

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	12.17.23
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, Kira Fox, 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, Cathy Raines		
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 Wickle, Marian Williford (TN), Randy Wilson		
HOSPICE: Selma		
HOSPITAL/REHAB: Pastor John Dooley, 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>)		
<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	
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 17, 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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY (<i>subject to change</i>)		
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.	G.U.E.S.T. Training (Sanctuary)
	6:00 p.m.	United Methodist Youth Fellowship (WBFH)
Monday, December 18	5:45 p.m.	York River Villas (Lacey Martin)
	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Advent Bible School (WBFH)
Tuesday, December 19	6:30 p.m.	JOY Circle (home of Dawn Cluts)
Wednesday, December 20	9:30 a.m.	Homebound Ministries (WBFH)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, December 21	10:30 a.m.	Naomi Circle (Mary Lotsey)
	5:00 p.m.	Media Upgrade Team (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)
Friday, December 22	12:00 p.m.	OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON
	6:00-8:30 p.m.	Children & Youth Ministries Christmas Party (home of Jason & Susannah Hogge)
Sunday, December 24	9:30 a.m.	Celebrations & Fellowship (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Family Christmas Eve Service with Candlelight Communion
Tuesday, December 26		OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
	5:30 p.m.	Hand Bells Rehearsal (Lacey Martin)

SUBMISSIONS FOR JANUARY ISSUE OF BETHANY BANNER ARE DUE NOW.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOY CIRCLE will have their Christmas celebration on **Tuesday, December 19 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!

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

GUEST Training to be held TODAY at 4 PM in the sanctuary.

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 are available in the main hallway and narthex.** 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.



FAMILY & COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT

Friday, January 12, 5:30—8 p.m.

Please join us for dinner and games.
Bring your favorite board game and be ready to join the fun!
For more information, contact Cathy Raines at 410-599-6493.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of **Kira Fox**, daughter of Christina Fox and granddaughter of Sandy Fox, who passed on December 10. Please remember Sandy, Kelly, Hudson, Chrissy, and their family in your prayers.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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

Birthdays:

12/18 Chrissy Fox, Sharon Johnson-Carleton, Aubrey Lynn Chase

12/19 Cathie Allport, Bev Kearney

12/20 David Byrd

12/23 Alix Shackelford

Anniversaries


12/21 Bernard & Debbie Robins (38)

12/23 Bruce & Joy Long (58)

Youth and Children's Christmas Party

'Tis the season to be jolly, and we're spreading the joy at Bethany UMC with our Youth and Children's Christmas Party!

 **Save the Date: December 22 | 6-8:30PM**

 Location: Jason and Susannah Hogge's House



Get ready for a great time filled with food, games, caroling and all things merry! It's the perfect opportunity to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and create lasting memories with your church family. This event is for all our youth and children!

Be sure to bring a dessert or appetizer to share and a canned food item to contribute to our Food Drive!

Mark your calendars, dust off your Santa hats, and get ready for a night of festive fun at Bethany UMC Youth and Children's Christmas Party. Let's make this holiday season the merriest one yet!

See you there, and Merry Christmas! ❄️👶👦❄️

Reminder: No Children's Church this morning as we enjoy the Cantata with our church family.