



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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BETHANY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 4, 2022

11:00 a.m.

13TH 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

Come, Labor On (Ora Labora)

Thomas Tertius Noble

(1867-1953)

“Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain

While all around us waves the golden grain?

And to each servant does the Master say, ‘Go work today.’”

Welcome and Announcements, Sharing Joys, Concerns and Updates

Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship**

Scott Glaze

Leader: Jesus said, “A time is coming when you will worship the Father.”

(John 4:21-24)

Congregation: We ask, “Where we do worship, and when do we worship, Lord?”

Leader: Jesus said, “A time is coming and has now come when the true worshipper will worship the

Father in the Spirit and in truth.”

Congregation: We ask, “Teach us how to worship the Father?”

All: Jesus said, “God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

***Hymn**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH No. 140

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH No. 882

Opening Prayer

Scott Glaze

Gracious and loving God, how prone we are to come to worship with our heads full of what we need to do after worship is over and what we should have done before we arrived. Now that we are here, let us be truly present in this place. All of our yesterdays are but memories and all of our tomorrows are out of our reach. What we have is this hour of worship. Let us therefore be here and open to the Spirit of the living God through Christ our Lord, whose name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Stories of Jesus

arr. by Anna Laura Page
and Jean Anne Shafferman

Prayer of Illumination

Scott Glaze

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.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:	Aidan Dumbrocyo
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell
Altar Guild this month:	Pauline Reimold, Paul Kendall, Lynne Barnes
Liturgist:	Scott Glaze
Trustee Contact this week:	M. E. Thomas
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent
Greeters:	Rick and Gerri Wilson, David Ayers
Counting Team:	Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty

STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund	2,430.00
Capital Improvement	10,000.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	105.00
Endowment Fund	635.00
Upper Room	3.00
Homebound Ministries	25.00
Helping the Homeless (VBS Mission)	569.00
135th Anniversary (Gurley Concert)	545.00
CHKD LemonAid Fundraiser	182.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship	86
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)	5
Total in Worship	91

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
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
10/2	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

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
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Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.
Director of Children & Youth Ministries		

Old Testament Reading Joel 2:12-20 Scott Glaze
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Re-Turn" Pastor Paul Song

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

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table

Confession and Pardon (on screen)

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offering and Offertory Prayer Pastor Paul Song

Offertory Music

Communion Hymn: "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness" UMH No. 612

Prelude on "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness," BWV 654 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
In memory of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, died 4 September 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving (on the screen)

The Lord's Prayer UMH pp. 10-11

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup (use pre-sealed cup in each pew)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion (on screen)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** *Spirit of the Living God* UMH No. 393

***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 *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* UMH No. 438

"Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do."
— Charles Wesley

ALTAR FLOWERS — Today's flowers are given for the glory of God by Adam and Cat White with thanksgiving and in celebration of Stella White's 13th birthday on September 6.

NURSERY is available for infants to 3-year-olds during the Sunday school hour and 11:00 service beginning today. Volunteers are needed for this ministry to our Bethany family and visitors. Will you help? Volunteer sign-up sheet is at the door.

For more information, please contact Nancy Wilburn, nwilburn@cox.net or 804-642-5820.

NAME BADGES — Name badges are located on the wall leading into the Sanctuary, across from the side entrance. Please find and wear your badge while at church, then return it to the net as you leave. Don't see a badge with your name on it? Contact the church office at 804-642-2110 and we will gladly make you one!

BIBLE READING SELECTIONS THIS WEEK					
Mon. , 9/5 Job 31 Hos 13-14	Tues., 9/6 Job 32 Joe 1-2	Wed. , 9/7 Job 33 Joe 3-4	Thurs., 9/8 Job 34 Am 1-3	Fri. , 9/9 Job 35 Am 4-6	Sat., 9/10 Job 36 Am 7-9

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	9.4.22
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen		
GRIEVING: Families of Marshall Lewis, Matt Shackelford, Isabella Wheat		
HEALTH ISSUES: 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		
HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Jack Wallace		
HOSPICE: Alice McGee		
HOSPITALIZED: Linwood Rowe (Riverside Regional)		
PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Darlene Bauschatz, Jeannie Harrell, Joy Long, Doris Luther, Jeannie Meisner, Deanna Mitchell, Alice Northam, Jim Stevens		
RECUPERATING AT HOME: Ruth Wallace		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
CANCER/CHEMO: 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		
GRIEVING: Families of Wiley Cross, Herbert Paul Edwards (FL), Rev. Linwood Daniel, Ruth Yoder		
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Jean Bassett (NC), Bob Baughman, Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Matt Iddings (PA) Norah Ivesson, Scott Leiffer, Mary Kerns, Donna Messersmith, Glen Null, Tim Sullivan, Evie Sutton, Mildred Townsend, Tene West, Sabrina Wikle, Terry Wilson		
HOSPICE: William Ervi, Selma		
PARKINSON'S: Janet Burch (KY)		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Chuck Baughman, Juanita Duncan, Boone Kohen, Sue McCloy (WV), Dottie Myers (PA), Sandy Taylor, Larry Wilkinson		
UPCOMING SURGERY: Jennifer		
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 102	
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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
Sunday, September 4 NEW SCHEDULE	8:30 a.m.	Informal worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts Fellowship (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, September 5		OFFICE CLOSED – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday, September 6	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (WBFH)
Wednesday, September 7	10:00 a.m.	135th Anniversary Committee (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, September 8	9:00 a.m.-noon	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH)
	5:00 p.m.	Media Upgrade Committee (WBFH)
	6:00 p.m.	S/PPRC (WBFH)

Come join us for Coffee & Donuts Fellowship at 9:30 in WBFH.
(Breakfast will be served next Sunday.)

