



## Bethany Banner

March 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](http://www.bethanyumc-gp.org)

## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day Covered Dish Meal

(One service at 10:00 a.m., no SS, meal to follow)

Thursday, March 28

7pm – Maundy Thursday Cantata (“Tenebrae”)

with Holy Communion

8pm – Prayer Vigil Begins

(through noon on Good Friday)

Good Friday, March 29

Church Office Closed

Easter Sunday, March 31

6:45 a.m. – Community Sunrise Service at VIMS

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Easter Worship at Bethany

9:30 a.m. Celebrations & Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

**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 living and the dead.**

The angels' message on the first Easter morning, according to the Gospel of Luke, can be summed up in one short sentence: "Do not look for the living among the dead" (Luke 24:1-12). What is the living and what is the dead?

Early in the morning, the women, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and other women, went to the tomb where the body of Jesus was laid. They went there to keep their tradition of preparing the body which they had not been able to do earlier because Jesus was crucified on the evening when the Sabbath began and Sabbath rules prohibited this. So they went early in the morning of the first day after the Sabbath to anoint the body of Jesus, when the angels of God appeared to them, asking "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" The angels reminded the women of what Jesus had told them regarding his suffering and death on the cross, and his resurrection in three days. Then the women remembered Jesus' words.

The three women and others wanted to perform their duty, tradition, cleaning code of the law, anointing the body of Jesus whom they loved. But they were encountered by the good news that Jesus was risen from the dead, the living Lord.

Apostle Paul interpreted this story to the believers in Rome, "By dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code" (Romans 7:6).

We can apply his teaching to us today this way. When we celebrate Easter just as a memorial, yearly celebration with much decoration and excitement, without encountering and inviting the risen Lord Jesus into our heart, mind and life, without letting him lead and guide us our life, then we do look for the living among the dead.

Jesus Christ is risen today. Let him be your living Lord.

Happy and blessed Easter.

Pastor Paul

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Special Call for Congregational Weekly Prayer Meeting.**

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

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### **BAZAAR WORKSHOPS – THURSDAYS FROM 9AM TIL NOON, WBFH**

It's not too late to join in the fun at the Bazaar Workshops! We will be crafting and laughing all the way to the end of October! Please join us any Thursday from 9 to 12:00 or any fraction of that time in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall.

Remember, this is a church-wide effort to raise money for Missions!!

— The Bazaar Bunch

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**JOY CIRCLE** will meet **Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m.** in the WBFH. Our speaker will be from Riverside Hospital speaking on palliative care. All women are invited!

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### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY COVERED DISH MEAL**

**Sunday, March 17**

No Sunday School

**One Worship service at 10 am**

Bring your favorite Irish dish

Dress in your St. Patrick's Day attire

Come and enjoy the Fellowship, Irish songs and Irish jokes!

It will be a great time of fellowship!

*"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back."*

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**MISSION TRIP TO HIGHER GROUND, May 12-18 (see insert for more info.)**

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### **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)*



# COMMON THREAD

AN INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY

**IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, ACROSS NEARLY ALL CHURCHES, THERE HAS BEEN A NOTICEABLE DECREASE IN ENGAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY WITHIN PROGRAMS THAT SEGREGATE DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS. THIS DECLINE IS PARTICULARLY PROMINENT AMONG CHILDREN AND STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE. IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE SENSE OF CONNECTION AMONG OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT BETHANY, WE ARE RETHINKING OUR CONVENTIONAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SPACE. INSTEAD, WE ARE INTRODUCING AN INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING THAT ENCOMPASSES ALL AGE GROUPS—CHILDREN, STUDENTS, AND ADULTS ALIKE. WHILE INDIVIDUAL PEER GROUPS WILL CONTINUE TO MEET ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AND FOR SPECIAL EVENTS, THIS NEW APPROACH DOES NOT REPLACE AN EXISTING PROGRAM BUT RATHER REIMAGINES A SPACE THAT REVITALIZES OUR COMMUNITY AT BETHANY UMC.**

**JOIN US ON MARCH 3RD AT 6:00PM FOR A NEW MINISTRY PROGRAM THAT BRINGS TOGETHER THE BEST PARTS OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S GATHERINGS AND REIMAGINES THEM FOR ALL OF US.**

**LET'S BUILD AN INTENTIONAL JESUS COMMUNITY AND STRENGTHEN ONE ANOTHER.**

BETHANY UMC  
PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE

## EASTER SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Join us during Sunday School on  
Easter Sunday for a fun activity  
and craft!

