



Bethany Banner

April 2023

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
Sunday Worship – 8:30 a.m. Informal; 11 a.m. Traditional

Sunday School for all ages – 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours: Tues.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Church Office: 804-642-2110; www.bethanyumc-gp.org



Pastor: Rev. Moonsup “Paul” Song

Director of Music: Sandra Fox

Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Carter Roane

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

Easter is an Everyday Event.

Easter, the day of Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, comes every year in our annual liturgical season.

Again, this year, we welcome it by decorating the altar, offering special programs and activities at the church, and inviting family members and friends to come celebrate Easter together.

Let's ponder on this. If we celebrate Easter merely one day a year, then we are thinking of Easter as *chronos*, which is time measured and counted, like any other day coming and passing naturally. If we celebrate Easter, however, as a daily event, and so as an ongoing opportunity in life for us to reaffirm and grow in our love for God and others, it is understanding Easter as *Kairos*, the appointed time in the purpose of God to be lived and experienced.

According to the Gospel of Luke, the message of the first Easter is proclaimed, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5).

Jesus Christ is risen. He is risen today indeed. The risen Lord is with us always, today, tomorrow, and every day. He calls us to live each day by the power of resurrection, calling us to rise from the power of darkness and death, from the power of sinfulness, and from the sin-sick soul to life living in the joy and the hope of resurrection.

Apostle Paul puts it this way:

"The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:10-11)

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

Easter as *Kairos* is an event happening in us every day by the Power of the Holy Spirit. It is to die to sin and to live to righteousness of God each day.

May the power of the hope of resurrection keep you through.

Happy Easter,

Pastor Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES will be cooking for our shut-ins on **Thursday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m.** Come and enjoy the fellowship and share your love with others.

THURSDAY NIGHTS AT BETHANY – COME JOIN US!

House of Prayer— 6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary

The sanctuary is open on Thursday nights for all to come to pray. When you come, center yourself to God by having a moment of silence, reading scripture and meditating. Pray for God's will be done, for the peace of God on earth, for churches in the world, for the United Methodist Church and its General Conference next year, for Bethany Church, for the sick and the troubled, and pray for your own prayers.

Bethany Bible Study (BBS) – 7:00 p.m. in the Lacey Martin classroom
Currently we are studying the book of Romans.

House of Prayer and Bethany Bible Study will not meet on Maundy Thursday, April 6 due to the Cantata and Prayer Vigil.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

A NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY led by Doe Breen is meeting during the Sunday school hour in the fellowship hall classroom. You are invited to join them as they study the Lord's Prayer with a study guide. Come check it out!

MUSIC CAMP 2023

Bethany is "**TUNING UP**" for our 2nd annual Summer Music Camp to be held from 9:00am-1:00pm, July 17-21. We are looking for folks who would like to teach, assist, or just come out to join the fun of making music with us! Registrations will be starting in May on a first come, first served basis. We only have room for 50 **MIDDLE SCHOOL** students, so get your reservations in early before we send out our public announcement. Contact Sandra Byrd (757-570-0858) or the church office for more details.

LENT & EASTER AT BETHANY

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Cantata

The Chancel Choir will perform *Lenten Sketches* by Joseph Martin. This incredible work is a series of tableaus illustrating the pivotal final days of Christ's earthly ministry: the triumphal entry, the Last Supper, the garden of Gethsemane, and the crucifixion. These events have inspired artists through the ages, and their wonderful creations in turn are the inspiration for this Lenten cantata. Included in this presentation is artwork in PowerPoint visuals. You will be truly blessed to see and hear this moving and inspiring cantata.

Holy Week Prayer Vigil

8 PM Maundy Thursday through Noon on Good Friday

This year we encourage you to pray from the comfort of your home. Please use the sign-up sheets at the sanctuary entrances or contact the church office to designate which hour(s) you plan to pray.

Good Friday, April 7

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 8

Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00 p.m. (Pre-K through 5th Grade)

Easter Sunday, April 9

Community Easter Sunrise Service – 6:30 a.m., VIMS

****Community Breakfast hosted by Bethany UMC – 7:30 a.m., WBFH**

Easter Worship at Bethany – 8:30 informal and 11:00 traditional
(Sunday school and Confirmation Class at 9:45 a.m.)

