



**Bethany Banner**

**July 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](http://www.bethanyumc-gp.org)**



# FEEL THE NOISE

MUSIC CAMP



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



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



**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

## **LAY REPORT ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023**

### **United as One in Mission**

The Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church is one of the largest conferences of The United Methodist Church. It is projected that by the end of 2023 the Virginia Conference will consist of 900 churches with a membership of 268,000 members.

The 241st session of the Virginia Annual Conference was held in Roanoke, VA, June 15-17, 2023. The theme of the conference, United as One in Mission, is based on Acts 1:8b, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

A Laity "Heart-to-Heart" Conversation with Conference Lay Leader Martha Stokes, held before the conference was called to order, was attended by over 500 lay members. It was heart-warming to have youth members of the conference join in our discussion. One of the first things Lay Leader Stokes asked was "when was the last time you talked to your neighbor? What do they know about your faith story and what do you know about their story?" Lay Leader Stokes stated that churches are not only for saints, but everybody. Change must happen, but we don't want it to. We are all called to be ministers. We forget the Great Commission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our General Session was filled with praise, worship, and communion, during which Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson emphasized "Go outside the walls to meet Jesus. Go find Jesus and get busy." We need to go in peace to serve God and our neighbor in all that we do.

Human sexuality was discussed very little during this conference, with no action taken. This topic will be explored fully at the 2024 General Conference in Charlotte, NC April 23 – May 3, 2024. Please note that the United Methodist Book of Discipline already states in paragraph 140 that "Inclusiveness means openness, acceptance, and support that enables all persons to participate in the life of the Church, the community, and the world; therefore, inclusiveness denies every semblance of discrimination. The services of worship of every local church of the United Methodist Church shall be open to all persons."

A number of organizations, including those of the Virginia Conference, were on display for face-to-face discussions. Several mission opportunities were available during the conference such as Rise Against Hunger packaging of

20,000 meals, the packaging of 3,170 hygiene kits, a Red Cross blood drive, the collection of 1,000 pounds of nonperishable food items, and the collection of 14,745 disaster kits. It was very meaningful to be with so many (around 2000) United Methodists with the common goal of advancing the kingdom of Jesus Christ here on earth.

The United Methodist Church has supported the mission to Cambodia for 20 years. Our newly appointed missionaries to Cambodia that Bethany will support are Rev. Andrew Lee, Janice Lee, and Helen Camarce. Andrew is the Director of the Cambodia UMC Mission and Janice works with the Young Women's Ministry. Helen replaces our retired missionary Clara Biswas with the Cambodian Street Children Ministry. We were able to meet and talk with them at the Mission Banquet and hopefully they will be able to speak at our church next year. Visit <http://www.umccambodia.org/children> for more info.

The groups and ministries supported by the Annual Conference offering change each year, but the goal remains the same: to assist people and ministries, both domestic and international. The 2023 Annual Conference Offering (\$77,000 to date) will support Refugee Resettlement, Food Insecurity in the Commonwealth, and Partnerships of Hope's leadership programs in Brazil, Mozambique, Cambodia, Native Americans, Haiti, and Vietnam.

Rev. Linwood E. Daniel, former pastor at Bethany (1929–2022) and Rev. Robert F. Justis who attended Bethany after his retirement (1950–2022) were included during a moving Service of Remembrance.

All Annual Conference 2023 sessions can be found at <https://vaumc.org/ac2023>.

A letter received from our current and previous 2 conference Lay Leaders is of particular interest. In that letter they note the following: "The call of the laos – the Greek word meaning the whole people of God – has not changed. The call to be in ministry is not reserved for the clergy. It is for all who want to follow the path of becoming and living as disciples of Jesus Christ. This call is not easy to carry, especially in a time like now with so many unanswered questions. This call requires that we build and nurture authentic relationships with one another, even when we disagree."

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Burner  
Lay member 2023 Annual Conference

Visit the **Annual Conference 2023 display** in the main hallway and take a few minutes to look through the report and resources. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Burner.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES** — We will be cooking for our shut-ins on **Thursday, July 27 at 9:30 a.m.** Hope you can help in this outreach ministry.

**GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERTS COMMITTEE** will meet on **Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey classroom.

**MUSIC CAMP ITEMS NEEDED** — Snack and beverage items are needed to serve our Music Camp attendees and volunteers, July 17-21. Postcards containing the items needed are located on the easel outside the Mary Lotsey classroom. Next time you are at church, please pull a card from the easel and purchase the items listed. **Items should be returned to the church by July 16.** Thank you for your generous provision!

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It's officially Summer, but that doesn't mean we should take a vacation from Sunday School! Lacey Martin Class is back with Alan Harvey at the helm, Friendship is going strong and we can add more seats, and the new Study Group with Martin and Doe Breen is very exciting! Won't you join us? **We will have Second Sunday Potluck Breakfast at 9:30 on July 9 so plan to be there!**

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## SUMMER BREAK

**Confirmation Class** will not meet during the month of July. The class will resume on Sunday, August 6.

**Bethany Bible Study (BBS)** will also take a break during the month of July. Our study of Romans will conclude on July 27. We will resume on Thursday, August 3, as we dive into 1 Corinthians.

