

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES – CHRISMON TREE DECORATING

✨ Join Us for a Joyful Day of Decorating and Celebration!

📅 Date: Saturday, December 2nd

🕒 Time: 3:00 PM

🌲 Event: Chrismon Tree Decoration

📍 Location: Bethany UMC

Bring your holiday spirit and join us as we come together to decorate the Chrismon tree, marking the beginning of the Advent season. We extend a warm invitation to our youth, children, and their families to participate in this festive occasion. Following the joyful decoration of our church, we will gather for a delicious meal to share laughter and celebrate the start of the holiday season.

Let's make this a day filled with warmth, community, and the joy of coming together. We can't wait to see you there!

✨ Calling All Volunteers for Bethany United Methodist Youth Fellowship!

📅 When: Sunday, December 3rd

🕒 Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

We're excited to kick off our Bethany United Methodist Youth Fellowship, a space where students connect, share, and grow together. Our youth group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, and we're on the lookout for dedicated volunteers to join our journey.

🤝 Volunteer Responsibilities:

As a volunteer, you'll have the unique opportunity to actively participate in our youth activities, engage in meaningful Bible study sessions, and foster fellowship with the awesome students of our church. When you volunteer you have the opportunity to make a positive impact on young lives, foster a sense of community and togetherness and join in the joy of sharing and learning in a supportive environment. We are seeking 1-2 volunteers for each meeting. Your commitment will help shape the experience for our youth, creating lasting memories and meaningful connections.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Brad Thomas (youth@bethanyumc-gp.org, 304-483-3403). Thank you for being the spark that ignites the flame of fellowship and growth!

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, November 19, 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.

The Harvest Table is a visible reminder of God's bountiful blessings!

Thank you to Nancy Wilburn for generously providing our beautiful Thanksgiving decorations again this year. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families, and all praise and glory to God from whom all blessings flow!

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
Monday, November 20	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, November 21	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Council (WBFH)
Thursday, November 23 Friday, November 24		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Sunday, November 26	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
	2:00 p.m.	Joshua Spiritual Formation Group (Lacey Martin)

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of **Rev. Hugh T. Harris**, former Bethany Pastor. From the VA Conference: "On Saturday, November 11, the Rev. Hugh T. Harris, retired, passed from glory to glory to claim the promise of the resurrection after a brief battle with cancer. His ministry spanned nearly fifty years, both before and after retirement. He and his wife Nancy have enjoyed being an active part of the St. Mark's UMC (Midlothian) congregation, who have shown them wonderful love and support throughout this struggle." Expressions of sympathy may be mailed to: Nancy Harris, 5925 Village Lake Ct., North Chesterfield, VA 23234.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANCELED MUSIC REHEARSALS — Due to Thanksgiving on November 23, there will be **no hand bell or choir rehearsals on Tuesday, November 21 from 5-6 p.m. and Wednesday, November 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** We will resume rehearsals the next week November 28 and 29. Hope you enjoy this Thanksgiving with heartfelt love and joy. Pass It On!

JOSHUA SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP 2023 will meet on Sunday November 26, 2023 at 2 p.m. to discuss Chapters 7-9 of *Pursuing God's Will Together* by Ruth Haley Barton.

FROM THE TRUSTEES — Due to an unanticipated technical issue, the lock re-keying project has been delayed and is now anticipated to be completed sometime this week. As soon as new keys are available and we have a firm replacement date, we will let you know.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE —The Finance Committee is preparing the contribution envelopes for 2024. If you give online and/or no longer use envelopes to make your contributions, please contact Financial Secretary Cheryl Roane (804-815-8311 or cherylroane11@gmail.com), or Finance Committee Chair Jack Whitmore, so we can update our records accordingly and make the envelopes available for other donors. Thank you.

REVERSE ADVENT BAGS — In the spirit of giving, BUMC encourages each family to pick up a Reverse Advent bag and fill it for a needy family. Treat it as you would a traditional Advent calendar but instead of receiving something each day, add an item to your bag each day until Christmas. Suggested items include non-perishable food and pantry items, paper products, household cleaning, & personal hygiene items. **Bags are available this morning and next Sunday and should be returned to church by December 24.** Bags will be dedicated in our worship service and items collected will be taken to Salvation Army, the G.U.E.S.T. Day Shelter, Union Baptist Church Food Pantry & Bread for Life Food Pantry for distribution. Together we can make a difference for needy families this Christmas!


OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for

Mistletoe and Munchies

SAT., DECEMBER 9, 2023

10 am to 4 pm



Upsy Daisy
Creative Reuse Center
3261 George Wash. Mem. HWY
Hayes, VA 23072

Thanksgiving Bake Shop

Sponsored by United Methodist Women (Joy & Naomi Circles)

TODAY in the WBFH

Come purchase baked goods and other goodies for your Thanksgiving feast. The sale will begin at 9:30 a.m. Any unsold items, will be available for purchase following the 11:00 a.m. service. Cash donations are also accepted. All funds will be used for our mission projects.



CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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

Birthdays:

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, Connor Mahoney

Anniversaries

11/22 Chris & Clare Hall (19)
11/25 Aaron & Nancy Wilburn (52)



POINSETTIA ORDERS – 'Tis the Season! See the insert in Sunday's bulletin. **Order deadline is NEXT Sunday, November 26, so don't delay!**