

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!*

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, September 29	10:00 am	Worship (No Sunday School)
	Following worship	Fifth Sunday Luncheon (UMM Potato Bar)
	2:00 pm	Joshua Spiritual Formation Group
Monday, September 30	5:30 pm	Praise Team
Tuesday, October 1	10:00 am	York River Circle of Kings Daughters and Sons
	7:00 pm	JOY Circle
Wednesday, October 2	6:00 pm	S/PPRC Meeting
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 3	9:00 am	Bazaar Workshop
	6:30 pm	House of Prayer
	7:00 pm	Bethany Bible Study (BBS)
Friday, October 4	9:00 am– 3:30 pm	HMAG
	11:00 am	Music Camp 2025
Sunday, October 6	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
	6:00 pm	Common Thread

Birthdays

9/29 Emily Coleman, Judy Vaughan, Landon Poulin
 9/30 Sam Uhler, Jennifer Quintero,
 Madden Stevens, Audrey Phillips
 10/1 Molly Vaughan, Calleen Tilley
 10/2 Julia Perkins, Sabrina Davis, Alexis Davis
 10'3 Decatur Hogge, Barbara Blais,
 Barbara Summerford, Isaac West
 10/4 David Chapin, Carol Harder
 10/5 Kyle Nichols

Anniversaries

9/29 Troy & Melissa Andersen, 23
 9/30 Scott & Ruth Stilianos, 29
 10/4 M.E. & Brenda Thomas, 49



ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, September 29, 2024

Altar flowers are given Kris and Kevin Kiley in honor of their grandson’s, Henry James Kiley, birthday, September 29th.

Thank You – Thank you for your prayers, cards and food provided to me after my recent fall. Your kindness is much appreciated. – Dean Townsend

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and food after my foot surgery in June. Healing has been a long, slow process and I still have a ways to go. I am thankful that I am out of the cast and the orthopedic boot. I greatly appreciate everything. - Blessings, Mary Linda Brooks

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Shirley Lewis, whose sister, Jennie Handley, passed away on September 22nd. Thank you for keeping Jennie in your prayers and please continue to pray for Jennie’s daughter, Dale Handley, who is home in Salem, VA under hospice care.

Our **Fifth Sunday Luncheon** is today, **September 29th**. Our United Methodist Men will sponsor a Potato Bar after this 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!

We are asking all families at BUMC to donate an item for our **Bazaar Bake Sale** on November 9th. **HOMEMADE** pies, cakes, cookies, candy and home-canned goodies are desired. Please bring your item to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 8th 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. Thanks for your help and we hope to see you at the Bazaar.
 - - Bethany’s Country Kitchen Committee

Jubilee Report – As you may recall, Bethany is a member of Jubilee of Churches, which is a group of 17 churches in Gloucester that are cooperating to help local people stay in their homes. Here is how Jubilee is helping: (Bills include rent, food and electricity)

- June 12- June 18 – Jubilee helped 10 families pay \$6,765 in bills, or \$398 per church.
- July 9 – August 12 – Jubilee helped 10 families pay \$5,850 or \$398 per church.
- August 13 -September 9 – Jubilee helped 10 families pay \$5, 850 or \$240 per church.

The Rev. Dr. Ed Walker, pastor of Bellamy UMC has been appointed as the next convener of Jubilee Churches of Gloucester. He follows the Very Rev. Scott Parnell, of Ware Episcopal, who founded the group in July of 2023.

Bethany members may donate to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund to assist Jubilee.

The **Church and Society Committee** recently met to discuss the opportunity to participate in the Jubilee of Churches lunch program, which involves providing a lunch for approximately 12 participants during 1 week, selecting either a Tues, Thurs. or Fri. This can be as simple as a couple of pizzas, or a large submarine sandwich, etc., and dessert. Beverages are not necessary. Bethany would need three members to commit to one of these days during a designated week in January. If you are interested in signing up for one of these days during a week in January, please contact Vicki Williams at 804-815-4108 or willv1@cox.net.

Dedication Sunday! Today is our Dedication Sunday. All of your “Faith Promise Cards,” will be dedicated to God during our combined worship service at 10:00 am.

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 year 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

By the decision of the Administrative Council, a Bethany Church Conference is scheduled for **Sunday, November 24th, 4:00 pm**, to vote on whether Bethany will hold or not hold same-sex weddings in the Bethany Church facility. The District Superintendent of the Mission River District will preside over the meeting. All church members are asked to attend.

A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, October 20th, 4:00 pm**, for sharing information from the Church Conference and for questions and answers.

Joshua Spiritual Formation Group will meet this afternoon, 2:00 pm, in the Mary Lotsey room.

Bethany UMC Prayer List	
BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Keith Brown, Krista Chase, Billy Hogge, 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: Clyde Burton, David Cecil, Dawn Cluts, Nancy Cooper, 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, Lavelle Wilson	
PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White	
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Mary Linda Brooks, Dylan Chapin, Betty Durette, Shannon Minor, M.E. Thomas	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Peyton Arthur, Fran Bonnaville, Kendall Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Bill Edwards, John Gordon, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Connie Hutchinson (MI), Sissi Mise, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Jeff Suntken, David Trottier (UT), Bobby Tucker (TX), Shalini Upadhyaya, Jill Ward, Bob Wharen, Marian Williford	
GRIEVING: Families of Jacqueline Emerson, Anthony “Unk” Green, Jennie Handley, Rev. Manning Berry Harrell, Leo Thomas Hogge, Zachary Thomas Hoover, Sarah Jacobs, Pat Miller, Melissa Anne Quesenberry, Gordon Scott, Melissa Sutton, Josh Wilson	
HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Sharon Acree, Connie Bowler, Kathryn Bjers, Juanita Duncan, Jason Harney, Dwayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Val Hopkins, Adie Kurth, Jean Moon, Dylan Moore family, Jennifer Morecock, Sylvia Motley, Alicia Lynn Williams Naples, Rick Nichols, Annette Peiffer, Ken Pierkowski, Phillip Presson, Mary Ann Shackelford, Dixie Sharp, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sandie Wharen, Sabrina Wikle, Robin Willman, Randy Wilson, Tracy Weingard,	
HOSPICE: Dale Handley, Selma, Mary Smith	
PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)	
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Jack Gibson, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Mildred Townsend	
OTHER PRAYERS: Ukraine, Israel, Middle East, United Methodist Church, Andrew Lee, Missionary in Cambodia	
ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)	
<i>Michael Brown, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long, Will Neikirk, Jim Minor, Ben Szulgit, All members of the military.</i>	
ASSISTED LIVING	
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, Rm 13
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