



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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September 25, 2022

11:00 a.m.

16th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME, GUESTS! We're glad you are worshiping with us today!

*CELL PHONES: Please remember to silence your phones before the service.
HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE: Please see an usher if you need a hearing device.*

**Please stand as you are able.*

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:	Decatur Hogge
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell, Kim Song
Altar Guild this month:	Pauline Reimold, Paul Kendall, Lynne Barnes
Liturgist:	Judy Burner
Trustee Contact this week:	Al Burner
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent
Greeters:	Dawn Cluts and David Ayers (11:00)
Counting Team:	Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins

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

Intrada *September Song, from "Knickerbocker Holiday"* Kurt Weill (1900-1950)

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

***Call to Worship** Judy Burner

Leader: With all our heart, we take refuge in God most high, who created all things, the merciful Father, Source of all goodness.

Congregation: With all our heart, we take refuge in Christ, the Redeemer from sin, who restores our true nature, the perfect and mysterious Word.

Leader: With all our heart, we take refuge in the One who embraces the universe, who at all times and in all places responds to our needs, the pure and tranquil Holy Spirit.

All: With all our heart, we worship God in truth and spirit.

***Hymn** *Jesus Shall Reign* UMH No. 157

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version)* UMH No. 881

Opening Prayer Judy Burner

Most loving God, we thank you for this time together, this sacred space of prayer. We thank you that you are always present to us, to guide and to strengthen, especially when we are uncertain and lonely. We would pray for those who feel abandoned and isolated and therefore feel as though they have been left behind while everyone else continues on their way. We offer our prayers for those who are in transition, and feel as though they walk on unsafe ground. We lift our prayers for those who are far away from home in unfamiliar lands. May all for whom we pray feel surrounded by your love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Keep us mindful of Jesus who walked this earth as we do, who also felt loneliness and betrayal but who triumphed over all adversity and lives forever as our sure foundation, the very ground of our being. Help us to remember that no matter where we are – you are there, and that you help us find our true self in your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem *Jesus, Have Thine Own Way* Anna Laura Page

Jean Anne Shafferman

STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund (\$500 in memory John Hasty; honor Pat Hasty)	4154.00
Capital Improvement	16.62
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	5.00
Endowment Fund	400.00
Altar Flowers	50.00
Media Fund	1000.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship	135
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)	30
Total in Worship	165

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
10/2	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
10/9	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
10/16	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
10/23	Team 2: Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128 email: rfox6@cox.net	Works from home, by appt.
Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.

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 *Three Preludes* George Gershwin
 Transcribed for organ-piano duet by Rudy Shackelford (26 Sept. 1898–1937)
 Performed in memory of Wiley Cross

Offering and Offertory Prayer Pastor Paul Song

Stewardship Moment Steve Wike, Endowment Chair

***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 Judy Burner
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 19:1-10 Judy Burner

Sermon “In Search of True Self” Pastor Paul Song

***Hymn** *Jesu, Jesu* UMH No. 432

***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 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* UMN No. 404

TODAY AT 4 P.M. – Join us in the fellowship hall for Joshua Spiritual Formation Group Orientation (see insert)

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	9.25.22
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen		
GRIEVING: Family of Marshall Lewis		
HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, Billy Davis, Jimmy Greene, Sandra Hollins, Bonnie Lewis, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Kim Paiva, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen		
HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Jack & Ruth Wallace		
HOSPICE: Alice McGee		
HOSPITALIZED: Linwood Rowe (Riverside Regional)		
PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Nan Leigh, Joy Long, Alice Northam		
UPCOMING SURGERY: Richard Parkes (10/5)		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
CANCER/CHEMO: Tammy Bourgoyne (LA), Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Dallas “Butch” Folk (ME), Jackie Gibbs, Nell Goldstein, Traci Greene, Donna Hogge, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Sissi Mise, Randy Riffe, Chauntea Shield, Jill Ward, Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams		
GRIEVING: Families of Betsy Blubaugh (FL), Ellis Hall, Tene West, Annette Wilburn		
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Jean Bassett (NC), 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, Sabrina Wikle, Terry Wilson		
HOSPICE: William Ervi, Selma		
PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Bob Baughman, Chuck Baughman, Donna Hogge		
UPCOMING SURGERY: Joe Byrne (9/26), 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	Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13	

Please contact the church office at 804-642-2110 or admin@bethanyumc-gp.org with any updates or changes.

135 YEARS OF BETHANY HISTORY

Did you know that it took sixteen ladies and four years of meticulous stitching to produce the beautiful needlepoint kneelers and altar chair cushions that adorn the chancel area?

Started in 1979 with encouragement from the Worship Committee and Rev. Seely, the project was headed by Marie Baldwin and Virginia Meyer. Other ladies sharing their needlework talents were Maxine Bayly, Iva Belvin, Katherine Fenstermacher, Barbara Harris, Christine Harris, Pat Hasty, Joyce Jenkins, Katherine Jordan, Anne Lane, Margaret Martin, Adelaide Rowe, Mary Smith, Helen Thomas, and Edith Williams. (More on the project next week.)

