



Bethany Banner November 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



The LORD hath done
great things
for us; whereof
we are glad.

~PSALM 126:3, KJV~

Pastor: Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song

Director of Music: Sandra Fox

Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Brad Thomas

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

Grateful Attitude

Gratitude is a characteristic of the Christian faith which God wants to form and develop in the lives of people. It is a word that runs through the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments. It is the theme of worship and praise.

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name, for the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

(Psalm 100:4-5, NIV)

What is gratitude? I personally understand it this way, that Gratitude is a combination of two words: grateful and attitude. It is one of the Christian characteristics toward which we are called to grow so that it can be our life style and habit.

Gratitude is our trust in God, confessing God’s goodness. “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” (Psalm 106:1)

Gratitude is God’s will. “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Gratitude leads us to the peace of God. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 4:6-7)

May your gratitude lead you to blessed life in God.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 5. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Brad Thomas has joined our staff as Director of Children and Youth Ministries. **On Sunday, November 5, following the 11:00 worship service, there will be a churchwide potluck luncheon to welcome Brad and his family.** Please bring a dish to share and come celebrate with us!



JOY CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, November 7 at 7 pm** in the WBFH. Phyllis Russell will speak on the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. All ladies are welcome!

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES will meet **November 16 at 9:30 a.m.** in the WBFH. Come join in this worthwhile ministry.



BAKE SALE

The Joy and Naomi Circles are sponsoring a bake sale on **Sunday, November 19** to raise money for a Mission Project! Come stock up for the Holidays! We will be open for business after both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Come support Missions and treat yourself to home-baked goodies! Thanks for your support!



Exciting News! We will have Children's Church during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, beginning the first Sunday in November!

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!



ADVENT BIBLE SCHOOL: CHILDREN K —5TH GRADE

Learn the true meaning of Christmas!

Music – Story – Snack – Crafts

Monday evenings: December 4, 11 and 18

Time: 6:00-7:30

Bethany United Methodist Church
1860 Hayes Rd., Gloucester Point

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!



The Thomas Family

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.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to the families of:

Sue Morecock, mother of Jennifer Taylor and Jason Morecock, who died on October 14. Condolences may be mailed to Jennifer Taylor, 7539 Ivy Brook Lane, Glen Burnie, MD, 21060.

Aaron Charnick, neighbor of Mary Paiva, who passed away on October 13.

THANK YOU to all who helped with Sue Morecock's reception by providing food or monetary donations, helping with set-up, serving, and cleaning up afterwards. Your generous provision and gracious hospitality allowed us to make Sue's family and friends feel welcomed as we celebrated her life together. — **Nina Whitmore**, Hospitality Committee

A “MARY” MOMENT – As November ushers in the busy holiday season, my prayer for each of us is that we will take time to be like Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha, who decided her time was better spent quietly sitting at the feet of Jesus. Let us not get so caught up in preparations and celebrations that we lose sight of what really matters – our relationships with God and each other. Let us serve, but let us also savor the blessings of God in our lives.

Heavenly Father, open our hearts to love one another, especially as we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving and anticipate the coming seasons of Advent and Christmas. Open our eyes to see the needs of those around us, and help us to serve and give as Christ would have us do. Help us to SLOW down, LOOK up, REACH out, and FULLY EXPERIENCE Your Holy Spirit at work in our lives, our families, and our church. In Jesus’ name.

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	10.29.23
<p>CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Larry Whitfield</p> <p>GRIEVING: Families of Charlotte Cecil, Sandra Hollins, Sue Morecock</p> <p>HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, David Cecil, Billy Davis, Debra Farrow, Estelle Harris, David Hoover, Kathy Jacobs, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Alice Northam, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan</p> <p>HOSPITALIZED:</p> <p>HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavalie Wilson</p> <p>PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White</p> <p>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Dylan Chapin, Krista Chase, Billy Davis, Jon Kent, Jane Niethamer</p> <p>UPCOMING SURGERY:</p>		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
<p>CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Peyton Arthur, 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, Kent Stevens, Jill Ward, Bob Wharen, Susan Williams</p> <p>GRIEVING: Families of Aaron Charnick, Don Kurth, Susan Townsend, Joyce Ann Williams</p> <p>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Sandy Brinker (PA), Kathryn Bjers, Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Ellis Hogge, Adie Kurth, Donna Messersmith, Sylvia Motley, Dottie Myers (PA), Ken Pierkowski, Phillip Presson, Dixie Sharp, Jeff Suntken, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sandie Wharen, Sabrina Wikle, Randy Wilson</p> <p>HOSPICE: Selma</p> <p>HOSPITAL/REHAB: Jan Flansberg, James Page (GA)</p> <p>PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)</p> <p>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Luke Burner, Terry Corbin, Jaunita Goins, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Howard Moore, Brandon Thomas</p> <p>UPCOMING SURGERY: Eric Bunch</p> <p>OTHER PRAYERS: Afghanistan earthquake victims, Israel and Ukraine</p>		
BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)		
<p><i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i></p>		
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)		
<p>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</p>	<p>Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Kathleen Greene, Rm 106 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 102</p>	
<p>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061 (Sid & Marion Dixon’s mailing address: PO Box 36, Gloucester Point, VA 23062)</p>	<p>Sid Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 35 Marion Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 33 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13</p>	
<p>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</p>	<p>Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A</p>	
<p>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</p>	<p>Pauline Harris, Apt. 130</p>	
<p>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</p>	<p>Jennie Lipscomb</p>	



