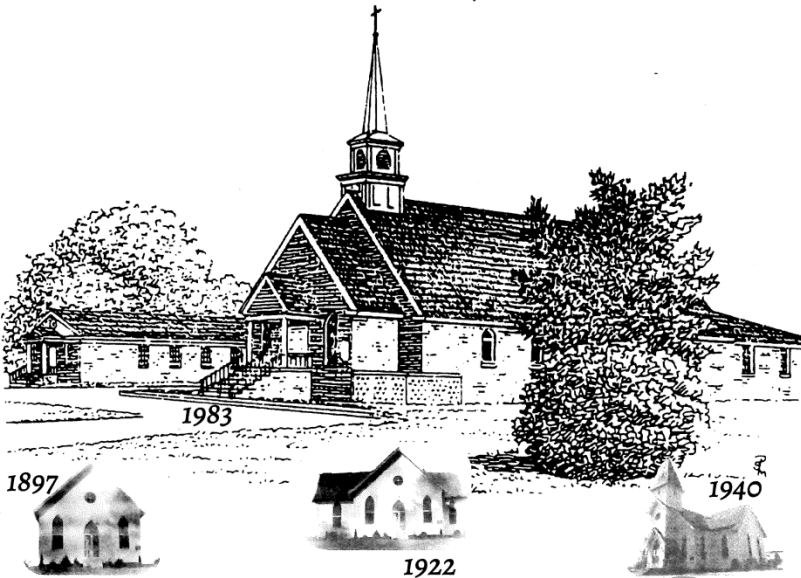




## Bethany Banner September 2022

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors  
*Sunday Worship – 8:30 a.m. Informal; 11 a.m. Traditional*  
Sunday School for all ages – 9:45 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
Church Office: 804-642-2110; [www.bethanyumc-gp.org](http://www.bethanyumc-gp.org)

### **BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** GLOUCESTER POINT, VIRGINIA



*“One Hundred Thirty-Five Years of Christian Love and Service”*

**1887 - 2022**

**Pastor: Rev. Moonsup “Paul” Song**

Director of Music: Sandra Fox

Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Your voices were heard.

Since last September, in our Bethany Leadership Group, we have prayed for the ministry of the church after the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the plans for ministry was to return to offering two worship services on Sunday, which would be different from our two services of pre-pandemic time. We envisioned a new Informal worship service at 8:30 a.m. We have prayed for it and plan to begin the new service beginning this September, and we have announced it to the congregation.

Since we made the announcement of two services on Sunday, church members and friends sent me their opinions. These are some comments that were expressed.

*"I have enjoyed one service on Sunday at 10:00. I am comfortable with it."*

*"I like one service because I can see more people."*

*"To me, two services look like we have two different congregations on Sunday."*

*"Bethany is not big enough to need two separate services. We are a small congregation."*

*"I like traditional music and hymns, and I don't like the changing of it."*

*"Sometimes, I don't know the name of people at worship; asking their name is embarrassing to me. When we have two services, it would be more embarrassing."*

At the same time, many expressed positive comments and anticipation for the new informal service.

I want to thank you all who have talked with me about our new informal service. I understand how you feel, your hopes and fears, comments and concerns about two worship services on Sunday. Your voices were heard. At the same time, I want to express our vision of offering two services in different styles and formats.

Why two services on Sunday with one of them informal style? Traditional church growth strategy suggests that when church pews are 80 percent filled on Sunday, it is time to add a new worship service or expand

the sanctuary. Our vision is, however, a proactive action in that we will begin a new style of worship to reach out to more diverse people while we continue to have our current traditional worship service with no change, except to move it to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

For us to continue to enjoy our fellowship with each other, we will begin a new fellowship time, "Coffee and Donuts," between the two services. This will take place in the fellowship hall, name badges provided, and we will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, and share prayer concerns, before the Sunday school hour.

The COVID-19 virus pandemic has forced us to make changes in life, challenging the mission and ministry of the church. It has also given us opportunities to learn how to respond to God creatively, effectively, and faithfully. As humans, we usually feel discomfort at any change, big or small, individually and collectively as well. God has led us through the virus pandemic and we give thanks to God. God will continue to lead us toward a new normal, new opportunity, as we put our whole trust in God, diligently discerning what God would accomplish in and through us, with faithful and thankful hearts.

