



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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January 15, 2023

11:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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): Christian Martin (11:00)
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song
 Altar Guild this month: Kathy Jacobs, Sandra Harvey, Nancy Kendall, Shannon Roane
 Liturgist: Judy Burner (11:00)
 Trustee Contact this week: Milton Hudgins
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent, Rick Wilson (11:00)
 Greeters: Jane Sterling, David Ayers (11:00)

STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund	7439.37
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	705.00
Altar Flowers	150.00
Initial Offering	19.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship (8:30-18; 11:00-66)	84
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)*	65
Total in Worship	149

COUNTING TEAMS	
1/15	Team 2: Chip & Betty Neikirk, Sandra Harvey
1/22	Team 3: Al & Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
1/29	Team 4: Doris Luther, Bernard & Debbie Robins
2/5	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. 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 *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* African-American Spiritual (UMH No. 703)

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

***Call to Worship** Judy Burner

Leader: From Bethlehem, from Jordan to Jericho, from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,

Congregation: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted, to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention,

Congregation: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: to carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,

Congregation: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Today, to this place, to us,

Congregation: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

***Hymn** *How Great Thou Art* UMH No. 77

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

Opening Prayer Judy Burner

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church: we rejoice that you have formed your people into one body comprised of believers of every race and nation. Your salvation has reached to the ends of the earth and to all generations. We praise and thank you that your gospel has reached us and that our voices will join those of many languages this day to proclaim your praise. Accept our praise, purify our hearts, instruct us in your Word, feed us at your table, and visit us with your Spirit that we may follow in the ways of faith, to the glory of God the Father. In your name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem *One Holy Night in Bethlehem* Mary Nelson Keithahn
John D. Horman

Children's Time Carter Roane

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.		
Meditation	<i>Out of the Depths I Cry to You</i> (UMH No. 515)	Martin Luther (1483-1546)
	<i>On Bended Knees (“From the Southland,” No. 5)</i> Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford In memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)
	“Oh, I look away yonder – what do I see? A band of angels after me, Come to tote me away from de fiel’s all green, ‘Cause nobody knows de trouble I’ve seen!” — African-American Spiritual (compare UMH No. 520)	
Offering and Offertory Prayer		Pastor Paul Song
Offertory Music	<i>Fig Leaf – A High Class Rag</i>	Scott Joplin (1868-1917)
	“And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.” — <i>Genesis 3: 7</i>	
*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.		
Prayer of Illumination		Judy Burner
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 49:1-7	Judy Burner
*Gospel Reading	John 1:29-42	
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“What Are You Looking For?”	Pastor Paul Song
*Hymn	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>	UMH No. 396
*Benediction		Pastor Paul Song
Exodus	<i>We Shall Overcome</i>	African-American Spiritual (UMH No. 533)

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	1.8.23
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen		
GRIEVING: Family of Diane McFarland, Jack Wallace		
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, Ruth Wallace		
HOSPICE: Alice McGee, Fred Townsend		
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), Nell Goldstein, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Sissi Mise, Randy Riffe, Laine Seely, Chauntea Shield, Jill Ward, Susan Williams		
GRIEVING: Families of Frederick Ekdahl, Jackie Gibbs, Angie Williams		
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Sandy Brinker (PA), Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Dewayne 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 Wikle, Tim Williford (TN), Terry Wilson		
HOSPICE: William Ervi, Selma		
PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Joe Byrne, Jim Flansberg, Donna Hogge, Mark Innello, Norman Spaleny, Becky Wadsworth-Knowles (FL)		
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!

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notes

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God and in honor and appreciation of Scott Glaze, whose birthday was January 3, and Laura Glaze, whose birthday is today, by Momma (Bev Kearney).

Open Altar Flower dates are January 22 and 29; February 12 and 19 are also available.
 There will be no altar flowers during Lent. If you want to sign up for any of the available dates in January or February, please contact the church office at 804-642-2110 or write your name on the flower chart in the main hallway.

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	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 informal; 11:00 traditional)
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship & Celebrations (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages
	4:00 p.m.	BETHANY TOWN HALL MEETING (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, January 17	7:00 p.m.	Communications Committee (Mary Lotsey)
Wednesday, January 18	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, January 19	10:30 a.m.	Music Camp (WBFH)
	10:30 a.m.	Naomi Circle (Mary Lotsey)
	5:30 p.m.	Media Upgrade Team (Mary Lotsey)
	7:00 p.m.	Program Development Team (WBFH)
Sunday, January 22	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 informal; 11:00 traditional)
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship & Celebrations (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday school
	2:30 p.m.	Joshua Spiritual Formation Group (Mary Lotsey)
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Council (WBFH)

BETHANY TOWN HALL MEETING — TODAY AT 4:00 P.M. (in the sanctuary)
 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.
 Join us in the **sanctuary** for this important congregational meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS CARDS and 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are on the table in the main hallway. Please make sure to pick up yours today. If you see Christmas cards or envelopes for someone who doesn't attend frequently, feel free to take and deliver theirs to them. Thanks!

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TEAM – The Program Development 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).

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES will be cooking for our shut-ins on **Wednesday, January 25 at 9:30 a.m.** Come and enjoy the fun.

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 – An Informational Meeting for prospective confirmands and their parents will be held on **Sunday, January 29 at 9:45 a.m. in the Sunday school classroom adjacent to the nursery.**

Confirmation Class will meet 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.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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

Birthdays:

1/15 Ryan Brooks; Laura Glaze; Tim Hart, Jr.
1/16 Nancy Cooper; Stacey Montefusco
1/17 Rylie Patterson
1/18 Lewis Marion; Barbara Dunston
1/19 Ann Byrd
1/21 Pauline Harris; Richard Parkes, Vanessa Morris

Anniversaries

1/15 Josh & Vanessa Morris (23)

BULLETIN BOARDS in the Education Wing hallway have been decorated with “pockets of inspiration” and winter scenery by Nina Whitmore. Be sure to drop by on Sunday morning and take a minute to pull and read a few of the inspirational quotes which are arranged by theme. *Thank you, Nina, for sharing your creative gifts and inspiring us all! Thanks also to Cathy Raines for the beautiful lettering!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL — If you have not joined a Sunday School Class, now is the time! We have two classes for adults and one each for youth and children. Classes meet each Sunday from 9:45 until 10:45, so follow a friend after the 8:30 service or come early for the 11:00 service! We have a Second Sunday Breakfast most months and will have breakfast this month on February 12 at 9:30. so plan to be there! Sunday School is an opportunity to get to know other believers and to study God's word.

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!