



## **Bethany Banner December 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](http://www.bethanyumc-gp.org)

### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT BETHANY**

#### **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 (Potluck), 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)

#### **Friday, December 30**

Church Office Closed (New Year's Holiday)

**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

## Journey from Creation to Christ.

The year of 2022 is coming to its end!

It has been a blessed year of our spiritual journey with the Word of God, reading daily following “Bible Reading Plan 2022.” Beginning with the first chapter of Genesis the first verse, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and earth,” we will finish by reading the last chapter of Revelation, the last two verses which read, “Amen, Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.”

Our goal was reading all books of the Bible in a year, following a daily schedule so that we would get knowledge of each book; know the overall history of the redemptive work of God and how the loving covenant of God has been at work through ages, prophets, and people; and how it was completed through Jesus Christ. We have read daily with a prayer for illumination by the Holy Spirit that we may know God, God’s purpose, and God’s will through each story, and through the people called by God.

“Lord, illumine me by the power of the Holy Spirit—my mind and heart—as I am reading the Scripture today. Help me to know you, your will, and your purpose that you would reveal it in your Word. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.”

The Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Luke are two books that we are going to finish reading in December. These two books witness to the birth of the Christ Child, who came as the King, Messiah, Savior. The birth of Jesus is the climax of the redemptive work of God, fulfilling the prophecy in the Old Testament, making complete the covenant of God.

The Creation opened a new world living under the covenant of God, and the Birth of Christ fulfilled the old covenant and began a world of living under the power of God by the Holy Spirit. Luke witnessed to the angelic proclamation when the baby Jesus was born. It was good news to all, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Luke 2: 10) It was glory to God, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (2:14).

Merry and blessed Christmas to you!

Pastor Paul

As a church family, we will have read all the books of the Bible this year by the end of December. Next year we plan to offer Bible Study based on your answer to this question: Which book of the Bible do you want to study? List three books you would like to study, in the order of your choice.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOY CIRCLE** will meet on **December 6** at **7 p.m.** at the home of Regina Berry (7427 Christopher Newport Ave., Gloucester Point). Members are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

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**HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES** will be cooking for our shut-ins on **December 15** at **9:30 a.m.** Cooks and deliverers are welcome.

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### CHILDREN AND YOUTH CALENDAR



#### 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!

**Saturday, 12/24, 7:00 p.m.**— All families are invited to join us for the Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service, which will include special music by our children and youth!

**BAZAAR NEWS** — We had a very successful Bazaar this year! We don't know the total monies raised for Missions yet, but it is because of YOU that several local and state agencies will have a brighter 2023! Thanks go out to Judy Burner and helpers for a wonderful Mistletoe and Munchies Preview evening! Our thanks to all those who contributed food for the occasion! We want to thank all those who faithfully came on Thursday mornings (and those who worked at home) to create the beautiful items we had for sale and to all those who shopped on Saturday and several days afterward! We don't want to forget all those who helped move furniture and unsold items to the Fellowship Hall! We could not have done the Bazaar without you!

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**CHRISTMAS CANTATA AND FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST — December 18**

On **Sunday, December 18 at 9:00 a.m.**, bring your favorite breakfast food to share and join us for a potluck Christmas breakfast in the fellowship hall.

At **10:00 a.m.**, we will celebrate the season with worship and the cantata, *Appalachian Winter*, created by Joseph M. Martin, performed by Bethany's Chancel Choir and narrated by Clair Hillard.

This cantata celebrates the legacy of early American carols and hymnody. Composed in the spirit of folk music, it combines traditional sounds with more rustic elements creating a blend that is fresh and pleasing. Popular American carols like "Away In A Manger" and "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" dance with traditional spirituals such as "Children Go Where I Send Thee" and "Go Tell It On The Mountain." Sacred Harp tunes are re-tooled for Advent and stand alongside new versions of Shaker hymns and Appalachian melodies. Thoughtful narration weaves the movement together in a meaningful tapestry of song and scripture.

**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. 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!

## GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES

### DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> BETHANY CONCERT CELEBRATES CÉSAR FRANCK



He set to music the entire *Sermon on the Mount* of Jesus Christ!

He composed some of the most majestic and deeply spiritual music ever created for the organ!

He was beloved by everyone who knew him and considered a saint by his many students and disciples!

On the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, César Franck is being celebrated around the world, and you are cordially invited to Bethany's own gala birthday party on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 P.M.!**

The George Nelson Memorial Concert Series presents organist and pianist Rudy Shackelford, performing six major works in the "symphonic" style by César Franck, which revolutionized organ music in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Opening with his *Heroic Piece*, a hymn of spiritual triumph, the program includes the gentle *Pastorale* for Christmas; *Prelude, Fugue and Variation* in Franck's seldom heard transcription for organ-piano duet; and *Three Chorals*, the last great testament of a composer who has been called "the French Bach."

The music of César Franck is actually a synthesis of Bach's masterful counterpoint and Beethoven's architectural grandeur. To celebrate Bethany's 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Rudy Shackelford transcribed the finale of Beethoven's last composition, the *String Quartet No. 16, Opus 135*, for organ-piano duet. He performed its world première during the September 18<sup>th</sup> worship service, and you will have the opportunity to hear it again as part of the concert on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

So mark your calendar, come and be blessed right here at home by music you might have to travel to Washington or New York to experience! Admission to the concert is free, however your generous donations of money and pet supplies will greatly enhance the life-saving endeavors of the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society.

## 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!

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**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!

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**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!

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**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of ***Diane McFarland***, wife of Paul McFarland and mother of Shannon Roane and Kelly Cooper, who passed November 20. Please remember the McFarland, Roane, and Cooper families in your prayers.

