



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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January 1, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**New Year's Day
 Communion Sunday**

WELCOME, EVERYONE! Thank you for 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): Alexis and Sabrina Davis (11:00)
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song
 Altar Guild this month: Kathy Jacobs, Sandra Harvey, Nancy Kendall, Shannon Roane
 Liturgist: Dee Dee Wike (11:00)
 Trustee Contact this week: Diana Simmons
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent, Rick Wilson (11:00)
 Greeters: M. E. Thomas, Dave Ayers (11:00)

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

Intrada *Cold December Flies Away* UMH NO. 233
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright UMH No. 247

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

***Call to Worship** Dee Dee Wike

A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

O Lord, remind us that You lead us.

O Lord, guide us as [we] look to You and worship You.

Amen.

***Hymn** *We Three Kings* UMH No. 254

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

Opening Prayer Dee Dee Wike

God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence.

**A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem—
 Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child.

A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ.

We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Anthem *The Story of the Wise Men* Rodger Strader

Arr. by Bob Krogstad

COUNTING TEAMS	
1/1	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
1/8	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
1/15	Team 2: Chip & Betty Neikirk, Sandra Harvey
1/22	Team 3: Al & Judy Burner, Donna Andersen

Christmas Eve attendance: 117

STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund (\$25 Marshall Lewis)	9068.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund (\$50 David Lewis)	55.00
Capital Improvement	220.00
Upper Room	3.00
UMFS (special Christmas Eve offering)	784.00
Donations to offset online giving fees	5.69
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship (one service only)	47
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)*	38
Total in Worship	85

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

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song, Pastor	call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues. thru Fri., 8am-4pm For pastoral emergencies, call/text 703.625.8025
Dee Dee Wike, Church Office Administrator	office 804.642.2110, cell: 901.831.8534 email: admin@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues. thru Fri., 8am-4pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)
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.
Carter Roane, Director of Children & Youth Ministries	office 804.642.2110, cell: 804.815.5722 email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tue./Wed./Thur. 10am-2pm

Prayer of Illumination Dee Dee Wike
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 60: 1-6 Dee Dee Wike
***Gospel Reading** Matthew 2:1-12
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Journey to New Jerusalem” Pastor Paul Song

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.” Pastor Paul Song

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table Pastor Paul Song

Confession and Pardon (on screen)

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offering and Offertory Prayer Pastor Paul Song

Offertory Music *Chorale Fantasy on “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”* Dietrich Buxtehude
Based on UMH No. 247 (1637-1707)

***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.**

The Great Thanksgiving (on the screen)

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.

Giving the Bread and Cup (Bread and cup will be served at the communion rail.)

Music during Communion *Noël No. 9 – For the Flute Stops* Louis-Claude Daquin
Noël for Our Love of Mary (1694-1772)
“We shall sing joyfully – She who bore the fruit of life, all for our salvation.”

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion (on screen)
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* UMH No. 251

***Benediction** Pastor Paul Song

Exodus *Carol of the Bells* Ukrainian Carol

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHANY BIBLE STUDY, 2023 – Based on congregational responses, the most selected books of the Bible to study, by rank, are these: Romans, the Gospel of John, 1 Corinthians, Revelation, Acts, 2 Corinthians, James, Genesis, and 20 other books, each selected by one person. We plan to begin a study of Romans in February. Detailed information will be announced.

CONFIRMATION CLASS, 2023 – In February we will open Confirmation Class, meeting weekly on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour. Please send names of prospective confirmands to Carter Roane (youth@bethanyumc-gp.org, 804-815-5722) or the church office.

BETHANY TOWN HALL MEETING – SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 AT 4:00 P.M.

This is our second town hall meeting on human sexuality, with Bible study, using the book *Confronting the Controversies*, Chapter 7, “Homosexuality,” written by Adam Hamilton. Mark your calendar and join us for this congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TEAM – The team will meet **Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall, to discuss programs for 2023. Please contact each ministry leader if you have program ideas for the church: Pastor Paul, Judy Burner (Lay Leader), Nancy Orth (Church and Society), Kevin Kiley (Missions), Laura Glaze (Worship), Dawn Cluts (Prayer), Janet Chapin (HUGS), Carter Roane (Children & Youth).

