



**BETHANY**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**PANEL FORUM ON AGING**  
Wednesday, February 21, 10AM - 12:00PM  
Bethany United Methodist Church  
1860 Hayes Rd., Gloucester Point

Join us to learn about a variety of senior services. This Forum is open to older adults and healthcare professionals seeking Certificates of Attendance for Educational Credits. Boxed lunches will be handed out after the Forum. Cost: FREE.

**Panel Topics:**

“Avoiding Common Healthcare Scams” presented by Shawn Smith, State Director, Virginia Senior Medicare Patrol

“Aging in Place” presented by Gada Saunders, Owner, Upgrade Remodeling

“What Seniors Need to Know about Estate Planning?” presented by Angela Manz, Attorney and Owner, The Law Office of Angela Manz

“Senior Safety” presented by Captain Bill Adams, Crime Prevention Specialist, Project Lifesaver Coordinator, Gloucester County Sheriff’s Office

“What You Need to Know about Dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease” presented by Doug Panto, Community Programs Manager, Alzheimer’s Association Southeastern Virginia Chapter

To register, RSVP to [www.SeniorAdvocate.Live](http://www.SeniorAdvocate.Live) or call 757-724-7001.

Presented by: **SeniorAdvocate™**

Note on Music for Lent



Samuel Barber is one of America’s most renowned composers, and three of his works appear regularly in services at Bethany: *Adagio for Strings* on Memorial Day; *Chorale Prelude* on “*Silent Night*” on Christmas Eve; and during Lent his “*Wondrous Love*”: *Variations on a Shape-note Hymn*, created in 1959. The modal tune was borrowed from a secular song about the famous pirate Captain Kidd and first appeared as a hymn in William Walker’s *Southern Harmony* (1835). The text is a meditation on Christ’s love, so great that he would give up His crown for a sinner’s soul.

Samuel Barber’s four variations on *What Wondrous Love Is This* (UMH No. 292) mirror the mood and meaning of the hymn’s four stanzas with sensitivity and finesse the equal of Johann Sebastian Bach in his variations on Lutheran chorales. Springing from such a venerable tradition, the blues-tinged music Barber composed for the final stanza of *Wondrous Love* gains a special poignancy and resonance: “And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, and through eternity I’ll sing on.”

– Rudy Shackelford

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, February 18, 2024**

**\*\*WELCOME, VISITORS! We are happy to have you join us in worship today.\*\***  
*Please be sure to sign the Welcome card found in the pew pocket. Thank you!*

**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		
<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal; 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 a.m.	Celebrations and Fellowship (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	6:00 p.m.	UMYF
<b>Monday, February 19</b>	6:30 p.m.	Cemetery Committee (Mary Lotsey)
<b>Tuesday, February 20</b>	5:00 p.m.	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	5:30 p.m.	York River Villas (Lacey Martin)
	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Council (WBFH)
<b>Wednesday, February 21</b>	10:00 a.m.-noon	Panel Forum on Aging (WBFH) (see back page)
	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	AARP Tax-Aide (by appointment only)
	5:30 p.m.	Praise Team (Mary Lotsey)
<b>Thursday, February 22</b>	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:00 a.m.-noon	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH)
	6:30 p.m.	House of Prayer / Special Congregational Prayer Meeting thru 5/2 (Sanctuary)
<b>Friday, February 23</b>	7:00 p.m.	Bethany Bible Study/BBS (Lacey Martin)
	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Homeschool Music Academy of Gloucester
<b>Sunday, February 25</b>	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Worship (8:30 Informal; 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 a.m.	Celebrations and Fellowship (WBFH)
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15 p.m.	Prime Timers Kick-Off Luncheon (WBFH)

**LADIES NIGHT, Tuesday, February 27 @ 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 per person (Widows eat FREE!)**  
See insert for more info. and to sign up. Lovingly hosted by United Methodist Men.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENTEN SERMON SERIES – “The Message of Jesus’ Passion”

Feb 18 --- Born to Die, Matthew 2:13-23

Feb 25 --- Mocked by the Crowd, Matthew 26:57-68

March 3 --- Denied by His Own, Matthew 26:69-75

March 17 --- Unjust Trial, Matthew 27:11-26

March 24 – Humiliated by Soldiers, Matthew 27:27-31

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** – A limited number of printed Lenten devotional booklets from Society of St. Andrew are available at the sanctuary entrances. To read or download a copy, visit our website or click [https://bethanyumc-gp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-Lenten\\_Devotions\\_Booklet.pdf](https://bethanyumc-gp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-Lenten_Devotions_Booklet.pdf).

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Carolyn Davis upon the death of her sister, Jacqueline Haywood Emerson, on January 30. A graveside service at Gloucester Point Cemetery was held on Tuesday, February 6. Click [HERE](#) for obituary. Carolyn's address is: 2009 Tillage LN, Hayes, VA, 23072.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY – BESSIE CONNER’S mailing address is 6972 New Upton Farms LN, Gloucester, VA 23061.** Did you know that you can access the most updated version of our church directory on the Members Only page of our website? For your protection, the Members Only page is password-protected, but you can call the Church Office to request the password. Because updates are frequent, printed copies are only available upon request by calling or emailing the church office.

We will make every effort to publish in the bulletin any changes in contact info as we receive them, but no promises, so feel free to call the church office if you have questions about an address.

**NAOMI CIRCLE** – On Thursday, February 15, Naomi Circle members visited Gloucester House, Heron Cove, and Sanders Assisted Living to share Valentine’s Day gifts with Bethany members in those facilities. Gifts included candy, beads, and comfy slipper socks to make them feel loved.

### THURSDAY NIGHTS AT BETHANY

**6:30 p.m.** – Eighteen weeks of prayer for General Conference (Sanctuary)

**7:00 p.m.** – Bethany Bible Study (meets in Lacey Martin classroom, currently studying the Gospel of John)

### PRIME TIMERS KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 12:15 p.m.**

**A kick-off meeting for Bethany’s new PRIME TIMERS ministry is planned for Sunday, February 25, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.**

Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall and we will discuss activity ideas and ways we can best serve one another. If you are widowed, divorced, or simply unmarried, in search of fun activities and meaningful fellowship, this is the group for you! For more information, contact Dawn Cluts at 804-684-5340 or 757-690-3874.



## MUSIC CAMP BAKE SALE

Palm Sunday, March 24



Come purchase baked goods and other goodies for your Easter feast. The sale will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the WBFH. Any unsold items, will be available for purchase following the 11:00 a.m. service with all proceeds going to fund the *Bethany Music Camp*.

Anyone wishing to participate by providing baked goods should deliver them to the church Saturday, March 23 between 10 a.m. and noon. Cash donations are also accepted and encouraged.

*Sponsored by UMW (Joy & Naomi Circles)*

### CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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

#### **Birthdays**

2/21 Mike Simmons

2/23 Nancy Orth; Joel Kidd

2/24 June Matthews; Kirk Bell; Lisa Breaud;  
Jennie Lipscomb

#### **Anniversaries**

2/21 Steve & Dee Dee Wike (37)

2/24 Art & Vicki Wolz (51)

Many thanks to my church family for the cards, gifts, prayers, well wishes, and hugs you showered on me for my 90th birthday. I have been blessed with a long and happy life and if it’s God’s will I hope to continue a while longer. Thanks again!

In His name,  
*Alan Harvey*