



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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January 29, 2023

11:00 a.m.

4th 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): Ella and Emily Ward (11:00)
Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song
Altar Guild this month: Kathy Jacobs, Sandra Harvey, Nancy Kendall, Shannon Roane
Liturgist: Clair Hillard (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week: Tom Barnard
Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent, Rick Wilson (11:00)
Greeters: Nancy Cooper, David Ayers (11:00)

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

Intrada *Sanctus, from German Mass* Franz Schubert
Celebrating Schubert's 226th birthday on Tuesday! (1797-1828)

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy, holy is He alone.
He, who had no beginning; He, who was always, is forever, and will reign eternally. Amen.”

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction Dee Dee Wike

***Call to Worship** Clair Hillard

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

Congregation: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

Leader: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

Congregation: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

Congregation: Our souls cannot be silent!

All: O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!

***Hymn** *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH No. 62

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

Opening Prayer Clair Hillard

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the coming of night, when we shall resign into your hands the tasks which you have committed to us. So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Anthem *For the Joy of Music* Natalie Sleeth

STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund (\$25 Wallace)	11,330.49
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	5.00
Capital Improvement	25.00
Endowment (Wallace)	50.00
HUGS	40.00
Music Camp (4 th qtr '22; 1 st qtr '23)	1,125.00
In-person Worship (8:30-25; 11:00-65)	90
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)*	0
Total in Worship	90

COUNTING TEAMS	
1/29	Team 4: Doris Luther, Bernard & Debbie Robins
2/5	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
2/12	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
2/19	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty

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

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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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

Children’s Time		Carter Roane
Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.”		Dee Dee Wike
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>Impromptu in A-flat Major, Opus 142, No. 2</i>	Franz Schubert
	“And as, in sparkling majesty, a star gilds the bright summit of some gloomy cloud, Brightening the half veil’d face of heaven afar: So, when dark thoughts my boding spirit shroud, Sweet Hope, celestial influence round me shed, waving thy silver pinions o’er my head.” — <i>To Hope</i> , by John Keats (1795-1821)	
Offering and Offertory Prayer		Dee Dee Wike
Offertory Music	<i>Moment Musicale in F Minor, Opus 94, No. 3</i>	Franz Schubert
*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		Clair Hillard
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	Micah 6:1-8	Clair Hillard
New Testament Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 5:1-12	Nancy Yarborough
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		Associate Lay Leader Mission Rivers District
Sermon	“B” More like Him	Nancy Yarborough
*Hymn	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	UMH No. 593
*Benediction		Nancy Yarborough
Exodus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty</i>	UMH No. 64

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	1.29.23
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen			
GRIEVING: Family of Diane McFarland, Fred Townsend, Jack Wallace			
HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, Billy Davis, Jimmy Greene, Sandra Hollins, David Hoover, Kathy Jacobs, 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			
HOSPITALIZED: David Cecil, Pastor Paul Song			
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, Jason Roane			
UPCOMING SURGERY: Dylan Chapin (March)			
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, Gwen Wesson, Susan Williams			
GRIEVING: Families of Frederick Ekdahl, Patricia Ezzel, Jackie Gibbs, Angie Williams			
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Sandy Brinker (PA), Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Norah Ivesson, Adie Kurth, Scott Leiffer, Donna Messersmith, Sylvia Motley, 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: Jim Flansberg, Mary Hellison, Donna Hogge, Norman Spaleny, Becky Wadsworth-Knowles (FL)			
UPCOMING SURGERY: Silvia Howerton (UT)			
OTHER PRAYERS: Kwame & Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Kasie Hall, Alli Razzaghi, Ukraine, Randy Wilson			
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 given for the glory of God, celebrating the happy heavenly birthdays of Rick's and Gerri's fathers, Arthur Wilson (January 28) and John McLucas (January 29).

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
Tuesday, January 31	6:30 p.m.	United Methodist Men (Nick's, Gloucester Point)
Wednesday, February 1	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	AARP Tax-Aide (appt. only, Education Wing)
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir & Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, February 2	6:30 p.m.	S/PPRC (WBFH)
Saturday, February 4	2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for Diane McFarland (Sanctuary) followed by finger food reception in Fellowship Hall*

***HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** needs volunteers to help set up for the reception on **Friday, 2/3 at 9:30 a.m.**, then afterwards to clean-up. **Food for the reception may be dropped off on Saturday, 2/4 beginning at 11:00 a.m.** As always, thanks for your help. Contact Nina Whitmore for more info.



NEXT SUNDAY: The Informational Meeting for prospective confirmands and their parents which was scheduled for today has been postponed until NEXT Sunday, February 5 at 9:45 a.m. Class will be held in the Sunday school classroom between the nursery and Carter Roane's office. If you have any questions, please contact Carter at 804-815-5722 or email youth@bethanyumc-gp.org. See you there!

