



Bethany Banner

August 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



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

God's bounteousness.

Whenever I travel to Niagara Falls, NY, I am filled with awe at the natural scene, the huge waterfall, seen from both the American side and the Canadian side, flowing from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, drawing people from all over the world. When I walked near the fall, I heard people speaking many different languages, and I felt that I was in an international community with people from diverse nationalities and backgrounds.

During my trip, I meditated on the greatness of this natural wonder, which is a gift from God. It is God's creation, this powerful waterfall, this beautiful scene along the river, an amazing sight and sound. This gift of God has brought many blessings to people. They enjoy God given nature, receiving relaxation and refreshment from their daily routine or stresses from life. This gift boosts the local economy, creating more jobs and businesses from tourism and sightseeing, and it has been the major income and revenue for the city and its vicinity.

All these are gifts from God, the Creator. The Psalmist wrote, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters" (Psalm 24:1-2).

We are living in God's bounteousness, with countless blessings from God. All have come from God, on earth and in heaven. Our life is a gift from God out of God's love. Therefore giving thanks to God is our first and foremost response to God. "Give Thanks to God for his love endures forever" (Psalm 36).

As we begin our ministry together for the new Conference year, we are reminded that giving thanks to God our first response.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with THANKSGIVING, present your request to God. And the peace of God which transcends all our understanding will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus " (Philippians 4:6-7, NIV).

"Be joyful always; pray continually; GIVE THANKS in all circumstances. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17).

Thanks be to God!

Blessings,

Moonsup "Paul" Song

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Bible Study (BBS) will resume on **Thursday, August 3, 7:00 p.m.**, with a study of 1 Corinthians.

Confirmation Class will resume on **Sunday, August 6** with the theme, "The Bible – Not Just a History Book."

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERTS COMMITTEE will meet on **Wednesday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey classroom.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS — Please join us at the **11:00 a.m.** service on **August 27** for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks! Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks to the altar for prayers for a wonderful school year & for a special token from Pastor Paul.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES — We will be cooking for our shut-ins on **Monday, August 28 at 9:30 a.m.** Hope you can help in this outreach ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It is HOT outside but it is nice and COOL in the education wing at Bethany! Plan to join your friends in a Sunday School Class next Sunday! Friendship Class meets in the corner of the Fellowship Hall, Lacey Martin Fellowship is up and running again with Alan Harvey at the helm, and Doe and Martin Breen's Study Group meets in the room on the left-side of the hall off the Fellowship Hall. Won't you join us? You will be glad you did! Don't forget – we have a Pot Luck Breakfast on the second Sunday of every month! See you then!

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE wishes to thank all who served, cooked, helped with set up and clean up, and made monetary contributions toward the reception after Alice McGee's funeral on July 15. The family was blessed by your gracious hospitality, and the committee appreciates your efforts to make the family feel welcomed and well-fed.

FEEL THE NOISE MUSIC CAMP 2023 was a huge success! We had 23 registered students attending and they brought refreshing energy and joy to our church all week! Our wonderful instructors introduced the campers to keyboard (Sandy Byrd), violin (Julia Middleton), guitar (Steve Leed), drum (Kirk Bell) and voice (Sandy Fox) and audio/video by Chip Neikirk. Bethany UMC was literally overflowing with music, rhythm, laughter, and the spirit of the Lord.

Every day was an exciting new experience. The campers had an opportunity to examine and play many unusual instruments from all around the world. They discovered how to make a “rainstorm” with simple body percussion, and how to elicit ethereal music from crystal stemware glasses. Dr. Rudy Shackelford delighted the students with a wonderful organ demonstration and performance, and the Yorktown Fife and Drum Corps made a surprise visit!

Thank you to all who helped with planning, decorating, registration, classroom assistance, ingress/egress, transportation, and the delicious daily snacks. We also want to thank Washington Farms Methodist Church for loaning us many of our instruments and Pastor Paul for driving to pick them up.

I am very proud that Bethany UMC afforded so many young people the opportunity to experience such a wide diversity of music. The campers entered our facility on Monday eager to learn, and on Friday, they left with a wealth of musical memories and cherished new friendships. Well done, Bethany! God’s presence was showing us exactly how to Feel the Noise!





LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY at the Day Shelter and Resource Center for GUEST (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team) - The GUEST Day Shelter and Resource Center is open three days a week for clients to come to take a shower,

wash clothes, get food and get resources to help them find housing and/or jobs. We have planned three work days for painting and repairs. We hope you will consider working one or more days Saturday, August 12, Monday August 14, and Wednesday August 16. We will begin work at 8:30 a.m. Most work will be done inside but we do have some work outside. Men and women of all skill levels are needed. For more information call Kevin Kiley (804-815-5164) or Al Burner (804-413-4444).



WORSHIP MINISTRIES AT BETHANY UMC

CHANCEL CHOIR will be on summer hiatus in August and will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to join us this fall as we rehearse music for Sunday worship (11:00 traditional service) and begin preparing our Christmas

cantata. All voice parts are needed; ages high school & up are welcome; no audition required. 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 Mary Lotsey classroom. Interested? Contact Dee Dee Wike, Praise Team Coordinator, 804-642-2110/901-831-8534 for more info.

MID-YEAR FINANCE UPDATE

The Finance Committee thanks everyone for their continuing support during the first half of this year. At midyear (June 30th), the budget income is 51% of the 2023 budget total of \$299,305.

Some of the early offerings were the result of the required individual IRA distributions sent directly to Bethany as a one-time yearly offering. We can't expect this dollar amount in the second half of the year. To meet the budget at year end, the average Sunday's Stewardship offering to the General Fund needs to be \$5,500. Note: the previous Sunday's offering is listed in the bulletin. The Finance Committee will continue to monitor the budget vs actual contributions and give updates to the membership.

Other news from the committee:

Cheryl Roane, Financial Secretary, and Cathy Raines, Treasurer, are working to update our Financial Procedures and the procedures manual.

The 2024 budget process will start in August and Bethany Committee Chairs will be receiving budget request forms. Our district, Mission Rivers, has requested that all churches use the narrative budget format. The narrative format communicates how financial stewardship connects with mission and ministry. It offers a comprehensive explanation of how our financial investments are bearing fruit and changing lives.

Jack Whitmore, Finance Committee Chairman

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the families of:

Alice McGee, who died on July 2.

Joan Fecondo, wife of Tony Fecondo, who died on July 2.

Gregory Boyd Brown, son of Elizabeth Brown, who died on July 5.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Sid and Marion Dixon have moved to Heron Cove, Building 2. Their mailing address is P. O. Box 36, Gloucester Point, VA 23062. See prayer list for their individual room numbers.

| Bethany UMC Prayer List | BETHANY FAMILY | 7.23.23 |
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| <p>CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Bob Wharen</p> <p>GRIEVING: Families of Gregory Boyd Brown, Joan Fecondo, Alice McGee</p> <p>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, Dennis MitchPatsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen</p> <p>HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace</p> <p>PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White</p> <p>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Billy Davis, Clare Hall, Alan Harvey, Cole McDade, Dean Tillage</p> <p>UPCOMING SURGERY: Charlotte Cecil (8/1), Dylan Chapin (10/12)</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, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Erin Kate (Dooley) McGuire, Sissi Mise, John Sheppard, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Jill Ward, Larry Whitfield, Susan Williams</p> <p>GRIEVING: Families of Nell Goldstein, Ginny Groff, Laine Seely, Tommy Wesson (FL)</p> <p>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, Phillip Presson, Kent Stevens (FL), Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wikle</p> <p>HOSPICE: William Ervi, Selma</p> <p>HOSPITAL/REHAB: Jan Flansberg</p> <p>PARKINSON'S: Janet Burch (KY)</p> <p>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Terry Corbin, Charlene Diggs, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Marcia Mickle, Howard Moore</p> <p>OTHER PRAYERS: 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 (Sid & Marion Dixon's mailing address is PO Box 36, Gloucester, VA 23061)</p> | <p>Sid Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 35 Marion Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 33 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13</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

