



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

Acolyte: Regina Berry
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Aidan Dumbrocyo
 Altar Guild this month: Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby
 Liturgist: Betty Neikirk
 Trustee Contact this week: Don Thomas
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
 Greeters: Nerine Hickman, David Ayers

STEWARDSHIP	9/8
General Fund	7435.30
Capital Improvement Fund	75.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	55.00
ATTENDANCE	9/8
Informal Worship - 8:30	31
Traditional Worship – 11:00	53
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	91
Total in Worship	175

COUNTING TEAMS	
9/15	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
9/22	Team 6: Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
9/29	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
10/6	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane

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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Sandra Fox, Director of Music	Call/text 757.329.6128 Email: foxyfoxies@gmail.com	By appointment
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September 15, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Bethany United Methodist Church

17th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us!

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

**Please stand as you are able and please silence your mobile devices.*

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What Gift Can We Bring

UMH 87

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship**

Betty Neikirk

Leader: We have come to this place as individuals, each with various goals, interests, and abilities; yet we gather in the caring community of faith.

Congregation: we are called to be the church in our world. We are not a building, but a vibrant people set in history. We are not spectators, but participants in this life God has given us.

Leader: We remember that Jesus said: "where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am in their midst."

Congregation: We affirm Christ's lordship. He affirms our total life. We celebrate this because we are Christ's church.

All: Amen.

***Hymn**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (verses 1-4)

UMH 79

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

UMH No. 881

Opening Prayer

Betty Neikirk

Almighty God,

We easily forget that life is a gift of your grace. Too often, we picture ourselves as self-made. Help us see the delicate web of nature and wonder at its balance and beauty which provides for our every need. Make us appreciate other hands that have defended our safety. We have reaped what others have sown. Grant us the awareness that our church is a gift to us, provided by faithful generations of believers who cared and shared. Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Down to the River to Pray

traditional, arr. by Sheldon Curry

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.

Meditation

Summer Pastorale on “My Faithful Heart Rejoices”

Rudy Shackelford
(composed 1978)

Prelude on “ My Faithful Heart Rejoices”

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

“With joy I await the lovely summer time, when God shall transform all things for eternity.
Heaven and earth shall be created anew and all his creatures glorified.”

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Paul Song

Stewardship Time

Steve Wike

*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

Betty Neikirk

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

Acts 20: 32-38

Betty Neikirk

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

Sermon

“Our Giving is Our Living”

Pastor Paul Song

*Hymn

I Surrender All

UMH 354

*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

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

Save the Date!

September 29, 2024

Our Fifth Sunday Luncheon featuring the United Methodist Men’s Potato Bar!

(Luncheon follows the **10:00** am service)



This is a UMM fundraiser and tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

See you there! Come out and support our UMM!