Friday, April 14

Church Office Closed

**** EASTER BREAKFAST HELP NEEDED** — This year Bethany will be hosting the community breakfast after the Sunrise Service. We would appreciate if you could help by providing some of the needed items for the breakfast. **Please take one of the cards on the table near the office and return the item by Sunday, April 2.**

Thank you so much! — *Hospitality Committee*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Activity is ramping up for Bethany's children and youth and we invite you to join in the fun!

Our **Easter Egg Hunt on April 8** will be open to the community, so please bring your friends and join us! Volunteers, egg stuffers, and donations of candy are needed for the event. Candy can be dropped off in the Children & Youth Ministry office. To volunteer, call or text Carter Roane at (804) 815-5722 or email youth@bethanyumc-gp.org.

Egg Stuffing will take place on **Friday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m.** in the WBFH.

April Events

4/1 — Children & Youth Bowling Night at York Lanes, 6:30 to 8:00pm

4/8 — Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00-2:00pm (Pre-K through 5th grade)

4/23 — Youth Participation Sunday (Youth serve as ushers & greeters)

Youth and Children Sunday school classes meet every Sunday at 9:45am.

Youth ushers and greeters are needed for Youth Participation Sunday on the 4th Sunday of every month.

Thanks for your support!

Carter Roane, Director of Children and Youth Ministries

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES

On **Sunday, May 7 at 4 PM**, the George Nelson Memorial Concert Series will be presenting an incredible performance by the Virginia Handbell Consort.



On September 22, 1996, an announcement appeared in the local newspaper stating, "handbell group looks for ringers." Forty people answered the call to audition. Founder Tex Minter chose 18 ringers who became charter members for the new Virginia Handbell Consort. The ensemble started with ambitious goals that included a full schedule of nine Christmas concerts and took the huge step of purchasing a 5-octave set of Schulmerich Bells and a 3-octave set of chimes. Twenty-eight concerts were performed in the first year and lots of fundraisers were held in order to pay for this initial investment.

Today, VHC owns:

- 6 octaves of Schulmerich bells
- 4 additional octaves of Schulmerich bells
- 3 octaves of Petit and Fritsen bells
- 7 octaves of Malmark and Schulmerich chimes
- Percussion equipment that includes wind chimes, wood blocks, triangles, cymbals, etc.

In the twenty-five years VHC has been a performing ensemble, 253 pieces of music have been performed and 75 ringers have been members.

Mark the date on your calendar, invite a friend, and join us for this outstanding concert!

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Homebound Ministry “Team,”

Thank all of you for thinking of me and Fred. The soup, cornbread, coleslaw, and brownies were just delicious! The cooks and deliverers...such a team!!

Our intentions were to come help deliver that Monday but God had a different plan – a delivery to us!! WOW!! Hopefully soon I will be back on both feet and running. Love and Hugs, *Jane Niethamer*

Many thanks to the HUGS Ministry for the beautiful lap robe I received, and to all our Bethany family for the prayers, calls, and expressions of love shown me during my recent surgery and recovery. Thank you for your continued prayers as I begin radiation treatments soon. – *Nancy Orth*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your cards, phone calls, meals, and well wishes. What a giving church family we have. Again, thank you. Blessings to all.

– *Nerine Hickman*

We would like to thank all of our Bethany family for all the visits, meals, cards, calls, messages and prayers for our family over the last four months. Dad’s fall and lengthy hospital stay and Mom’s unexpected death were very difficult on all of us but being surrounded by all the love and support helped us all so very much. We would also like to thank the Hospitality Committee for the beautiful reception and everyone that provided food. We are so very grateful for all of you. Thank you -- *Shannon, Jason, Jordan, Carter and Paul*

I wanted to thank the Methodist Men for hosting the Ladies Night Dinner. It was a nice night getting together enjoying good company, delicious food and wonderful entertainment.

-- *Nina Whitmore*

I would like to pass along my heartfelt thank-you to the HUGS Ministry for my lap robe they so graciously made for me. I am so humbled by this act of kindness and it's a constant reminder how this church supports and loves those in need. I will be eternally grateful for this beautiful gift.

— *Jon Kent*

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*

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*

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the families of:

Grady Toler, beloved former Bethany choir member, who passed March 15.

Marilyn Joyce Smith Dean, sister of Sandy Fox, who passed March 1 in South Carolina.

Donald W. Bland, brother-in-law of Richard Parkes, who passed away on February 26.