BETHANY HISTORY DISPLAY

During the month of September and in celebration of Bethany’s 135th anniversary, the Mary Lotsey Classroom has been transformed into the History Room. On display are artifacts, photographs, framed pictures, and newspaper clippings related to Bethany’s history. Included is the Memory Book with pictures of members who have passed away since our last anniversary in 2017; a treasure trove of items saved by Jean Heywood and placed in scrapbook form; and a book listing all known gifts to the church along with the names of givers. Please stop by and enjoy Bethany’s history throughout the years. In addition to the History Room, view the images of Bethany’s 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. And, just outside the Mary Lotsey Classroom in a basket are booklets updating Bethany’s history since 2017. Please pick up a copy for family, friends, and shut-ins.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of **Ellis Hall**, grandfather of Susannah Hogge, who went to be with His Savior Jesus on Tuesday, September 20 at the age of 104.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today for the glory of God in remembrance of my Mother and my Son. – *Sharon Cheek*

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
Sunday, September 25	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Informal Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee & Donuts Fellowship (WBFH)** Sunday school for all ages Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	4:00 p.m.	Joshua Spiritual Formation Group (WBFH, see insert)
Monday, September 26	12:30 p.m.	OFFICE CLOSING EARLY
Tuesday, September 27	6:30 p.m.	United Methodist Men (Nick’s, Gloucester Point)
Wednesday, September 28	9:30 a.m.	Homebound Ministries (WBFH)
	2:00 p.m.	Nominations Committee (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, September 29	9:00 a.m.-noon	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH)
	5:00 p.m.	Media Upgrade Committee (Mary Lotsey)

****Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 as we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries from 9/25–10/1.**

BIBLE READING PLAN THIS WEEK

Mon., 9/26 Ecc 7 Zec 10-12	Tues., 9/27 Ecc 8 Zec 13-14	Wed., 9/28 Ecc 9 Mal 1-2	Thurs., 9/29 Ecc 10 Mal 3-4	Fri., 9/30 Ecc 11 Meditation on Old Testament	Sat., 10/1 Ecc 12 Ac 1-3
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW OFFICE HOURS – Beginning October 1, new hours will be Tuesday-Friday, 8am-4pm., closed from 12-1 for lunch. (The office will be closed on Mondays.)

PLEASE NOTE: The office will close early (12:30 p.m.) on Monday, September 26.

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) – After a brief summer break UMM will meet again at Nick’s Spaghetti & Steakhouse on **Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.** Guest speaker will be Diane Garrison, the president of the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic. All men are invited and welcome to bring a guest. Questions? Contact Alan Harvey at 804-684-2790.

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!

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE will meet **Wednesday, September 29 at 2:00 p.m.** in the WBFH.

JOY CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, October 4 at 7 p.m.** in the WBFH. Our own Shannon Minor will present a program on "Abuse in the Navy." All ladies of the church are invited.

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.

MISTLETOE & MUNCHIES

Friday Night
Bazaar Preview



November 11
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Fruit ~ Hors D'oeuvres ~ Desserts ~ Punch

Enjoy the fellowship, food, and a Sneak Peek
of the items on sale at Bethany Bazaar
Saturday, November 12 from 9 a.m. til 2 p.m.

Advance tickets required -- \$10.00 each

Cash or check payable to Bethany UMC

Tickets may be purchased from the church office, Wendy Hogge,
or any member of the Bazaar Bunch beginning October 1.

2023 Faith Promise

The Finance Committee has started planning the 2023 budget. The process began in August when the committee sent budget requests to committee chairs and staff responsible for select budget categories. Now we need the help of our Bethany family. How? By completing the Faith Promise form in today's bulletin.

Faith Promise giving is a vital part of the budget process because it is one of the tools used to project income for the coming budget year. Faith Promises are allocated to the General Fund and used for routine operational expenses (water, electricity, general maintenance, insurance, pastor and staff salaries, advertising, supplies, etc.) needed to provide effective ministry to our church and community. Like so many organizations, Bethany's income and expenses have been impacted in these challenging times, yet the need for ministry and outreach is more important than ever.

Please take a few minutes and prayerfully consider your general fund Faith Promise for 2023, and return your completed form by Sunday, September 25. (Instructions are on the back of the form.) This will give us time to complete and submit the budget for approval by the Finance Committee and Administrative Council prior to our scheduled Charge Conference on October 30th.

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7*

—Jack Whitmore, Finance Chairman

THANK YOU NOTES

Our sincere appreciation to Karen and Gary Ward of Scoot's BBQ for their generous donation of 100 pieces of fried chicken for our 135th Celebration.

Our thanks to Nancy Wilburn for the meaningful Banner she made for the 135th Anniversary Celebration. It is beautifully handcrafted and rich with symbolism – a true labor of love.

Many thanks to my Bethany family for the prayers, food, flowers, and cards after my recent surgery. My recovery continues and I am making progress, slowly but surely. Thanks also to Pastor Paul for his visit and to each of you for your continued prayers and encouragement.

What a blessing you all are! – *Alice Northam*

2023 Faith Promise

FOR THE MINISTRIES OF BETHANY UMC

In response to God’s love and many blessings and as a tangible expression of my faith and commitment to Christ and His church I make this Faith Promise for 2023 to the General Fund.

My Commitment to Bethany UMC is \$ _____ per week, month or year.
(circle one)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please place in an envelope and return by **Sunday, September 25th.**

You can return your Faith Promise Card by choosing one of the following options below:

- 1.) Drop it in the offering plate during the Worship service.
- 2.) Mail to: Bethany UMC, PO Box 527, Gloucester Point, VA 23062
- 3.) Drop it in the outdoor drop box in the rear parking lot of the church.
- 4.) Email it to the Church Office: admin@bethanyumc-gp.org.