

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	3.5.23
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen GRIEVING: Families of Diane McFarland, Fred Townsend, Jack Wallace HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, Billy Davis, Sandy Fox, Jimmy Greene, Estelle Harris, Sandra Hollins, David Hoover, Kathy Jacobs, Jon Kent, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Kim Paiva, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid and Marion Dixon, Ruth Wallace HOSPICE: Alice McGee HOSPITALIZED: David Cecil (rehab) PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Mike Andersen, Judy Burner, Nerine Hickman, Nancy Kendall, Paul McFarland UPCOMING SURGERY: Dylan Chapin (March), Nancy Orth (3/5), Pauline Reimold (3/9)		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Fran Bonnaville, Kendell Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Dallas "Butch" Folk (ME), Carol Gibbs, Nell Goldstein, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Sissi Mise, Laine Seely, John Sheppard, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Jill Ward, Gwen Wesson, Susan Williams GRIEVING: Families of Donald W. Bland, Gloria Respress, Ronald Stubblefield, Murielene Swindeck HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Sandy Brinker (PA), Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Adie Kurth, Don Kurth, Scott Leiffer, Donna Messersmith, Sylvia Motley, Pastor Floyd Myers (PA), Vaughan Snyder (PA), Kent Stevens (FL), Tim Sullivan, Evie Sutton, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wikle HOSPICE: William Ervi, Selma PARKINSON'S: Janet Burch (KY) RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Jim Flansberg, Mary Hellison, Norman Spaleny, Becky Wadsworth-Knowles (FL) UPCOMING SURGERY: Silvia Howerton (UT, 4/11) 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	

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? Sign-up sheet is outside the nursery.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Information, 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship & Celebrations (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages Confirmation Class 2023
Tuesday, March 7	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (Mary Lotsey)
Wednesday, March 8	9:00 a.m.	Trustees (WBFH)
	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	AARP Tax-Aide (appt. only, Education Wing)
	1:00 p.m.	Abingdon Woman's Club (WBFH)
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir & Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, March 9	10:00 a.m.	York River Garden Club (WBFH)
	6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Bethany Bible Study (BBS) (Lacey Martin)

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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

Birthdays:

- 3/5 Colleen LeMay
- 3/6 Linda Reams
- 3/7 Dennisa Booth; Tally Vaughan
- 3/9 Jim Minor; Mary S. Morris; Judy Johnson
- 3/10 Teresa Sullivan; Brenda Thomas
- 3/11 Kathy Jacobs

Anniversaries:

- 3/6 Linda & Stan Reams (41)
- 3/10 Steve & Susan Young (22)

PRAYER REQUEST

Scott Burner, brother of Al, will be leaving this Sunday to serve several weeks at an Emergency Field Hospital in Turkey where a team of 80 is busy treating the sick and injured following deadly earthquakes that decimated entire communities. Scott is an emergency room physician who has volunteered for medical missions at a number of countries overseas, mainly through Samaritan's Purse.

NEXT SUNDAY at 9:30 a.m. – SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Bring a breakfast dish to share and join us in the fellowship hall for our Second Sunday Breakfast. Find a friend and join us for Sunday school afterwards! You'll be glad you came!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We encourage you to come pray for our church, the United Methodist Church, our community, our nation, and our world. If there is a special need for which you would like prayer, please email prayers@bethanyumc-gp.org or contact the church office. (NOTE: Please enter using the side sanctuary entrance or rear office entrance; the front door of the church will remain locked for security reasons.)

BETHANY BIBLE STUDY, 2023 – We are currently studying the book of Romans on **Thursdays 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! Come whenever you are able.

JOY CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.** in Mary Lotsey. All ladies are welcome!

TOWN HALL ON DRUG CRISIS, Wednesday, March 15, 7 PM, Bethany UMC sanctuary

Misuse of prescription and illicit drugs has become more prominent in our community. Regardless of age or vocation, anyone can become addicted, even though young people are more at risk. The quality of illicit drugs is consistently undependable and increases the risk of overdose. Less expensive and readily available chemicals may be added to more costly drugs, increasing the risk of a potentially fatal reaction.

