

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, May 26, 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 and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. 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		
Sunday, May 26	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 for all ages
Monday, May 27		Office Closed Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 28	6:30 p.m.	UMM Meeting @ Nick's
Wednesday, May 29	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, May 30	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH)
Sunday, June 2	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 for all ages
	6:00 p.m.	Common Thread

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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

Birthdays

5/27 Wendell Fletcher; Linda Ambrose Fletcher
 5/28 Ellanah Daniel; Bunny Ekdahl
 5/29 Milton Hudgins
 5/30 Brian Lewis
 5/31 Brandon Bell; Jen Smith Naquin

Anniversaries

5/27 Donald & Debbie Rhodes, 46
 5/27 Ben & Gwendolyn Szulgit, 2
 5/28 Stephen & Sue Leed, 4
 5/30 Shawn & Greta Rohrbach, 29
 5/30 Ryan & Melissa Brooks, 21

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of **Debbie Durette Potter**, daughter of Jim and Betty Durette, who passed away in Florida on May 18.

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A special thanks to Loreen Paiva for bringing our message today and filling in for Pastor Paul, who is out of the office enjoying time with his family. Pastor Paul will return to worship on June 2.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Dean Townsend in loving memory of Fred Townsend
 Open Altar Flower Dates: 6/2,6/9, and 6/30

BETHANY BIBLE STUDY and **HOUSE OF PRAYER** will not meet on May 31. **We will resume our weekly meetings on Thursday, June 6.**

GRADUATION SUNDAY, June 9 (during 11AM Worship) Submission Deadline -- Friday, May 31. If you have a family member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please email your information to admin@bethanyumc-gp.org or drop off in the church office **no later than May 31.** Information on younger students (middle school and below) who are transitioning to the next level is welcome also. Join us on June 9th to celebrate and pray for these graduates who are transitioning to new careers and schools. We will also recognize our retiring educators.

CONVERSATION ON POST-GENERAL CONFERENCE

Pastor Paul invites you to talk with him any Tuesday in June, if you have questions on any topic regarding General Conference's decision. Please contact him by phone (804-642-2110 office; 703-625-8025 call/text), or come to his office.

In addition, Pastor Paul will host a **Bethany Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, June 9 at 5 p.m.** in the sanctuary to discuss these matters as a church family. All are invited to attend.

JOY CIRCLE is collecting cancelled stamps (with at least ½ inch margin intact) for wounded military veterans (WWII to the present). These are for inpatient and outpatient Veteran facilities that are treating them for various physical and mental rehabilitation. A collection container has been placed on the table outside the Mary Lotsey classroom. Thanks for your help.

The Administrative Council has approved the creation of a new pictorial directory. Thanks to Vicki Williams for coordinating this effort to provide our families with updated photos and contact information. **Each household is asked to email one digital photo (size 2x2 preferred) to Vicki at willv1@cox.net.** If you are unable to email your photo, please call Vicki at 804-815-4108 and she will meet you and take your picture. **The deadline for submitting photos is July 15.** When submitting your photo, please include your Name(s), Address, Email, Phone and the # of copies you would like to receive (suggested donation of \$5.00 per directory).

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Nick's Spaghetti and Steakhouse, Gloucester Point. Our speaker, Dr. Tomoko Hamada, will present a program titled "Osprey and Our Lives in the Bay." Dr. Hamada is a native Japanese anthropologist who taught at the College of William and Mary for 33 years. She is active in gardening and conservation efforts in the Chesapeake Bay. All men (and women) are welcome to attend.