Stick around for an Easter Egg  
Hunt during Children's Church!

March 31  
Sunday School  
9:45AM

Children's Church  
11AM

## MUSIC CAMP NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT



For the past two years, in July, Bethany has sponsored a music camp headed up by Sandy Byrd for youth in the community who are in grades middle school and up. This camp was very well attended and made possible by a grant offered by the Virginia Conference. Unfortunately, we were not awarded the grant this year and are requesting the help of our congregation to fund this valuable program. We have obtained donations from the UMM, UMW groups and Friendship Class. However, we need to raise additional funds to cover the cost of the camp including instrument rental. Therefore, we will be having multiple fund raisers to earn the additional money needed to fund this year's camp.

Our first fund raiser will be a **BAKE SALE** on **Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 a.m. until after the 11 a.m. service or until all items are sold, whichever comes first. All are invited to make donations of baked goods or cash to fund this program. So please buy early and dig deep for this worthy cause.

Simultaneously, members of the Friendship Class and the UMW-Joy Circle will be selling tickets for the **TIDAL WAVE CAR WASH** with all proceeds going to the music camp. This fund raiser was very successful last time we did it and we hope you will buy tickets early. Everyone likes a clean car! Contact a member of either of these groups, David Ayers, or Dawne Sawyer for tickets.

Please help keep this youth program alive at Bethany!

## THANK YOU NOTES

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*

Thanks to the **JOY Circle** for the Valentine's Day card and the Chick-Fil-A gift card. We so appreciate being remembered in such a thoughtful way by JOY Circle and our church family. —*Carson Brooks* (Guilford College) and *Connor Brooks* (Rappahannock Community College)

### **Dear HUGS Ministry Members,**

Jim asked me to thank you for the lap robe you made for him. Such a loving gesture. Love, *Jim & Betty Durette*

Thank you for your financial support of \$250 given to **Helping the Homeless**, Inc. during 2023. We greatly appreciate your being involved in supporting people everywhere in need, and most importantly, in helping us fund the spreading of God's never-ending love and the Gospel message of Salvation! In Christ, *Pastor Wendy Roundy, CEO*

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### **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY – Please remember these families in prayer.**

**Jacqueline Haywood Emerson**, sister of Carolyn Davis, passed away January 30.

**Robin Coker**, husband of Kelly Coker, passed away February 6. Kelly is the sister of Kirk Bell and Theresa Childre.

**Denise Dick**, friend of Jeannie Meisner and known to many in our congregation, passed on January 23.

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**ITEM NEEDED**—Sondra Colbert, former Bethany Youth Director, is looking for a small lounge chair or lift chair for sale. She will be bringing her mom home to care for her and needs it for her. If you have or know of such an item for sale, please contact Sondra directly at 804-815-7533.

### **DIRECTORY CHANGES**

Greg Freeman – 3964 Shelly Rd., Hayes, VA 23072

Deborah Tilley – 113 Sinclair Street SW, Port Charlotte, FL, 33952

Bessie Conner – Mailing address: 6972 New Upton Farms LN, Gloucester, VA 23061.

