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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** today are given to the glory of God by Lorraine Brown in memory of her husband of 57 years, Patrick Eugene Brown, who went to be with the Lord on August 11, 2017.

| THIS WEEK AT BETHANY |                    |  |  |  |  |  |
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| TODAY                | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  | Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Traditional) |  |  |  |  |
|                      | 9:30 a.m.          | SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST (WBFH)     |  |  |  |  |
|                      | 9:45 a.m.          | Sunday School and Confirmation Class       |  |  |  |  |
| Monday, August 14    | 5:00 p.m.          | York River Villas (WBFH)                   |  |  |  |  |
|                      | 7:00 p.m.          | Praise Team Rehearsal (Mary Lotsey)        |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday, August 17  | 11:00 a.m.         | York River Garden Club                     |  |  |  |  |
|                      | 5:00 p.m.          | Media Upgrade Team (Mary Lotsey)           |  |  |  |  |
|                      | 6:30 p.m.          | House of Prayer (Sanctuary)                |  |  |  |  |
|                      | 7:00 p.m.          | Bethany Bible Study (BBS) (Lacey Martin)   |  |  |  |  |
| Friday, August 18    | 9:00 a.m12:00 p.m. | Homeschool Music Academy Teacher Training  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday, August 20    | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  | Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Traditional) |  |  |  |  |
|                      | 9:30 a.m.          | Celebrations & Fellowship (WBFH)           |  |  |  |  |
|                      | 9:45 a.m.          | Sunday School and Confirmation Class       |  |  |  |  |

\*\*SUBMISSION DEADLINE for September issue of *Bethany Banner* is August 15.\*\*

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM S/PPRC** — Carter Roane, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, submitted his letter of resignation effective August 6, 2023. Prayers and best wishes for Carter as he continues to follow God's plans for him. — *Bernard Robins*, Chairperson

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GNMCS COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m. in Mary Lotsey.

**FAMILY & COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT – Friday, August 25 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.** Please join us for dinner and games. Bring your favorite board game and be ready to join the fun! For more information, contact Cathy Raines at 410-599-6493.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – Please join us at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, 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 am.** Hope you can help in this outreach ministry.

**HOUSE OF PRAYER – Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** The sanctuary is open weekly for prayer. Please take this opportunity to pray for our church family, the United Methodist Church, our community and country, our world, and any personal prayer requests you may have. We all need prayer! How can we pray for you? "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working" (5:16b ESV).

**BETHANY BIBLE STUDY (BBS)** – We will continue our study of 1 Corinthians this **Thursday at 7:00 p.m**. in Lacey Martin classroom. All adults are welcome.

# **AUGUST SERMON SERIES: "Teach Us How to Pray."**

August 6 — "Our Father in Heaven." Isaiah 64:1-8

August 13 — "Your Kingdom Come." Mark 1:14-15

August 20 — "Your Will Be Done." Psalm 67:1-7

August 27 — "Deliver Us from Evil." Romans 7:21-25

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY at the Day Shelter and Resource Center for G.U.E.S.T. (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team) — The G.U.E.S.T. 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



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).

### **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

## Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 each Sunday for fellowship and celebration!

| Birthdays: |                            | <u>Annive</u> | Anniversaries:                  |  |  |
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| 8/13       | Ashley Hornsby             | 8/16          | Ken & Ruth Ann Freeman (48)     |  |  |
| 8/14       | Alyson Hoover, Josh Morris | 8/17          | Jeff & Donna Lane (49)          |  |  |
| 8/15       | Kate Neikirk               | 8/17          | Duane & Julie Bayly (19)        |  |  |
| 8/16       | "B.J." McDaniel            | 8/17          | Mitchell & Barbara Dunston (65) |  |  |
| 8/17       | Bob Wharen                 | 8/18          | Vernon & Sue McDaniel (33)      |  |  |
| 8/18       | Nick LeMay                 |               |                                 |  |  |
| 8/19       | Rev. Steve Young           |               |                                 |  |  |

# **Faith Promise**

The Finance Committee has started planning the 2024 budget. The process began on the 1st of August when the committee sent budget requests to committee chairs and staff members responsible for selected budget categories. Now we need the help of our Bethany family. How? By completing the Faith Promise form in today's bulletin.

Faith Promise giving is a vital part of the budget process because it's one of the tools used to predict income for the coming budget year. Faith Promises are allocated to the General Fund and used for routine operational expenses (water, electricity, general maintenance, insurance, pastor and staff salaries, advertising, supplies, etc.) needed to provide effective ministry to our church and community. Bethany's income and expenses have been impacted in these challenging times, yet the need for ministry and outreach is more important than ever.

Please take a few minutes and prayerfully consider your general fund Faith Promise for 2024, and return your completed form by Sunday, September 10th. (Instructions are on the back of the form.) This will give us time to complete and submit the budget for approval by the Finance Committee and the Administrative Council prior to our Charge Conference.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." —2 Corinthians 9:7

—Jack Whitmore, Finance Chairman