



**Bethany United Methodist Church**

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

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September 24, 2023

11:00 a.m.

17th 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 Aidan Dumbrocyo
Altar Guild this month:	Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Sylvia Ransone
Liturgist:	Regina Berry (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week:	M. E. Thomas
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
Greeters:	TBD (11:00)

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

**Intrada**

*For the Fruits of This Creation*

UMH No. 97

Celebrating the arrival of Autumn, September 23

**Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction**

Pastor Paul Song

**\*Call to Worship**

Regina Berry

Leader: In the storms of life,

**Congregation: God is our shelter.**

Leader: In the whirlwind of activity,

**Congregation: God is our secure center.**

Leader: In the flood of tempting images and seductive words,

**Congregation: God is a rock of stillness on which to stand.**

Leader: In the avalanche of tears and fears,

**Congregation: God is our strong fortress.**

Leader: In all the days of our lives,

**All: Let God's praise be on our lips.**

**\*Hymn**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

UMH No. 368

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version)

UMH No. 881

**Opening Prayer**

Regina Berry

**Time marches on and we have to wonder: do we? Or are we content to revel in past accomplishments and surrender to complacency? Do past resentments drain us of our energy and deprive us of the joys of the present? In these moments of prayer, listening God, instill in us a deep appreciation of time: a most precious natural resource. Each time we set our clocks or replace batteries, let us be reminded of the gift of time that is ours ... and help us to use it wisely. Let us use our time to share our riches with others: the money we earn and the wealth of family and friends. Help us to breathe in all that is ours: the beauty that surrounds us and the words of love given to us when we least expect them. We offer our prayers of thanksgiving for all we have been given, offered in the name of the One whose time on earth was lived so that we might know what a life of love looks like. We pray in the name of the One who came that we might have life eternal, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP	9/17
General Fund	2234.00
Capital Improvement	0
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	5.00
Media Fund (in honor of Jeremy Nardozi)	50.00
UMCOR (Hawaii)	100.00
ATTENDANCE	9/17
In-person Worship (8:30-35; 11:00-74)	68
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube) <i>(YouTube is from two weeks prior to today's service)</i>	39
<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>107</b>

COUNTING TEAMS	
<b>9/24</b>	<b>Team 3:</b> Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
<b>10/1</b>	<b>Team 2:</b> Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
<b>10/8</b>	<b>Team 4:</b> Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
<b>10/15</b>	<b>Team 5:</b> Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

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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.

<b>Anthem</b>	<i>I'll Walk with God</i> Janet Chapin, soloist	Music by: Nicholas Brodzsky
<b>Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition "Lord, hear our prayer." The Lord's Prayer</b>		Pastor Paul Song UMH No. 895
<b>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.</b>		
<b>Meditation</b>	<i>"Goldberg" Variations, BWV 988</i> Variation 22; Variation 23	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
<b>Offering and Offertory Prayer</b>		Pastor Paul Song
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>"Goldberg" Variations, BWV 988</i> Variation 24 – Canon at the Octave	Johann Sebastian Bach
<b>*Doxology</b>		UMH No. 95
<b>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.</b>		
<b>Prayer of Illumination</b>		Regina Berry
<b>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.</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Jeremiah 29:10-14	Regina Berry
The Word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>		
<b>Sermon</b>	"The Solid Principles"	Pastor Paul Song
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Take Up Thy Cross</i>	UMH No. 415
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Paul Song
<b>*Closing Chorus</b>	<i>Shalom to You</i>	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.		
<b>Exodus</b>	<i>Mountains Are All Aglow</i> "Mountains are all aglow with autumn colors so bright"	UMH No. 86

<b>Bethany UMC Prayer List</b>	<b>BETHANY FAMILY</b>	<b>9.24.23</b>
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Bob Wharen, Larry Whitfield		
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Charlotte Cecil, Joan Fecondo, Alice McGee		
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, 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, Steve Wike		
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY:</b> Krista Chase (10/5), Dylan Chapin (10/12)		
<b>BETHANY FRIENDS</b>		
<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, Susan Williams		
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Karl Miller, Susan Townsend, Joyce Ann Williams		
<b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Connie Bowler, Sandy Brinker (PA), Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Ellis Hogge, Adie Kurth, Don Kurth, Donna Messersmith, Sylvia Motley, Dottie Myers (PA), Phillip Presson, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wikle		
<b>HOSPICE:</b> Selma		
<b>HOSPITAL/REHAB:</b> Jan Flansberg, Linda Krause Knapp (PA), James Page (GA)		
<b>PARKINSON'S:</b> Janet Burch (KY)		
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Terry Corbin, Jaunita Goins, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Marcia Mickle, Howard Moore, Brandon Thomas		
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY:</b> Natalie Long (9/18)		
<b>OTHER PRAYERS:</b> Ukraine, Randy Wilson		
<b>BUMC'S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)</b>		
<i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>		
<b>ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)</b>		
<b>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</b>	Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Kathleen Greene, Rm 106 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	