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	1.1.23
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen GRIEVING: Family of Diane McFarland 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), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Jack & Ruth Wallace HOSPICE: Alice McGee PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Mike Andersen, Nan Leigh, Joy Long, Paul McFarland, Richard Parkes		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Fran Bonnaville, 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 Shields, Jill Ward, Susan Williams GRIEVING: Families of Frederick Ekdahl, 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: Joe Byrne, Jim Flansberg, Donna Hogge, Norman Spaleny OTHER PRAYERS: Randy Wilson, Kwame & Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Alli Razzaghi, Kasie Hall, 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 305 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	Sue Morecock, Rm 214	

Please contact the church office with any updates, additions, or deletions. Thanks!
Phone: 804-642-2110, admin@bethanyumc-gp.org (email)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Steve and Dee Dee Wike, with thanksgiving for all God's blessings.

NURSERY is available for infants to 3-year-olds during the Sunday school hour and 11:00 service. The nursery is located in the main hallway between the office and fellowship hall.

Nursery volunteers are needed. WILL YOU HELP? To sign-up, write your name/phone on the list outside the nursery door. Thanks!

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY (Regular Schedule Resumes)	8:30 a.m.	Informal Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship & Celebrations (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
Tuesday, January 3	7:00 p.m.	Baby Shower for Rob and Samantha Hornsby (WBFH)
Wednesday, January 4	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, January 5	6:30 p.m.	S/PPRC (WBFH)

BABY SHOWER FOR ROB AND SAMANTHA HORNSBY -- Joy Circle will be hosting a baby shower for Rob and Samantha Hornsby on **Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. All of our Bethany family are invited to share in this joyous occasion as Rob and Samantha await the birth of a third son! Needed are diapers - Pampers or Costco brand - size 1, long sleeve sleepers, and winter clothes. Samantha is registered at [Target](https://www.target.com) and [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com). Let's welcome this new baby into the Bethany Family!

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 for coffee and sweet treats as we celebrate these folks:

Birthdays:

1/1 Carol Schultz
1/2 Joan Fecondo, Robert Hornsby
1/3 Scott Glaze
1/4 Diana Simmons; Joe Bayly
1/6 Aaron Cothorn

Anniversaries:

1/1 Rob & Cathy Raines (14)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **2023 ALTAR FLOWERS CALENDAR** has been posted in the main hallway. Please be sure to stop by and reserve the date(s) you wish to provide the flowers for our Sunday morning worship. Questions? Contact the church office or pull an information card from the bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOXES are located in the fellowship hall. **Please check the mailbox TODAY for any cards you may have received.** The mailboxes will be returned to storage soon.

HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES? Please make sure to get yours from the pew in the back parking lot foyer (office entrance) today.

NEW ADDRESS — Jeannie Meisner has moved. Her new address is 5899 Fiddlers Green Rd. Apt. 215, Gloucester, VA 23061. New phone is 804-699-3036.

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR EPIPHANY

Epiphany, the festival commemorating Christ's manifestation to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi – or three Wise Men – is celebrated annually on January 6th.

One of the finest chorales (or hymns) for Epiphany was penned by Philipp Nicolai, a Lutheran theologian, poet, and composer. *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (UMH No. 247) first appeared in 1599 as part of a volume of meditations on death and eternal life, Nicolai's response to the Black Plague which had devastated his home in Westphalia (northwest Germany). This chorale is somewhat of a departure from the bold, confident, objective hymns of Martin Luther and introduces the sentiment of the soul's love for the Heavenly Bridegroom. Nicolai's text is alive with references to the light which Christ brings into the world, such as "Morning Star," "Light Divine," and "Heavenly Brightness."

These visual metaphors are translated into musical motifs by the God-given genius of Dietrich Buxtehude. In Protestant church music history, Buxtehude ranks as the most important predecessor of Johann Sebastian Bach, who at age twenty walked over 200 miles to study with him. Buxtehude's sublime *Chorale Fantasy on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"* dances into the light with the rhythm of the jig, borrowed from popular music of the 17th century. Listen with open hearts and open minds and be *enlightened!*

— Rudy Shackelford

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