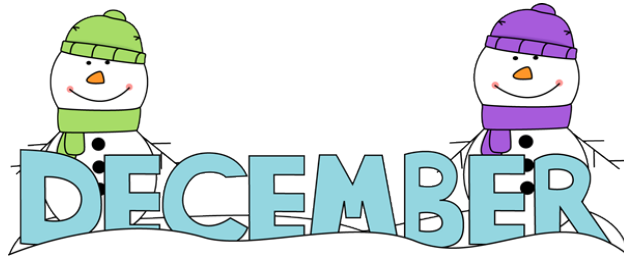
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### **Plastic Floral Inserts (from Bethany Altar Flowers) Needed**

If you have donated or been given arrangements of altar flowers and have not yet returned the plastic floral inserts they came in, please drop the inserts by the church at your earliest convenience. Gloucester Florist has only a few inserts in the shop and is unable to get them from their supplier.

<b>Bethany UMC Prayer List</b>	<b>BETHANY FAMILY</b>	<b>11.27.22</b>
<p><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 &amp; 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)</p>		
<b>BETHANY FRIENDS</b>		
<p><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 &amp; 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 &amp; Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Alli Razzaghi, Kasie Hall, Hurricane Victims and Relief Workers; Ukraine</p>		
<b>BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)</b>		
<p><i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i></p>		
<b>ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)</b>		
<p><b>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</b></p>	<p>Lorraine Brown, Rm 107  <b>Doris Courtney, Rm 305</b>  Jean Heywood, Rm 110  Bessie Conner, Rm 102</p>	
<p><b>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</b></p>	<p>Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13  Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29</p>	
<p><b>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</b></p>	<p>Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A</p>	
<p><b>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</b></p>	<p>Pauline Harris, Apt. 130</p>	
<p><b>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</b></p>	<p>Jennie Lipscomb</p>	
<p><b>The Hamilton Assisted Living, 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692</b></p>	<p><b>Sue Morecock, Rm 214</b></p>	

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



BIRTHDAYS	
12/4	Duane Bayly, Al Burner, Randy Campbell, Makena Bontrager, Dawn Bontrager
12/5	Dawn Cluts, Gerald Davis, Vernon McDaniel, III
12/6	Maxx Polk, Rosemarie Tong
12/7	Scott Farmer, Mae Eppard, Judy Hudgins, Henry Chapin, Hannah Chapin
12/8	Charlotte Chapin
12/9	Mary Kaylor
12/11	Martin Breen, Jerry Hickman
12/12	Dylan Chapin
12/16	Susan Conry
12/18	Chrissy Fox Whitehill, Sharon Johnson-Carleton, Aubrey Lynn Chase
12/19	Cathie Allport, Bev Kearney
12/20	David Byrd
12/23	Alix Shackelford
12/24	Jeffrey Leigh, Catherine Leigh, Tanner Bayly, Shelby Jacobs, Baum Hogge
12/26	Doug Wheat
12/27	Katie Burner Barnett
12/28	Amanda Maples
12/29	Kaiten Cooper, Carter Roane, Gerri Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES		# yrs
12/3	Kevin & Crystal Thompson	15
12/4	Jim & Gerlinde Stevens	46
12/8	Jack & Susan Rollins	33
12/21	Bernard & Debbie Robins	36
12/23	Bruce & Joy Long	56
12/26	Clair & Sarah Hillard	55
12/27	Bobby & Nan Leigh	64
12/28	Warren & Candy Douglas	48
12/28	Philip & Sylvia Ransone	59
12/29	Jim & Jane Sterling	67

### COUNTING TEAMS

- 12/4 Team 2: Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey
- 12/11 Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
- 12/18 Team 4: Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins
- 12/25 Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

### TRUSTEE CONTACTS

November 27-December 3 Donna Lane  
 December 4-10: Tom Barnard  
 December 11-17: Donna Andersen  
 December 18-24: M.E. Thomas  
 December 25-31: Rob Raines

### ALTAR GUILD

Nina Whitmore, Sharon Cheek, Mary Linda Brooks

### ALTAR FLOWERS

12/4 Mary Kaylor  
 12/11 Don Thomas  
 12/18 Poinsettias  
 12/25 Poinsettias

### LITURGISTS

12/4 Loreen Paiva  
 12/11 Shannon Minor  
 12/18 Betty Neikirk  
 12/24 Susannah Hogge  
 12/25 Sandra Harvey



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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
Nov 27	28	29	30	Dec 1 6:30pm S/PPRC	2 6:00pm Children & Youth Christmas Party (Jason & Susannah Hogge, 1333 Laurens Rd., Gloucester Point, VA)	3
4 Communion Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 6:00pm Courthouse Community Orchestra Christmas Concert	5	6 7:00pm JOY Circle (OFF-SITE)	7 POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8 10:00am York River Garden Club	9	10
11 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 4:00pm Rudy Shackelford Concert (GNMCS)	12	13	14 1:00pm Abingdon Woman's Club 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15 BANNER DEADLINE 9:30am Homebound Ministries 10:30am Naomi Circle 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team	16	17 9:00am Cantata Dress Rehearsal
18 CHOIR CANTATA 9:00am Christmas Breakfast 10:00am Traditional Worship & Cantata	19 6:30pm Joshua Spiritual Formation Group	20 6:00pm York River Villas	21 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	22	23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	24 7:00pm Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Communion
25 10:00am Christmas Service of Lessons & Carols	26	27	28 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29	30 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	31



**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 : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number / Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of     In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of     In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of     In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

**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**