



Bethany Banner November 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

Bethany Bazaar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Quilt Shop – Wreath Shop – ETC Shop
Art Gallery – Yarn Shop – Ornaments
Country Kitchen & Bake Shop
Vintage & Collectibles – Silent Auction

Mistletoe & Munchies Bazaar Preview*
Friday, November 11 -- 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Fruit - Hors D'oeuvres - Desserts - Punch
*To purchase Preview tickets, call church
office at 804-642-2110. Tickets \$10 ea.

All proceeds benefit missions!

Bethany United Methodist Church
1860 Hayes Rd., Gloucester Point

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



Pastor's Narrative Report to the Charge Conference.
October 30, 2022, 4:00pm.

By the grace, love, and mercy of God, the life, mission, and ministry of Bethany UMC have been done faithfully. I am thankful to God for the past year, and to the Bethany congregation for building up the church together with me, participating in its ministry by prayer, presence, gifts, service, and by witness, fulfilling the call from God. It has been a year of joy to me and my family...

In my second year serving the church, I have continued to focus on attentiveness and responsiveness to God's call in the life of the church, while I continue to strive to grow in contemplative life and ministry. I have seen much blessing from God in the past year for myself, my family, but also for the overall life of Bethany church with fruitfulness, while we are still living under the continued impact of the COVID virus pandemic. I confess that God's love, grace and mercy have held us up strong. Here are highlights of the ministry at Bethany church.

Ministry of prayer and presence — Praying, individually and corporately, has been a source of guidance, wisdom and strength. I begin each day with prayer, intercessory prayer for the congregation, and contemplative prayer. The ministry of presence has been in attending church meetings, group gatherings, and pastoral visitation either by request or on schedule.

Ministry of worship and preaching — Worship is the integral part of the spiritual life of the church. "Spiritual vitality" has been my focal point of building a worship liturgy. Following up on Bethany's leadership gathering last year, we began an informal worship service on Sundays, starting in September of this year, to reach out to people with diverse needs. Traditional and Informal services are now offered at Bethany church. A/V technology has been a tool for both worship services since the completion of our A/V project in September, when we began livestreaming our traditional service. With new worship schedules, Sunday school for all ages now takes place between the two services, and nursery care is provided as well. My preaching has been aligned with liturgical seasons as well as church initiatives and world events, following the lectionary in the Lenten and Advent seasons, following our Bible reading plan 2022, and offering three topical sermon series: "Post-Resurrection Messages" in the spring, "The Work of the Holy Spirit" in the summer, and "New Normal after COVID-19 Pandemic" in the fall.

Ministry of spiritual formation — Bible Reading Plan 2022 has been a congregational campaign of daily Bible reading following a printed schedule, beginning in January and reading all books of the Bible through December. Information and transformation are spiritual sign posts for this Bible reading campaign. Our Joshua Spiritual Formation Group began meeting in September for a ten-month period. Its goal is deepening spirituality in life individually and cooperatively, and strengthening spiritual leadership in each participant. I continue to grow in my own spiritual formation through enrollment in a graduate level certificate program in Spiritual Theology at St Mary's University and Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland.

Ministry of small group --- Confirmation class was offered this past spring, and Bethany church confirmed 7 youths who professed their faith. The Lenten Bible Study, "24 Hours that Changed the World," was offered during the Lenten season.

VBS was offered with the theme of “Rocky Railway” in August.

Bethany Town Hall meeting was a congregational gathering on June 5, for listening to the diverse voices on human sexuality, which has been an issue at the general church level in the United Methodist Church as we are waiting for the General Conference, scheduled for 2024. As a follow up to this initial gathering, I plan to offer another meeting to inform our Bethany congregation of updates, with Bible study, so that members and friends can continue to discern about this issue, spiritually, biblically, and prayerfully.

Ministry of mission and outreach— Local missions outreach has continued during the virus pandemic, reaching out to people or groups in the community by congregational or ministry groups. By generous giving of the Bethany congregation, totaling \$5,965.88 year to date, the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund has helped 37 families of the community in need of rent, utilities, and emergency housing assistance.

“Volunteers in Mission” has not been active during the pandemic, and we continue to pray and plan for organizing this team for the coming year.

