



Bethany Banner

October 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: Tues.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Church Office: 804-642-2110; www.bethanyumc-gp.org



Pastor: Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song

Director of Music: Sandra Fox

Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Carter Roane

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

New Beginnings.

October this year is a month for Bethany church to experience new beginnings.

We begin to read the New Testament this month. Following the schedule of our Bethany Bible Reading Plan, 2022, we have read through all books of the Old Testament by the end of September, the Law, History, Prophets, and Wisdom. We have read the story of how God made a covenant with the people God called, and how they lived out the covenant differently in different walks of their lives, and how God continued to lead them with steadfast love, *hesed*, in each walk and amidst changing circumstances, giving them hope of the messianic kingdom.

As we begin reading the New Testament, we are going to see how God's Old Covenant is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, how he established a New Covenant, new hope, through his life, teaching, death, and resurrection, and through the life of the church.

We begin to write a new chapter of Bethany history after having celebrated our 135th anniversary on September 18, giving thanks for the life, mission, and ministry of the church. The Anniversary committee members worked hard, and their efforts and service were fruitful. We had a wonderful celebration including worship with special music, fellowship with many people, and a generous potluck luncheon. We were glad to see members and friends that we have not seen for a long time.

We begin a new Sunday schedule with two Sunday worship services in different forms and styles, informal and traditional, so that we can reach out to diverse people in the community. "Coffee & Donuts" in the fellowship hall is a time to meet people from each worship service and for all to enjoy fellowship with each other, singing "Happy Birthday" to those celebrating birthdays that week, followed by Sunday school for all age groups.

We begin to worship using upgraded audio/ video equipment. Our upgrade was completed the third week of September, providing us with advanced technology and livestreaming capability.

We begin a new faith group, "Joshua Spiritual Formation Group." It is ten-month course for all who want to grow deeper in faith and Christian spirituality so that we may know God by experience, to love God and love our neighbors.

What other new beginnings do you know of at Bethany? Please list them, give thanks to God, and share with each other.

My final thought is this: It is God who brings forth a new beginning in and through the church. To the people in despair for their sin and unfaithfulness, the prophet Isaiah spoke for God,

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:18-19)

The new things God does are for life to be forgiven, restored, and to be strengthened. This prophetic vision calls us to be faithfully attentive to what God is doing in and through the church, and to see how God will lead us to accomplish the purpose and goals through the church, as we diligently discern, “God, what are you calling us to become?” “God, what are you calling us to do?”

Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, and we read it today too as a church that sees new beginnings happening in and around us,

“Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.”
(Philippians 2: 12b-13).

Thanks be to God.

Grace,

Pastor Paul

Lewis and I would like to thank Bethany UMC, Pastor Paul, and everyone on the Anniversary Committee for the invitation to preach the 135th Anniversary. We were so honored to be asked and it was our privilege to be able to be there.

We appreciated the opportunities for fellowship together and the worship and luncheon. We were able to talk with so many special friends and re-connect. Bethany holds so many wonderful memories for us and will always feel like home.

Blessings to each of you, and continue listening for where God is leading you as you seek to grow and make disciples for Jesus Christ.

We love you,
Debbie and Lewis Marion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

JOY Circle is also selling Rada Knives, great for Christmas or anytime gift giving! If you need to see a book, call Charlotte Cecil at 804-815-1805 or 804-642-4176 and leave a message. You can also "look online" at www.radacutlery.com to see products. Proceeds benefit missions.

Deadline to order is November 1; money is due with the order.

Please make checks payable to **JOY Circle**.

WORSHIP & ARTS COMMITTEE will meet on **Monday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the WBFH.

GNMCS COMMITTEE will meet on **Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey classroom.

CHANCEL CHOIR invites you to join us as we prepare for our Christmas cantata, *Appalachian Winter*. All voice parts are needed; no audition required! Cantata rehearsals are held **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary, followed by a brief rehearsal to prepare music for the 11:00 traditional service. For more information, contact Music Director Sandy Fox at 757-329-6128.

S/PPRC NEWS

Carter Roane will join our staff as Director of Children and Youth Ministries, effective October 1. Carter has grown up at Bethany, has been actively involved in both children's and youth programs, and has been a long-time volunteer. Please join us in congratulating and praying for Carter as he steps into his new role!

Also effective October 1, the church office will operate on a new schedule. Office Hours will be Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed from 12-1 p.m. for lunch). The office will be closed on Mondays. The weekly email blasts will go out on Tuesdays and Fridays.

BAZAAR NEWS

Our 2022 Bazaar is fast approaching! We are accepting items or services for the Silent Auction. See one of the Bazaar Bunch with any contribution. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

We are asking all families of BUMC to donate an item for the Country Kitchen. HOMEMADE pies, cakes, cookies, candy or home-preserved goodies are desired. **Please bring your items to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, from 10:00 am to noon or 4:00 to 6:00 pm.**

Make sure your item is wrapped securely on a non-returnable plate and labeled as to contents. Please include your name so we can contact you if there are any questions. You may make a donation if you are unable to bake.

We will be setting up our classrooms for the Bazaar following the 11:00 am service on November 6. All able-bodied people are asked to volunteer to move furniture and tables. If you have made items for the Bazaar at home, we ask that you bring them on Monday through Wednesday for pricing and placement.

The United Methodist Men will be preparing lunch items on Bazaar Day. Fried Fruit Pies will be available before lunch time.

