

**\*\*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		
<b>Sunday, July 21</b>	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship (8:30 Informal; 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 am	Celebrations and Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
	9:45 am	Mission Trip Planning Meeting
	6:00 pm	Common Thread
<b>Tuesday, July 23</b>	10:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting
	1:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
<b>Wednesday, July 24</b>	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, July 25</b>	9:00 am	Bazaar Workshop
	6:30 pm	House of Prayer
<b>Friday, July 26</b>	1:00 pm	HMAG Teachers Meeting
<b>Sunday, July 28</b>	8:30 & 11:00 am	Worship (8:30 Informal; 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 am	Celebrations and Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
	4:00 pm	Joshua Spiritual Formation Group

**Vision of Methodist Church after 2020 GC** is a new sermon series that Pastor Paul will preach this summer:

July 7 - "Changes as Challenge and Opportunity." – Ephesians 4: 1-4, 29-32

July 21 – "Wilderness Church." – Numbers 9:15-23

July 28 – "Fear Not" – Isaiah 41:8-10

August 4 – "United in Common Confession." – Matthew 16:13-20

August 11- "Bethany Vision." – Luke 10:38-42

August 18 – "Our Actions Speak Louder than our Words." – Galatians 5:16-26

August 25 – "Ultimate Concerns." – John 15:1-11



## ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, July 21, 2024

**Altar Flowers** are given by the Finance Committee in honor of Cathy Raines.

The Finance Committee would like to offer our heartfelt and sincere thanks and appreciation to Cathy Raines for serving as Treasurer for 5 years. During her tenure, she refined and improved procedures that will benefit Bethany's financial health for years to come. Last year, Cathy established the Upsy Daisy Creative Reuse Center that has contributed \$9,000, to date, towards the Bazaar Fund, which is used to support local mission efforts. In addition, Cathy's mission effort here at Bethany, know as Birdie's Closet, is providing clothes to foster families. This mission effort was recognized with a grant from the Mission Rivers District for \$2,000. Our congregation is made stronger with members like Cathy!

**DIRECTORY UPDATE:** Thank you to all who have responded to the request for updated contact information and/or pictures! Work is in progress! As soon as all of the information is assembled, it will be sent to the Gazette-Journal for printing. Payment may be made now by placing it in the offering plate labeled "Directory" or sending it to the Church office.

**Vacation Bible School** will take place this year on August 16-18<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is the BEE-Attitudes and we will spend each day learning about the beginnings of Jesus' teachings and ministry. On the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, we will gather from 12-3:00 pm for lunch, games, crafts and Bible lessons. On Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>, we will gather after the Sunday service for a BBQ and games to celebrate what we have learned. The BBQ is open to all our of VBS attendees and their families, the congregation and, of course, our volunteers.

BUZZ! BUZZ! Want to help spread the word? Share some flyers around your neighborhood, community spaces or with family. They are available in the narthex or by the Church office.

There will be a **VBS planning meeting** on **July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 am**, in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping with VBS this year, please join us as we confirm details for our upcoming program. We will be discussing menu, crafts, games and lesson plans. Sign up sheets will be available in the narthex beginning Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, for all who wish to volunteer. We look forward to seeing you there!

**HIGHER GROUND MISSION TRIP** - There will be a planning meeting for the mission trip today, **Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:45 am**, during Sunday School, in the Youth room. The meeting will include an opportunity to fill out permission slips, discuss travel times and gain more insight into the scope of our work. This meeting is for everyone attending the trip, both youth and adults.

**BETHANY BIBLE STUDY** each Thursday, is taking a summer break beginning this Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and will resume on September 5<sup>th</sup>, studying the Gospel of John 13.

**BAZAAR BUNCH** - The Bazaar Bunch is in need of canning jars!

**Altar Flowers** – There are open dates in August, September and October. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway if you are interested.

**Christian sympathy** is extended to Ann Byrd on the death of her grandson, Belan “Ross” Flowers. His obituary may be viewed at pilotonline.com.

**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers and contributors who helped make this year’s **Music Camp** a huge success!! All of your efforts are much appreciated.

**CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

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

**Birthdays**

- 7/22 Bud Carteret, Kenneth Hogge
- 7/23 Candy Douglas, Chris Holder,  
Jeannie Harrell, Anthony Quintero  
Bobby Polk, Margie Morris
- 7/24 Kendra Robins Ervin, Breta Hoover,  
Gerlinde Booth
- 7/25 Deborah Bunting
- 7/26 Megan Whitmore, Brent White,  
Jenny Farkas, Kimberly Lewis
- 7/27 Duane Cecil, Logan Chase

**Anniversaries**

- 7/24 Alex & Laura Chapin, 14
- 7/25 Nile & Bonnie Cecil, 60  
Clyde & Peggy Burton, 72
- 7/26 Greg & Lynne Barnes, 49



Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Larry Whitfield		GRIEVING: Families of Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, Iva Belvin, Lonnie Byrd, Jim Durette, Kira Fox, Judy Hudgins, Larry A. Johnson, Debbie Durette Potter	
HEALTH ISSUES: David Cecil, Dawn Cluts, Clyde Burton, Billy Davis, John Farrow, Estelle Harris, David Hoover, 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	
PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White		RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Mary Linda Brooks, Dylan Chapin, Betty Durette, Jackie Hampton, Alice Northam, M.E. Thomas	
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, Jennie 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, Marian Williford		GRIEVING: Families of Jacqueline Emerson, Rev. Manning Berry Harrell, Leo Thomas Hogge, Zachary Thomas Hoover, Terry Houston, Sarah Jacobs, Pat Miller, Gordon Scott, Melissa Sutton, 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, Robin Willman, Randy Wilson, Tracy Weingard		HOSPICE: Selma, Mary Smith	
HOSPITAL/REHAB: Siiri Jonasch		PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)	
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Terry Corbin, Jack Gibson, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Mildred Townsend		OTHER PRAYERS: Ukraine, Israel & Middle East, United Methodist Church	
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		Bonnie Lewis, Rm13	
Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		Carolyn Scott, Rm 208	
Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235		Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149		Jennie Lipscomb	