Each week we will celebrate birthdays & anniversaries from Sunday through Saturday.
This week we are including 9/1-9/3 birthdays and anniversaries as well.

Birthdays

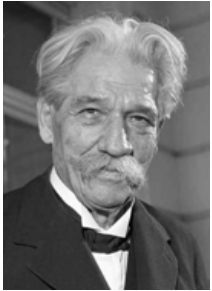
- 9/1 Clare Hall, Alliyson Alligood, Troy Andersen, Dave Ayers
- 9/3 Nan Leigh, Chip Dize
- 9/4 Paul Martin, David Daniel
- 9/5 Marion Dixon, David Dixon, Nile Cecil
- 9/6 Mary Linda Brooks, Will Neikirk
- 9/7 Dean Tillage, Robert Leigh
- 9/8 Jean Heywood, Mike Thayer, Greg Barnes, Pamela Campbell
- 9/9 Jane Niethamer, Marie Reynolds, Lynda Blubaugh

Anniversaries

- 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)



ACOLYTE MINISTRY — A big Bethany UMC thank you to Betty Neikirk for serving as Acolyte Coordinator over the past twelve years! As of this Sunday, we warmly welcome **Regina Berry** as the new Acolyte Coordinator. If you have, or if you are, a fourth through twelfth grader that would like to serve Christ as Acolyte during our worship services, please contact Ms. Regina at (814) 397-6419. Thank you! — *Kris Kent*



DR. ALBERT SCHWEITZER AND “THE FIFTH EVANGELIST”

On the 57th anniversary of his death, 4 September 1965, let us remember and celebrate Dr. Albert Schweitzer — theologian, physician, organist, and Bach scholar.

Schweitzer was born on 14 January 1875 at Kaysersberg, Alsace, into a family of Lutheran pastors, organists, and teachers. As a theologian he gained international recognition with *The Quest for the Historical Jesus* (1910), presenting the eschatological view that Christ’s ministry was dominated by His knowledge of being the Messiah and of the imminent end of the world.

Yet even before this book was published, Schweitzer had decided to leave his positions as pastor and professor at the University of Strasbourg and became a humble medical student. From 1913 onward he served as a pioneering missionary doctor in the hospital he himself built at Lambaréné, Gabon, in French Equatorial Africa.

Concurrent with these superhuman achievements was Albert Schweitzer’s lifelong pursuit of music, both as performer and scholar. In Paris he studied with renowned organist and composer Charles-Marie Widor, who introduced him to the works of Johann Sebastian Bach. “For me,” said Widor, “Bach is the greatest of preachers” — the Fifth Evangelist! At Widor’s instigation Schweitzer wrote *J. S. Bach: le Musicien-Poète*, a groundbreaking analysis of Bach’s musical word-painting and symbolism. The book portrayed Bach as a deeply religious mystic whose music was impersonal and unselfconscious, as cosmic as the forces of nature. It described the composer as a musician-poet, the supreme pictorial artist in sound, and gave detailed and copiously illustrated instructions for the performance of his works.

As an organist Schweitzer was indefatigable in spreading the gospel of Bach, and the proceeds from his concerts and recordings were always plowed back into humanitarian causes. He won the Nobel Prize for peace in 1952. Above all Albert Schweitzer can be regarded as an artist who strove with humility to become as nearly perfect as possible in his Christian discipleship and in all the facets of his many-sided genius.

— Rudy Shackelford

135th ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, 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 chairs.

Sunday, September 18

Homecoming Celebration, 10:00 a.m.

One worship service only with message by former Bethany pastor,

Reverend Debbie Marion

Fellowship Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon provided by Bethany’s members will follow the service.

All are welcome!

135 Years of Bethany History

The Fire (01/16/82, continued): Did you know that, undaunted by the lack of a church building, Bethany went ahead with its 95th anniversary on September 12, 1982 with a large tent erected in the parking lot to the right of the current sanctuary to accommodate worship services, anniversary activities, and lunch? On November 7, 1982, ground was broken for the new church building, and April 23, 1983 marked the day of the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony. A copy of the church history, a list of the Building Committee members, a photograph of the original church, and a current bulletin were placed in the cornerstone.

BETHANY HISTORY DISPLAY — In addition to visiting the Mary Lotsey Classroom during the month of September for the history of Bethany on display, please enjoy the images of former ministers in the hallway leading to the office area and the framed photographs of the church building as it evolved over the years, exhibited in the back entrance.