Connectional ministry has been done faithfully this year. Bethany is one of the churches in the Annual Conference that has given 100% of its apportionments during this financially challenging year. We will continue to support an overseas missionary for next year while we look for information from the annual conference or General Board of Global Ministries.

Music Camp was a pilot program this past summer in July, teaching musical instruments to children and youth in the community. We received a special grant of \$2,000 from the Common Table Connectional Ministry of the Annual Conference for this camp. It was successfully done under the leadership of director Sandy Byrd and volunteers.

The George Nelson Concert series offered music programs for the community – *Streets of Gold Gospel Quartet*, May 15; *Courthouse Community Orchestra*, May 25; *Bagels and Fraylox Klezmer Band*, June 19; *Bill & Pam Gurley Concert*, August 21.

Our Homebound Ministry volunteers continue to cook meals monthly to feed the elderly and shut-ins. Bethany has continued hosting two annual blood drives.

Ministry of property and building — The Church building and parsonage has been well-cared for by the faithful work of Trustee members and volunteers. We thank them for their work to maintain and keep up the church property. Our media upgrade has been completed in the sanctuary, with wiring connecting it to the nursery room, fellowship hall, and one classroom. This project was supported by funds from the York River District Board of Missions, our congregational campaign, and by the work of Winter Sound and Lee Hartman & Sons.

Bethany church celebrated its 135th Anniversary on Sept. 18, 2022, with 135 people attending worship. We give thanks to God who has blessed Bethany church, its life, mission, and ministry for the past years. And we put our trust in the same God who will continue to bless and lead us in the future.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Pastor Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOY CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, November 1 at 7 p.m.** in the WBFH. All ladies of the church are invited.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES will be preparing a meal for our shut-ins on Monday, **November 21 at 9:30 a.m.** Come join in the fun!



REVERSE ADVENT BAGS

In the spirit of giving, BUMC encourages each family to pick up a Reverse Advent bag and fill it for a needy family.

Treat it as you would a traditional Advent calendar but instead of receiving something each day, add an item to your bag each day until Christmas. Suggested items include non-perishable food and pantry items, paper products, household cleaning, & personal hygiene items.

Bags will be distributed November 20 and should be returned to church by December 25.

Bags will be dedicated in our worship service and items collected will be taken to Salvation Army, the G.U.E.S.T. Day Shelter, Union Baptist Church Food Pantry & Bread for Life Food Pantry for distribution. Together we can make a difference for needy families this Christmas!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the families of:

Angie Williams, mother of Doe Breen who passed September 25.

Bob Baughman, brother of Charlotte Cecil who passed September 30.

Jean Bassett, sister-in-law of Lavalley Wilson who passed October 12.

"Granny King," grandmother of Kathy Kendall who passed October 16.

BAZAAR NEWS

We're counting down the days! **The Bazaar is right around the corner — Saturday, November 12 from 9:00 until 2:00**, with the Preview Evening, ***Mistletoe and Munchies, on Friday, November 11 from 6:30 until 8:00.*** Please see DeeDee Wike, Wendy Hogge, or any member of the Bazaar Bunch for a ticket. Preview tickets are \$10.00 each, payable by cash or check.

The Bazaar workers have created a variety of crafts and gifts — something for everyone! So, shop, shop, shop! All proceeds from Mistletoe and Munchies, the Silent Auction, Country Kitchen, Vintage and Collectibles and all things sold on Bazaar Day go to missions!

Items not sold on Saturday will be available for purchase each day (Nov. 14 – Nov. 18) from 10:00 to noon. We will also be selling items on Sunday, the day after the Bazaar, for those who could not come on Saturday.



Just a reminder...The Country Kitchen and Bake Shop needs your help!

We are asking all families of BUMC to donate an item to our bake sale for the November 12th Bazaar. **HOMEMADE** pies, cakes, cookies, candy, or home-canned goodies are desired.

Please bring your item to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 11th from 2:00 – 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. If you are unable to bake, donations are great.

