



**Bethany United Methodist Church**

*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*

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August 27, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**13th 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):	Justus Minor (11:00)
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk
Altar Guild this month:	Pauline Reimold, Paul Kendall, Lynne Barnes
Liturgist:	Clair Hillard (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week:	Milton Hudgins
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
Greeters:	M. E. Thomas, Dave Ayers (11:00)

STEWARDSHIP	8/20
General Fund	4857.55
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	5.00
Capital Improvement (J. Fecondo \$100)	100.00
Altar Flowers	50.00
ATTENDANCE	8/20
In-person Worship (8:30-37; 11:00-62)	99
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube) <i>(YouTube is from two weeks prior to today's service)</i>	79
<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>178</b>

COUNTING TEAMS	
<b>8/27</b>	<b>Team 3:</b> Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
<b>9/3</b>	<b>Team 5:</b> Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
<b>9/10</b>	<b>Team 6:</b> Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
<b>9/17</b>	<b>Team 1:</b> Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty

**BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY**

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Dee Dee Wike, Church Office Administrator	office 804.642.2110, cell: 901.831.8534 email: <a href="mailto:admin@bethanyumc-gp.org">admin@bethanyumc-gp.org</a>	Tues. thru Fri., 8am-4pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)
Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128 email: <a href="mailto:rfox6@cox.net">rfox6@cox.net</a>	Works from home, by appt.
Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.

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

**Intrada** *Be Still, My Soul* UMH No. 534

**Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction** Pastor Paul Song

**\*Call to Worship** Clair Hillard

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**Congregation: We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

**Congregation: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

**All: Let us worship God in spirit and truth.**

**\*Hymn** *Grace Greater than Our Sin* UMH No. 365

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version) UMH No. 881

**Opening Prayer** Clair Hillard

**O God, the Giver of life, we pray for the Church throughout the world.**

**Sanctify its life, renew its worship, empower its witness, restore its unity.**

**Remove from your people all pride and every prejudice that dulls their will for unity.**

**Strengthen the work of all those who strive to seek that common obedience that will bind us**

**together. Heal the divisions which separate your children from one another that they may keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Deliver us from all evil. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Blessing of the Backpacks** (see insert)

**Anthem** *Thank Him for the Miracle* Mosie Lister  
Steve and Dee Dee Wike

**Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.”**  
**The Lord’s Prayer**  
**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.**

Pastor Paul Song  
 UMH No. 895

**Meditation**  
*Berceuse Héroïque (Heroic Lullaby)*  
 Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford  
 Celebrating Debussy’s 161st birthday, August 22nd

Claude Debussy  
 (1862-1918)

“Not for the star-crowned heroes, the men that conquer and slay,  
 But a song for those that bore them, the mothers braver than they!”  
 — Mark Anthony Howe

**Offering and Offertory Prayer**

Pastor Paul Song

**Stewardship Moment**

Steve Wike  
 Stewardship Committee Chairman

**\*Doxology**  
**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.**

UMH No. 95

**Prayer of Illumination**  
**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.**

Clair Hillard

**Scripture Reading**  
 The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Romans 7: 21-25

Clair Hillard

**Sermon**  
 “Deliver Us from Evil”

Pastor Paul Song

**\*Hymn**  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

UMH No. 381

**\*Benediction**  
 Pastor Paul Song

**\*Closing Chorus**  
*Shalom to You*  
 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.

UMH No. 666

**Exodus**  
*The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended*

UMH No. 690

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	8.27.23
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Bob Wharen			
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Gregory Boyd Brown, Joan Fecondo, Alice McGee			
<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, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Alice Northam Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen			
<b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace			
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White			
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Billy Davis, Jane Niethamer			
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY:</b> Steve Wike (9/12), Dylan Chapin (10/12)			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
<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, Zachary Hoover, Erin Kate (Dooley) McGuire, Sissi Mise, John Sheppard, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Jill Ward, Larry Whitfield, Susan Williams			
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Jeff Leiffer, Susan Townsend			
<b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Connie Bowler, Sandy Brinker (PA), Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Adie Kurth, Don Kurth, Donna Messersmith, Sylvia Motley, Dottie Myers (PA), Kelley Parkes, Phillip Presson, Kent Stevens (FL), Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wikle, Williford family (TN)			
<b>HOSPICE:</b> Selma			
<b>HOSPITAL/REHAB:</b> Jan Flansberg			
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Janet Burch (KY)			
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Terry Corbin, Charlene Diggs, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Marcia Mickle, Howard Moore			
<b>OTHER PRAYERS:</b> 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> )			
<b>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</b>		Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Kathleen Greene, Rm 207 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 102	
<b>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</b> (Sid & Marion Dixon’s mailing address: PO Box 36, Gloucester Point, VA 23062)		Sid Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 35 Marion Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 33 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13	
<b>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</b>		Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A	
<b>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</b>		Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
<b>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</b>		Jennie Lipscomb	
<b>The Hamilton Assisted Living, 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692</b>		Sue Morecock, Rm 214	