

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, October 8, 2023



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.

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 given by Pat Hasty for the glory of God, in memory of John, who will celebrate his 90th birthday in Heaven on October 12, and in recognition of Wendy Hogge’s birthday on the same day.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 a.m.	SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Confirmation Class
Monday, October 9	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal (Mary Lotsey)
Tuesday, October 10	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (WBFH)
Wednesday, October 11	6:30 p.m.	Cantata & Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, October 12	10:00 a.m.	York River Garden Club (WBFH)
	6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Bethany Bible Study (BBS) (Lacey Martin)
Friday, October 13	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Homeschool Music Academy of Gloucester
Sunday, October 15	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

Cluster Charge Conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 1:00 p.m. at Lower United Methodist Church, 120 Lower Church Rd., Hartfield, VA.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE for November *Bethany Banner* is October 15. Please submit your information in writing to the church office by the deadline.

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.



What is one of the things you enjoy about Christmas? For me, it's the smell of nutmeg and cinnamon, especially cinnamon. I get transported right to a Christmas scene. However, there is another sensory delight which is special to me and that is the sound of bells. It brings to mind Mary, Joseph, Jesus, peace and great joy. God gave us senses to enjoy these things. So, let's give something back to him.

Therefore, I would like to see if we can start a handbell choir again at Bethany. In order to do that, however, we need players. We need YOU!

You don't need to be a musician to begin to play bells but you will be a musician once you have mastered the instrument and its techniques. If you can count to four and know your left from your right, you have the necessary qualifications. You don't need a deep understanding of music theory.

You also don't need to have a lot of experience or professional training. With a desire to learn, a solid sense of rhythm and steady beat (which can be learned), and a little practical know-how, you'll be on your way to playing in a handbell choir in no time.

So, please think about this and let me know if you are interested. You can text or call me at 757-329-6128. I'll get back in touch with you to establish a start date and time.

Sandy Fox
Music Director

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. 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:

- 10/8 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
- 10/13 Larry Whitfield
- 10/14 Lisa Gayle, Camron Hasty, Sandra Harvey

Anniversaries

- 10/8 Brian & Christina Mahoney (29)
- 10/12 Neal & Nancy White (43)
- 10/12 Charles & Linda Enroughty (60)
- 10/14 Aaron & Natalie Chapin (7)

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dee Dee will be taking vacation days on Friday, October 13 and Friday, November 3, and still needs volunteers to staff the office on November 3 (8-10am, 10am-noon, 1-4pm shifts available).

If you can help, please contact Dee Dee at 804-642-2110 or admin@bethanyumc-gp.org.

NOTE: The Homeschool Music Academy of Gloucester will be in session both Fridays so this will give you an opportunity to see and hear what they're about!

Date	8:00-10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.-noon	1:00-4:00 p.m.
10/13 (Fri.)	Bernard Robins	Bernard Robins	Vicki Williams
11/3 (Fri.)			

Instructions will be provided; no computer skills required. Questions? Contact Dee Dee at 804-642-2110.



The Kingdom of God
will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits.