

| <br> |
|------|
|      |
|      |
|      |
|      |
|      |
|      |
|      |
|      |
| <br> |
| <br> |
|      |

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, October 22, 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** today are given by Randy and Vicky Williams in honor of their children and grandchildren.

| 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.         | Estate Planning Seminar (WBFH)  |
| Monday, October 23    | 5:00-8:00 p.m.    | York River Villas Annual Meeting (WBFH)                                 |
|                       | 7:00 p.m.         | Praise Team Rehearsal (Mary Lotsey)                                     |
| Tuesday, October 24   | 9:30 a.m.         | Homebound Ministries (WBFH)   |
|                       | 5:00 p.m.         | Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal (Lacey Martin)                                |
|                       | 6:15 p.m.         | Stewardship Meeting (Confirmation Classroom)                            |
|                       | 6:30 p.m.         | United Methodist Men (Nick's, Gloucester Pt.)                           |
| Wednesday, October 25 | 6:30 p.m.         | Cantata & Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)                           |
| Thursday, October 26  | 6:30 p.m.         | House of Prayer (Sanctuary)   |
|                       | 7:00 p.m.         | Bethany Bible Study (BBS) (Lacey Martin)                                |
| Friday, October 27    | 8:30 a.m3:00 p.m. | Homeschool Music Academy of Gloucester                                  |
| Saturday, October 28  | 5:00-7:00 p.m.    | Trunk or Treat  |
| Sunday, October 29    | 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 2022/2023<br>(Doe Breen/Lacey Martin)  |
|                       | 4:00 p.m.         | Joshua Spiritual Formation Group 2023/2024<br>(Pastor Paul/Mary Lotsey) |

#### ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR -TODAY at 4 p.m., Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall

Attorney Jeremy Forrest of Forrest Law Center, PLLC, will be here to discuss estate planning. The seminar is free and open to all adults. Please feel free to invite anyone who might have an interest and join us for this informative presentation.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES** will cook for the shut-ins on **Tuesday, October 24 at 9:30 a.m.** We need folks to cook as well as deliver.

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL – Tuesday, October 24 at 5:00 p.m. We are reviving our hand bell choir and want YOU to join us! If you have an interest in playing hand bells, please join us for our first meeting or call/text Music Director Sandy Fox at 757-329-6128. If you have a sense of rhythm and a desire to learn, this is the group for you. We'll teach you what you need to know and you will have fun! Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Lacey Martin classroom.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:15 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** will meet at Nick's Spaghetti & Steak House on **Tuesday, October 24** at **6:30 p.m.** Our guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Kelly, Gloucester Museums Coordinator, who will provide an overview of exhibits, including the current Layfette exhibit. Also, he will address volunteer opportunities at the museum. It should be an interesting and informative program. All men are invited. Nick's Spaghetti and Steakhouse serves good food and you'll not only enjoy Mr. Kelly's talk but the lively member discussions and especially Alan's jokes. Look forward to seeing you there!

## JOSHUA SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP will meet next Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m.

Class of 2023/2024, led by Pastor Paul, will meet in the Mary Lotsey room.

Class of 2022/2023, led by Doe Breen, will meet in Lacey Martin, discussing chapters 4-6 of Ruth Haley Barton's book, *Pursuing God's Will Together*.





It is our great joy to welcome **Brad Thomas** and his family to Bethany! Brad has joined our staff as Director of Children and Youth Ministries and we know he and his family will be a blessing to all of us!

Brad and his family came to Gloucester, VA in 2021. He has served in ministry as both a staff member and volunteer for over 15 years. Originally from West Virginia and a proud Appalachian, he has lived in several states and traveled extensively throughout the US. He is married to his partner, Cristie and they have two sons, Levon and Avett. The family loves to travel together and values being in nature and exploring state and national parks. In his downtime, Brad loves reading novels, playing disc golf, and listening to bluegrass and folk music. Brad is very much looking forward to getting to know the family of Bethany Church and is excited to build on an already wonderful ministry!







#### **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

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

## Birthdays:

#### **Anniversaries**

10/22 Jason Roane, Gavin Morris

10/24 Cynthia Hornsby, Lisa Knowlton

10/26 Ashlyn Anderson, Paul Kendall

10/27 Carolyn Broadwell

10/23 Bowdy & Megan Whitmore Schrader (3)

### **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Dee Dee will be taking a vacation day on Friday, November 3, and needs volunteers to staff the office at the times below. If you can help, please call the church office at 804-642-2110 or email <a href="mailto:admin@bethanyumc-gp.org">admin@bethanyumc-gp.org</a>. Thanks for your support!

| 8am-10am |  |
|----------|--|
| 1pm-4pm  |  |

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