



Bethany Banner

May 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

Virginia Handbell Consort Presents

Reflection

Alan Reese, Director

Bethany United Methodist Church

1860 Hayes Rd.

Gloucester Point, VA 23062

Sunday, May 7th

4:00 pm



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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

Christian Home

May is Christian Home month in the United Methodist Church, a celebration of our home, as a gift of God, and of our family following Scriptural principles with Jesus Christ as the center of the family. While we celebrate this month, we remember our heritage as Methodists that we have cherished since the time of John Wesley.

“He provided a method of family worship—

Step 1: A short extemporaneous prayer.

Step 2: Psalm singing.

Step 3: Bible study. A parent was to read the scripture for the day and explain it. Then the children were to explain the Bible passage back to the parents.

Step 4: Family prayer using both written and spontaneous prayers.

Step 5: Singing of the Doxology.

Step 6: The Benediction given by a parent.

Step 7: The blessing. The parent lays his or her hand on the head of each child and blesses the child in Jesus’ name. The blessing in Jesus’ name, Wesley charged, was never to be omitted no matter how badly the child had behaved that day.”

— *Spiritual Direction and the Care of Souls*, Gary W. Moon and David G. Benner, pp.122-123

You can use Wesley’s method of family devotion appropriately according to your family situation—single, married with or without children, on a daily or weekly basis. The goal is to help your family to live in awareness of the presence of Jesus Christ in your home.

John Wesley also provided *A Collection of Prayers for Families, Prayers and Devotions for Every Day of the Week, Prayers for Children, Lessons for Children* (two hundred Bible Studies) and *Instruction for Children* (fifty-eight lessons on Christian living).

Let Jesus Christ be the center of your home.

Blessings,

Pastor Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOY CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, May 2 at 7 p.m.** Wendy Hogge will present a program and we will be making cards for servicemen. Come join us!

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES will be cooking for our shut-ins on **Wednesday, May 31 at 9:30 a.m.** Come join the fun!

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 and pray.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It is never too late to join a Sunday Morning Study Group! We have classes for all ages and we meet from 9:45 to 10:45. (Fellowship with coffee, birthday cake and other goodies is beforehand!)

We will have our **Pot Luck Second Sunday Breakfast on May 14** (Mother's Day) at 9:30. Plan to be there and, if you can, bring something to share!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Participation Sunday is the 4th Sunday of the month, **May 28th.**

Youth ushers and greeters are needed for the 11:00 service that day.

Please call/text Carter Roane at 804-815-5722 or email

youth@bethanyumc-gp.org for details.

- **5/7 at 9:30 a.m. — Breakfast at the Beach**
At the home of Jason & Susannah Hogge,
1333 Laurens Pt., Gloucester Point
- **5/28 at 11:00 a.m. — Youth Participation Sunday**
- **Youth and Children Sunday school, every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.**

If you have any interesting ideas about fun activities for Bethany's children and youth, or if you are an adult who would like to volunteer, please contact Carter Roane. Get in on the fun!

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES

presents

Virginia Handbell Consort

Sunday, May 7 — 4 p.m.

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 9 Christmas concerts. They have performed at the Kennedy Center, Handbell Musicians of America Festivals, the Virginia Arts Festival, the Ferguson Center, and performed with the Virginia Symphony Pops. They have made several CDs and have also taught numerous handbell workshops, and they will have one this summer, Saturday, August 19th, all day.

For workshop details and other information, visit vhcbells.org.

This is a concert you won't want to miss, so make plans now to bring a friend and join us for spectacular performance by an outstanding ensemble playing a vast array of handbells and other percussion instruments.



**Bethany UMC's 2nd annual "Feel the Noise" Summer Music Camp
July 17-21, 9:00am-1:00pm.**

Volunteers are still needed to teach, assist, or just come out to join the fun of making music with us! Space is limited to 50 MIDDLE SCHOOL students, on a first-come, first-served basis. **Registration begins May 1.**

Pick up a brochure from one of the entrances or register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/a2df6a>.

