



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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September 10, 2023

11:00 a.m.

15th 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):	Josiah Minor (11:00)
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk
Altar Guild this month:	Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Sylvia Ransone
Liturgist:	Lynne Barnes (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week:	Tom Barnard
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
Greeters:	Jane Sterling, Dave Ayers (11:00)

STEWARDSHIP	9/3
General Fund	6034.00
Capital Improvement	200.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	135.00
Bazaar/Upsy Daisy	1000.00
UMCOR / Maui	100.00
ATTENDANCE	9/3
In-person Worship (8:30-40; 11:00-58)	98
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube) <i>(YouTube is from two weeks prior to today's service)</i>	71
Total in Worship	169

COUNTING TEAMS	
9/10	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
9/17	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
9/24	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
10/1	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane

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

Intrada *O God Beyond All Praising* TFWS 2009
Melody from *The Planets* by Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship** Lynne Barnes

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Congregation: Praise the Lord from the heaven, praise the Lord in the heights!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted,

Congregation: whose glory is above earth and heaven.

All: Praise the Lord!

***Hymn** *The God of Abraham Praise* UMH No. 116

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

Opening Prayer Lynne Barnes

O God, you have bound us together in this life.

Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of all who labor.

May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them; In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Reception of New Members UMH No. 38

Ed Conner (Reaffirmation) Sue Leed (Profession of Faith)
Barbara Holtry (Reaffirmation) Julie Rogers (Transfer)
Larry and Susan Whitfield (Transfer)

Anthem *A Lord-Built House* Roger Lentz
Transcribed by Craig Courtney

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song, Pastor	call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues. thru Fri., 8am-4pm For pastoral emergencies, call/text 703.625.8025
Dee Dee Wike, Church Office Administrator	office 804.642.2110, cell: 901.831.8534 email: admin@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues. thru Fri., 8am-4pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)
Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128 email: rfox6@cox.net	Works from home, by appt.
Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.

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 “Goldberg” Variations, BWV 988 Johann Sebastian Bach
Variation 16 – Overture; Variation 17 (1685-1750)

Stewardship Moment Lea Haywood, Foster Family Service Specialist
Gloucester County Social Services

Offering and Offertory Prayer Pastor Paul Song
Offertory “Goldberg” Variations, BWV 988 Johann Sebastian Bach
Variation 18 – Canon at the Sixth

***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 Lynne Barnes
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.

Scripture Reading Malachi 3:7-12 Lynne Barnes
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Growing to the Whole Tithing” Pastor Paul Song

***Hymn** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH No. 384

***Benediction** Pastor Paul Song

***Closing Chorus** Shalom to You 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 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven UMH No. 66

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	9.10.23
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Bob Wharen		
GRIEVING: Families of Joan Fecondo, Alice McGee		
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 Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Alice Northam Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen		
HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace		
PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Billy Davis, Jane Niethamer		
UPCOMING SURGERY: Steve Wike (9/12), Dylan Chapin (10/12)		
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, Zachary Hoover, Erin Kate (Dooley) McGuire, Sissi Mise, John Sheppard, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Jill Ward, Larry Whitfield, Susan Williams		
GRIEVING: Families of Jeff Leiffer, Susan Townsend		
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: 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, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wikle		
HOSPICE: Selma		
HOSPITAL/REHAB: Jan Flansberg		
PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Terry Corbin, Charlene Diggs, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Marcia Mickle, Howard Moore, Brandon Thomas		
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 Kathleen Greene, Rm 207 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 102	
Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061 (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	
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	