

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	12.3.23
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Larry Whitfield		
GRIEVING: Families of Lonnie Byrd, Charlotte Cecil, Sandra Hollins, Sue Morecock		
HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, David Cecil, Billy Davis, Jim Durette, Debra Farrow, Estelle Harris, David Hoover, Milton Hudgins, Kathy Jacobs, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Alice Northam, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan		
HOSPITALIZED/REHAB: Bessie Conner (Sanders Rm. 1214)		
HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavalie Wilson		
PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Dylan Chapin, Krista Chase, Billy Davis, Paul Kendall, Jon Kent, Jane Niethamer, Cathy Raines		
UPCOMING SURGERY:		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Peyton Arthur, Fran Bonnaville, Kendell Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Dallas "Butch" Folk (ME), Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Erin Kate (Dooley) McGuire, Sissi Mise, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Kent Stevens, Jeff Suntken, Jill Ward, Bob Wharen, Susan Williams		
GRIEVING: Families of Jerry Hall, Rev. Hugh T. Harris, Ellis Hogge		
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Kathryn Bjers, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Adie Kurth, Sylvia Motley, Alicia Lynn Williams Naples, Ken Pierkowski, Phillip Presson, Dixie Sharp, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sandie Wharen, Sabrina Wickle, Randy Wilson		
HOSPICE: Selma		
HOSPITAL/REHAB: James Page (GA)		
PARKINSON'S: Janet Burch (KY)		
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Luke Burner, Terry Corbin, Jaunita Goins, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Howard Moore		
UPCOMING SURGERY: Eric Bunch		
OTHER PRAYERS: War-torn areas, victims of natural disasters		
BUMC'S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)		
<i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>		
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	

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, December 3, 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 Mary Kaylor for the glory of God and in honor of Judy Hudgins and the other "December birthday girls." (We made it another year!)

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
	6:00 p.m.	United Methodist Youth Fellowship (WBFH)
Tuesday, December 5	5:00 p.m.	Hand Bells Rehearsal (Lacey Martin)
Wednesday, December 6	5:30 p.m.	S/PPRC (WBFH)
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, December 7	10:00 a.m.	Nominations Committee (Mary Lotsey)
	6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Bethany Bible Study/BBS (Lacey Martin)
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Saturday, December 9	9:00 a.m.-noon	Cantata Rehearsal w/Orchestra (Sanctuary)
	5:00 p.m.	Julia Middleton Recital (Sanctuary/WBFH)
Sunday, December 10	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
	6:00 p.m.	Courthouse Community Orchestra Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST is next Sunday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. Bring a dish to share and join us for our monthly breakfast fellowship before heading off to Sunday school!

CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOXES have been set up in the main hallway so can you leave Christmas cards for those who attend Bethany regularly. It is suggested you mail any cards to shut-ins or those in our church family who are infrequent attenders to ensure they receive them. Please check often for any cards you may receive!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOW (UMYF) will meet **TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. in the WBFH**. Youth in grades 6 through 12 are welcome; volunteers are needed. Contact Brad Thomas for more info.

S/PPRC will meet **Wednesday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m.** in the WBFH.

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES presents **Courthouse Community Orchestra Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m.** Bring a friend and join us for this festive musical celebration of the holiday season!

JOY CIRCLE will have their Christmas celebration on **Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Dawn Cluts. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Also bring a \$10 gift that begins with the first letter of your last name for a gift exchange.

HOUSE OF PRAYER meets each **Thursday at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. All are encouraged to come spend thirty minutes in prayer for our church, community, nation, and world.

BETHANY BIBLE STUDY (BBS) meets each **Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** in the Lacey Martin classroom. We are currently studying 2 Corinthians. All are invited.

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. **A few bags are still available 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!

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS are needed to staff the church office on **Friday, December 15** from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. If you can help, please contact Dee Dee at 804-642-2110 or admin@bethanyumc-gp.org.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

Sandra Byrd, whose husband Lonnie passed on December 1. Sandy's address is 1756 Sawgrass Pointe Dr., Hayes, 23072.

Janice Drexler, whose son recently passed. Please remember Janice and her family in your prayers. Janice's address is 2432 Jacqueline Dr., Hayes, 23072.

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.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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

Birthdays:

- 12/4 Duane Bayly, Al Burner,
Randy Campbell, Makena Bontrager,
Dawn Bontrager
- 12/5 Dawn Cluts, Gerald Davis, Vernon McDaniel, III
- 12/6 Maxx Polk, Rosemarie Tong
- 12/7 Scott Farmer, Mae Eppard, Judy Hudgins, Henry Chapin, Hannah Chapin
- 12/8 Charlotte Chapin, Grant Morris
- 12/9 Mary Kaylor

Anniversaries

- 12/3 Kevin & Crystal Thompson (16)
- 12/4 Jim & Gerlinde Stevens (47)



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

OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for

Mistletoe and Munchies

SAT., DECEMBER 9, 2023

10 am to 4 pm



Creative Reuse Center

3261 George Wash. Mem. HWY
Hayes, VA 23072

BETHANY TO SERVE AS HOMELESS SHELTER JANUARY 1 THROUGH JANUARY 8

This winter Bethany will serve as a week-long overnight homeless shelter offering overnight accommodations and meals each night in our Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the many Bethany volunteers and those from outside our church that make this ministry possible as part of the GUEST (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team) program. GUEST is a coalition of churches and community organizations that strive to love, help, and reduce our homeless population. Since January of this year the GUEST program has helped 99 individuals (68 adults, 31 children) receive shelter through motel vouchers. Note that with assistance from the GUEST program 86 of the shelter participants have moved into permanent housing. Bethany's week of service is Jan 1 to Jan 8. Signup sheets at church as well as online signups will be available soon. Please consider being the hands and feet of Christ serving our brothers and sisters in need. Please call Al (804-413-4444) or Judy (804-413-8888) Burner if any questions or to find out how you might participate. **GUEST Training to be held Sunday, December 17 at 4 PM in the sanctuary.**