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	2.25.24
<p>CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Larry Whitfield  GRIEVING: Families of Lonnie Byrd, Sid Dixon, Kira Fox, Gerlinde Stevens  HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, David Cecil, Billy Davis, 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  HOSPITALIZED: Nancy Kendall (Riverside Regional)  PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White  RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Dylan Chapin, Paul Kendall  UPCOMING SURGERY:</p>		
<b>BETHANY FRIENDS</b>		
<p>CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Peyton Arthur, Fran Bonnaville, Kendall Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Robin Coker, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Dallas “Butch” Folk (ME), Traci Greene, Dale Handley, Zachary Hoover, Connie Hutchinson (MI), Sissi Mise, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Kent Stevens, Jeff Suntken, Shalini Upadhyaya, Jill Ward, Bob Wharen, Tim Williford  GRIEVING: Families of Denise Dick, Pastor John Dooley, Jacqueline Emerson, Sarah Jacobs, Capt. Christopher W. P. Naquin, Josh Wilson  HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Kathryn Bjers, Juanita Duncan, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Val Hopkins, Adie Kurth, Lewis Marion, Dylan Moore family, 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, Mary Smith  HOSPITAL/REHAB:  PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)  RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Luke Burner, Terry Corbin, Jaunita Goins, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Lewis Marion  UPCOMING SURGERY: Eric Bunch  OTHER PRAYERS: War-torn areas around the world, victims of natural disasters</p>		
<b>BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)</b>		
<p><i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i></p>		
<b>ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)</b>		
<p>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</p>	<p>Lorraine Brown, Rm 107  Kathleen Greene, Rm 106  Jean Heywood, Rm 110</p>	
<p>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061  (Marion Dixon’s mailing address:  PO Box 36, Gloucester Point, VA 23062)</p>	<p>Marion Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 33  Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29  Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13</p>	
<p>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</p>	<p>Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A</p>	
<p>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</p>	<p>Pauline Harris, Apt. 130</p>	
<p>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</p>	<p>Jennie Lipscomb</p>	

## EASTER FLOWERS 2024 ORDER FORM

In celebration of Christ's resurrection we are pleased to offer a variety of spring flowers you may purchase **IN MEMORY OF** or **IN HONOR OF** your loved ones this Easter. Flowers may be picked up following our Easter morning worship service. Proceeds from the sale of Easter flowers will support Bethany's Youth.

Please make checks payable to Bethany UMC  
and enclose your payment with this form.

THE **DEADLINE TO ORDER FLOWERS IS SUNDAY, MARCH 10.**

**(Please PRINT clearly)**

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE/EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

- In Honor of     In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- In Honor of     In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- In Honor of     In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- In Honor of     In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

FLOWER VARIETIES	DONATION AMOUNT	QTY	AMOUNT DUE
Lily (white only)	15.00		
Tulip (various-no choice)	12.00		
Geranium (red)	10.00		
Geranium (pink)	10.00		
Geranium (white)	10.00		
Geranium (purple)	10.00		
Geranium (salmon)	10.00		
Hyacinth (various-no choice)	11.00		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>			<b>\$</b>

**IMPORTANT:** Please mark your flower choices and quantities below and keep this portion of the order form so you will know which flowers to take with you on Easter Sunday.

- Lily \_\_\_\_\_     Tulip \_\_\_\_\_     Geranium (red) \_\_\_\_\_     Geranium (pink) \_\_\_\_\_
- Geranium (white) \_\_\_\_\_     Geranium (purple) \_\_\_\_\_     Geranium (salmon) \_\_\_\_\_
- Hyacinth \_\_\_\_\_

## MISSION TRIP TO HIGHER GROUND – May 12-18, 2024

Blue Ridge Christian Ministry has Higher Ground Christian Retreat center located off the Blue Ridge Parkway at Mile Post 190. The Retreat Center is a non-profit organization funded through donations and groups using the facility for camps, retreats and meetings. Higher Ground is situated on 73 acres on the top of a mountain overlooking the valley below. It is an ideal location for those looking to see God through nature and quiet meditation. The nearest town is 20 minutes away. Bethany's team will be working on building and grounds maintenance and construction items on the existing "Bethany Cottage" building.

Persons wishing to participate in this mission trip should speak with Ken Freeman (682-429-7024) or Grady Wesson (757-508-9003).

Team members will need to bring comfortable work clothes and shoes, personal hygiene items, towels, and wash cloths. Team members will be staying in Fairview Lodge and Inn Agape. Each of these buildings has 6 rooms. Each room has 2 double beds, desk and chair, and a bathroom with shower or tub, toilet, and sink. There is a dining hall/meeting building where meals will be prepared and eaten.

The trip will take approximately 6 hours by car. If you feel led to join the Bethany team on this mission trip, you will enjoy fellowship, nature's beauty, and feel the presence of God on the mountain top.

