



Bethany Banner

October 2023

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
Sunday Worship – 8:30 a.m. Informal; 11 a.m. Traditional

Sunday School for all ages – 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours: Tues.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Church Office: 804-642-2110; www.bethanyumc-gp.org



Saturday, October 28 from 5-7 PM
BUMC Front Parking Lot

Decorate your car and come join the fun as we hand out candy and goodies and share God's love with the families in our neighborhood! We'd like to have 14-16 cars in the parking lot and need donations of candy and goodies to share with the trick-or-treaters. • There are baskets in the Narthex and by the church office for you to leave your treats. There are also sign-up sheets for you to indicate if you will have a car or truck in the Trunk-or-Treat event. If you have questions, please contact: Donna Lane (804-832-0446) or Dawne Sawyer (757-329-2597). *This event is sponsored by the Friendship Sunday School Class.*

Pastor: Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song

Director of Music: Sandra Fox

Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

The Mission of God.

On a Friday morning, from my office widow, I saw a group of young children playing outside of the church on the lawn, and two adults who were caring for them as they played. It was a rare scene that many children showed up at the church yard, filled with youthful energy. They were the children of the Gloucester homeschool group which has been meeting at Bethany church every Friday since September for the Home School Music Academy. The leadership of Bethany church reached out to the Gloucester Home School Group and invited them to use our building through a mutual covenant.

The children are not members of Bethany church. When I saw them, however, I had a feeling of praying for them, thinking they are the children of God. So I prayed, "Lord, help those children to feel your presence at Bethany church so that they may know you, your love, when they grow up. And Lord, make Bethany church to be a means of your salvation so that anyone who comes to the church may come to faith in God through Jesus Christ."

God calls us to mission. God's mission is local, communal, regional, and global as well. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement in the seventeenth century in England, expressed his passion for the mission of God, "The world is my parish."

World Communion Sunday is a global awareness of all Christian churches in the world, confessing we are one under one God, one Lord, one baptism by the one Holy Spirit. It is a call for God's mission in the world.

Blessings,

Pastor Paul



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOY CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, October 3** at **7:00 p.m.** in the WBFH.
All ladies are welcome!

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES —Join us on **Tuesday, October 24** at **9:30 a.m.**
to prepare meals for our shut-ins. We need folks to deliver too!



Exciting News! We will have Children's Church during the 11:00 Worship Service, beginning the first Sunday in October! Children will stay in the Service for the first fifteen minutes or so and then go out with one of the Children's Church leaders. We will have prayer, Bible verses, a Bible story, music and activities. Children up through third grade are welcome to join in the worship experience designed for younger children!

THURSDAY NIGHTS AT BETHANY

6:30–7:00 p.m. — House of Prayer

The sanctuary is open weekly for prayer. All are encouraged to stop by and pray for our church and community, nation and world, your personal needs, and for our denomination as we approach General Conference in 2024.

“Prayer is not a work that can be allocated to one or another group in the church. It is everybody’s responsibility; it is everybody’s privilege.” – A.W. Tozer

7:00 p.m. – Bethany Bible Study (BBS)

All adults are invited to join us for our ongoing study of the Bible. BBS is held in the Lacey Martin classroom. We are currently studying 1 Corinthians. It’s never too late to join us. Come when you can!

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.

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

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to the families of:
Joyce Ann Williams, sister of Estelle Harris, who died on September 7.
Charlotte Cecil, mother of Duane Cecil and Linda Reams, who died on September 19.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA SINGERS

NEEDED —The choir will be performing the Christmas cantata, "I Hear the Prophet Callin'" by Pepper Choplin, on Sunday, December 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All voice parts are

needed. Please consider being a part of this seasonal choir presentation. Contact Sandy Fox at 757-329-6128 for more info.

PRAISE TEAM MEMBERS WANTED – Bethany's Praise Team leads worship at the 8:30 a.m. Informal Worship service. Rehearsals are Mondays at 7:00 p.m., with a Sunday morning sound check rehearsal at 7:45 a.m. If you love God and enjoy blended worship (contemporary music with a few good old-fashioned hymns thrown into the mix), then we invite you to come worship with us! We are looking for singers and instrumentalists (keyboard, guitar, violin, etc.) who desire to use their musical gifts for God's glory. For more information, come to a rehearsal or contact Dee Dee Wike at 804-642-2110/901-831-8534.