Enjoy your break and make plans to join us again in August!

## HOMESCHOOL MUSIC ACADEMY

On June 20, 2023, the Administrative Council met and voted unanimously to allow use of Bethany's facilities to host a Homeschool Music Academy during the 2023-2024 school year (Fall and Spring sessions) beginning August 25. The music academy, open on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. til 3:00 p.m., will be operated by a homeschool co-op in our community, under the direction of Julia Middleton (an instructor in Bethany's 2023 Music Camp), with oversight and management by Bethany's Board of Trustees. Church leadership sees this as an excellent opportunity to expand our community outreach and bring families through our doors. Thank you for your prayers and support!

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## NEED A TUB TRANSFER FOR AN ELDERLY LOVED ONE?

Susannah Hogge has access to several tub transfers, recently ordered from Amazon and non-returnable because they classify as medical equipment, which she is willing to donate. For product details, visit <https://a.co/d/1W3TVX2j>. If you have an interest, please contact Susannah directly at 703-629-8539.

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## WORSHIP MINISTRIES AT BETHANY UMC

**CHANCEL CHOIR** –Leads worship and performs anthems during 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service; also presents seasonal cantatas during Lent and Christmas. **Rehearsals are Wednesdays at**

**7 PM in the sanctuary.** All voice parts are needed; ages high school & up are welcome; no audition required. We'd love to have you!

For more information, contact Sandy Fox, Director of Music Ministries, 757-329-6128.

**INFORMAL WORSHIP PRAISE TEAM** – Provides live acoustic music and leads worship during our 8:30 a.m. Informal Worship service. Singers and musicians are needed to join this new ministry. All ages are welcome; no audition required. **Rehearsals are Mondays at 7 PM in the sanctuary.** Interested, but not quite sure? Feel free to attend a rehearsal or contact Dee Dee Wike, Praise Team Coordinator, 804-642-2110/901-831-8534.

## THANK YOU NOTES (excerpts)

Thank you for your \$90 gift of health and hope. Bethany UMC is putting healthy, nourishing food on the tables of individuals and families who are struggling and food insecure. Thank you for this gift and for joining with Society of St. Andrew in our mission of feeding physical and spiritual hunger. – *Chesley R. Vohden*, Director of Church Relations, SoSA

Please accept our special thanks for your 2023 donation of \$900.00 to the Samaritan Group. The funds will be used to assist needy families in Gloucester County. Your continued support and generous contribution make it possible for our organization to provide critical assistance to our neighbors. – *Sandy Darnell*, Corresponding Secretary, Samaritan Group

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 of \$450 will enable the continuation of care and outreach to some of the most vulnerable throughout the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck. – *Debbie Amarescu*, Treasurer, G.U.E.S.T.

Thank you for taking part in the life changing movement of Habitat for Humanity of Gloucester-Mathews. Through your prayers and your recent donation of \$180 we are able to continue to transform the lives of Habitat families. – *Teresa L. Dalton*, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity

Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Gloucester Mathews Care Clinic (GMCC). Your donation of \$360 directly benefits our patients. Because of your support, we are able to provide integrated care at GMCC, offering a range of services and resources all under one roof. We're changing lives in Gloucester and Mathews thanks to you!  
— *Arlene Armentor*, Executive Director, Gloucester Mathews Care Clinic

<b>Bethany UMC Prayer List</b>	<b>BETHANY FAMILY</b>	<b>6.25.23</b>
<p><b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Bob Wharen</p> <p><b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Doris Courtney, Jimmy Greene, Jack Rollins</p> <p><b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> 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</p> <p><b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Sid and Marion Dixon, Ruth Wallace</p> <p><b>HOSPICE:</b> Alice McGee</p> <p><b>HOSPITALIZED:</b> Julie Rogers (Sentara Williamsburg)</p> <p><b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White</p> <p><b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Billy Davis, Clare Hall, Alan Harvey, Baum Hogge, Nancy Kendall, Gwen Wesson</p> <p><b>UPCOMING SURGERY:</b> Dylan Chapin (10/12/23)</p>		
<b>BETHANY FRIENDS</b>		
<p><b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Clint Alexander, Fran Bonnaville, 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</p> <p><b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Nell Goldstein, Laine Seely, Tommy Wesson (FL)</p> <p><b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> 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</p> <p><b>HOSPICE:</b> William Ervi, Selma</p> <p><b>HOSPITAL/REHAB:</b> Jan Flansberg</p> <p><b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Janet Burch (KY)</p> <p><b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Terry Corbin, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Becky Wadsworth-Knowles (FL), Marcia Mickle, Howard Moore</p> <p><b>OTHER PRAYERS:</b> Ukraine, Randy Wilson</p>		
<b>BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)</b>		
<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>		
<b>ASSISTED LIVING</b>		
<p><b>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</b></p>	<p>Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 102</p>	
<p><b>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</b></p>	<p>Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29</p>	
<p><b>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</b></p>	<p>Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A</p>	
<p><b>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</b></p>	<p>Pauline Harris, Apt. 130</p>	
<p><b>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</b></p>	<p>Jennie Lipscomb</p>	
<p><b>The Hamilton Assisted Living, 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692</b></p>	<p>Sue Morecock, Rm 214</p>	