AARP TAX-AIDE RETURNS TO BETHANY ON WEDNESDAYS, FEB. 1-APR. 12

AARP Tax-Aide will be preparing individual tax returns at Bethany on Wednesdays, beginning on February 1 and continuing weekly through April 12. **Appointments must be made in-person with Tax-Aide volunteers on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Please do not contact the church office to schedule appointments.** Questions? Call the AARP Tax-Aide information line at 804-654-1407 and leave a message.

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet on **Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.** at Nick's. Dave Ayers will be guest speaker and will talk about his experiences across the great pond. All men are welcome to join us for a great meal, interesting program, and uplifting fellowship!

JOY CIRCLE will meet **February 7 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey Classroom. All ladies are invited!

HOUSE OF PRAYER – Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning February 23

Starting February 23, you are invited to join us in the sanctuary on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. for a weekly time of prayer for our church. Prayer is foundational to everything we do at Bethany, and we believe God will bless our obedience as we continue to devote ourselves to the teaching of God's Word, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42).

BETHANY BIBLE STUDY, 2023

BBS will kick off a study of the book of *Romans* on **Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Lacey Martin classroom. Bring your Bible and a friend and join us on **Thursday nights** as we grow together in God's Word!



CALLING ALL SINGERS

The Bethany Chancel Choir is rehearsing a beautiful piece of music by Joseph Martin, *The Lenten Sketches*, and we desperately need voices, all parts.

This cantata will be performed during the Maundy Thursday service on April 6. Our rehearsals are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. No audition required.

Please think about contributing to this very important and poignant message of our Christian faith. Thank you.

—Sandy Fox

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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

Birthdays:

- 1/29 Bruce Long; Linda Enroughty
- 1/31 Susan Ward; Elizabeth Brown
- 2/1 Jeannie Meisner
- 2/2 Diane Pruitt
- 2/3 Debbie Tilley; James Leigh
- 2/4 Kevin Jacobs; Carson Hasty

Anniversaries

- 2/1 Mark & Carla Goetz (20)
- 2/2 James & Betty Durette (60)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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 a.m., so follow a friend after the 8:30 service or come early for the 11:00 service! Sunday School is an opportunity to get to know other believers and to study God's word.

We have a Second Sunday Breakfast most months and will have our next breakfast on **February 12 at 9:30**, so plan to be there!

BETHANY HUGS UPDATE

What is HUGS? HUGS (Hands Unto God's Service) is a unique ministry of prayer, comfort, and caring manifested through prayer shawls, lap robes and baby afghans hand crafted by members of the Bethany congregation. Just as hugs convey a sense of love, concern, support, and security within embracing arms, the HUGS ministry exists to provide Christian love and comfort to those in physical, spiritual or emotional need.

The shawls, lap robes, and baby afghans are prayed over as they are made. When worn or covered up with these items, it is the hope of this ministry that the recipients feel embraced by our congregation's love and prayers for their well-being.

Unfortunately, due to COVID and family health issues, the HUGS ministry has been inactive for a while. It's time to reach out again to those in need. Is there someone weighing on your heart that you feel would benefit from receiving a HUG from our church? Please contact Janet Chapin at 804-699-3251 or 804-832-2576.

A donation has been made to the HUGS ministry by Rick & Gerri Wilson "to thank you for the wonderful lap blankets you sent our friends. We are in awe of your talent."

CELEBRATION OF GIVING — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 11:00 A.M.

Mark your calendar and join us for our "Celebration of Giving" during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on February 19. We will disperse the Bethany Bazaar 2022 funds to local and other deserving missions! We hope to have representatives from these organizations here with us to accept the donations. **The special service will be followed by a church-wide covered-dish luncheon in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall to honor the recipients. Hope to see you there!**

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all members and friends of Bethany who made this "Celebration of Giving" possible! The 2022 Bazaar raised \$14,000 which will be distributed to the following 24 organizations at the Celebration of Giving on Sunday, February 19: Abingdon Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Alzheimer's Association, Back Pack Program for Abingdon Elementary School, Bay Aging (Agency on Aging, Day Break, Meals on Wheels), Boys & Girls Club of Gloucester, Bread for Life, Camp Rainbow Connection, Gloucester Housing Partnership, Gloucester-Mathews Care Clinic, G.U.E.S.T. (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team), Habitat for Humanity, Heart Havens, Helping the Homeless, Henderson Settlement, Henry Fork Community Center, Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society, Literacy Volunteers of Gloucester, Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Red Bird Mission, Salvation Army, Samaritan Group, Union Baptist Church Food Pantry, Wesley Community Center.