



**Bethany United Methodist Church**  
*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*  
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January 8, 2023

11:00 a.m.

## Baptism of the Lord

**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): Baum Hogge (11:00)  
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song  
 Altar Guild this month: Kathy Jacobs, Sandra Harvey, Nancy Kendall, Shannon Roane  
 Liturgist: Kate Neikirk (11:00)  
 Trustee Contact this week: Don Thomas  
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent, Rick Wilson (11:00)  
 Greeters: Dawn Cluts, David Ayers (11:00)

| STEWARDSHIP                                 | Last Sunday |
|---|-------------|
| General Fund                                | 4567.00     |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund                 | 5.00        |
| Capital Improvement                         | 200.00      |
| Initial Offering                            | 12.00       |
| ATTENDANCE                                  |             |
| In-person Worship (8:30-21; 11:00-60)       | 81          |
| Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)* | 44          |
| <b>Total in Worship</b>                     | <b>125</b>  |

| COUNTING TEAMS |  |
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| 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      |
| 1/29           | <b>Team 4:</b> Doris Luther, Bernard & Debbie Robins |

\*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<br>email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org | Tues. thru Fri., 8am-4pm<br>For pastoral emergencies, call/text 703.625.8025 |
| Dee Dee Wike, Church Office Administrator             | office 804.642.2110, cell: 901.831.8534<br>email: admin@bethanyumc-gp.org       | Tues. thru Fri., 8am-4pm<br>(Closed 12-1pm for lunch)                        |
| Sandra Fox, Director of Music                         | call/text 757.329.6128<br>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<br>email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org       | Tue./Wed./Thur. 10am-2pm   |

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

**Intrada** *When Jesus Came to Jordan* UMH No. 252

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

**\*Call to Worship** Kate Neikirk

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

**Congregation: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name,

**Congregation: worship the Lord in holy array.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the water.

**Congregation: The God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**Congregation: The voice of God is full of majesty. Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

**\*Hymn** *Jesus Shall Reign* UMH No. 157

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

**Opening Prayer** Kate Neikirk

**Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water you revealed him as your own beloved Son. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and for ever. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Anthem** *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry* John Ylvisaker

**Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition "Lord, hear our prayer."** Pastor Paul Song

**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.**

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| <b>Meditation</b>   | <i>Chorale: "To Jordan's Stream Came Christ Our Lord"</i>   | Martin Luther<br>(1483-1546)         |
|   | <i>Chorale Prelude on "To Jordan's Stream Came Christ Our Lord," BWV 684</i>  | Johann Sebastian Bach<br>(1685-1750) |
|   | "To Jordan's stream came Christ our Lord, Saint John beside Him standing<br>Baptized Him there in Jordan's ford at mighty God's commanding.<br>He thus prepared for us a bath in which to drown death's terror,<br>To wash away all sin and wrath, efface for each his error, and fire anew our courage." |                                      |
| <b>Offering and Offertory Prayer</b>  |   | Pastor Paul Song                     |
| <b>Offertory Music</b>  | <i>Deep River</i>   | African-American Spiritual           |
|   | "Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.<br>Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace?<br>Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground."   |                                      |
| <b>*Doxology</b>  |   | UMH No. 95                           |
| <b>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;<br/>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>                     |   |                                      |
| <b>Prayer of Illumination</b>   |   | Kate Neikirk                         |
| <b>Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read<br/>and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.</b> |   |                                      |
| <b>Old Testament Reading</b>  | Isaiah 42:1-9   | Kate Neikirk                         |
| <b>*Gospel Reading</b>  | Matthew 3:13-17   |                                      |
| The Word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>   |   |                                      |
| <b>Sermon</b>   | "Remember Your Baptism"   | Pastor Paul Song                     |
| <b>*Hymn</b>  | <i>Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters</i>  | UMH No. 605                          |
| <b>*Benediction</b>   |   | Pastor Paul Song                     |
| <b>Exodus</b>   | <i>On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand</i>   | UMH No. 724                          |

**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 in the fellowship hall for this important congregational meeting.