For more information about Higher Ground visit

[www.highergroundretreat.com](http://www.highergroundretreat.com).





# MARCH

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

BIRTHDAYS	
3/1	Billy Wayne Hogge; Ann Hogge; David Tillage; Gwen Morris Szulgit
3/3	Avett Thomas
3/4	Kathleen Greene
3/5	Colleen LeMay
3/6	Linda Reams; Grady Wesson
3/7	Dennisa Booth; Tally Vaughan
3/9	Jim Minor; Mary S. Morris; Judy Johnson
3/10	Teresa Sullivan; Brenda Thomas
3/11	Kathy Jacobs
3/12	Kevin Thompson
3/13	Kyle Bunting; Katie Doggett
3/14	Randy Williams; Matthew Byrne
3/15	Angela Day Waliszewski
3/16	Lynne Barnes
3/17	Kevin Kiley
3/19	Sarah Hillard; Frank Farmer; Tina Silberhorn; Lisa Krukovsky; Scott Berry; Levon Thomas
3/20	Warren Douglas
3/21	Peggy Peterman; Sammi Jacobs
3/22	Jennifer Orth-Veillon; Darlene Bauschatz
3/23	Don Schultz
3/25	Stephanie Wood
3/27	Stacie Martin; Jennifer Barber; Bonnie Lewis; Sue Leed
3/28	Timothy Leigh
3/29	Joyce Mitchell; Michelle Ward; Douglas Doggett; Terri Mason
3/30	Amanda Gayle; Kamryn Cooper
3/31	Joseph Paul Byrne, II

ANNIVERSARIES		# yrs
3/3	Rick & Patricia Kidd	34
3/6	Linda & Stan Reams	42
3/10	Rev. Steve & Susan Young	23
3/14	Linda & Wendell Fletcher	16
3/19	Drs. Tim & Cathy Leigh	36
3/25	Cheryl & Pitt Roane	54

TRUSTEE CONTACTS	
February 25-March 2:	Tom Barnard
March 3-9:	Donna Andersen
March 10-16:	M. E. Thomas
March 17-23:	Rob Raines
March 24-30:	Diana Simmons
March 31-April 6:	Don Thomas

COUNTING TEAMS	
3/3	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
3/10	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
3/17	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
3/24	Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
3/31	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

ALTAR GUILD
Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby

LITURGISTS	
3/3	Loreen Paiva
3/10	Sandy Byrd
3/17	Pauline Reimold
3/24	Judy Burner
3/31	Betty Neikirk

ALTAR FLOWERS
No altar flowers during Lent
<b>3/31 Easter Flowers</b> <i>(see order form on back of insert)</i>

# March 2024

March 2024						April 2024							
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30				
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 25	26	27	28	29	Mar 1	2
					8:30am Homeschool Music Academy	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Communion Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Celebrations & Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 6:00pm Common Thread	10:00am Bazaar Quilt Group	5:00pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm JOY Circle	10:00am AARP Tax Aide (10am-3pm weekly) 5:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00pm S/P/PRC 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:00am Bazaar Workshop 6:00pm Section Rehearsal (S/A) 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS)	8:30am Homeschool Music Academy	10:00am Birthday Party (Mildred Townsend)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Second Sunday Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 12:15pm VBS Planning Meeting	10:00am Music Camp Planning Team 5:00pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Finance Committee	10:00am Trustees 10:00am AARP Tax Aide (10am-3pm weekly) 5:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Program Development	9:00am Bazaar Workshop 10:00am York River Garden Club 2:30pm UMW Board 6:30pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Bethany Bible Study (BBS)	BANNER DEADLINE 8:30am Homeschool Music Academy	9:00am Cantata Rehearsal (9-12)	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:00am Traditional Worship 11:15am Family St. Patrick's Day Meal	5:00pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm York River Villas 7:00pm Administrative Council	10:00am AARP Tax Aide (10am-3pm weekly) 5:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30pm 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)	8:30am Homeschool Music Academy	9:00am Cantata Rehearsal (9-12) 4:00pm Homeschool Music Academy Concert	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6
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