

**WELCOME, VISITORS! We are happy to have you join us in worship today.**

*Please sign the Welcome Card found in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. Thank you!*



**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**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, September 8</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
<b>Monday, September 9</b>	5:30 pm	Praise Team
<b>Tuesday, September 10</b>	6:15 pm	Stewardship Committee
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
<b>Wednesday, September 11</b>	9:00 am	Trustees
	7:00 pm	Program Development Committee
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Resumes
<b>Thursday, September 12</b>	9:00 am	Bazaar Workshop
	10:00 am	York River Garden Club
	6:30 pm	House of Prayer
	7:00 pm	Bethany Bible Study (BBS)
<b>Friday, September 13</b>	9:00 am– 3:30 pm	HMAG
<b>Sunday, September 15</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

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

**Birthdays**

- 9/8 Jean Heywood, Mike Thayer, Kristin Morris, Greg Barnes
- 9/9 Jane Niethamer, Marie Reynolds, Lynda Blubaugh
- 9/11 Kelly Fox, Donna Dixon

Open flower dates are September 15 and October 6, 20 & 27.

**Choir rehearsal** resumes at 6:30 on Wednesday, September 11th. Cantata music for Christmas will be 6:30-7:30 and 7:30-8:30 will be for weekly Sunday services. We will be working on Joseph M. Martin’s “A Journey to Joy”, which will be performed on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to come and sing with us. We would love to have you!

**Sweet Potato Bagging** - Bethany will be holding a sweet potato bagging event, Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 9:00 am in the large grass field on the north side of the sanctuary. Food bank trucks will show up around noon to load the bagged sweet potatoes. Please join in Christian fellowship with other participating churches in this fun and worthwhile mission event.

**Church Directory** - Please contact Vicki Williams at 804-815-4108 if you still wish to purchase a directory.

Our **Fifth Sunday Luncheon is September 29<sup>th</sup>**. (REMEMBER ONLY ONE SERVICE THAT DAY AT 10:00 AM). Our United Methodist Men will sponsor a Potato Bar after the service as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. This will be a special treat as we have not had a Potato Bar in a long time! Mark you calendar now and come out and support our UMM.

Just a reminder...

We are asking all families at BUMC to donate an item for our **Bazaar Bake Sale** on November 9<sup>th</sup>. HOMEADE pies, cakes, cookies, candy and home-canned goodies are desired. Please bring your item to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Make sure your item is wrapped securely on a non-returnable plate and labeled as to contents. Please include your name so we can contact your if there are any questions. If you are unable to bake, donations are also much appreciated. Bethany Church is known throughout the community as having the best cooks in town! Many people return each Bazaar year to select items prepared by their favorite bakers. Thanks for your help and we hope to see you at the Bazaar. – Bethany’s Country Kitchen Committee

**Bazaar Items Needed** – Haven’t been able to help with the Bazaar? We are in need of items for the Mistletoe & Munchies Preview on Friday night (11/8) before the Bazaar. There are cards on the tables by the office and in the narthex indicating items needed. Please take a card with the items you wish to donate and write your name on the sheet provided. Deadline to return the items is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Your help is much appreciated!

**Dedication Sunday!** September 29<sup>th</sup> is our Dedication Sunday. All of your “Faith Promise Cards,” will be dedicated to God during our combined worship service at 10:00 am, followed by our church wide luncheon featuring the UMM’s Potato Bar!

**Faith Promise Message** – Thank you for your faithful support of our ministry and missions through Faith Promise this year. You have invested in the ministry and missions of our community.

