

**Bethany UMC Prayer List** **BETHANY FAMILY** **10.1.23**

**CANCER/CHEMO:** Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Larry Whitfield  
**GRIEVING:** Families of Charlotte Cecil, Joan Fecondo, Alice McGee  
**HEALTH ISSUES:** Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, David Cecil, Billy Davis, Estelle Harris, Sandra Hollins, David Hoover, Kathy Jacobs, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Alice Northam Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan  
**HOMEBOUND:** Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace  
**PARKINSON’S:** Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White  
**RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Billy Davis, Jane Niethamer, Steve Wike  
**UPCOMING SURGERY:** Krista Chase (10/5), Dylan Chapin (10/12)

**BETHANY FRIENDS**

**CANCER/CHEMO:** 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, Bob Wharen, Susan Williams  
**GRIEVING:** Families of Linda Krause Knapp, Karl Miller, Susan Townsend, Joyce Ann Williams  
**HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:** 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, Sandie Wharen, Sabrina Wikle  
**HOSPICE:** Selma  
**HOSPITAL/REHAB:** Jan Flansberg, James Page (GA)  
**PARKINSON’S:** Janet Burch (KY)  
**RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Terry Corbin, Jaunita Goins, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Howard Moore, Brandon Thomas  
**UPCOMING SURGERY:**  
**OTHER PRAYERS:** Ukraine, Randy Wilson

**BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (*italics—Bethany friends*)**

*Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.*

**ASSISTED LIVING (*italics-Bethany friends*)**

<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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**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** are dedicated to our Bethany Family for keeping Jonathan/“Dad” in your prayers over the past 11 months since his accident at work. He so appreciated your cards, texts and phone calls; especially the prayer lap blanket and the delivered meals. We are so very blessed that his recovery has gone so well and that today marks his official retirement as “Jon: The UPS Man.” Most gratefully – Kris, Austin and Connor

<b>THIS WEEK AT BETHANY</b>		
<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Traditional)
<b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Celebrations & Fellowship (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Confirmation Class
<b>Monday, October 2</b>	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal (Mary Lotsey)
<b>Tuesday, October 3</b>	7:00 p.m.	JOY Circle (WBFH)
<b>Wednesday, October 4</b>	6:00 p.m.	S/PPRC (WBFH)
	6:30 p.m.	Cantata & Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>Thursday, October 5</b>	6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Bethany Bible Study (BBS) (Lacey Martin)
<b>Friday, October 6</b>	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Homeschool Music Academy of Gloucester
<b>Sunday, October 8</b>	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Traditional)
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST (WBFH)</b> <b>Bring a dish to share and join us for breakfast!</b>
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Confirmation Class

**ALTAR FLOWER OPEN DATES: 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.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of **Charlotte Cecil**, who went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 19. Please remember her children, Duane and Linda, and their families in your prayers. Charlotte’s service will be held at a later date.

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

**FROM THE TRUSTEES** – The rekeying project for all the outside doors has been postponed until **November**. As soon as we know the new project date, we will let you know via the email blast and bulletin when the new key is available, so please monitor those publications accordingly. Thank you.

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**50%**  
FUNDS TRAINING  
PROGRAMS & GRANTS

**35%**  
RACIAL & ETHNIC  
SCHOLARSHIPS &  
MENTOR PROGRAMS

**15%**  
FUNDS LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT  
& SCHOLARSHIPS

**SUPPORT**  
Donations support racial  
and ethnic students  
with scholarships,  
grants, mentoring and  
training for leadership  
development.

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Special offering for World Communion Sunday this year is sent to international student scholarship fund through General Board of Global Ministry of UMC.

**To give by mail:**

Send checks to: GCFA  
P.O. Box 340029  
Nashville, TN 37203

Please put name of Sunday in note section.

**To give via online:**

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-communion-sunday-ministry-article>

**HELP WANTED**—Bethany UMC is looking for a passionate, Christ-centered individual to work with our children and youth. We are looking to grow our Children and Youth ministries and need someone who is creative, can work with little supervision, and can organize both large and small events, including teaching the Youth Sunday School class weekly. The candidate should be able to work with the staff and various committees at the church to plan and execute events. The ideal candidate would have experience working with children and youth in either a paid or volunteer capacity. If you feel God’s call to be a part of our ministry please send your resume to [admin@bethanyumc-gp.org](mailto:admin@bethanyumc-gp.org). If you have questions or know of someone who might be interested in the position, please call the church office at (804) 642-2110.

**CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

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

**Birthdays:**

10/1 Molly Vaughan, Callen Tilley  
10/2 Julia Perkins, Sabrina Davis,  
Alexis Davis  
10/3 Decatur Hogge, Barbara Blais,  
Barbara Summerford, Isaac West  
10/4 David Chapin, Carol Harder  
10/5 Kyle Nichols  
10/6 Alicia Naples, Jane Sterling, Norma Sage  
10/7 Rob Raines

**Anniversaries**

10/3 Ed & Bain Schultz (31)  
10/4 M.E. & Brenda Thomas (48)  
10/7 Don & Carol Schultz (61)

**INTRODUCING BACH’S “GOLDBERG” VARIATIONS (TENTH INSTALLMENT)**

Having reached Variation 25, we are now in the homestretch of our complete traversal of the monumental “Goldberg” Variations composed and published in 1741 by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Variation 25 has been called the “black pearl” of the set. Goethe, the great German poet, said that music begins where words leave off, and to describe this music as “sorrowful” or “tragic” contributes little to our appreciation of its incredible depth and richness. The American pianist Murray Perahia finds in it a portrayal of the Crucifixion. This opinion is fully justified on stylistic grounds, for in the “Crucified” section of his *Mass in B Minor* Bach employs the same extreme chromaticism (or notes outside of the prevailing tonality) to create the effect of hallucination caused by terrible suffering.

If Variation 25 is the “Crown of Thorns,” Perahia interprets the last five variations as the “Resurrection.” After the spiraling ascent of Variation 26, we are released from the bonds of gravity in No. 27 and 28, then whirled in the mighty tempest of No. 29, a bravura toccata.

Variation 30, the last of all, finds Bach with both feet planted on terra firma! It takes the form of a *quodlibet* (literally, “whatever you wish...”), a kind of musical tossed salad wherein various folksongs, often with humorous or naughty words, are all mixed up. Improvising such quodlibets was a favorite pastime at reunions of the Bach clan, so the greatest musician of the greatest musical dynasty is paying homage here to a family tradition. With his choice of texts — “Cabbage and turnips have driven me away” and “It’s been so long since I was with you” — Bach also mocks his own ingenuity in disguising the simple song from wife Anna Magdalena’s notebook almost beyond recognition. So it is fitting that the “Goldberg” Variations ends, as it began, with the *Aria*.

—Rudy Shackelford