

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	12.10.23
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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, Lavalle Wilson
PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Dylan Chapin, Krista Chase, Billy Davis, Paul Kendall, Jon Kent, 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, Tim Williford (TN)
GRIEVING: Families of Jerry Hall, Ellis Hogge, Capt. Christopher W. P. Naquin, Josh Wilson
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Kathryn Bjers, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Val Hopkins, Adie Kurth, Sylvia Motley, Alicia Lynn Williams Naples, Ken Pierkowski, Phillip Presson, Dixie Sharp, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sandie Wharen, Sabrina Wikle, Marian Williford (TN), 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 around the world, victims of natural disasters

BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)

Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.

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
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 10, 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 are offered to the Glory of God in loving memory of
 David Lewis and Marsha Poland, by Peggy Lewis.

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
	6:00 p.m.	Courthouse Community Orchestra Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)
Monday, December 11	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Advent Bible School (WBFH)
Tuesday, December 12	5:00 p.m.	Hand Bells Rehearsal (Lacey Martin)
	5:30 p.m.	The Points HOA (WBFH)
	6:30 p.m.	JOY Circle (home of Dawn Cluts)
Wednesday, December 13	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, December 14	10:00 a.m.	York River Garden Club (WBFH)
	2:30 p.m.	UMW Board (Mary Lotsey)
	6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer (Mary Lotsey)** **Prayer meeting will be held in Mary Lotsey this week due to cantata rehearsal in sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal w/Orchestra (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Bethany Bible Study/BBS (Lacey Martin)
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday, December 15	10:00 a.m.	Cantata Rehearsal w/Orchestra (Sanctuary)
Saturday, December 16	9:00 a.m.-noon	Cantata Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sunday, December 17	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal, 11:00 Christmas Cantata)
	9:30 a.m.	Celebrations & Fellowship (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Confirmation Class
	4:00 p.m.	G.U.E.S.T. Training (Sanctuary)
	6:00 p.m.	United Methodist Youth Fellowship (WBFH)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES presents **Courthouse Community Orchestra Holiday Concert, TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m.** Bring a friend and join us for this festive musical celebration of the holiday season! ***Able-bodied men and women are needed after the 11:00 service today to help move furniture from the chancel area to make room for the orchestra, then after the concert to reset the chancel area. Thanks for your support!***

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.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES will be cooking on **Wednesday, December 20 at 9:30 a.m.** Come join the fun!

HOUSE OF PRAYER meets each **Thursday at 6:30 p.m.** 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 — It's not too late to participate! Suggested items include non-perishable food and pantry items, paper products, household cleaning, & personal hygiene items. **Please fill a bag and return it to church by December 24.** Bags will be dedicated in our worship service and items collected will be taken to various organizations to be shared with families in need in our community. Together we can make a difference for needy families this Christmas!

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.**

The **Hospitality Committee** would like to thank all those who helped with the Charlotte Cecil reception on Dec. 2. We appreciate those who helped set up, contributed food and helped with clean up afterwards. Bethany folks can always be counted on and we know the families who have lost loved ones appreciate the love shown towards them.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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

Birthdays:

12/11 Martin Breen, Jerry Hickman
12/12 Dylan Chapin
12/16 Susan Conry

Anniversaries

12/16 Larry & Sue Whitfield (45)

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!

ADDRESS CHANGE

Bessie Conner has a new mailing address:
6972 New Upton Farms LN, Gloucester, 23061



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

To Bethany United Methodist Church,
We cannot thank you enough for your hospitality and flexibility towards HMAG (The Homeschool Academy of Gloucester! We truly appreciate your love & support!
The HMAG Family

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the families of:

Josh Wilson, son of Kathy Jacobs, who passed on December 1. Kathy's address is 7331 Wilson Circle, Gloucester, VA, 23061.

Capt. Christopher W.P. Naquin, father of Robert Naquin, who passed on November 28. Capt. Naquin is father-in-law of Jennifer Smith Naquin, and grandfather of Jennings, Olivia, and Ava Grace Naquin. The Naquins' address is 1808 Holly View Dr., Gloucester Point, VA, 23062.

Lonnie Byrd's memorial service will be held at Bethany on **January 13 at 2 p.m.** Please continue to remember Sandy and Lonnie's family in your prayers.