BETHANY MISSION DAY / CELEBRATION OF GIVING

*Excerpts of thank you notes received from recipient organizations are posted below.
Complete letters are posted on the large bulletin board in the main hallway.*

Thank you for thinking of our youth as we strive to maintain consistency in the lives of those we serve. We want to let you know just how grateful we are that you took the time to invest in our community's children. Your gift toward our Gloucester unit is greatly appreciated. – *Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula*

Thank you so much for your support of the children and programs at *Henry Fork Center*. We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity to our ministry.

Thank you so much for your many years of support over the life of *Literacy Volunteers of Gloucester*. We always appreciated the church service. The celebration meal was always a wonderful touch of thanks.

On behalf of *Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue*, I would like to thank you for your generous donation. The significance of your donation exceeds the monetary value as it represents a welcome expression of community support for the efforts of the volunteers.

Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team (G.U.E.S.T.) relies on the kindness of donors such as you to provide the financial support needed to provide shelter and other needed care for the unsheltered in our community and move them toward self-sufficiency. Your generous donation will enable the continuation of care and outreach to some of the most vulnerable throughout the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck.

Thank you for the generous and kind gift. This gift will help us to continue to provide medical and dental services to Virginia Indians. Without the donations to our Native American community, we would not be able to help as many elders.

– *Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic*

What a joyous morning, February 19th! And what a testament to this church family! Kudos to the entire Bazaar Bunch for an incredibly successful event culminating in the Celebration of Giving. At *Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society* we are both humbled and grateful for the support we have received from our friends at Bethany United Methodist Church.

Thank you for your generous donation. During 2022 we were able to distribute over 470,000 lbs. of food feeding over 25,000 people in the Gloucester, Mathews, Saluda, York County and Williamsburg areas. We could not continue this much-needed ministry without the broad support of our community and the dedication of our volunteers. – *Bread for Life Community Food Pantry*

Thank you for believing in our mission to empower adults with developmental disability in their community. With your donations, *Heart Havens* can cover what Medicaid doesn't pay to ensure that the people we support are engaged as full and active members of their communities. Donations allow our residents to celebrate birthdays, plan special meals out, attend an art class, purchase hearing aids, or visit a local museum. Heart Havens is so grateful you are on our team.

Thank you for your donation that you gave to the *Food Ministry of Union Baptist Church*. The Food Ministry touches the lives of many families in our area who are less fortunate.

Everything we do is for the purpose of creating opportunities for better lives through Christ-centered service. Thank you for your gift which we received on 2/24/23, so that we can do what we are called to do: Loving God and Loving each other!
– *Henderson Settlement*

Please accept our special thanks for your 2023 donation to the *Samaritan Group* in honor of Lester Sterling for his birthday. Your continued support and generous contribution make it possible for our organization to provide critical assistance to our neighbors.

On behalf of the *Gloucester Mathews Care Clinic*, I'd like to thank you for your generous gift. Your donation will have an immediate impact on our patients. Thanks to you and many others like you who invest in the GMCC, we are able to provide excellent patient-focused medical and dental care to hundreds of our neighbors each year.

Thank you for partnering with us during this past, difficult year. With inflation challenges we actually had significant cost INCREASE, while our overall financial contributions DECREASED. We appreciate all you have done! – *Helping the Homeless*



Mother's Day is a great time to honor or remember your Mother, Aunt, Grandmother, or other special woman in your life. Your donation of **\$1 per name** will help support United Women in Faith missions projects.

To participate, **COMPLETE THIS FORM**, include your payment, and drop in the offering plate or by the church office. Completed forms with payment can also be mailed to the church office. Cost is \$1 per name.

DEADLINE to submit form is SUNDAY, MAY 7th.

Make checks payable to Bethany UMW.