Blessings,

Pastor Paul

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## 135th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS



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

### **September 17**

**6:00 p.m.** — Bonfire & Cookout at the home of Cathy and Rob Raines, 3835 White Pine Lane, Hayes — *Please bring a side dish and lawn chair.*

### **September 18**

**10 a.m.** — **135th Anniversary Celebration**

Guest preacher will be Rev. Debbie Marion, former Bethany pastor

**11:30 a.m.** — **Church-wide covered dish fellowship luncheon**  
Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES – Wednesday, September 28 at 9:30 a.m.** we will be cooking for our shut-ins. Come join in the fun! Deliverers are always welcome!

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**BAZAAR NEWS** – The 2022 Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 12**, from **9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Please tell all your friends and invite them to join us on Friday night and Saturday! All proceeds go to missions!

We are "shaking things up" for this year's Bazaar! Join us for our "Mistletoe and Munchies" Friday night Bazaar Preview Event from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come enjoy a wide selection of fruit, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and punch, then see what we have to offer for this year's Bazaar!

We will have hand-crafted items for all seasons; our ever-popular Country Kitchen with baked goods, pickles and preserves; Vintage and Collectibles; and a Silent Auction. Tickets for our Preview Event will be \$10 and can be purchased, beginning in the middle of September, from Dee Dee Wike during office hours, Wendy Hogge, or any other member of the Bazaar Bunch. Come join the fun and "scope out" the items you would like to purchase on Saturday!

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### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

**Kris Kent** is stepping down as Director of Children and Youth Ministries at the end of August to pursue full-time employment, now that her children have grown to young adulthood and the needs of their family are changing. Please join us in thanking Kris for her dedicated service to the children and youth at Bethany.

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### JOB OPENING – DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Bethany is seeking to fill the part-time staff position of Director of Children and Youth Ministries (first through twelfth grades). For this position we are seeking a joyful and enthusiastic individual with a deep love for God and who has a passion to organize and lead a cooperative ministry that loves, develops, and encourages children and youth in their journey with Christ and his Church and in life. If you know of someone who might be interested, please request they submit their resume to Bethany UMC, P.O. Box 527, Gloucester Point, VA 23062 or email to [admin@bethanyumc-gp.org](mailto:admin@bethanyumc-gp.org).

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES



Our week in August on the Rocky Railway was certainly full of God's amazing love! We had plenty of God Sightings, welcomed new families, made new friends, enjoyed warm fellowship over delicious dinners in the Dining Car, had fun experiencing cool stuff in the Imagination Station, learned about how the word of God helps us every day with the Bible Adventure Station and we met some really fun daily Bible Memory Buddies!

My thanks for the part that all of you, the Bethany UMC Family, played in the amazing week we all had. As either a supply, food or home-made cookie contributor; a donator to our local mission coin drive for Helping The Homeless Ministry; a Junior, Youth or Adult Crew Leader; a Station Leader; a sound or video engineer; a part of the decorating committee; a security guard; a provider of transportation; a partner in prayer; a patient Administrative Assistant; the Station Manager that powered the lights and AC; the Pastor that offered the closing prayer; the energetic Pulpit Performer; or the steadfast "never say never" Co-Director— please know that you were alllllllll instrumental in providing just what was needed to make our Rocky Railway a safe, joyful and memorable experience! Thank you for being truly awesome representatives of Jesus Christ's loving spirit. Until we meet again to serve our community and our awesome God.....  
**TRUST JESUS!!**

With Christian grace and gratitude,

Conductor Kris

## MUSIC NEWS: SHACKELFORD WORKS IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The musical works composed and transcribed by Bethany's Organist, Rudy Shackelford, have been accepted for the permanent collection of The Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Established in 1800, The Library of Congress is the national library of America, and its Music Division serves as an archive of the country's leading composers. Two of Rudy Shackelford's compositions, *Trumpet Voluntary* and *Charles Wesley Organbook*, were created to celebrate Bethany's 110th and 120th anniversaries in 1997 and 2007, respectively, and are published by Paraclete Press. For Bethany's 135th anniversary, Rudy has transcribed for organ-piano duet the finale of *String Quartet No. 16*, Opus 135, by Ludwig van Beethoven. The world première of this transcription will be performed during the worship service on September 18th. It will also be part of Rudy Shackelford's annual recital in the George Nelson Memorial Concert Series at Bethany on Sunday, December 4th.

