



Bethany Banner

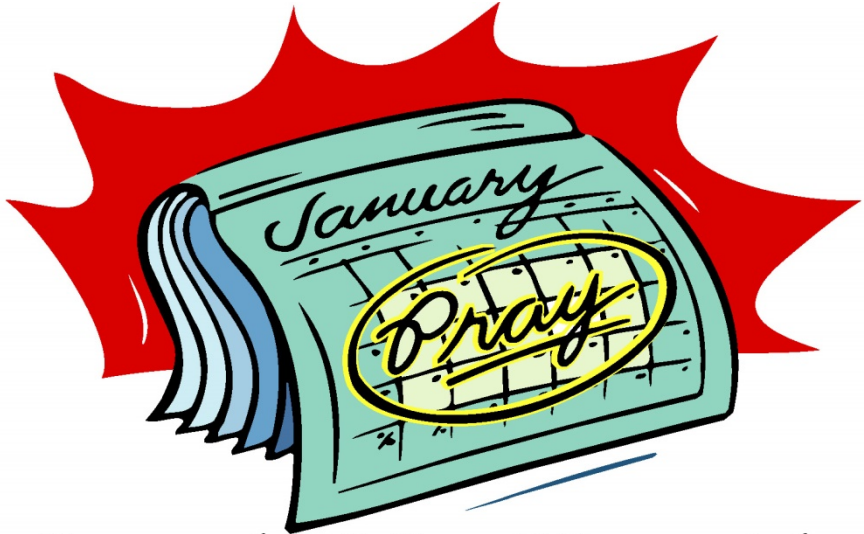
January 2024

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



Start the New Year with
Prayer

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

The Year of the Lord's Favor

New Year has come!

Beginning the first week of January, I want to call for our special congregational weekly prayer meeting for eighteen weeks, meeting at the sanctuary each Thursday at 6:30pm. We want to bring to God our prayers--- prayer requests from people, your own prayers, for the life, mission and ministry of our church, praying for God's will. And especially, we want to pray for the General Conference of our denomination.

The General Conference is the top decision making body of the United Methodist Church. General Conference sets the rules and establishes procedures and structure of the church. It also communicates the denomination's official position on a variety of issues with theological and biblical interpretation.

Historically the General Conference has been held every four years, revising the Book of Discipline which establishes guidelines for the overall life of the United Methodist Church. However, since 2020 the Conference has been postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic while our denomination was facing conflict and confusion on the issue of human sexuality. During this time, some traditional United Methodists left and began a new denomination, The Global Methodist Church. And some disaffiliated with the UMC for different reasons. General Conference finally set its meeting on April 23-May 3, 2024, meeting at Charlotte, NC.

“Seeking the will of God” is the reason why I call for our congregational special prayer meeting.

Please come and join together to be a body of prayer. If you cannot come, please set aside your time each Thursday night for your prayer.

“Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.” (Psalm 143:8b)

Let this year, 2024, be the year of the Lord's favor for the life, mission and ministry of Bethany church.

Happy and Blessed New Year to you!

Pastor Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Call for Congregational Weekly Prayer Meeting.

January 4, to May 2, 2024, each Thursday at 6:30PM at the sanctuary.

We gather to pray for seeking the will of God as the General Conference is called for meeting this year. We gather to pray for prayer requests, for the life, mission and ministry of Bethany church. We gather to pray for your own. Let us join this body of prayer.

BAZAAR WORKSHOPS

Sharpen your scissors and heat up the glue guns! The Bazaar Bunch is ready to work on the 2024 Bethany Bazaar! We hope you will consider coming out to help. We will meet from **9 a.m. until noon on Thursdays, beginning January 4.**

When you clean up after Christmas, think of us before getting rid of usable Christmas decorations that we can recycle.

We will have a Vintage Room again so please put aside antique items for this year's Bazaar.

Thanks for all your support and we hope to see you on January 4!

JOY CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, January 9 at 7 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey classroom.

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!



SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST, January 14 at 9:30 a.m., WBFH

Bring a favorite breakfast dish to share and join us for our monthly fellowship breakfast before heading off to your Sunday school class! Bring a friend, too!

GNMCS COMMITTEE will meet **Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey classroom.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES will cook for our shut-ins on **Wednesday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m.** Come join us!

BETHANY UMC YOUTH & CHILDREN

JANUARY HAPPENINGS



Sunday School

Each Sunday @ 9:45AM

Youth Group

Jan. 7 & 21 from 6-7:30PM



Sunday School

Each Sunday @ 9:45AM

Children's Church

Each Sunday during the
11AM Service



Volunteer Planning Meeting

Jan. 14 after the 2nd Service

Join Brad for information on
how you can help with our Youth
and Children's Ministry!

We will meet in the Youth Room.

FROM MISSION RIVERS DISTRICT

Come and celebrate the start of a new year with a day of Worship, Fellowship and Education! Come for just the morning, just the afternoon or the whole day!

Classes will include S/PPR Training, Church Finance 101, Safe Sanctuaries, Simplified Accountability Structure, How to Build a Youth Ministry, Growing Your Social Media, First Aid and Mission Possible!