Bethany Church is known throughout the community as having the best bakers in town. Many people return each Bazaar year to select items prepared by their favorite bakers. Thanks for your help and we hope to see you at the Bazaar. — *Bethany's Country Kitchen Committee*

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES

The George Nelson Memorial Concert Series will present a concert by acoustic soloist **Timothy Seaman on Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m.**



A proud native of West Virginia, Timothy has lived in Virginia since 1956 and in Williamsburg since 1970. An English graduate of the College of William & Mary, a four-summer backpacking instructor as a Philmont Ranger, and a veteran of nineteen years of school teaching, he has continually been involved in music and has made it his sole endeavor since 1994.

Timothy brings together an eclectic blend of music styles unlike any other: sometimes the deep voice of his four-octave extended-range hammered dulcimer takes on the heart of a Chopin ballade, and at other times the festivity of an old-time mountain dance or a glistening contemporary interpretation of a whitewater canoe ride or a highland hike among fir trees. His bamboo or silver flute improvisations and passionate folk renditions leave the air glowing with meaning --- and then the bowed psaltery or the crafted vocal carries one's mood into yet another exploration.

A specialist in Virginia themes, nature, parks, Celtic roots and folk hymns, Timothy has since 1978 produced or co-produced nineteen recordings totaling 131,000 copies, including the well-received *Here on This Ridge*, for Shenandoah National Park; *Celebration of Centuries*, for his home town Williamsburg's tri-centennial; *Sycamore Rapids*, featuring the hammered dulcimer in "adventures out among the trees of Virginia's Parks and Forests;" *Virginia Wildlife*, for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; *Jamestown: On the Edge of a Vast Continent*, for the 400th commemoration; *Cleansing Fountain*, folk hymn interpretations for the Blue Ridge Parkway; a set of lyrical melodies called *Celtic Airs*; and the recent release for the Civil War Sesquicentennial entitled *Tenting on the Old Camp Ground*. Although many tracks on these CDs are full ensemble arrangements (often with all instruments played by Seaman himself), they carry the same variety and flow of thought that characterize his solo presence.

At a Seaman concert, expect to be exhilarated, amused, awed, surprised, personally involved (maybe singing a chorus or playing along on an Irish bodhran drum or Thai frog), and enriched by real substance. Timothy introduces every selection with stories, fascinating details, and word pictures to form a vivid context with humor, history, drama, science, and color. Come and find traditional, newly composed, and Baroque music that reviewers have referred to as "soul-to-soul" and "highly lyrical."

| Bethany UMC Prayer List | BETHANY FAMILY | 10.23.22 |
|---|---|-----------------|
| 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, Jon Kent, Bonnie Lewis, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Kim Paiva, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Carter Roane, 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: Jean Heywood (10/27), Richard Parkes | | |
| BETHANY FRIENDS | | |
| CANCER/CHEMO: Fran Bonnaville, Tammy Bourgoyne (LA), Kendell Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Dallas "Butch" Folk (ME), Jackie Gibbs, Nell Goldstein, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Sissi Mise, Randy Riffe, Chauntea Shield, Jill Ward, Susan Williams | | |
| GRIEVING: Families of Bob Baughman (PA), Jean Bassett (NC), Ellis Hall, "Granny" King, Tene West, Angie Williams | | |
| HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Matt Iddings (PA) Norah Ivesson, Scott Leiffer, Donna Messersmith, Glen Null, Tim Sullivan, Evie Sutton, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wikle, Tim Williford (TN), Terry Wilson | | |
| HOSPICE: William Ervi, Selma | | |
| PARKINSON'S: Janet Burch (KY) | | |
| RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Chuck Baughman, Donna Hogge, Norman Spaleny | | |
| UPCOMING SURGERY: Joe Byrne (9/26), Jennifer | | |
| OTHER PRAYERS: Randy Wilson, Kwame & Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Alli Razzaghi, Kasie Hall, Hurricane Victims and Relief Workers; Ukraine | | |
| 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 | |

Please contact the church office with any updates, additions, or deletions. Thanks.



