



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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December 4, 2022 **11:00 a.m.**
Second Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday
WELCOME, GUESTS! We’re glad you are worshiping 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): Justus Minor (11:00)
Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell, Kim Song
Altar Guild this month: Nina Whitmore, Sharon Cheek, Mary Linda Brooks
Liturgist: Loreen Paiva (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week: Tom Barnard
Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent, Rick Wilson (11:00)
Greeters: Jane Sterling, David Ayers (11:00)

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

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

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

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

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

Intrada *Toccata on “Savior of the Nations, Come”* Hugo Distler
Based on UMH No. 214 (1908-1942)

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

***Call to Worship** Loreen Paiva

Leader: A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.”

Congregation: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

***Hymn** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH No. 213

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

Lighting of Advent Candle Greg and Lynne Barnes

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way.

May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

(Light two purple candles in the Advent Wreath.)

“It is written in Isaiah the prophets: I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way—a voice of one calling in the desert, prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.” (Mark 1:2-3). **O come, O come, Immanuel.**

Opening Prayer Loreen Paiva

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 *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* West Indian Carol
Arr. by John Barnard

Prayer of Illumination Loreen Paiva
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 11:1-10 Loreen Paiva
*Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Christ the Way” 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 Noël Étranger (Carol from a Foreign Country) Louis-Claude Daquin
“Far away, in old Judaea, lived the gentle Lord of Love. (1694-1772)
Happy children gathered round him, wheresoever he might move,
And they sometimes left their play just to follow him all day.” – Walter J. Mathams

*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 pp. 10-11
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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

Music during Communion Footprints in the Snow, from Préludes, Book 1; Claude Debussy
The Snow is Dancing, from Children’s Corner (1862-1918)
Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford
“Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.”
— Christina Rossetti (UMH No. 221)

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 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1-4) UMH No. 211

*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 Carillon Paraphrase on “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Albert Gerken
Based on UMH No. 211

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Mary Kaylor for the glory of God and in honor of Judy Hudgins and the other "December birthday girls." (We made it another year!)

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Reading 2022, is completed by the end of December. Growing through Bible study is our next step for 2023, based upon the book chosen by the congregation. Please fill out the form, “Bethany Bible Study, 2023,” for our planning.

Pastor Paul will be out of town until Tuesday to attend Transformational Community.

JOY CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 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.

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

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	12.4.22
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:			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
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			
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	

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

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

Anniversaries:

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

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)

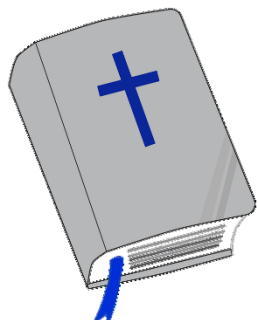
2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES* are now available and are located on the pew in the back parking lot foyer (office entrance). If you currently contribute via an online system and don't need the envelopes please return them to Cheryl Roane, Jack Whitmore, or the church office. If you don't see envelopes with 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*



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