



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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December 4, 2022

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*

Thank you for worshipping 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 www.bethanyumc-gp.org. God bless you richly!

STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund	3003.13
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	105.00
Capital Improvement	100.00
Bazaar	305.50
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship (Informal 24, Traditional 57)	81
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)*	39
Total in Worship	120

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

*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.-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.-Fri., 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

INVOCATION

Come, Share the Lord
Doe Breen and Timothy Hart

Bryan Jeffery Leech

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Paul

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Rob and Cathy Raines

*PRAISES

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King
God with Us

Gateway Worship
All Sons and Daughters

PRAYER

THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10
Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

"Christ the Way"

HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of confession and pardon

*PRAISE

I Am the Bread of Life
(Bread and cup is served at the Communion rail)

Suzanne Toolan

*Praise

Grace Alone

Scott Wesley Brown

*BLESSING

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Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	12.4.22
<p>CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen GRIEVING: Family of Marshall Lewis, 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: Nan Leigh, Joy Long, Rev. Debbie Marion, Paul McFarland, Alice Northam, Richard Parkes UPCOMING SURGERY:</p>		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
<p>CANCER/CHEMO: 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 GRIEVING: Families of Jean Bassett (NC), Joe Downes, "Granny" King, 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, Tucker Sharp, 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, Hurricane Victims and Relief Workers; Ukraine</p>		
BUMC'S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)		
<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>		
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	

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
Sunday, December 4	6:00 p.m.	Courthouse Community Orchestra Concert
Tuesday, December 6	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (home of Regina Berry)
Wednesday, December 7	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, December 8	10:00 a.m.	York River Garden Club (WBFH)
Sunday, December 11	4:00 p.m.	Rudy Shackelford Concert (Sanctuary)

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

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

Anniversaries:

- 12/4 Jim & Gerlinde Stevens (46)
- 12/8 Jack & Susan Rollins (33)

Thank you to our Bethany family for all the cards and well wishes we received in celebration of our birthdays. We are blessed beyond measure! –
Paul and Nancy Kendall

BIBLE READING PLAN

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12/5 Lk 3	12/6 Lk 4	12/7 Lk 5	12/8 Lk 6	12/9 Lk 7-8	12/10 Lk 9-10

Christmas card mailboxes have been set up in the fellowship hall. You may drop off your holiday greetings during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Be sure to check your mailbox for any cards you may have received. Thank you.



HELP NEEDED – Immediately following today's 11:00 service, we need able-bodied men and women to help move the lecterns and altar table off the platform so that Courthouse Community Orchestra can set up for their holiday concert in our sanctuary. All are invited to bring a friend and join us for the concert at 6:00 this evening. We will also need help putting furnishings back in place after the concert. Thanks for your assistance and support!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETHANY TO SERVE AS HOMELESS SHELTER THROUGH GUEST PROGRAM — Bethany will serve as a week-long overnight homeless shelter starting Monday evening, January 2 and lasting through Monday morning, January 9. 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 at the link below: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0c4daea62fabfe3-jan29>.

Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team (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. Thanks to the many Bethany volunteers and those from outside our church who make this ministry possible! Please consider being the hands and feet of Christ serving our brothers and sisters in need this winter. Thanks for making a difference!

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 and there are still names available on the tree in the narthex. Please consider helping by pulling a name and purchasing gifts this year. **When you pull a tag, please write the information on the list provided. Gifts should be returned unwrapped by no later than Sunday, December 11, along with the top part of the tag.** Questions? Please call Paul Kendall at 804-832-4357 or the church office at 804-642-2110.

REVERSE ADVENT BAGS — Have you picked up a Reverse Advent bag to fill for a needy family? If not, please join the fun of this tradition and help us make a difference for our neighbors in need! 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 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!

135 YEARS OF BETHANY HISTORY

Did you know that in 1946, at the suggestion of Edward A. Jenkins, the Men's Bible Class was organized by Mrs. Milton T. Harris, with Nathan H. Tillage as its first president?

A framed picture of the Bible Class is exhibited in the glass-front cabinet in the Mary Lotsey Classroom. See if you can find a young Milton Hudgins among those featured in the photograph.

NEXT SUNDAY AT 4 P.M. — The George Nelson Memorial Concert Series will present our own **Rudy Shackelford** performing an organ/piano concert celebrating the life and music of César Franck. Mark your calendar, bring a friend, and join us for an afternoon of outstanding music! 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. For more information, visit our website or check out the article in the December *Bethany Banner*.

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, 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)

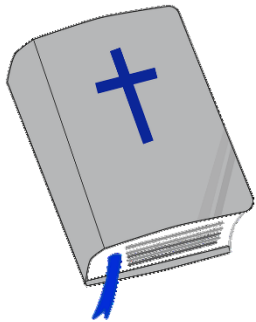
2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES* are now available and are located on the pew in the back parking lot foyer (office entrance). If you currently contribute via an online system and don't need the envelopes please return them to Cheryl Roane, Jack Whitmore, or the church office. If you don't see envelopes with your name on them but would like a set, please let us know. Thanks to Betty Durette for labeling and placing the books in alphabetical order! ***NOTE: Please do not use 2023 envelopes before the first Sunday in January.** Please do not use 2022 envelopes after December 25. Thank you!

Bethany Bible Study, 2023

In 2023 our church will study 3 books of the Bible, chosen by our congregation!

What books of the Bible would you be most interested in studying?

Please list your top 3 choices below and return this form in the offering plate, to the church office, or to Pastor Paul, or email to pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Name: _____

(Returning this form is not a commitment to participate but is an opportunity to express your preference.)



*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105*



POINSETTIAS
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:

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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