HELP WANTED – DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

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. If you have questions please call the church office at (804) 642-2110.

(Please feel free to share this opportunity with persons who may be interested.)

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gift may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – *Thank you!* And through your financial support you are serving within a vital web of interactive relationships, partnering to engage globally in direct ministry to people in need. Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer. (Gift Supporting Andrew Lee, Missionary)
Roland Fernandes, General Secretary, Global Ministries / UMCOR

Dear Bethany family,

Words cannot express our gratitude for all your prayers for Steve during his recent knee replacement and recovery. We felt every prayer on surgery day, and with it, total peace. God has answered your prayers for a speedy recovery and Steve has fared better than we could have hoped. Thanks to all who sent cards, made delicious food, visited and called, and lent us medical equipment – God supplied every need we had through YOU, and we could not be more grateful for the outpouring of love and kindness you have shown us. Love you much! *Steve and Dee Dee Wike*

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	9.24.23
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CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Bob Wharen, Larry Whitfield
GRIEVING: Families of Charlotte Cecil, Joan Feondo, Alice McGee
HEALTH ISSUES: 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
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, Susan Williams
GRIEVING: Families of 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, Sabrina Wikle
HOSPICE: Selma
HOSPITAL/REHAB: Jan Flansberg, Linda Krause Knapp (PA), James Page (GA)
PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Terry Corbin, Jaunita Goins, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Marcia Mickle, Howard Moore, Brandon Thomas
UPCOMING SURGERY:
OTHER PRAYERS: Ukraine, Randy Wilson

BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)

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

ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)

Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Kathleen Greene, Rm 106 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



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
10/8	Austin Kent, Karrie Cooper
10/9	Jordan Roane, Mary Knox Murphy, Kim Song
10/10	Lisa Hasty, Cathy Raines, Shawn Chase
10/11	Jim Stevens, Chelsea Leigh
10/12	Wendy Hogge
10/14	Lisa Gayle, Camron Hasty, Sandra Harvey
10/15	Jackson Goetz
10/17	Carson Brooks, Robert Miller
10/20	Vicki Williams, Hannah Perkins
10/21	Scott Stilianos
10/22	Jason Roane, Gavin Morris
10/24	Cynthia Hornsby, Lisa Knowlton,
10/26	Ashlyn Anderson, Paul Kendall
10/27	Carolyn Broadwell
10/29	Bill Pruitt, William F. Hogge
10/30	Ryan Tilley, Connor Kent, Robert Morris
10/31	Kelly Cooper

ALTAR GUILD

Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby

LITURGISTS

10/1 Pauline Reimold
 10/8 Clair Hillard
 10/15 Loreen Paiva
 10/22 Susanna Hogge
 10/29 Shannon Minor

ACOLYTES

10/1 TBD
 10/8 TBD
 10/15 TBD
 10/22 TBD
 10/29 TBD

ANNIVERSARIES

		# yrs
10/1	Bob & Sandie Wharen	46
10/3	Ed & Bain Schultz	31
10/4	M.E. & Brenda Thomas	48
10/7	Don & Carol Schultz	61
10/8	Brian & Christina Mahoney	29
10/12	Neal & Nancy White	43
10/12	Charles & Linda Enroughty	60
10/14	Aaron & Natalie Chapin	7
10/19	Albert & Ashleigh Schroeder	4
10/20	Robert & Margie Morris	54
10/23	Bowdy & Megan (Whitmore) Schrader	3

COUNTING TEAMS

10/1 Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
 10/8 Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
 10/15 Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
 10/22 Team 6: Betty Durette, Clair Hillard, TBD
 10/29 Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

10/01-10/07: Rob Raines
 10/08-10/14: Diana Simmons
 10/15-10/21: Don Thomas
 10/22-10/28: Milton Hudgins
 10/29-11/04: Donna Lane

ALTAR FLOWERS

10/1 Kris Kent
 10/8 Pat Hasty
 10/15 OPEN
 10/22 OPEN
 10/29 Bernard Robins

October 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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22 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 4:00pm Estate Planning Seminar	23 5:00pm York River Villas Annual Mtg (WBFH) 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	24 9:30am Homebound Ministries	25 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS)	27 8:30am Homeschool Music Academy	28 5:00pm Trunk or Treat
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