| Bethany UMC Prayer List   | BETHANY FAMILY  | 1.8.23 |
|---|---|--------|
| <b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen   |   |        |
| <b>GRIEVING:</b> Family of Diane McFarland, Jack Wallace  |   |        |
| <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, Ruth Wallace  |   |        |
| <b>HOSPICE:</b> Alice McGee   |   |        |
| <b>PARKINSON'S:</b> Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White   |   |        |
| <b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Mike Andersen, Nan Leigh, Joy Long, Paul McFarland, Richard Parkes  |   |        |
| BETHANY FRIENDS   |   |        |
| <b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Clint Alexander, Fran Bonnaville, Kendell Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Dallas "Butch" Folk (ME), Nell Goldstein, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Sissi Mise, Randy Riffe, Laine Seely, Chauntea Shields, Jill Ward, Susan Williams                          |   |        |
| <b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Frederick Ekdahl, Jackie Gibbs, Angie Williams   |   |        |
| <b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Dwayne Haywood, Matt Iddings (PA) Norah Ivesson, Scott Leiffer, Donna Messersmith, Pastor Floyd Myers (PA), Glen Null, Vaughan Snyder (PA), Tim Sullivan, Evie Sutton, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wickle, 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, Mark Innello, Norman Spaleny   |   |        |
| <b>OTHER PRAYERS:</b> 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> )  |   |        |
| <b>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</b>  | Lorraine Brown, Rm 107<br>Doris Courtney, Rm 305<br>Jean Heywood, Rm 110<br>Bessie Conner, Rm 102 |        |
| <b>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</b>  | Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13<br>Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29  |        |
| <b>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</b>  | Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A  |        |
| <b>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</b>   | Pauline Harris, Apt. 130  |        |
| <b>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</b>   | Jennie Lipscomb   |        |
| <b>The Hamilton Assisted Living, 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692</b>   | Sue Morecock, Rm 214  |        |

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

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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 ([youth@bethanyumc-gp.org](mailto:youth@bethanyumc-gp.org), 804-815-5722) or the church office.

**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).

The **2023 ALTAR FLOWERS CALENDAR** has been posted in the main hallway. **January 22 & 29 are still available.** 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.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please remember to return the plastic gold-colored vases from the altar flowers. We have a very small supply at the florist, so it is imperative that we re-use them. All you need to do is place them on the sacristy counter in the hallway by Pastor Paul's office, and we will return them to the florist. (And while doing your new year's cleanout, be on the lookout for any you may have stashed away and PLEASE return them!) Thank you!

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of **Jack Wallace**, husband of Ruth Wallace, who went to be with the Lord on December 30. The memorial service will be held in the Bethany sanctuary on **Saturday, January 14 at 11:00 a.m.**, with burial in Gloucester Point cemetery after the service, followed by a finger food reception in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall.

Please drop off food items in the kitchen beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Volunteers are needed at 9:30 a.m. on Friday to help set up for the reception.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

**Mark Innello**, Bethany's janitor, is recovering from gall bladder surgery on January 6. Please pray for a swift recovery with no complications.

Doris Luther has requested prayer for friends, **Pastor Floyd & Dottie Myers** of PA, and their son-in-law, **Vaughan Snyder**. Pastor Floyd has been hospitalized with issues related to high blood pressure and Vaughan is experiencing complications related to a recent ablation procedure. The Myers and Snyder families have experienced serious health issues and are in need of prayers for healing.

**Jackie Gibbs**, friend of Paul and Nancy Kendall, passed at home surrounded by family following a long battle with cancer. Please pray for her family.

**PRAY for all those in our Bethany family who are struggling with upper respiratory illnesses.** There is a lot of sickness in our community right now and we all need to pray for one another.

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Thank you so much, Joy Circle, for throwing us such a sweet baby shower to celebrate and help us prepare for our third baby boy's arrival. Thank you for the delicious food, amazing gifts, and even better company. Ever since I started attending Bethany, everyone has always been so welcoming and kind. We are so blessed to be part of the Bethany family. – *Rob and Samantha Hornsby*