Tickets for the Mistletoe and Munchies Preview Evening (6:30 - 8:00 pm on November 11) will go on sale October 1. We will have a fruit tower, ham biscuits, cheeseballs of several varieties, sausage balls, spinach dip, shrimp dip, meatballs, pound cake, pecan pie tarts, pecan sandies, fudge, cheese straws, punch, ETC., ETC., ETC. !!! Come join the fun and see what will be available at the Bazaar! Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased in the church office, from Wendy Hogge, or any member of the Bazaar Bunch.

MISTLETOE & MUNCHIES

Friday Night
Bazaar Preview



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

Fruit ~ Hors D'oeuvres ~ Desserts ~ Punch

Thank you for joining us for a Sneak Peek of the items for sale November 12 at Bethany Bazaar.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to the families of:

- **Ellis Hall**, grandfather of Susannah Hogge, who passed on September 20 at age 104.
 - **Annette Wilburn**, sister of Aaron and sister-in-law of Nancy Wilburn, who passed on September 10.
 - **Betsy Blubaugh** of Florida, sister of Bob and sister-in-law of Lynda Blubaugh.
 - **Tene West**, sister of Shirley Lewis, who passed on September 6.
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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, pictured on the cover of this month's newsletter. 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 are!
Alice Northam

Thank you to **Susannah and Jason Hogge** for hosting a surprise get together for me at their home on 9/11. Having some of our youth and their parents there, sharing favorite memories, and seeing our youth have a nice time together was so very special. I loved it! – *Ms. Kris*

Thank you, **Homebound Ministry Team**. We are so lucky having such wonderful friends thinking about us. We really appreciate the meals you prepare and deliver. They are delicious. We love and miss you all.
Dean & Fred Townsend

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 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29	



BIRTHDAYS	
10/1	Molly Vaughan, Callen Tilley
10/2	Julia Perkins
10/3	Decatur Hogge, Barbara Blais, Barbara Summerford, Isaac West, Mihaw "Kim" Song
10/4	David Chapin, Carol Harder
10/5	Kyle Nichols
10/6	Alicia Naples, Jane Sterling, Norma Sage
10/7	Rob Raines
10/8	Austin Kent, Karrie Cooper
10/9	Jordan Roane, Mary Knox Murphy
10/10	Lisa Hasty, Cathy Raines, Shawn Chase
10/11	Jim Stevens, Chelsea Leigh
10/12	Wendy Hogge
10/14	Lisa Gayle, Camron Hasty, Sandra Harvey
10/15	Jackson Goetz
10/17	Carson Brooks, Robert Miller
10/20	Vicki Williams, Hannah Perkins
10/21	Scott Stilianos
10/22	Jason Roane, Gavin Morris
10/24	Cynthia Hornsby, Lisa Knowlton
10/26	Ashlyn Anderson, Paul Kendall
10/27	Carolyn Broadwell
10/29	Bill Pruitt, William F. Hogge
10/30	Ryan Tilley, Connor Kent, Robert Morris
10/31	Kelly Cooper

	ANNIVERSARIES	# yrs
10/1	Bob & Sandie Wharen	45
10/3	Ed & Bain Schultz	30
10/4	M.E. & Brenda Thomas	47
10/7	Don & Carol Schultz	60
10/8	Brian & Christina Mahoney	28
10/12	Neal & Nancy White	42
10/12	Charles & Linda Enroughty	59
10/14	Aaron & Natalie Chapin	6
10/19	Albert & Ashleigh Shroeder	3
10/20	Robert & Margie Morris	53
10/23	Megan (Whitmore) and Bowdy Schrader	2

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
- 10/30 Team 4: Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins

ALTAR GUILD

Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Sylvia Ransone

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 10/2 Loretta Kay Jackson
- 10/9 Pat Hasty
- 10/16 AVAILABLE
- 10/23 AVAILABLE
- 10/30 AVAILABLE

LITURGISTS

- 10/2 Dee Dee Wike
- 10/9 Steve Wike
- 10/16 Cat White
- 10/23 Clair Hillard
- 10/30 Regina Berry

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

- October 2-8: Donna Lane
- October 9-15: Tom Barnard
- October 16-22: Donna Andersen
- October 23-29: M. E. Thomas
- October 30-November 5: Rob Raines

October 2022

October 2022							November 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 25 - Oct 1	Sep 25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1
Oct 2 - 8	2 Communion Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	3 6:00pm The Points HOA	4 9:30am York River Circle Kings Daughters & Sons 7:00pm JOY Circle	5 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 6:30pm S/PPRC	7	8
Oct 9 - 15	9 8:30am Informal Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	10 7:00pm Worship and Arts Committee	11 7:00pm Finance Committee	12 1:00pm Abingdon Woman's Club 6:00pm GNMCS Committee 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 2:00pm UMW Board (ML)	14	15 Banner Submissions Due
Oct 16 - 22	16 8:30am Informal Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	17	18 6:00pm York River Villas	19 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:30am Naomi Circle	21	22
Oct 23 - 29	23 Youth Participation Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 2:30pm Joshua Spiritual Formation Group	24	25 6:30pm UMM Meeting @ Nick's	26 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27 9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop	28	29
Oct 30 - Nov 5	30 8:30am Informal Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 4:00pm Charge Conference	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5

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 this month's newsletter.

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 October 7. 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

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.