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 for the Glory of God and in memory of my Mom, Angela Williams, as she celebrates her 1st year in heaven with her Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. – Dolores and Martin Breen

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	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
	4:00 p.m.	Joshua Spiritual Formation Group 2023/2024 Orientation (Mary Lotsey)
	4:00 p.m.	Joshua Spiritual Formation Group 2022/2023 Discussion Group (Journey)
Monday, September 25	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal (Mary Lotsey)
Tuesday, September 26	6:30 p.m.	United Methodist Men (Nick's, Gloucester Pt.)
Wednesday, September 27	1:00 p.m.	Nominations Committee (WBFH)
	6:30 p.m.	Cantata & Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, September 28	6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Bethany Bible Study (BBS) (Lacey Martin)
Friday, September 29	8:30 a.m3:00 p.m.	Homeschool Music Academy of Gloucester
Saturday, September 30	9:00 a.mnoon	Streets of Gold Rehearsal (WBFH)
Sunday, October 1 COMMUNION SUNDAY	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

**ALTAR FLOWER OPEN DATES: 10/1, 10/15, 10/22.** If you wish to sign up to donate flowers on one or more of the available dates, please sign your name on the flower chart in the main hallway or contact the church office. Thank you for participating in this worship ministry.



JOSHUA SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP ORIENTATION (2023/2024)—TODAY at 4:00 p.m., Mary Lotsey classroom. See insert for details and pray about joining us! Questions? Contact Pastor Paul at 804-642-2110 / 703-625-8025.

**JOSHUA SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP (2023/2024)** will also meet **TODAY at 4:00 p.m**. in the Journey Classroom to discuss chapters 1-3 of Ruth Haley Barton's book, *Pursuing God's Will Together*.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES** - Join us on **Monday, September 25 at 9:30 a.m.** to prepare meals for our shut-ins. We need folks to deliver too!

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** will meet **Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m**. at Nick's, Gloucester Point. Guest speaker Pete Ostrowski, an officer with Colonial Bee Keepers Association, will talk about bee keeping and the importance of the pollinators and what we can do to enhance their survival.

FROM THE TRUSTEES -- All outside locks and the choir room will be re-keyed on September 26. Your name and reason for needing a key will be recorded on the keys check-out sheet. The new keys should not be lent or duplicated; old building keys should be turned in when you pick up your new key. New keys may be picked up at the church office beginning <u>Wednesday afternoon, September 27.</u> NOTE: Dee Dee will be out of the office Wednesday morning for a medical appointment, so please wait until after 1 p.m. Thanks.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA SINGERS NEEDED — The choir will be doing the Christmas cantata, "I Hear the Prophet Callin'" by Pepper Choplin for the Christmas season. We will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. The rehearsals will run about 45-60 minutes. We will perform this on December 17 at the 11:00 service. We need singers of all voices! Please come out and help us make this an exceptional Christmas performance to our Lord and Savior. Contact Sandy Fox for more info.

JOY CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, October 3 at 7 p.m. in the WBFH. All ladies are invited.



# OCTOBER 28 — 5:00-7:00 PM

Save the date and make plans to join us for this fun annual outreach! More details coming soon. NOTE: Date has been changed.

## **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

Anniversaries

9/24

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

### <u>Birthdays:</u>

- 9/24 Gail Wallace, Ron Ervi
- 9/25 Lindsay Hodges, Robin Hasty
- 9/28 Tina Coleman, Jason Hogge,
- Alexandria Bontrager
- 9/26 Robert & Samantha Hornsby (8) 9/29 Troy & Melissa Anderson (22)
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9/24 Milton & Judy Hudgins (63)

Tony & Susan Conry (35)

- 9/29 Emily Coleman, Kira Fox, Judy Vaughan, Landon Poulin
- 9/30 Sam Uhler, Jennifer Quintero, Madden Stevens, Audrey Clare Phillips

# A MESSAGE TO THE MEN OF BETHANY

The leadership of the United Methodist Men (UMM) for 2024 is as follows: President, Alan Harvey; Vice-President, Milton Hudgins; Secretary, Tom Barnard; Treasurer, Clair Hillard. You may contact any of us for questions or suggestions.

The UMM meets monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Nick's Spaghetti & Steak House, Gloucester Point, with the following exceptions: we do not meet in June, July, August, or December. We have been hosting a Ladies Night in February at church in place of the regular meeting.

I hope that if you have been active in the UMM in the past, you will strongly consider doing so in the future. If you have not been attending in the past, we hope you will consider joining. Milton always gets interesting speakers for our meetings. The meetings are fairly brief, following a nice meal. We do take up an offering so that we can maintain a balance in our account, which allows us to give an occasional gift to a guest speaker's cause or to a local charity. If your wife is interested in hearing the guest speaker, she is certainly welcome to attend with you. In the meantime, I pray God will continue to bless our organization and the church family.

In His Name, Alan Harvey