



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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January 29, 2023

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 (\$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

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

Holy Ground (Geron Davis)
Be Thou My Vision

Dee Dee Wike
Traditional Irish Melody

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction

Judy Burner

***Praises**

I Give You My Heart
Draw Me Close to You

Michael W. Smith

Prayer

Dee Dee Wike

Thanksgiving

Old Testament
New Testament

Micah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Dee Dee Wike

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:1-12

Nancy Yarborough
Assistant Lay Leader
Mission Rivers District

Message

"B" More like Him

Nancy Yarborough

***Praise**

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

Traditional Cuban
(Translated by Jorge Maldonado)

***Blessing**

Nancy Yarborough

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.