| BIRTHDAYS | |
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| 11/1 | Hope Bell Nichols, Debbie Robins, Shelton Glaze, Ruth Stilianos |
| 11/2 | Rick Kidd |
| 11/3 | Pat Hasty, Drew Hutchinson, Patsy Bell |
| 11/4 | Deniece Byrne, Dee Dee Wike |
| 11/5 | Alex Chapin, Ashley Reams, Michelle Camacho, Vicki Wolz |
| 11/6 | Meghan Patterson, Dolores Breen |
| 11/7 | Lorraine Brown |
| 11/8 | Carolyn Davis, Don Thomas, Aaron Chapin |
| 11/9 | Rev. Braxton Allport, Jr., Catherine White, Karleen Frederick |
| 11/10 | Bonnie Cecil, Amanda Loase, Hunter Tipton, Hudson Fox |
| 11/11 | Aidan Dumbrocyo, Fred Niethamer, Ryan Quintero, Cheryl Roane, Ella Ward |
| 11/12 | Nancy Kendall |
| 11/13 | Greta Rohrback, Kay Uhler, Steve Wike |
| 11/14 | Lee Wood, Justus Minor |
| 11/16 | Robert Orth |
| 11/17 | Kris Kent, Levi Cluts |
| 11/18 | Nataleigh Thayer, June West |
| 11/19 | Laura Polk, Johnathan Wood |
| 11/20 | Ruth Wallace, Madison Hogge, Charles Enroughty |
| 11/21 | Gretchen Wood |
| 11/22 | Todd Bontrager |
| 11/23 | Martha Forrest, Betty Durette, Richard Poland, Mark Goetz |
| 11/24 | Bain Schultz, Rick Wilson |
| 11/25 | Susan Boyette, Hannah Wilburn, Kennedy Wilburn, Connor Mahoney, Sandra Hollins |
| 11/26 | Iva Belvin |
| 11/27 | Ray Jordan |
| 11/28 | Jill Daniel |
| 11/29 | Jackie Hampton |

| ANNIVERSARIES | | # yrs |
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| 11/2 | Wes & Zealon Stilley | 48 |
| 11/3 | Joe & Deniece Byrne | 21 |
| 11/6 | Billy & Carolyn Davis | 57 |
| 11/6 | Jason & Shannon Roane | 23 |
| 11/10 | Mark & Stacey Montefusco | 38 |
| 11/11 | Jason & Susannah Hogge | 22 |
| 11/14 | Mark & Ann LeMay | 41 |
| 11/16 | Bill & Diane Pruitt | 54 |
| 11/17 | Tony & Joan Fecondo | 66 |
| 11/22 | Chris & Clare Hall | 18 |
| 11/25 | Aaron & Nancy Wilburn | 51 |
| 11/27 | David & Jill Daniel | 23 |

COUNTING TEAMS

- 11/6 Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
- 11/13 Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
- 11/20 Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
- 11/27 Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

October 30-November 5: Rob Raines
 November 6-12: Diana Simmons
 November 13-19: Don Thomas
 November 20-26: Milton Hudgins
 November 27-December 3: Donna Lane

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 11/6 Dawne Sawyer
 11/13 Harvest Table
 11/20 Harvest Table
 11/27 OPEN

LITURGISTS

- 11/6 Kevin Kiley
 11/13 Loreen Paiva
 11/20 Lynne Barnes
 11/27 Pauline Reimold

ALTAR GUILD

Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby

November 2022

Sunday Mornings at Bethany:

8:30 a.m. Informal Worship
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts Fellowship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

| November 2022 | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| Oct 30 | 31 | Nov 1 7:00pm JOY Circle | 2 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 3 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team | 4 | 5 REMINDER: Set clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed tonight. DST ends tomorrow at 2 a.m. |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| WBFH & EDUCATION WING RESERVED FOR BAZAAR | | | | | | |
| Comunion Sunday Daylight Saving Time ends 4:00pm Timothy Seaman Concert (GNMCS) | | 7:00pm Finance Committee | 9:00am Trustees 6:00pm GNMCS Committee 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team | 6:30pm Mistletoe and Munchies Bazaar Preview | 9:00am Bethany Bazaar |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| WBFH RESERVED FOR BAZAAR AFTER SALE | | | | | | |
| | | Banner Submissions Due 6:00pm York River Villas 7:00pm Administrative Council | 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 10:30am Naomi Circle 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 2:30pm Joshua Spiritual Formation Group (WBFH) 4:00pm GUEST Training (Sanctuary) | 9:30am Homebound Ministries | | | 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED--THANKSGIVING | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Dec 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Youth Participation Sunday | | 6:30pm UMM Meeting @ Nick's | 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | | | |