

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	2.5.23
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, 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, Mason Staley, 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), Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Adie Kurth, Scott Leiffer, Donna Messersmith, Sylvia Motley, Pastor Floyd Myers (PA), Glen Null, Vaughan Snyder (PA), Kent Stevens (FL), 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 the classroom 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	

ALTAR FLOWERS are given for the glory of God by Mary Kaylor in remembrance of Jack's birthday on February 8.

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
	9:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class Information/Orientation class between nursery and Children/Youth Min. office
Tuesday, February 7	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (Mary Lotsey)
Wednesday, February 8	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 9	10:00 a.m.	York River Garden Club (WBFH)

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

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!

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2023 begins next **Sunday, February 12 at 9:45 a.m.** in the classroom adjacent to the nursery. Please be in prayer for the confirmands who will be joining this class and growing in their personal faith walk.



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

“House of Prayer” is Bethany’s new prayer ministry. This is a weekly time of intercessory prayer open to all. Join us in the sanctuary as we pray freely for God’s will to be done for General Conference 2024, for Bethany church, and in the lives of others and ourselves. Let us be a strong body of prayer at Bethany.

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! A Zoom link will be made available for those unable to attend in-person.



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.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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

Birthdays:

2/6 Jackie Emerson; Wesley Buchanan
2/7 Alan Harvey
2/8 Jeff Lane
2/11 Peggy Burton; Shannon Minor

Anniversaries

2/5 Kevin & Kris Kiley (50)
2/11 Rev. Paul & Kim Song (33)

LENT AT BETHANY begins Ash Wednesday, February 22, with Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday, February 21, bring your family and join us as we enjoy a **Pancake Dinner at 6:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall.

On **Maundy Thursday**, the chancel choir will perform Joseph Martin’s cantata, *The Lenten Sketches*, at 7:00 p.m. Singers are needed for all voice parts. No audition required. If you want to be a part of this special service, please come to our cantata rehearsal on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more information, contact Sandy Fox at 757-329-6128.

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.