(Please PRINT clearly)

Your Name :

Phone Number / Email Address: _____

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Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	3.23.23
<p>CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Nancy Orth, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Bob Wharen</p> <p>GRIEVING: Families of Diane McFarland, Fred Townsend, Jack Wallace</p> <p>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</p> <p>HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid and Marion Dixon, Ruth Wallace</p> <p>HOSPICE: Alice McGee</p> <p>HOSPITALIZED: David Cecil (rehab)</p> <p>PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White</p> <p>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Mike Andersen, Alan Harvey, Nancy Kendall, Nancy Orth, Gwen Wesson</p> <p>UPCOMING SURGERY: Dylan Chapin (TBD)</p>		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
<p>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, Susan Williams</p> <p>GRIEVING: Family of Donald W. Bland</p> <p>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</p> <p>HOSPICE: William Ervi, Selma</p> <p>PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)</p> <p>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Pat Hall, Becky Wadsworth-Knowles (FL)</p> <p>UPCOMING SURGERY: Silvia Howerton (UT, 4/11), Marcia Mickle</p> <p>OTHER PRAYERS: Scott Burner (Medical Missions); Ukraine, Randy Wilson</p>		
BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)		
<p><i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i></p>		
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)		
<p>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</p>	<p>Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Doris Courtney, Rm 305 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 102</p>	
<p>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</p>	<p>Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29</p>	
<p>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</p>	<p>Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A</p>	
<p>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</p>	<p>Pauline Harris, Apt. 130</p>	
<p>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</p>	<p>Jennie Lipscomb</p>	
<p>The Hamilton Assisted Living, 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692</p>	<p>Sue Morecock, Rm 214</p>	



BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Kyle Cooper; John Coleman
4/3	Janet Chapin; Charlotte Cecil
4/4	Lucas Hornsby
4/5	Rev. Michael Kendall
4/7	Brandon Sweeney
4/9	Patrick Glaze; Christina Perkins
4/10	Peggy Lewis
4/11	Suzanne Sullivan, Ruth Ann Freeman
4/12	Dylan Andersen; Scott Andersen
4/14	Betty Sue Varner
4/16	Robert Blackwell
4/18	Rudy Shackelford
4/19	Crystal Thompson
4/20	Jon Kent
4/23	Diane White
4/24	Chas Barber
4/25	Shirley Lewis; Debra Farrow
4/26	Neal White
4/27	Austin White, Emily White
4/28	Bayleigh Andersen; Irene Hogge
4/30	Katie Hoover

ALTAR GUILD

Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby

LITURGISTS

4/2 Doe Breen
 4/9 Betty Neikirk
 4/16 Kevin Kiley
 4/23 Judy Burner
 4/30 Cat White

ACOLYTES

4/2 Josiah Minor
 4/9 Decatur Hogge
 4/16 Aidan Dumbrocyo
 4/23 Justus Minor
 4/30 Ella and Emily Ward

ANNIVERSARIES

		# yrs
4/4	David & Breta Hoover	42
4/5	Shawn & Krista Chase	15
4/6	Rick & Gerri Wilson	27
4/7	Joe & Lisa Gayle	39
4/10	Mike & Tina Silberhorn	30
4/12	Martin & Dolores Breen	15
4/20	Kelvin & Kelly Cooper	27
4/25	Sandra & Lonnie Byrd	17

COUNTING TEAMS

4/2 Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
 4/9 Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Sandra Harvey
 4/16 Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
 4/23 Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
 4/30 Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

April 2-8: Donna Andersen
 April 9-15: M. E. Thomas
 April 16-22: Rob Raines
 April 23-29: Diana Simmons
 April 30-May 6: Don Thomas

ALTAR FLOWERS

4/2 No Flowers (Lent)
 4/9 Easter Flowers
 4/16 Martin & Doe Breen
 4/23 AVAILABLE
 4/30 AVAILABLE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1 9:00am Cantata Dress Rehearsal 6:30pm Children & Youth Bowling Night
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HOLY WEEK						
Communion Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship			10:00am AARP Tax Aide 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm Maundy Thursday Cantata 8:00pm Prayer Vigil begins (through Noon on Good Friday)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (Good Friday)	12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt
9 6:30am Easter Sunrise Service - VMS 7:30am Community Breakfast - BUMC 8:30am Informal Worship 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	10	11 7:00pm Finance Committee	12 10:00am AARP Tax Aide 1:00pm Abingdon Woman's Club 6:00pm GNMCS Committee 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13 10:00am York River Garden Club 2:00pm UWF Board 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study (BBS)	14 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (Easter Observance)	15 BANNER DEADLINE
16 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	17	18 8:30am River Country Quilters	19 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 10:30am Naomi Circle 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study (BBS)	21 1:00pm AWC Yard Sale Setup	22 7:30am AWC Yard Sale
23 Youth Participation Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	24	25 6:30pm UMM Meeting @ Nick's	26 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27 9:30am Homebound Ministries 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study (BBS)	28	29
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