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**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** are extended to the families of:

**Rev. Linwood Daniel**, former Bethany pastor, who went to with the Lord on August 8.

**Ruth Yoder**, former Bethany member, who passed on July 29.

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### THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for all the love and prayers for my parents, Marshall and 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*

Dear Bethany family,

Thank you all so very much for the love and support after the loss of Marshall. Thank you also for all of the delicious food provided for the luncheon after the funeral service. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Sincerely, *Bonnie Lewis and the Lewis/Morgan families*

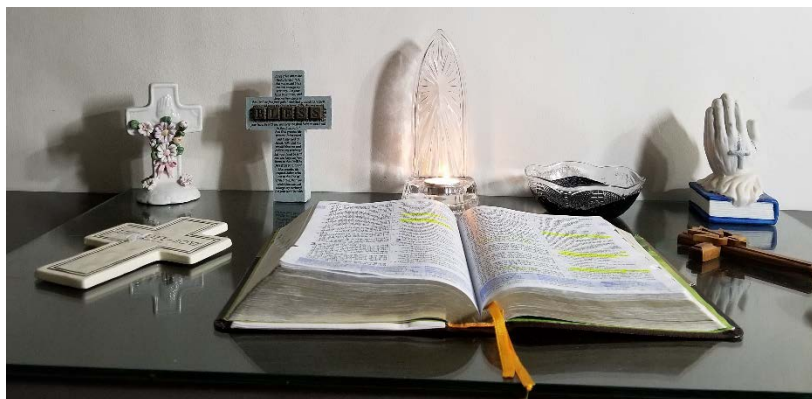
Thank you so very much for allowing our home association to use your facility for our meeting. We will have another one in the Fall.

– *Chris Shipley*, The Points Association

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	8.28.22
<p><b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen</p> <p><b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Marshall Lewis, Matt Shackelford, Isabella Wheat</p> <p><b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, Lonnie Byrd, Charlotte Cecil, David Chapin, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Jimmy Greene, Sandra Hollins, Bonnie Lewis, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Kim Paiva, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen</p> <p><b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Jack Wallace</p> <p><b>HOSPICE:</b> Alice McGee</p> <p><b>HOSPITALIZED:</b> Linwood Rowe (Riverside Regional)</p> <p><b>PARKINSON'S:</b> Mike Andersen, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White</p> <p><b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Jeannie Harrell, Joy Long, Doris Luther, Jeannie Meisner, Deanna Mitchell, Alice Northam, Jim Stevens</p> <p><b>RECUPERATING AT HOME:</b> Ruth Wallace</p>		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
<p><b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Roger Ferguson, Dallas "Butch" Folk (ME), Jackie Gibbs, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Sissi Mise, Randy Riffe, Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams</p> <p><b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Wiley Cross, Naomi Hogge, John Rhoades, Rev. Linwood Daniel, Ruth Yoder</p> <p><b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Jean Bassett (NC), Bob Baughman, Charles &amp; Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Herbert Paul Edwards (FL), Dewayne Haywood, Matt Iddings (PA), Donna Messersmith, Glen Null, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Tene West, Sabrina Wikle, Terry Wilson</p> <p><b>HOSPICE:</b> William Ervi, Selma</p> <p><b>PARKINSON'S:</b> Janet Burch (KY)</p> <p><b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Juanita Duncan, Boone Kohen, Sue McCloy (WV), Dottie Myers (PA), Sandy Taylor, Larry Wilkinson</p> <p><b>UPCOMING SURGERY:</b> Chuck Baughman (8/21), Jennifer</p> <p><b>PRAYERS:</b> Randy Wilson, Kwame &amp; 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><b>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</b></p>	<p>Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Doris Courtney, Rm 105 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 113</p>	
<p><b>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</b></p>	<p>Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A</p>	
<p><b>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</b></p>	<p>Pauline Harris, Apt. 130</p>	
<p><b>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</b></p>	<p>Jennie Lipscomb</p>	
<p><b>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</b></p>	<p><i>Ellis Hall</i>, Rm 20 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13</p>	

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

# Joshua Spiritual Formation Group, 2022



“Do you want to know your true self before God?”

“Are you thirsty for God?”

“Are you seeking a way to grow deeper in faith in God through Jesus Christ, to love God and to love your neighbors?”

“Are you interested in living with inner peace from God?”

“Do you want to learn how to practice spiritual disciplines so that they become a part of you?”

Then pray, and consider joining information gathering on September 25(Sun), 4:00PM at the Fellowship Hall.

“Spiritual Formation for the Christians basically refers to the Spirit-driven process of forming the inner world of the human self in such a way that it becomes like the inner being of Christ Himself.”