# JULY

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	
7/1	Ford Silberhorn
7/2	Rev. Debbie Marion
7/3	Kelly Kale, Camille Walthall
7/5	Carolyn Scott
7/7	Mattilyn Anne Busch, Meagan Maples
7/8	Clyde Burton, Lincoln Strickland, Kaitlyn Hearon
7/10	Traci Andersen Waters, Susan Conner
7/11	Roberta Bockrath, Alice Northam, Melissa Brooks
7/12	Shannon Roane, Stan Reams, Cyler Brooks, Tony Conry
7/13	Barbara Daniel
7/14	Hunter Martin, Gavin West
7/15	Doug Vaughan, Jr.
7/16	Sally Kendall Gulley, Wade Lewis, Michael Barber
7/18	Ann Dunston, Ashley Reynolds
7/20	Jamie Tilley, Richard Boyette, Sophia Marie Perkins
7/22	Bud Carteret, Kenneth Hogge
7/23	Candy Douglas, Chris Holder, Jeannie Harrell, Anthony Quintero, Bobby Polk, Margie Morris
7/24	Kendra Robins Ervin, Breta Hoover, Gerlinde Booth
7/25	Deborah Bunting
7/26	Megan Schrader, Brent White, Jenny Farkas, Kimberly Lewis
7/27	Duane Cecil, Logan Chase
7/28	Afton Leigh Thayer
7/29	Tim Morris
7/30	Susan Maples
7/31	Bernard Robins, Jessica Proctor, Olivia McDaniel

	<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	# yrs
7/2	Lee & Gretchen Wood	57
7/2	Tom & Charla Barnard	57
7/4	Fred & Jane Niethamer	50
7/7	Larry & Judy Johnson	61
7/10	Paul & Nancy Kendall	59
7/10	Mike & Donna Andersen	52
7/14	Kirk & Patsy Bell	44
7/18	Blair & Lisa Hasty	37
7/24	Alex & Lauren Chapin	13
7/25	Nile & Bonnie Cecil	59
7/25	Clyde & Peggy Burton	71
7/26	Greg & Lynne Barnes	48
7/29	Harry & Judy Vaughan	56
7/30	John & Debra Farrow	29
7/31	Kenneth & Irene Hogge	58

### COUNTING TEAMS

- 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
- 7/23 Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
- 7/30 Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

### ALTAR GUILD

Kathy Jacobs, Sandra Harvey, Nancy Kendall, Shannon Roane

### TRUSTEE CONTACTS

- June 25-July 1: Don Thomas
- July 2-8: Milton Hudgins
- July 9-15: Donna Lane
- July 16-22: Tom Barnard
- July 23-29: Donna Andersen
- July 30-Aug. 5: M. E. Thomas

### LITURGISTS

- 7/2 Dee Dee Wike
- 7/9 Judy Burner
- 7/16 Pauline Reimold
- 7/23 Laura Glaze
- 7/30 Betty Neikirk

### ACOLYTES

- 7/2 TBD
- 7/9 TBD
- 7/16 TBD
- 7/23 TBD
- 7/30 TBD

### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 7/2 Fred & Jane Niethamer
- 7/9 Paul Kendall
- 7/16 AVAILABLE
- 7/23 Jeannie Harrell
- 7/30 Loreen Paiva



# July 2023

July 2023							August 2023						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
2 Communion Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Celebrations & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	3	4	5 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6 6:30pm House of Prayer	7	8
9 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	10 6:00pm York River Villas 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	11 10:00am Music Camp 7:00pm Finance Committee	12 9:00am Trustees 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13 6:30pm House of Prayer	14	15 BANNER DEADLINE
16 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Celebrations & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	17 MUSIC CAMP (9am-1pm) 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	18 MUSIC CAMP (9am-1pm) 7:00pm Administrative Council	19 MUSIC CAMP (9am-1pm)	20 MUSIC CAMP (9am-1pm) 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team 6:30pm House of Prayer	21 MUSIC CAMP (9am-1pm)	22
23 Youth Participation Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Celebrations & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	24 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	25 1:00pm Blood Drive 6:15pm Stewardship Committee	26 6:00pm GNMCS Committee 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27 9:30am Homebound Ministries 6:30pm House of Prayer	28	29
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