Bethany UMC will host a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, March 15, to give our church family and neighbors the opportunity to hear information and ask questions about this ongoing health and social dilemma. The Director, a Counselor, and a Nurse from the American Addiction Treatment Center will give a short presentation and be available to answer questions. Their goal is to heighten our awareness and sensitivity to the problem, as well as direct us to sources of local assistance available for those who are struggling with this issue, whether that is you or someone you love. All are welcome to attend, including youth directors, teachers, parents, students, healthcare providers, and concerned citizens.

SIGN ON US 17 REFURBISHED

Many thanks to Stacie and Paul Martin for refurbishing the Bethany sign on US 17 at the intersection with route 1205.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to answer phones in the church office when Dee Dee takes vacation in late March. Shifts available are listed below. If you can help, please contact the church office.

Tuesday, March 28 — 8-10 a.m., 10am-noon, and 1-4pm

Wednesday, March 29 — 8-10 a.m., 10am-noon, and 1-4pm

Thursday, March 30 — 8-10 a.m., 10am-noon, and 1-4pm

Friday, March 31 — 8-10 a.m., 10am-noon, and 1-4pm

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks very much to all those who prayed for me and supported me with prayers, cards, calls, and food before and after my hand surgery. It meant so much to me. I love my Bethany Church family. — *Judy Burner*

Homebound Ministries would like to thank everyone who came out to help cook and deliver on Monday. We had 12 helpers and cooked for 33 people.

Dear Bethany United Methodist Church’s C.A.R.E. Ministry,
Thank you very much for the hand-made blanket and prayers for Silvia’s surgery. Silvia loves textured blankets! We have used it when she falls asleep. She likes having something to knead and hold onto. We had to reschedule her surgery because she got sick. It is now April 11th. Thank you again from all of us. — *Lisa, Danny, and Silvia Howerton*

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Donald W. Bland, brother-in-law of Richard Parkes, who passed away on February 26. Please remember the family in your prayers.

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR LENT

In 2023 the majority of Lenten Sundays occur during March, also the month that harbors the 338th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach. Like Martin Luther, Bach’s name is synonymous with the Protestant Reformation, and his musical legacy remains its most exalted artistic achievement.

Since it was through music that Bach expressed his deepest thoughts and feelings about God, humanity, and the universe, he constantly strove to raise the art itself to the highest possible level of perfection. He did so with the humility of a true teacher, publishing as mere “keyboard exercises” some of the most profound and beautiful music ever composed. Such is today’s organ Meditation, the *Prelude* on the 16th-century chorale (or hymn) “*O Man, Lament Thy Grievous Fall*” from the collection Bach modestly titled his *Little Organ Book*. Although he conceived it as a vast compendium of 164 chorale preludes for every Sunday of the church year, Bach actually completed only 46 pieces. In 1717, at age 32, Bach was placed under “house arrest” by his employer, Duke Wilhelm Ernst of Weimar (Germany), to prevent him from accepting a much better position in Cöthen!

Although unfinished, the *Little Organ Book* stands as an artistic and conceptual whole, fully covering the important liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter with additional preludes for Pentecost and other festival days. Inspired by the theology and imagery of the sacred hymn texts, Bach’s creative imagination unfailingly discovered the unique and inevitable expression in music for each of them – concise “tone paintings” which, as Dr. Albert Schweitzer revealed, comprise “the dictionary of Bach’s musical language, the key to the understanding of his music as a whole.”

The vocabulary of suffering and death is most poignantly displayed in the *Prelude on “O Man, Lament Thy Grievous Fall,”* which reveals the redemptive significance of Christ’s Passion. The purgatorial effect of pain has never been more powerfully expressed than in the final measures of this piece, a rending of the bowels of compassion which is visceral in its emotional impact. Human drama and theological intent are again equated in living myth. — *Rudy Shackelford*