



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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May 21, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday**

WELCOME, EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us today!

CELL PHONES: Please remember to silence your phones before the service.

HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE: Please see an usher if you need a hearing device.

**Please stand as you are able.*

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte(s): Aidan Dumbrocyo (11:00)
 Media: Jeremy Nardozzi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk
 Altar Guild this month: Nina Whitmore, Sharon Cheek, Mary Linda Brooks
 Liturgist: Lynne Barnes (11:00)
 Trustee Contact this week: Tom Barnard
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
 Greeters: Jane Sterling, David Ayers (11:00)

| STEWARDSHIP | Last Sunday |
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| General Fund | 4306.00 |
| Capital Improvement (J. Greene) | 25.00 |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund (\$25 D. Courtney) | 30.00 |
| Endowment Fund (J. Greene) | 70.00 |
| Altar Flowers | 50.00 |
| Hospitality (J. Greene) | 20.00 |
| George Nelson Memorial Concert Series | 484.00 |
| ATTENDANCE | |
| In-person Worship (8:30-31; 11:00-86) | 117 |
| Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)* | 26 |
| Total in Worship | 143 |

| COUNTING TEAMS | |
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| 5/21 | Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Sandra Harvey |
| 5/28 | Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen |
| 6/4 | Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther |
| 6/11 | Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane |

*YouTube information is from two weeks prior to today's service.

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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| Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song, Pastor | call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org | Tues. thru 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. thru Fri., 8am-4pm (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 |

— *As the music begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.* —

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Hail Thee, Festival Day

UMH No. 324

"Hail thee, festival day! blest day to be hallowed forever,
day when our risen Lord rose in the heavens to reign."

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction

Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship**

Lynne Barnes

Leader: Let us gather as they gathered on the Mount of Olivet. Let us remember the teachings of the law, psalms, and prophets.

Congregation: Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!

Leader: Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rose into heaven. Let us remember that every sin has been forgiven.

Congregation: Ride on King Jesus, no one can hinder you!

Leader: Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rode upon the clouds. Let us remember how he promised that we'd be clothed in power.

Congregation: Ride on King Jesus, no one can hinder you!

Leader: Let us gather as they gathered upon a hill so high. Let us remember the ascension of our Messiah.

Congregation: Ride on King Jesus, no one can hinder you!

***Hymn**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH No. 154

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version)

UMH No. 881

Opening Prayer

Lynne Barnes

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church,

We rejoice that you have formed your people into one body comprised of believers of every race and nation. Your salvation has reached to the ends of the earth and to all generations. We praise and thank you that your gospel has reached us and that our voices will join those of many languages this day to proclaim your praise. Accept our praise, purify our hearts, instruct us in your Word, feed us at your table, and visit us with your Spirit that we may follow in the ways of faith, to the glory of God the Father. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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| Anthem | <i>A Tree Once Stood</i> | Joseph Martin |
| Children’s Time | | Video presentation |
| Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.” The Lord’s Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. | | Pastor Paul Song UMH No. 895 |
| Meditation | <i>Serene Alleluias from a Soul Longing for Heaven, from “The Ascension” “We beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we might dwell spiritually in heaven.”</i> | Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992) |
| Offering and Offertory Prayer Offertory Music | <i>Offertory, from Organ Service</i> | Pastor Paul Song Gordon Binkerd (22 May 1916-2003) |
| *Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. | | UMH No. 95 |
| Prayer of Illumination Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen. | | Lynne Barnes |
| New Testament Reading *Gospel Reading The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. | Romans 3:21-31 John 7:37-44 | Lynne Barnes |
| Sermon | “My Heart Was Strangely Warmed” | Pastor Paul Song |
| *Hymn | <i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> | UMH No. 327 |
| *Benediction | | Pastor Paul Song |
| Exodus | <i>Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise</i> | UMH No. 312 |

| Bethany UMC Prayer List | BETHANY FAMILY | 5.21.23 |
|---|---|----------------|
| CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Nancy Orth, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Bob Wharen | | |
| GRIEVING: Families of Doris Courtney, Jimmy Greene, Paiva-Ervi families | | |
| HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, Regina Berry, Charlotte Cecil, David Cecil, Billy Davis, Estelle Harris, Sandra Hollins, David Hoover, Kathy Jacobs, Jon Kent, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Sandy Riggan, Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen | | |
| HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid and Marion Dixon, Ruth Wallace | | |
| HOSPICE: Alice McGee | | |
| HOSPITALIZED: | | |
| PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White | | |
| RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Mike Andersen, Billy Davis, Clare Hall, Alan Harvey, Baum Hogge, Nancy Kendall, Nancy Orth, Gwen Wesson | | |
| UPCOMING SURGERY: Dylan Chapin (TBD) | | |
| 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, Ginny Groff, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Sissi Mise, Laine Seely, John Sheppard, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Jill Ward, Susan Williams | | |
| GRIEVING: Families of Donald W. Bland, William Davis “Bud” Purnell (KY), Tommy Wesson (FL) | | |
| HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Sandy Brinker (PA), Esther Dawson, 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 | | |
| HOSPICE: William Ervi, Selma | | |
| HOSPITAL/REHAB: Laura Hodges (Beth Sholom) | | |
| PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY) | | |
| RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Terry Corbin, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Becky Wadsworth-Knowles (FL), Marcia Mickle, Howard Moore | | |
| OTHER PRAYERS: Scott Burner (Medical Missions); 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 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 | |