Enroll now for our FREE summer music camp for Middle School Students! Experienced teachers will provide instruction on Keyboard, Violin, Handbell, Guitar, and Drums. No experience is required. Instruments provided at no cost. Contact Sandra Byrd (757-570-0858) for more details.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the families of:

William Davis “Bud” Purnell, brother of Jeannie Meisner, who passed April 16.

Doris Mescal Conner Courtney, sister of Ed Conner, Bessie Conner, Patsy Morales, and Margaret Figgins, who passed on April 5.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Bethany Friends,

It is with a grateful heart that I thank each of you for the many cards and phone calls during my fight with cancer. As of right now my cancer is under control.

I pray for blessings on each of you and for my home church, BUMC.
— *Darlene Bauschatz*

THANK YOU for all the prayers, food, visits, calls, flowers, and cards during Nancy’s recent surgery and recovery. Your tangible expressions of love and continued prayers for us during this time are appreciated more than you know.

— *Paul and Nancy Kendall*

THANK YOU for the prayers, cards, calls and food during my surgery and recovery and during the loss of Grady’s brother. You have welcomed us into the Bethany family and made us feel a part of your wonderful and caring congregation. We are thankful we walked into your doors!

— *Gwen and Grady Wesson*

FROM BAZAAR DONATION RECIPIENTS

Abingdon Episcopal Church greatly appreciates your generous support of our important ministry to Abingdon Elementary School. The “Panther Packs” help feed 100 children every weekend. Bethany Methodist is truly following Jesus’s words in Matthew 25:35 – “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in.” Once again, thank you for your support.

— *The Panther Pack Team*

Thank you for giving recently to Red Bird Mission. Easter and the onset of spring in the mountains reminds of new beginnings and hope for the future. Your support brings hope for the hundreds of people touched each week by the programs here in southeastern Kentucky. — *Red Bird Mission*



END OF WATCH BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, May 25 – 10am to 4pm
Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall
For more information or to
schedule an appointment, visit
www.redcrossblood.org.

WORSHIP: What It Is and What It Isn't

By Dee Dee Wike

One of the age-old debates in the Church centers around worship. Many people, myself included, have floated in and out of churches because the style of music wasn't familiar or what we expected. As I have grown in my walk with the Lord I have come to realize that worship is not really about music at all. Sure, we utilize music to offer praise to our deserving, loving, great, and glorious Lord, but worship is about so much more than music!

Singer-songwriter Matt Redman wrote his popular song, "The Heart of Worship," following a period of apathy within his home church in England. "There was a dynamic missing, so the pastor did a pretty brave thing," he recalls. "He decided to get rid of the sound system and band for a season, and we gathered together with just our voices. His point was that we'd lost our way in worship, and the way to get back to the heart would be to strip everything away. Before long, we reintroduced the musicians and sound system, as we'd gained a new perspective that worship is all about Jesus, and He commands a response in the depths of our souls no matter what the circumstance and setting. 'The Heart of Worship' simply describes what occurred."¹

*When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart...
I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You, Jesus*

Jesus is looking for people who will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, who recognize that worship is not just about music, but about service, sacrifice, and Bible-based living. How will you worship Him today?

¹Crosswalk.com, "Song Story: Matt Redman's "The Heart of Worship" by David Schrader, Contributing Writer

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	4.30.23
<p>CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Nancy Orth, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Bob Wharen</p> <p>GRIEVING: Paiva-Ervi families, family of Doris Courtney</p> <p>HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, Regina Berry, Charlotte Cecil, David 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: Jimmy Greene (Riverside Regional, NN), Alan Harvey (rehab)</p> <p>PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White</p> <p>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Mike Andersen, Billy Davis, Clare Hall, Alan Harvey, Baum Hogge, 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, Thia Martin, Sissi Mise, Laine Seely, John Sheppard, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Jill Ward, Susan Williams</p> <p>GRIEVING: Families of Donald W. Bland, William Davis "Bud" Purnell (KY), Tommy Wesson (FL)</p> <p>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Sandy Brinker (PA), Esther Dawson, Jaunita Goins, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Adie Kurth, Don Kurth, Scott Leiffer, Donna Messersmith, Sylvia Motley, Pastor Floyd Myers (PA), Kelley Parkes, Vaughan Snyder (PA), Kent Stevens (FL), Tim Sullivan, Evie Sutton, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wikle</p> <p>HOSPICE: William Ervi, Selma</p> <p>HOSPITAL/REHAB: Laura Hodges (Beth Sholom)</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 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

