



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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June 25, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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):	Ella and Emily Ward (11:00)
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk
Altar Guild this month:	Peggy Lewis, Laura Glaze, Laura Vaughan
Liturgist:	Kate Neikirk (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week:	Don Thomas
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
Greeters:	Rick and Gerri Wilson, David Ayers (11:00)

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

Intrada	<i>Bridal Chorus, from “Lohengrin”</i>	Richard Wagner
	Celebrating June, the Month of Holy Matrimony	(1813-1883)

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction	Pastor Paul Song
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*Call to Worship	Kate Neikirk
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Leader: People of God, tell it!

Congregation: We are not alone! We are children of God!

Leader: People of Christ, tell it!

Congregation: The Light has come in love and truth, teaching us to live in the Light.

Leader: People of the Spirit, tell it!

Congregation: The Spirit of truth reveals hidden things, offering healing through honest confession.

Leader: People of God, tell it!

All: We are not alone! We are children of God! Amen.

*Hymn	<i>And Can It Be That I Should Gain</i>	UMH No. 363
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*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional Version)	UMH No. 881
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Opening Prayer	Kate Neikirk
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O God,

In mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.

We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Anthem	<i>Nearer, My God, To Thee</i>	Sarah Flowers Adams
	Kirk Bell, Guitar – Sandy Byrd, Violin	arr. Rosemary Siemens

Children’s Time	Carter Roane
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STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund	3819.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	105.00
Altar Flowers	50.00
Bazaar Fund (Upsy Daisy)	1000.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship (8:30-29; 11:00-66)	95
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)*	50
Total in Worship	145

COUNTING TEAMS	
6/25	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
7/2	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Sandra Harvey
7/9	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
7/16	Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther

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

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.”		Pastor Paul Song
The Lord’s Prayer		UMH No. 895
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.		
Meditation	<i>Summer Pastorale on “My Faithful Heart Rejoices”</i>	Rudy Shackelford (composed 1978)
	“With joy I await the lovely summer time, when God shall transform all things for eternity. Heaven and earth shall be created anew and all His creatures glorified.”	
	<i>Prelude on “My Faithful Heart Rejoices”</i>	Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Offering and Offertory Prayer		Pastor Paul Song
Offertory Music	<i>Summertime, from “Porgy and Bess”</i>	George Gershwin (1898-1937)
	“Summertime and the livin’ is easy; fish are jumpin’, and the cotton is high... One of these mornin’s you’re goin’ to rise up singin’, then you’ll spread yo’ wings an’ you’ll take the sky.” — DuBose Heyward	
*Doxology		UMH No. 95
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.		
Prayer of Illumination		Kate Neikirk
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.		
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 43:16-21	Kate Neikirk
New Testament Reading	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“Vision Again”	Pastor Paul Song
*Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	UMH No. 378
*Benediction		Pastor Paul Song
*Closing Chorus	<i>Shalom to You</i>	UMH No. 666
	Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.	
Exodus	<i>Wedding March, from “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”</i> Celebrating St. John’s Eve, June 23rd	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	6.25.23
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Bob Wharen			
GRIEVING: Families of Doris Courtney, Jimmy Greene, Jack Rollins			
HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, 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: Julie Rogers (Sentara Williamsburg)			
PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Billy Davis, Clare Hall, Alan Harvey, Baum Hogge, Nancy Kendall, Gwen Wesson			
UPCOMING SURGERY: Dylan Chapin (10/12/23)			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Fran Bonnville, Kendell Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Dallas “Butch” Folk (ME), Carol Gibbs, Traci Greene, Ginny Groff, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Erin Kate (Dooley) McGuire, Sissi Mise, John Sheppard, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Jill Ward, Larry Whitfield, Susan Williams			
GRIEVING: Families of Nell Goldstein, Laine Seely, 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, Dottie Myers (PA), Kelley Parkes, Kent Stevens (FL), Tim Sullivan, Evie Sutton, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wikle			
HOSPICE: William Ervi, Selma			
HOSPITAL/REHAB: Jan Flansberg, Laura Hodges (Virginia Health Center, Arlington)			
PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Terry Corbin, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Becky Wadsworth-Knowles (FL), Marcia Mickle, Howard Moore			
OTHER PRAYERS: 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	