WHERE: Ebenezer UMC - **161 Embrey Mill Rd, Stafford, VA 22554**

WHEN: January 13th

WHAT: Morning and Afternoon classes, Lunch and Worship for all

Tentative Schedule:

Registration/Sign In: 8:15am - 8:45am

Worship: 9:00am - 10:00am

Session One: 10:00am - 12:30pm

Catered Lunch: 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Session Two: 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Click [HERE](#) (or visit

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCoaUddTQYwp2RuCUS6kYsYUrtk1osYbstGzYrgov9LhdQ/viewform>) to register online.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to the families of:

Capt. Christopher W.P. Naquin, father of Rob Naquin, who passed on

November 28. He is father-in-law of Jennifer Smith Naquin and grandfather of Jennings, Olivia, and Ava Grace.

Kira Fox, daughter of Chrissy Fox and granddaughter of Sandy Fox, niece of Kelly and cousin of Hudson, passed away on December 10.

Sid Dixon passed on December 15. Sid is husband of Marion, and father David Dixon, Beth Dixon, and Susan Hutchinson.

Pastor John Dooley, father of Peggy Lewis's son-in-law, passed away on December 23.

BIRDIE'S CLOSET

*Please help us fill the closet with new or
like new clothing for children in Foster Care.*



Choose a “birdie” (Or two!) from the tree, purchase the items noted and return them Unwrapped to the box in the fellowship hall.

birdie's closet will be a resource that can provide clean, appropriate clothing to each child in need. children entering into foster care arrive into the system with very little.

We will gather clothing, personal hygiene items, toys, school supplies, and other items that children & teens might otherwise not have. We also hope that we can provide each child a suitcase, duffel bag or backpack. no child should have to pack up all of their things into a trash bag.

THANK YOU

We cannot thank you enough for your hospitality and flexibility towards HMAG (The Homeschool Music Academy of Gloucester)! We truly appreciate your love and support!

— The HMAG Family

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	12.27.23
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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, Sid Dixon, 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
 HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavelle Wilson
 PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White
 RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Dylan Chapin, Billy Davis, Paul Kendall, 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, Shalini Upadhyaya, Jill Ward, Bob Wharen, Susan Williams, Tim Williford (TN)
 GRIEVING: Families of Pastor John Dooley, Capt. Christopher W. P. Naquin, Josh Wilson
 HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Kathryn Bjers, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Val Hopkins, Adie Kurth, Lewis Marion, Sylvia Motley, Alicia Lynn Williams Naples, Ken Pierkowski, Phillip Presson, Mary Ann Shackelford, 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 (*italics—Bethany friends*)

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

ASSISTED LIVING (*italics-Bethany friends*)

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)	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



JANUARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS	
1/1	Carol Schultz
1/2	Robert Hornsby
1/3	Scott Glaze
1/4	Diana Simmons; Joe Bayly
1/6	Aaron Cothorn
1/8	Christina Mahoney
1/9	Wes Stilley
1/12	Tom Smith, Matthew Hornsby
1/13	Clair Hillard
1/15	Ryan Brooks; Laura Glaze; Tim Hart, Jr.
1/16	Nancy Cooper; Stacey Montefusco
1/17	Rylie Patterson
1/18	Lewis Marion; Barbara Dunston
1/19	Ann Byrd
1/21	Pauline Harris; Richard Parkes, Vanessa Morris
1/25	Randy Tong; Gerlinde Stevens
1/26	Nancy Wilburn
1/27	Eric Thomas; Brittan Goetz; Ashleigh Schroeder
1/28	Robert Jordan
1/29	Bruce Long; Linda Enroughty
1/31	Susan Ward; Elizabeth Brown

ANNIVERSARIES		# yrs
1/1	Rob & Cathy Raines	15
1/15	Josh & Vanessa Morris	24
1/22	Randy & Rosemarie Tong	19

TRUSTEE CONTACTS	
12/30-01/06/24:	Tom Barnard
1/7-1/13:	Donna Andersen
1/14-1/20:	M.E. Thomas
1/21-1/27:	Rob Raines
1/28-2/3:	Diana Simmons

COUNTING TEAMS	
1/7	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
1/14	Team 6: Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
1/21	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
1/28	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane

ALTAR GUILD
Pauline Reimold, Paul Kendall, Lynne Barnes

LITURGISTS	
1/7	Baum Hogge
1/14	Ann Byrd
1/21	Shannon Minor
1/28	Susannah Hogge

ALTAR FLOWERS	
1/7	Dawne Sawyer
1/14	Kevin & Kris Kiley
1/21	AVAILABLE
1/28	AVAILABLE

January 2024

January 2024							February 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 24	2	3	4	5	6
	G.U.E.S.T. Shelter Week					
		10:00am YRC Kings Daughters & Sons		9:00am Bazaar Workshop 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS) 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal		
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Communion Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Celebrations & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 6:00pm UMYF (Youth Group, 6th-12th grades)	5:30pm York River Villas	5:00pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm JOY Circle	9:00am Trustees 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Program Development	9:00am Bazaar Workshop 10:00am York River Garden Club 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS) 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	8:30am Homeschool Music Academy 5:30pm Family Game Night	2:00pm Memorial Service for Lonnie Byrd
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Second Sunday Potluck Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	BANNER DEADLINE	5:00pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm GNMCS 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am Bazaar Workshop 10:30am Naomi Circle 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS) 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	8:30am Homeschool Music Academy	
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