

HANDBELL WORKSHOP – AUGUST 19 at First Presbyterian Church, Hampton

Virginia Handbell Consort is offering a handbell workshop called the "Triple R Workshop; Reboot, Refresh, Ring" on Saturday, August 19, 2023, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 514 S. Armistead Avenue, Hampton, VA 23669.

This workshop is designed to enhance the skills of handbell ringers and directors after the recent pandemic. The Director’s track will be led by Al Reese, director of Virginia Handbell Consort.

The Ringer’s track will consist of 4 classes taught by experienced VHC ringers/ instructors. The classes are all designed to help reboot your handbell choirs, refresh each ringer’s skills, and to have fun while ringing. After all classes are complete, we will all get together and sight-ring new music as a group! Come as a choir or individual ringer. All are welcome! Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$25 per person.

You can register online at vhcbells.org or you can contact Sandy Fox by text or phone, 757-329-6128 or email, rfox6@cox.net and I'll help you. You must register by August 4, 2023.



Triple R Workshop
 Reboot, Refresh, and Ring

Saturday, August 19, 2023
9:00 am-3:30 pm

Join VHC for a day of getting back to the basics of ringing and directing handbells!

Lunch will be provided

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Rob and Cathy Raines for the glory of God and in honor of all the wonderful Volunteers at Upsy Daisy!

The following altar flower dates are available: June 4 and June 11.
To donate altar flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, please write your name on the flower chart in the main hallway or contact the church office. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 a.m.	Celebrations and Fellowship (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Confirmation Class
Tuesday, May 30	6:30 p.m.	United Methodist Men (Nick’s, Gloucester Point)
Wednesday, May 31	9:30 a.m.	Homebound Ministries (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
Thursday, June 1	6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Bethany Bible Study (Lacey Martin)
	7:15 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday, June 2	7:00 p.m.	Children & Youth Ministries Game Night (WBFH)
NEXT SUNDAY	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Traditional)
Communion Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Celebrations & Fellowship (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Confirmation Class

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY — On **Sunday, June 11, during our 11:00 worship service**, we will recognize graduates who are Bethany church members or family members. Please join us in celebrating and praying for our graduates who are transitioning into new careers and schools. Names received to date have been included in the June issue of *Bethany Banner* and will be printed in the bulletin on June 11.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet on **Tuesday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m.** at Nick's Spaghetti & Steak House, Gloucester Point. A representative from Beaver Dam Park will present an overview of the park's history, programs, and facilities. All are welcome.

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

JOY CIRCLE will meet at church at **6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6** to carpool to have supper together at Fiorello's in White Marsh Shopping Center. Please let Judy Burner know if you can attend and if you'll be meeting at church or the restaurant so reservations can be made.

Rocky Railway VBS — June 18th-22nd, 6-8 p.m.

For 4-year-olds thru rising 5th graders

We hope everybody is ready for a great time on the Rocky Railway! Invite your grandkids, children, and friends for an awesome week of greatChristian fun!

WE NEED HELPERS! Contact Carter Roane via email (youth@bethanyumc-gp.org) or text/call (804) 815-5722 for more info. or to volunteer. Can't wait for this week of fun and sharing the word of God!



REGISTRATION OPEN NOW FOR "FEEL THE NOISE" MUSIC CAMP, July 17-21

Register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/a2df6a> OR pick up a registration brochure at one of the entrances. Space limited to 50 middle schoolers. Questions? Pick up brochure or visit www.bethanyumc-gp.org for more info. **Volunteers still needed. Contact Sandy Byrd at 757-570-0858 if you need details or can help in any way.**



FEEL THE NOISE

MUSIC CAMP



JULY 17-21, 2023
9 A.M.-1 P.M.



Bethany United Methodist Church
1860 Hayes Rd., Gloucester Point, VA 23062



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 for cake, coffee, and celebration!

Birthdays:

5/28 Ellanah Daniel; Bunny Ekdahl
5/29 Milton Hudgins
5/30 Brian Lewis
5/31 Brandon Bell; Jen Smith Naquin
6/2 Connor Brooks; Mike Silberhorn

Anniversaries:

5/30 Shawn & Greta Rohrbach (28)
5/30 Ryan & Melissa Brooks (20)

THURSDAYS AT BETHANY UMC

HOUSE OF PRAYER, Thursday at 6:30 PM. — Pray for God's will be done through the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, April 23-27, 2024.

BBS (Bethany Bible Study), Thursday at 7 PM. We are currently studying the book of Romans. All are welcome. Can't attend in person? Feel free to join us on Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85962217161?pwd=ajhvV1I5aXF3WIRHZWpKalpoU3BGUT09>
Meeting ID: 859 6221 7161
Passcode: 191759

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR PENTECOST

Our Offertory for this Pentecost Sunday is *Listen Sweet Dove unto my Song*. It was discovered after the death of composer Gordon Binkerd and given its world premiere performance at Bethany UMC on 5 December 2004. The organist, Rudy Shackelford, earned his master and doctoral degrees in music composition as a student of Prof. Binkerd at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

The title of *Listen Sweet Dove unto my Song* is the first line of the poem *Whitsunday* (meaning "Pentecost") by George Herbert, one of that 17th-century school of English "metaphysical" poets whose best-known member was John Donne. The music of Binkerd's enchanting tone-poem is based on a call-and-response motif that evokes the echoing song of doves in the forest. It breathes a purity and devotional fervor that recalls the *a cappella* choral music of Renaissance masters such as Josquin des Pres, Palestrina, and William Byrd, which also profoundly influenced the many works Gordon Binkerd composed for choirs.

— Rudy Shackelford