5/1	Betty Neikirk; Susan Young; Ben Breen; Hannah Campbell
5/2	Brenda Ashe; Paul McFarland
5/3	Joni Neal; Jonathan Loase
5/5	Abby Strickler; Madison Goetz
5/7	Hannah Kidd, Ken Freeman
5/8	Ava Grace Naquin; Olivia Naquin
5/9	Larry Johnson; Addy Silberhorn, Tiina Shackelford
5/11	John Farrow
5/12	Jennings Naquin
5/14	Cheyenne Taylor; Mike Sage; Matt Sage
5/15	Mary Leigh
5/16	Billie Edwards
5/17	Philip Ransone
5/18	Evan Reams
5/19	Shanah-Ann Kendall Bair
5/20	Bob Blubaugh
5/21	Sid Dixon; Mark LeMay; Karen Ambrose Demyanovich
5/22	Kayla McDade
5/23	Kris Baker; Sharon Smith
5/24	Alexander Kendall
5/25	Laura Vaughan
5/27	Wendell Fletcher; Linda Ambrose Fletcher
5/28	Ellanah Daniel; Bunny Ekdahl
5/29	Milton Hudgins
5/30	Brian Lewis
5/31	Brandon Bell; Jen Smith Naquin

ALTAR GUILD

Nina Whitmore, Sharon Cheek, Mary Linda Brooks

LITURGISTS

5/7 Pauline Reimold
 5/14 Ann Byrd
 5/21 Lynne Barnes
 5/28 Regina Berry

ACOLYTES

5/7 TBD
 5/14 TBD
 5/21 TBD
 5/28 TBD

ANNIVERSARIES

		# yrs
5/7	Jim & Shannon Minor	18
5/9	Kevin & Kris Kiley	51
5/10	Tom & Denise Mosca	43
5/11	Steve & Dawn McDade	27
5/20	Ron Ervi & Loreen Paiva	23
5/20	Mike & Bunny Ekdahl	9
5/22	Wilford & Kelly Kale	30
5/27	Donald & Debbie Rhodes	45
5/27	Gwendolyn & Ben Szulgit	1
5/30	Shawn & Greta Rohrbach	28
5/30	Ryan & Melissa Brooks	20

COUNTING TEAMS

5/7 Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
 5/14 Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
 5/21 Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Sandra Harvey
 5/28 Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

April 30-May 6: Don Thomas
 May 7-13: Milton Hudgins
 May 14-20: Donna Lane
 May 21-27: Tom Barnard
 May 28-June 3: Donna Anderson

ALTAR FLOWERS

5/7 Mary Kaylor
 5/14 AVAILABLE
 5/21 Dean Townsend
 5/28 AVAILABLE

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 30	May 1	2 6:00pm Stewardship Committee 7:00pm JOY Circle	3 6:00pm S/PPRC 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study (BBS)	5	6 9:00am VAUMC Special Called Conference (ZOOM)
7 Communion Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 9:30am Breakfast at the Beach 11:00am Traditional Worship 4:00pm GNMCS: VA Handbell	8	9 7:00pm Finance Committee	10 9:00am Trustees 1:00pm Abingdon Woman's Club 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 10:00am York River Garden Club 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study (BBS)	12	13
14 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	15 BANNER DEADLINE	16 6:00pm York River Villas 7:00pm Administrative Council	17 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18 10:00am Music Camp 10:30am Naomi Circle 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study (BBS)	19	20
21 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	22	23 7:00pm Worship & Arts	24 1:00pm AWC Special Meeting 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	25 10:00am Blood Drive (End of Watch) 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study (BBS)	26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (Memorial Day)	27
28 Youth Participation Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	29	30 6:30pm UMM Meeting @ Nick's	31 9:30am Homebound Ministries 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Jun 1	2	3