



**Bethany United Methodist Church**  
*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*  
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**November 27, 2022** **11:00 a.m.**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** We’re glad you are worshipping 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(s): Christian Martin (11:00)  
Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell, Kim Song  
Altar Guild this month: Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby  
Liturgist: Pauline Reimold (11:00)  
Trustee Contact this week: Donna Lane  
Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent (11:00)  
Greeters: Nerine Hickman, David Ayers (11:00)

STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund	3929.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	155.00
Flowers (Poinsettia)	28.00
Bazaar	2640.50
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship (Informal 26, Traditional 65)	91
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)*	26
<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>117</b>

\*YouTube information is from two weeks prior to today’s service.

COUNTING TEAMS	
<b>11/27</b>	<b>Team 1:</b> Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
<b>12/4</b>	<b>Team 2:</b> Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey
<b>12/11</b>	<b>Team 3:</b> Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
<b>12/18</b>	<b>Team 4:</b> Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins

**BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY**

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

**Intrada** *Advent Hymn: “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”* UMH No. 720  
“The Bridegroom comes, awake; Your lamps with gladness take.”

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

**\*Call to Worship** Pauline Reimold

Leader: You know what time it is,  
**Congregation: how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.**  
Leader: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we become believers;  
**Congregation: the night is far gone, the day is near.**  
Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness  
**All: and put on the armor of light.**

**Lighting of Advent Candle** Regina and Scott Berry  
We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.  
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.  
*(light the first candle)*  
See, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” (Isaiah 60:2-3)  
**O come, O come, Immanuel.**

**\*Hymn** *People, Look East* UMH No. 202  
**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional Version)* UMH No. 881

**Opening Prayer** Pauline Reimold  
**Gracious God, your vision of peace and wholeness comes to us in sweeping revelations and in tiny signs of hope. Kindle our hearts that we may be a hopeful people. Keep us from growing weary of waiting lest we miss the glory of your appearing. Even so, come quickly, O God. You taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

Anthem	Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow Leader: Steve Wike	Traditional Spiritual
Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.” The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Paul Song 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	Prelude on “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying,” BWV 645 Transcribed for piano by Ferruccio Busoni	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Offering and Offertory Prayer		Pastor Paul Song
Offertory Music	Fugue, from Partita on “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying,” Opus 8, No. 2 (Based on UMH No. 720)	Hugo Distler (1908-1942)
*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		Pauline Reimold
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.		
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5	Pauline Reimold
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 24:36-44	
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“Hope Is Our Answer”	Pastor Paul Song
*Hymn	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	UMH No. 196
*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	The Holly and the Ivy “The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.”	Traditional English Carol

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	11.27.22
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen <b>GRIEVING:</b> Family of Marshall Lewis, Diane McFarland <b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> 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), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen <b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Jack & Ruth Wallace <b>HOSPICE:</b> Alice McGee <b>HOSPITALIZED:</b> Paul McFarland (Riverside Rehabilitation Hospital, NN) <b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White <b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Nan Leigh, Joy Long, Rev. Debbie Marion, Alice Northam <b>UPCOMING SURGERY:</b> Richard Parkes (11/30)			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Clint Alexander, 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, Laine Seely, Chauntea Shield, Jill Ward, Susan Williams <b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Jean Bassett (NC), Joe Downes, “Granny” King, Angie Williams <b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Matt Iddings (PA) Norah Ivesson, Scott Leiffer, Donna Messersmith, Glen Null, Tucker Sharp, Tim Sullivan, Evie Sutton, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wikle, Tim Williford (TN), Terry Wilson <b>HOSPICE:</b> William Ervi, Selma <b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Janet Burch (KY) <b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Joe Byrne, Jim Flansberg, Donna Hogge, Norman Spaleny <b>OTHER PRAYERS:</b> 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</i> (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, <i>Bowdy Schrader</i> , Jim Minor, all members of the military.			
ASSISTED LIVING ( <i>italics-Bethany friends</i> )			
Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061		Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 <b>Doris Courtney, Rm 305</b> Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 102	
Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061		Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29	
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	
The Hamilton Assisted Living, 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692		<b>Sue Morecock, Rm 214</b>	

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT BETHANY**

**Sunday, November 27**

Advent Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, December 4**

Advent Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Courthouse Community Orchestra Christmas Concert, 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 11**

Advent Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Rudy Shackelford Organ/Piano Concert, 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 18**

Christmas Fellowship Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.