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| 8/1 | Loreen Paiva |
| 8/2 | Patricia Kidd |
| 8/3 | Linda Hall |
| 8/4 | Jaime Austin, Sandy Fox |
| 8/5 | Jim Sterling |
| 8/6 | Tyler Tillage, David Tillage, Linwood Rowe |
| 8/9 | Sandy Riggan, Mark Nichols, Jeremy Nardozi |
| 8/10 | Carol Johnson, Keagan Chase, Denise Campbell |
| 8/11 | Billy Davis |
| 8/12 | Blair Hasty |
| 8/13 | Ashley Hornsby |
| 8/14 | Alyson Hoover, Josh Morris |
| 8/15 | Kate Neikirk |
| 8/16 | "B.J." McDaniel |
| 8/17 | Bob Wharen |
| 8/18 | Nick LeMay |
| 8/19 | Rev. Steve Young |
| 8/20 | Nancy White, Summer Bayly, Ted Hoover, K.D. Cooper, Carter Thompson |
| 8/21 | Britton Hogge, Alec Daniel, Steve McDade |
| 8/22 | Meredith Hogge |
| 8/23 | Jordan Cluts |
| 8/24 | Whitney Hodges |
| 8/27 | Dawne Sawyer, Jim Durette |
| 8/28 | David Belvin, Jack Whitmore |
| 8/29 | Kristen Sawyer, Donna Lane |
| 8/30 | McKenzie Hasty |
| 8/31 | Tom Barnard |

ALTAR GUILD

Pauline Reimold, Paul Kendall, Lynne Barnes

LITURGISTS

8/6 Doe Breen
 8/13 Kevin Kiley
 8/20 Steve Wike
 8/27 Clair Hillard

ACOLYTES

8/6 TBD
 8/13 TBD
 8/20 TBD
 8/27 TBD

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 8/1 | David & Janet Chapin | 54 |
| 8/5 | Scott & Regina Berry | 28 |
| 8/5 | Mike & Diana Simmons | 56 |
| 8/7 | Jonathan & Leanna West | 19 |
| 8/10 | Paul & Stacie Martin | 27 |
| 8/10 | Nathan & Christina Perkins | 22 |
| 8/11 | Adam & Cat White | 17 |
| 8/16 | Ken & Ruth Ann Freeman | 48 |
| 8/17 | Jeff & Donna Lane | 49 |
| 8/17 | Duane & Julie Bayly | 19 |
| 8/17 | Mitchell & Barbara Dunston | 65 |
| 8/18 | Vernon & Sue McDaniel | 33 |
| 8/28 | Billy & Wendy Hogge | 47 |
| 8/29 | Rev. Braxton & Cathie Allport | 59 |
| 8/31 | Lewis & Rev. Debbie Marion | 27 |

COUNTING TEAMS

8/6 Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
 8/13 Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Sandra Harvey
 8/20 Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
 8/27 Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

July 30-Aug. 5: M. E. Thomas
 Aug. 6-12: Rob Raines
 Aug. 13-19: Diana Simmons
 Aug. 20-26: Don Thomas
 Aug. 27-Sep. 2: Milton Hudgins

ALTAR FLOWERS

8/6 Scott & Regina Berry
 8/13 Lorraine Brown
 8/20 Richard Parkes
 8/27 Dawne Sawyer

August 2023

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Jul 30 | 31 | Aug 1 | 2 6:00pm S/PPRC 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 3 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS) | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Communion Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Second Sunday Breakfast 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship | 7 | 8 7:00pm Finance Committee | 9 | 10 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS) | 11 | 12 |
| 13 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship | 14 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal | 15 BANNER DEADLINE 6:00pm York River Villas | 16 | 17 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS) | 18 9:00am Music Academy Teacher Training | 19 |
| 20 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship | 21 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal | 22 | 23 6:00pm GNMCS Committee | 24 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS) | 25 8:30am Homeschool Music Academy | 26 |
| 27 Youth Participation Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship | 28 9:30am Homebound Ministries 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal | 29 | 30 | 31 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS) | Sep 1 | 2 |