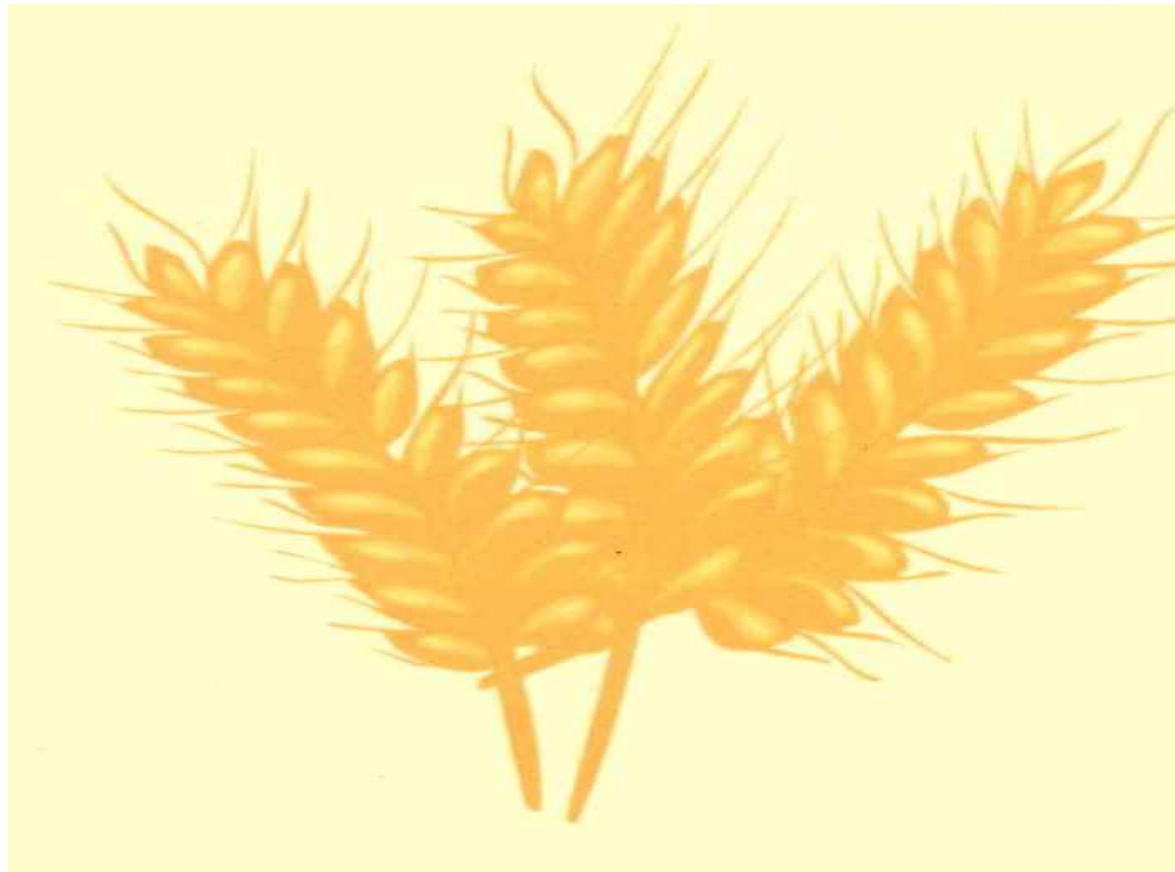
The ministry and mission of Bethany happens because of those who believe that giving to the Church is an investment in God’s Kingdom here on earth. Today we are asking for your continued support.

This the Finance Committee started the 2025 budget process on June 1 by asking committee chairpersons and staff for a narrative 2025 budget request. The Finance Committee is presently compiling those requests.

Now we are requesting the congregation to submit a Faith Promise so we can project the church’s income. The campaign starts today and runs to the end of September.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

- Jack Whitmore, Finance Chair



Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Larry Whitfield			
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, Iva Belvin, Lonnie Byrd, Jim Durette, Kira Fox, Judy Hudgins, Larry A. Johnson, Larry Kelty, Debbie Durette Potter			
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> 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			
<b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavelle Wilson			
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White			
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Mary Linda Brooks, Dylan Chapin, Betty Durette, M.E. Thomas			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> 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			
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Jacqueline Emerson, Anthony “Unk” Green, Rev. Manning Berry Harrell, Leo Thomas Hogge, Zachary Thomas Hoover, Terry Houston, Sarah Jacobs, Pat Miller, Gordon Scott, Melissa Sutton, Josh Wilson,			
<b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Sharon Acree, Connie Bowler, Kathryn Bjers, Juanita Duncan, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Val Hopkins, Adie Kurth, Jean Moon, Dylan Moore family, Jennifer Morecock, 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,			
<b>HOSPICE:</b> Selma, Mary Smith			
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Janet Burch (KY)			
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Terry Corbin, Jack Gibson, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Mildred Townsend			
<b>OTHER PRAYERS:</b> 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	
Warwick Forest, 1000 Old Denbigh Blvd., Newport News, VA 23602		Bessie Conner, Rm 529	