— Dallas Willard —

“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

— John 7:37-38 —

## NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER, 2022

Beginning in September our Sunday schedule will be changed:

- 8:30 a.m. – Informal service in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. – Coffee and Donut fellowship in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall  
(All are welcome as we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, prayers and concerns. Name badge is provided.)\*
- 9:45 a.m. – Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. – Traditional service in the Sanctuary

\*Starting the first Sunday in September, our members, friends, and visitors are encouraged to take a name badge, located on the wall leading into the Sanctuary. Let us introduce each other for welcome and fellowship.

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## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Bethany's Charge Conference date is scheduled for **Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

Bethany church will host this cluster Charge Conference, with other United Methodists in the Mission River District, Matthews Chapel UMC and Salem UMC, Mathews.





BIRTHDAYS	
9/1	Clare Hall, Alliyson Alligood, Troy Andersen, Dave Ayers
9/3	Nan Leigh, Chip Dize
9/4	Paul Martin, David Daniel
9/5	Marion Dixon, David Dixon, Nile Cecil
9/6	Mary Linda Brooks, Will Neikirk
9/7	Dean Tillage, Robert Leigh
9/8	Jean Heywood, Mike Thayer, Greg Barnes, Pamela Campbell
9/9	Jane Niethamer, Marie Reynolds, Lynda Blubaugh
9/11	Kelly Fox, Donna Dixon
9/13	Lonnie Byrd
9/16	Shirley Tinker
9/17	M.E. Thomas, Sue McDaniel, Samantha Hornsby
9/18	Beth Dixon
9/20	Bryan Stilley, Sandy Wharen
9/21	Randy Campbell, Ed Schultz
9/22	Glen Kaylor, Frances B. Woods
9/23	Christian Martin
9/24	Gail Wallace, Ron Ervi
9/25	Lindsay Hodges, Robin Hasty
9/26	Richard Alligood
9/27	Alice McGee
9/28	Tina Coleman, Jason Hogge, Alexandria Bontrager
9/29	Emily Coleman, Kira Fox, Judy Vaughan, Landon Poulin
9/30	Sam Uhler, Jennifer Quintero, Madden Stevens, Audrey Clare Phillips

	ANNIVERSARIES	# yrs
9/1	Al & Judy Burner	54
9/4	Alan & Sandra Harvey	28
9/5	Rob & Jen Naquin	24
9/7	Richard & Susan Boyette	47
9/9	Jack & Ruth Wallace	72
9/12	Richard & Alliyson Alligood	13
9/18	Jason Waters & Traci Andersen	12
9/20	Bob & Lynda Blubaugh	52
9/24	Milton & Judy Hudgins	62
9/24	Tony & Susan Conry	34
9/26	Robert & Samantha Hornsby	7
9/29	Troy & Melissa Anderson	21
9/30	Scott & Ruth Stilianos	27

### COUNTING TEAMS

- 9/4 Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
- 9/11 Team 2: Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey
- 9/18 Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
- 9/25 Team 4: Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins

### TRUSTEE CONTACTS

August 28-September 3: M.E. Thomas  
 September 4-10: Diana Simmons  
 September 11-17: Rob Raines  
 September 18-24: Don Thomas  
 September 25-October 1: Milton Hudgins

### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 9/4 AVAILABLE
- 9/11 Peggy Lewis
- 9/18 Bernard & Debbie Robins
- 9/25 AVAILABLE

### LITURGISTS

- 9/4 Scott Glaze
- 9/11 Laura Glaze
- 9/18 Pastor Paul Song
- 9/25 Youth / TBD

### ALTAR GUILD

Pauline Reimold, Paul Kendall, Lynne Barnes

# September 2022

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 28 - Sep 3	Aug 28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3
					9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team		
Sep 4 - 10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<b>Communion Sunday</b> 8:30am Informal Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b>	7:00pm JOY Circle	10:00am 135th Anniversary Committee 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team 6:30pm S/PPRC		
Sep 11 - 17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	8:30am Informal Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship		7:00pm Finance Committee	Sanctuary Unavailable -- Media Upgrades 9:00am Trustees 1:00pm Abingdon Woman's Club 6:00pm GNMCS Committee 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>Banner Submissions Due</b> 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:30am Naomi Circle 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team		6:00pm Bonfire & Cookout at Raines' home
Sep 18 - 24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<b>135th Anniversary</b> 10:00am 135th Anniversary Celebration & Worship 11:30am Anniversary Fellowship Luncheon		6:00pm York River Villas 7:00pm Administrative Council	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team		
Sep 25 - Oct 1	25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1
	<b>Youth Participation Sunday</b> 8:30am Informal Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 4:00pm Joshua Spiritual Formation Group		6:30pm UMM Meeting @ Nick's	9:30am Homebound Ministries 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team		