



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Justus Minor
 Media: Jeremy Nardozzi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Aidan Dumbrocyo
 Altar Guild this month: Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Syliva Ransone
 Liturgist: Judy Burner
 Trustee Contact this week: M.E. Thomas
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
 Greeters: Jane Sterling, David Ayers

STEWARDSHIP	8/18
General Fund	3376.10
Other Funds	81.00
ATTENDANCE	8/18
In-person Worship	97
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	67
Total in Worship	164

COUNTING TEAMS	
8/25	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
9/1	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
9/8	Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
9/15	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

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., 9am-3pm For pastoral emergencies, call/text 703.625.8025
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August 25, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Bethany United Methodist Church

14th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us!

*HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE: Please see an usher.
 Please stand as you are able and please silence your mobile devices.

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

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Gymnopédie No. 1

Alfred Erik Leslie Satie

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship**

Judy Burner

Leader: Disciples of Christ, why have you gathered today?

Congregation: To worship God, who lives among us.

Leader: God lives among us all the time, so why have you gathered today?

Congregation: To remind one another that God lives among us as we worship.

Leader: When you scatter from this place, what will you take with you?

Congregation: Hearts open to recognize God living among us.

Leader: Then, come! Let us worship together!

All: We come to worship with rejoicing the Triune God who lives, loves, and moves among us as we gather and as we are sent from this place! Amen.

***Hymn**

Jesus Loves Me

UMH 191

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

UMH No. 881

Opening Prayer

Judy Burner

O God of all times and places, We pray for your church, which is set today amid the perplexities of a changing order, and face to face with new tasks.

Baptize her afresh in the life-giving spirit of Jesus. Bestow upon her a great responsiveness to duty, a swifter compassion with suffering, and an utter loyalty to your will. Help her to proclaim boldly the coming of your kingdom. Put upon her lips the ancient gospel of her Lord. Fill her with the prophets' scorn of tyranny, and with a Christ-like tenderness for the heavy laden and downtrodden. Bid her cease from seeking her own life, lest she lose it. Make her valiant to give up her life to humanity, that, like her crucified Lord, she may mount by the path of the cross to a higher glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Blessing of the School Backpacks (on screen)

Interpretive Dance

*Because of Who You Are
I Can Only Imagine
How Great is our God*

“Vessels of Praise”
Esther and Ruby Whiting
(Zion Poplars Baptist)
Sandra Clayborne (Bethel Baptist)

Time with Children

Brad Thomas

Concerns and Prayers 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.

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Paul Song

Offertory

Clair de Lune

Claude Debussy

***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

Judy Burner

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.

Scripture Reading

John 15: 1-11

Judy Burner

**The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Ultimate Concerns”

Pastor Paul Song

***Hymn**

Nobody Know the Trouble I See

UMH 520

***Benediction**

Pastor Paul Song

***Closing Chorus**

Shalom to You

UMH No. 666

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.

Exodus

Piano Sonata No. 14 (Moonlight Sonata) Ludwig Van Beethoven
Please welcome our guest pianist, Hayden Allen.

Back to School!

First Day of School in Gloucester County is tomorrow, August 26th!

