

# **Bethany United Methodist Church**

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors1860 Hayes Road ◆ PO Box 527 ◆ Gloucester Point VA 23062

Office Hours: Tues.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (closed 12-1pm)

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# Thank you for worshiping with us today.

To give an offering, you may place your gift in one of the offering plates located at each sanctuary entrance, mail it to the church office, or give online at <a href="https://www.bethanyumc-gp.org">www.bethanyumc-gp.org</a>. God bless you richly!

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

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

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

**Christmas Eve Attendance: 117** 

### **BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY**

Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song, Pastor	call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org	TuesFri., 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	TuesFri., 8am-4 pm (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

January 1, 2023 INFORMAL WORSHIP 8:30 a.m.



## We welcome you to worship today!

\*Please stand as you are able, and remember to silence your mobile device

Invocation	Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Carter Roane, soloist	Chris Tomlin
Welcome and Announcements	carter noune, soloist	Pastor Paul
*Praises	You Are My King	Billy James Foote
Para and a second	You Are My All in All	Dennis Jernigan
Prayer		
Thanksgiving		
Scripture	Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12	
Message	"Journey to New Jerusalem"	

**Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion** 

\*Praise We will Glorify the King of Kings Twila Paris

I Am the Bread of Life

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Suzanne Toolan

\*Blessing

**Holy Communion** 

Praise



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#### 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 (<a href="mailto:youth@bethanyumc-gp.org">youth@bethanyumc-gp.org</a>, 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

Ukraine

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Mike Andersen, Nan Leigh, Joy Long, Paul McFarland, Richard Parkes

#### **BETHANY FRIENDS**

**CANCER/CHEMO**: Clint Alexander, Fran Bonniville, 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,

# BUMC'S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (italics—Bethany friends)

Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.

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ASSISTED LIVING (italics-Bethany friends)			
	Lorraine Brown, Rm 107		
Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Doris Courtney, Rm 305		
	Jean Heywood, Rm 110		
	Bessie Conner, Rm 102		
Horon Cove, 7400 Horon Cove Way, Glaucoster 33061	Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13		
Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061	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-qp.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. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  Informal Worship Fellowship & Celebrations (WBFH) Sunday school for all ages Traditional Worship		Sunday school for all ages	
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 <u>Target</u> and <u>Amazon</u>. 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:		<u>Anniversaries</u> :
1/1	Carol Schultz	1/1 Rob & Cathy Raines (14)
1/2	Joan Fecondo, Robert Hornsby	

1/3

1/4

Scott Glaze

Aaron Cothern

Diana Simmons; Joe Bayly

### **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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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 17<sup>th</sup> century. Listen with open hearts and open minds and be *enlightened*!

- Rudy Shackelford

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