in sanctuary, upgrading A/V capabilities.
 - Change mindset – what church should be?
- Seven ways to lead for lasting change:
 1. Remind people of their biblical hope.
 2. Remember cultural change comes last.
 3. Visible action steps are essential.
 4. Allies are still imperative.
 5. Communication must increase exponentially.
 6. Leaders must be willing to accept membership losses.
 7. Leaders must align with the future.

Bethany Leadership Formation Group.

“The Post- quarantine Church:
Six Urgent Challenges + Opportunities.”
By Thom S Rainer.

July 29~September 7, 2021

Challenge 1: Gather Differently and Better.

- Birthday room (paint and decorate room for children in the community).
- Cooling Center during hot weather.
- Pair with County Parks and Recreation(Adult Yoga, etc).
- Home- school Groups (use indoor or outdoor facilities).
- Alternate time and day for worship.
- AA or other groups (need mutual covenant, signed agreement).
- Music Camp for Children.
- Family Game Nights.
- Musical Teens --- place to gather to play instruments.
- Drive-in Movies.
- Speakers from Community.

Challenge 2: Seize Your Opportunity to Reach the Digital World.

- Give "feedback" on YouTube.
- Website connected to YouTube.
- Facebook/ YouTube.
- Consider ways to reach younger people on YouTube.
- Website for comment & prayer request.
- Live Streaming.
- Record Easter Sunrise service to show during worship.
- Online worship service to members in assisted living home.
- Record testimonials of those in Nursing home.
- Post to Facebook and Instagram.
- Survey young people for ideas.

Challenge 4: Take Prayer to a New and Powerful Level.

- Prayer as a relationship/intimacy with God.
- Prayer as expression through words and emotion.
- Prayer as rest in the presence of God.
- Prayer as silence, contemplative.
- Set a regular time for prayer- three-week challenge, routine.
- Make prayer a priority for church health.
- Prayer in digital -text, call list, email, Facebook, Youtube, Conference call box, and Zoom.
- Prayer request via Facebook, BUMC website.
- Prayer group in regular schedule.
- "God, what are you calling us to do?", "what do you want to accomplish through us?"
- Daily prayer of discernment.
- Use the Lord's Prayer for model of all prayers.

Challenge 3: Reconnect with the Community Near Your Church.

- Connect with members and neighbors.
- Keep church life simple, doing most important ministries.
- Prayer Ministry.
- Intentional about sharing the Gospel.
- Members connect with people in neighborhood.
- Visit website of other churches to improve Bethany website.
- Speaker from Mental Health support group.
- Many people visit website before coming to church in person.
- Consider ad on Facebook.
- Bulk mailing to ad for church with note in envelope.
- Needs of community- How can we make a difference?
- Helping children-school supplies, backpacks, etc.
- Adopt a school-prayer, supplies, treats for teachers.
- Sheriff's Dept - crisis intervention.

Challenge 5: Rethink Your Facilities for Emerging Opportunities.

- Remember: God has enabled us to do His work (God working in us).
- Point Library-can not accommodate groups (no room).
- Head Start- needs place for intake of children.
- Bacon Street Youth (counseling)- needs a place to meet for seven weeks.
- Open church facility to make asset with format contract.
- Research MissionInsight.
- Mothers' Morning out.
- Teens home alone- provide activities.
- Non-profit groups with love offering.
- AA, Scouts, home-school groups, exercise classes.
- Parks and Recreation.
- Diversified worship services-traditional/ non traditional, with livestreaming.