

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, August 4	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 (No Youth SS)
Monday, August 5	5:30 pm	Praise Team
	5:30 pm	York River Villas
Thursday, August 8	9:00 am	Bazaar Workshop
	6:30 pm	House of Prayer
Saturday, August 9	10:00 am	Szulgit Baby Shower
Sunday, August 11	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

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

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, August 4, 2024

Altar Flowers today are given by Scott and Regina Berry in honor of their 29th wedding anniversary on August 5th

Prayer Request – Please keep Richard Parkes in your prayers for his recent treatment for significant health issues.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be Sunday, August 25th, during the 11:00 am service. All students are invited to bring their backpacks for this special ceremony.

Vacation Bible School will take place this year on August 16-18th. Our theme is the BEE-Attitudes and we will spend each day learning about the beginnings of Jesus’ teachings and ministry. On the 16th and 17th, we will gather from 12-3:00 pm for lunch, games, crafts and Bible lessons. On Sunday the 18th, 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 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. The final **VBS planning meeting will be August 6th, 10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Cancelled Stamps – **JOY** Circle is still collecting cancelled stamps for mental and physical rehabilitation of military veterans. There is a collection jar on the table in front of the church office.

Our **Summer Mission Team** travels back home today. Let’s keep them in our prayers for a safe return.

School Supplies - The Naomi and JOY Circles are collecting school supplies for our local schools and those we know that will need supplies to start school. There is a container outside the Church office. Thank you.

THE LIBRARIES ARE OPEN! Thanks to the tireless efforts of Tony and Barbara Holtry, both the Adult and Children’s libraries have been completely reorganized and catalogued. If you and your children or grandchildren are looking for some exceptional summer reading, there are countless interesting and inspirational books in these libraries. Books may be checked out on the honor system. **THANK YOU TONY and BARBARA!**

The congregation is invited to a **Baby Shower** for Gwendolyn Szulgit (Ruth Ann and Ken Freeman’s granddaughter) on Saturday, August 10th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Vanessa Morris at 682-429-1224.

Notes on Today's Music

**CLAUDE DEBUSSY'S *SARABANDE*:
NEW WINE IN AN OLD BOTTLE**

At the turn of the 20th century, composers such as Claude Debussy and Arnold Schönberg, who were fomenting a revolution in music, also permitted themselves fond glances back to earlier times and styles. Concerning his progression from romanticism to modernity, Schönberg commented: "The Supreme Commander had ordered me on a harder road. But a longing to return to the older style was always vigorous in me; and from time to time I had to yield to that urge."

Claude Debussy, whose 162nd birthday we are celebrating this month, found inspiration in the music of 18th-century French composer Jean-Philippe Rameau. When writing his suite "Pour le Piano" (1894-1901), Debussy reimagined Rameau's harpsichord style "for the piano" in Debussy in in three short pieces titled *Prélude*, *Sarabande*, and *Toccata*. Performed as part of Music during Communion, the *Sarabande*, in my organ transcription, plumbs the deepest levels of emotion while maintaining a sublime serenity of movement. It is modeled upon an ancient dance, whose origins can be traced back to 16th-century Mexico and Spain. There, it was a fast and wildly erotic dance, but over the course of the next two centuries its tempo and character became slow and majestic or tender. Some of the greatest music inspired by the *Sarabande* is found in the suites for harpsichord or violin and cello by Johann Sebastian Bach.

--Rudy Shackelford

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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

Birthdays

- 8/4 Jaime Austin, Sandy Fox
- 8/5 Jim Sterling
- 8/6 Tyler Tillage, David Tillage,
Linwood Rowe
- 8/9 Sandy Riggin, Mark Nichols,
Jeremy Nardozi
- 8/10 Carol Johnson, Keegan Chase
Denise Campbell

Anniversaries

- 8/5 Scott & Regina Berry, 29
- 8/5 Mike & Diana Simmons, 57
- 8/7 Jonathan & Leanna West, 20
- 8/10 Paul & Stacie Martin, 28
- 8/10 Nathan & Christina Perkins, 23

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, Larry Kelty, 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		HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavalle 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, John Gordon (brother of Pam Campbell), 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	