BIRTHDAYS

11/1	Hope Bell Nichols, Debbie Robins, Shelton Glaze, Ruth Stilianos
11/2	Rick Kidd
11/3	Pat Hasty, Drew Hutchinson, Patsy Bell
11/4	Deniece Byrne, Dee Dee Wike
11/5	Alex Chapin, Ashley Reams, Michelle Camacho, Vicki Wolz
11/6	Meghan Patterson, Dolores Breen
11/7	Lorraine Brown
11/8	Carolyn Davis, Don Thomas, Aaron Chapin, Grant Morris
11/9	Rev. Braxton Allport, Jr., Cat White, Karleen Frederick
11/10	Bonnie Cecil, Amanda Loase, Hunter Tipton, Hudson Fox
11/11	Aidan Dumbrocyo, Fred Niethamer, Ryan Quintero, Cheryl Roane, Ella Ward
11/12	Nancy Kendall
11/13	Greta Rohrback, Kay Uhler, Steve Wike
11/14	Lee Wood, Justus Minor
11/16	Robert Orth
11/17	Kris Kent, Levi Cluts
11/18	Nataleigh Thayer, June West
11/19	Laura Polk Hobbelman, Johnathan Wood
11/20	Ruth Wallace, Madison Hogge, Charles Enroughty
11/21	Gretchen Wood
11/22	Todd Bontrager
11/23	Martha Forrest, Betty Durette, Richard Poland, Mark Goetz
11/24	Bain Schultz, Rick Wilson
11/25	Susan Boyette, Hannah Wilburn, Kennedy Wilburn
11/26	Iva Belvin
11/27	Ray Jordan
11/28	Jill Daniel
11/29	Jackie Hampton
11/30	Barbara Holtry

ANNIVERSARIES

		# yrs
11/2	Wes & Zealon Stilley	49
11/3	Joe & Deniece Byrne	22
11/6	Billy & Carolyn Davis	58
11/6	Jason & Shannon Roane	24
11/10	Mark & Stacey Montefusco	39
11/11	Jason & Susannah Hogge	23
11/14	Mark & Ann LeMay	42
11/16	Bill & Diane Pruitt	55
11/22	Chris & Clare Hall	19
11/25	Aaron & Nancy Wilburn	52
11/27	David & Jill Janiel	24

COUNTING TEAMS

- 11/5 Team 2: Chip & Betty Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
- 11/12 Team 3: Al & Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
- 11/19 Team 2: Chip & Betty Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
- 11/26 Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

- 10/29-11/04: Donna Lane
- 11/05-11/11: Tom Barnard
- 11/12-11/18: Donna Andersen
- 11/19-11/25: M.E. Thomas
- 11/26-12/02: Rob Raines

ALTAR GUILD

Nina Whitmore, Sharon Cheek, May Linda Brooks

LITURGISTS

- 11/5 Laura Glaze
- 11/12 Doe Breen
- 11/19 Betty Neikirk
- 11/26 Steve Wike

ACOLYTES

- 11/5 TBD
- 11/12 TBD
- 11/19 TBD
- 11/26 TBD

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 11/5 Dawne Sawyer
- 11/12 Paul & Nancy Kendall
- 11/19 Harvest Table
- 11/26 Harvest Table

November 2023

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
			6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS)	8:30am Homeschool Music Academy	9:00am York River Circle KDS Annual Meeting 1:00pm Cluster Charge Conference at Lower UMC, Hartfield
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends Communion Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Celebrations & Fellowship 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 12:00pm Potluck Luncheon	6 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	7 5:00pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm JOY Circle	8 9:00am Trustees 5:30pm S/PPRC 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 10:00am York River Garden Club 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS)	10 8:30am Homeschool Music Academy	11 1:00pm Stained Glass Class
12 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Second Sunday Potluck Breakfast 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	13 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	14 5:00pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Finance Committee	15 BANNER DEADLINE 5:30pm GNMCS Committee 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Program Development	16 9:30am Homebound Ministries 10:30am Naomi Circle 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS)	17 8:30am Homeschool Music Academy	18 4:00pm Homeschool Music Academy Concert
19 JOY Circle Bake Sale 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Celebrations & Fellowship 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	20 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	21 5:00pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:45pm York River Villas 7:00pm Administrative Council	22 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (Thanksgiving Holiday)	24	25
26 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Celebrations & Fellowship 9:45am Confirmation Class 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	27 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	28 5:00pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm UMM Meeting @ Nick's	29 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS)	Dec 1	2