Advent Worship Service with Choir Cantata, 10:00 a.m.

(One service only; no Sunday school)

**Friday, December 23**

Church Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)

**Saturday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Communion Service, 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 25**

Christmas Day Service of Lessons & Carols, 10:00 a.m.

(One service only; no Sunday school)

**NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION**  
Beginning December 1st,  
Read one chapter of  
The Book of Luke in the Bible  
each evening.  
There are 24 chapters.  
On Christmas Eve you will have read  
an entire account of Jesus's Life  
and wake up Christmas Morning  
Knowing WHO and WHY  
We Celebrate!!

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of GOD and to honor my friend,  
Ruth Wallace, who celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 20, by Charlotte Cecil.

**NURSERY** is available for infants to 3-year-olds during the Sunday school hour and 11:00 service.  
**We need volunteers** in order to be able to offer this ministry to our Bethany family and guests.  
**WILL YOU HELP?** To sign-up, write your name/phone on the list outside the nursery door. Thanks!

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
Tuesday, November 29	6:30 p.m.	United Methodist Men (Nick’s, Gloucester Pt.)
Wednesday, November 30	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, December 1	6:30 p.m.	S/PPRC (WBFH)
Friday, December 2	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Children & Youth Christmas Party (home of Jason & Susannah Hogge, 1333 Laurens Rd., Gloucester Pt.)
Sunday, December 4 Communion Sunday	6:00 p.m.	Courthouse Community Orchestra Concert

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FOLLOWING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES DURING OUR FELLOWSHIP TIME:**

<u>Birthdays:</u>		<u>Anniversaries:</u>	
11/27	Ray Jordan	11/27	David & Jill Daniel (23)
11/28	Jill Daniel	12/3	Kevin & Crystal Thompson (15)
11/29	Jackie Hampton		

BIBLE READING PLAN					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11/28 Rev 11-13	11/29 Rev 14-16	11/30 Rev 17-19	12/1 Rev 20-22	12/2 Lk 1	12/3 Lk 2

Today is United Methodist Student Day, a special Sunday to help UM students advance their education worldwide. To support it go to website,  
<https://www.umc.org/en/content/united-methodist-student-day-sunday-ministry-article>,  
or give by mail:  
Send checks to: GCFA  
P.O. Box 340029  
Nashville, TN 37203  
Please put name of Sunday in note section (*United Methodist Student Day*).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADVENT BEGINS TODAY — ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** from Society of St. Andrew are available at the sanctuary entrances this morning. You are encouraged to take a copy with you, or download the full booklet to read on your computer or mobile device by visiting our website and clicking on the Advent Devotionals link at the top of the home page. We hope you will take advantage of this resource during Advent.

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**UNITED METHODIST MEN** will meet on **Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Nick's**. Special guests will be Courtney Kirberger, Lead Interpreter and Riley McMillan, Interpreter of Machicomoco State Park, who will present a general overview of the park, facilities, and what rangers do as well as volunteer opportunities. Should be a great program so make plans to join us!

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**S/PPRC** meeting for preference form meets on **Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

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**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held on **Friday, December 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** at the home of Jason & Susannah Hogge, 1333 Laurens Rd., Gloucester Pt. All children and youth are invited to enjoy games, neighborhood caroling, and hot cocoa! Dress warmly!

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**BETHANY TO SERVE AS HOMELESS SHELTER — Bethany will serve as a week-long overnight homeless shelter starting Monday evening, January 2 and lasting through Monday morning, January 9.**

Thanks to the many Bethany volunteers and those from outside our church that make this ministry possible as part of the GUEST (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team) program.

GUEST is a coalition of churches and community organizations that strives to love, help, and reduce our homeless population. In February 2020, 15 people on average were given overnight accommodations and meals each night for a week in our Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall.

Please consider being the hands and feet of Christ serving our brothers and sisters in need. **A GUEST information and training session will be offered Tuesday, November 29 at 6 PM at Newington Baptist Church.**

**Sign-ups are underway now and we need you!** Sign-up sheets are located in the main hallway and narthex, or you may sign up online <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0c4daea62fabfe3-jan29>. Thanks for making a difference!

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**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of **Diane McFarland**, who passed unexpectedly on November 20. Diane is wife of Paul McFarland, who remains in rehab recovering from serious injuries sustained in a recent accident, and mother of Shannon Roane and Kelly Cooper. Please continue to pray for Paul, their children, grandchildren, and extended family during this difficult time.

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS GIVING TRADITIONS AT BETHANY

**SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE —** Bethany is partnering with Salvation Army to make Christmas brighter for needy children in our community. Please consider participating in this year's drive by taking a tag from the Angel Tree in the Narthex and purchasing gifts for your selected child.

Gifts should be returned **unwrapped** by **no later than Sunday, December 11**, along with the top part of the tag. When you pull a tag, please write the information on the list provided.

Questions? Please call Paul Kendall at 804-832-4357 or the church office at 804-642-2110. Thank you for your participation and generosity!

**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 are available this morning 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!

**POINSETTIAS —** Order forms for this year's poinsettia sale are in today's bulletin and are due by Wednesday, December 7. As always, this is a great way to remember or honor loved ones and support our Youth Ministry. Please enclose payment with your form and return to the church office or place in the offering plate. Thanks!

**PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND —** Requests for emergency aid continue even during the holidays. Your donation helps provide rent, utilities, and temporary housing assistance for our needy neighbors. Thank you for your generosity all year long!

## 135 YEARS OF BETHANY HISTORY

Did you know that of the 42 pastors at Bethany, 9 served longer than the customary 4 years for most Methodist ministers?

They were: Braxton Allport, Jr., Norman E. Hunt, Thomas G. Lee, Jr., A. W. Linthicum, Donald H. Seely, and Stephen Young = 5 years; Linwood Daniel and J. W. Lilliaaston = 6 years; and Arthur W. Ayers = 10 years.

## NOTE ON MUSIC FOR ADVENT

Our instrumental music for the first Sunday of Advent is based on the hymn *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* (UMH No. 720). The stirring tune was composed by Hans Sachs, the 16<sup>th</sup>-century shoemaker and singer made famous by Richard Wagner's 1867 comic opera *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*. The text, written around 1599 by the German poet and theologian Philipp Nicolai, deals first with the parable of the wise and foolish virgins (*Matthew* 25: 1-13), then turns to a description of heavenly Zion (*Isaiah* 52: 8).

In 1731 Johann Sebastian Bach composed an Advent cantata based on this hymn, *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* in the original German. He then extracted the brief chorale prelude for organ which we present as today's Meditation in the piano transcription by Ferruccio Busoni. In this celebrated piece, Bach has written mystical wedding music of a truly bridal intimacy. "Zion," symbolized by the chorale, "hears the watchman singing," whose love melody sometimes sounds nearer, sometimes farther away, like an echo.

Our Offertory is a fugue based on *Wachet auf...* (or *Wake, Awake...*) composed by Hugo Distler, one of the brightest lights in German evangelical church music during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Distler was deeply involved in synthesizing ancient forms of liturgical music and organ building ideals with modern conceptions of tonality, rhythm, and thematic development into a style which was not "art for art's sake" but art in the service of the Protestant church.

Tragically, Hugo Distler's mission and his brilliant potential remained unfulfilled, for on 1 November 1942 (All Saint's Day) he committed suicide. Anxiety over being forced to serve in Hitler's army, the Nazi party's war against the church, and frustration resulting from insufficient time for creative activity may have contributed to Distler's untimely demise. But he will always be remembered for a handful of organ and choral masterpieces whose musical integrity and spiritual depth transcend their time.

—Rudy Shackelford



## 2022 Order Form

Bethany's annual Poinsettia Sale is a fundraiser benefitting our youth program and a great way to honor or remember loved ones. To purchase a poinsettia, please complete this form and return it with your payment. **ORDER DEADLINE is Wednesday, December 7th.** Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on December 18 and may be picked up after the worship service.

**ORDER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**

**COST: \$14 each** (payment must accompany form)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Bethany UMC**

Order forms (with payment) can be placed in the offering plate or in the CHURCH OFFICE ADMIN's box in the hall outside the office.

**(Please PRINT clearly)**

Your Name :

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**Specify color and quantity below:**

☐ Red \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ White \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Ice Crystal \_\_\_\_\_ (red leaves w/white mid-section) ☐ Glitter \_\_\_\_\_ (red leaves sprinkled w/white flecks)

**# of POINSETTIAS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$14 ea. = \$\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL COST**