



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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April 21, 2024

11:00 a.m.

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 FESTIVAL OF GOD’S CREATION**

WELCOME, EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us today!

*CELL PHONES: Please remember to silence your phones before the service.
 HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE: Please see an usher if you need a hearing device.
 Please stand as you are able.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte(s): Emily Ward
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk, Aidan Dumbrocyo
 Altar Guild this month: Nina Whitmore, Sharon Cheek, Mary Linda Brooks
 Liturgist: Shannon Minor (11:00)
 Trustee Contact this week: Tom Barnard
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
 Greeters: Betty Durette, David Ayers (11:00)

STEWARDSHIP		COUNTING TEAMS	
	4/14		
General Fund	7134.00	4/21	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	55.00	4/28	Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
Capital Improvement	400.00	5/5	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
Altar Flowers	60.00	5/12	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
Bazaar	30.00		
Music Camp	412.00		
ATTENDANCE	4/14		
In-person Worship (8:30-28; 11:00-76)	104		
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	56		
Total in Worship	160		

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

Rev. Moonsup “Paul” Song, Pastor	call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues. thru Fri., 8am-4pm For pastoral emergencies, call/text 703.625.8025
Dee Dee Wike, Church Office Administrator	office 804.642.2110, cell: 901.831.8534 email: admin@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues. thru Fri., 8am-4pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch)
Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128 email: rfox6@cox.net	Works from home, by appt.
Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.
Brad Thomas, Director of Children & Youth Ministries	Office 804.642.2110, call/text 304.483.3403 Email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues./Thurs. 9:30am-2pm (Mon./Wed. from home)

— *As the music begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.* —

Intrada *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH No. 92
All Things Bright and Beautiful UMH No. 147
 Celebrating Earth Day, April 22nd

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship** Shannon Minor

Leader: How shall we live when we have more than enough?
Congregation: We have no greater praise to offer than caring for your creatures and Creation.
 Leader: The earth is our teacher – nurturing and tender.
Congregation: In this hour, O God, nourish us in the soil of your love.
All: Let us worship God, the Ground of all Being.

***Hymn** *Precious Name* UMH No. 536

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed UMH No.881

Opening Prayer Shannon Minor

O God, You have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Save the community of your people from cowardly surrender to the world, from rendering unto Caesar what belongs to you, and from forgetting the eternal gospel amid the temporal pressures of our troubled days.
For the unity of the Church we pray, and for fellowship across the embittered lines of race and nation;
To growth in grace, building in love, enlargement in service, increase in wisdom, faith, charity, and power, we dedicate our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Anthem *This Is My Father’s World* arr. by Robert Lau
 Based on the hymn tune, “Terra beata” by Franklin L. Sheppard

Time with Children		Brad Thomas
Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.”		
The Lord’s Prayer		UMH No. 895
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
Meditation	<i>All in a Garden Green, from “My Ladye Nevells Booke”</i> “The kiss of the sun for pardon, the song of the birds for mirth, One is nearer God’s heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.” — Dorothy Gurney, <i>The Lord God Planted a Garden</i>	William Byrd (1543-1623)
Offering and Offertory Prayer		Pastor Paul Song
Offertory	<i>Elegy, from “Richard III”</i> Celebrating the birthday of William Shakespeare, 23 April 1564	Sir William Walton (1902-1983)
*Doxology		UMH No. 95
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
Prayer of Illumination		Shannon Minor
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.		
New Testament Reading	Acts 4:5-12	Shannon Minor
*Gospel Reading	John 10:11-18	
The Word of God for the people of God.		
Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“Christ Alone”	Pastor Paul Song
*Hymn	<i>Tú Has Venido a la Orilla (Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore)</i>	UMH No. 344
*Benediction		Pastor Paul Song
*Closing Chorus	<i>Shalom to You</i> Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.	UMH No. 666
Exodus	<i>Now the Green Blade Riseth</i> “Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.”	UMH No. 311

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	4.21.24
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Larry Whitfield			
GRIEVING: Families of Cliff Beach, Lonnie Byrd, Sid Dixon, Jim Durette, Kira Fox, Gerlinde Stevens			
HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, David Cecil, Billy Davis, Debra Farrow, Estelle Harris, David Hoover, Judy Hudgins, Milton Hudgins, Kathy Jacobs, Paul & Nancy Kendall, 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:			
PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Patsy Bell, Dylan Chapin			
UPCOMING SURGERY:			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Peyton Arthur, Fran Bonnaville, Kendall Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Traci Greene, Dale Handley, Zachary Hoover, Connie Hutchinson (MI), Sissi Mise, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Kent Stevens, Jeff Suntken, David Trottier (UT), Bobby Tucker (TX), Shalini Upadhyaya, Jill Ward, Bob Wharen, Tim Williford			
GRIEVING: Families of Tammy Bourgoyne, Robin Coker, Jacqueline Emerson, Dallas “Butch” Folk (ME), Leo Thomas Hogge, Zachary Thomas Hoover, Sarah Jacobs, Gordon Scott, Evelyn Walker, Josh Wilson			
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Connie Bowler, Kathryn Bjers, Juanita Duncan, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Val Hopkins, Adie Kurth, Jean Moon, 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), Robin Willman, Randy Wilson			
HOSPICE: Selma, Mary Smith			
HOSPITAL/REHAB: Siiri Jonasch			
PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Luke Burner, Terry Corbin, Jaunita Goins, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Mildred Townsend			
UPCOMING SURGERY: Eric Bunch			
OTHER PRAYERS: General Conference, Ukraine, Israel & Middle East			
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, Jim Minor, Ben Szulgit, 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 (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	