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Bethany Banner
August 2017

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
Sunday Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages – 9:45 a.m.



**Put the squeeze on
Childhood Cancer!**



100% of funds raised support CHKD's cancer program.

LemonAid Fundraiser for CHKD

Sunday, August 6th

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall

The Children's Ministry kids will be selling delicious Lemonade and Snacks to benefit CHKD and their annual Summer LemonAid Fundraiser. Together we can put the **SQUEEZE on CHILDHOOD CANCER!**

Pastor: Mike Derflinger

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Kris Kent

Assistant Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Dawn McDade

Director of Music: Sandra Fox Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Nursery Coordinator: Jeannie Meisner



MIKED UP – August 2017

James writes, *The prayer of the righteous person is powerful and effective* (James 5:16). The truth is, we all have times of struggle when we don't feel powerful and effective. That is what I call our spiritual *condition*. Our spiritual *position*, however, is a different thing – and it has to do almost entirely with Jesus.

As a believer and disciple, you have position through association. When Jesus went to the cross, He provided an opportunity for you, me, and all mankind to enter into a new position with God through Jesus. This new position with God is not dependent on your ability to keep your act together, but rather it is a free gift from Him when you identify yourself among the sinners Jesus died to save. It is through this that we “become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:20b-21).

When you pray, it is from this spiritual position that you are addressing God. God receives your requests based on Jesus' track record, not yours.

At the retirement ceremony at Annual Conference, ministers are allowed to have a brief statement read about them. Some spoke of the Lord's next step for them, others how they would make up for time away from family and grandchildren. One pastor thanked the churches he served for their partnership and love, that any effectiveness and fruitfulness for the Kingdom was due to God and God alone, and concluded with “God be merciful to me a sinner.” Next time you are feeling inadequate, claim His peace, power, and presence for yourself and those for whom you pray.

— Pastor Mike

Sherri, James, Jeremy, Julie and I want to thank you so much for the delicious luncheon last Sunday to welcome us. What a colorful and tasty feast! We appreciate your time and extra effort to provide such a pleasant time to enjoy a meal with you. Thank you also for the totally unexpected basket of cards, goodies, and gifts. Your hospitality and friendliness mean a lot to us and we look forward to knowing you as we serve the Lord together. Many thanks again for your kindness and thoughtfulness! — *Pastor Mike*

Bethany UMC Prayer List

(Please submit changes to church office .)

BETHANY FAMILY

Roy & Darlene Bauschatz, Mary Linda Brooks, Alice Cruz, Gene Harrell, Mike Hearon, Nancy Kendall, Patrick & Rebecca Kiley, Archie Leigh, Bonnie & Marshall Lewis, Jeannie Meisner, Ted & Peggy Peterman, Marie Reynolds, Debbie Robins, Tom Sawyer & family, Gerlinde Stevens

BETHANY FRIENDS

Sarah & Chris Anderson and baby Nathaniel, Scott Balderson, Barbara Berry, Sue Blake, Janie Blanchard, Les & Jan Breen, Martha Bruette, Andrew Brunson, Jeff Carino, Bonita Chaplin, Kathi Christiansen, Kristen Collier, Mary Ann Costa, Louie Cruz, Greg and Lizz Epperson, Robert Ervi, Bill & Ruth Fenstermacher, Brian Hudson, Loretta Germek, Pal Jackson, Margaret Kearney, Vanessa Kellum, Donna Kidd, Thom Ligon, James Marshall, Richard Martin, Lydia Newman, Evelyn Owens, Mr. Palmer, Jack Perhac, K.C. Powers, Tess Robins, Bonnie Sandahl, Rhonda Simmons, Steve Smith, Rebecca Sutphin, Father Kevin Sweeney, Suzanne Trio, Vela Webb, Deborah West, Vicky Whitney, Kandee Willis, Joy Wood, Charlotte Wright

BUMC'S MILITARY

Edward Bailey, Todd Bontrager, Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Thomas Howse, Kevin Jacobs, Bernard Johnson, Lamont Johnson, Jim Minor, Kyle Nichols, all members of the military and their families

ASSISTED LIVING

Gloucester House: 7657 Meredith Dr. Gloucester CH, VA 23061	Esther Marie Jordan, Rm 509 Jean Heywood, Rm 110	Bessie Emory, Rm 101
Sanders Assisted Living: 7407 Walker Ave. Gloucester CH, VA 23061	Harry Jordan, Room 201	
Stonebridge at Woodbury (Memory Care) 2778 Country Club Dr. Hampstead NC 28443	Gloria Wallace	
Sunrise Senior Living: 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235	Pauline Harris , Apt. 107	
Walter Reed Convalescent Center: 7602 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Mary Field, Room 13B	
York Convalescent & Rehab Ctr: 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown 23692	Mary Poland, Room 27A	Alice Doggett, Room 24A Jerri Doggett, Room 32A

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY

Family of **Gavin Vest**, who passed away on July 3. Gavin is the great nephew of Fred and Jane Niethamer.

Family of Bill Ragsdale, father of Peggy Peterman, who passed away June 24.

HOME BOUND MINISTRIES — Mark **Friday, August 11** at **9:30 a.m.** to help cook or deliver meals to our shut-ins. Worthwhile ministry with fun and fellowship!

The parsonage phone number has been changed.

The new number is 804-684-4030.

Please add this to your contact information for Pastor Mike.

UMYF SPECIAL EVENT!

All Youth are invited to a very special day of "**Church and Culture in Richmond**" on Sunday, August 13th.

Please meet in the Youth Room at 9:15am. We will board the Bethany Bus and depart at 9:30. Ed and Sue Conner will take us to the 11:00am worship service at Grace Baptist Church, officiated by their friend, Reverend Courtney Allen. We will have lunch and then go to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Please wear Summer Sunday attire. (No logo tees, and wear good walking shoes!) Please bring your own money for snacks and gift shop items. We will return to Bethany at about 5:30pm.

RSVP is required by 8/9 for transportation planning. See Ms. Kris or Ms. Dawn for more information.

Hope to have you all join us for a great opportunity for some summer fun and fellowship!

ADULT MISSION TRIP

*"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."
(1 John 3:18)*

Save the date...**September 10-15, 2017.** Bethany Missions Committee is planning a mission trip to Appomattox, VA (Evergreen) to serve with the Virginia Conference Disaster Recovery Ministry. Please contact Jane Niethamer or Judy Burner if you wish to participate in any way.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brothers and Sisters,

We began our July finance meeting by hearing the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:20-22: "There are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable." Each one of us is important to the body of Christ. God uses each one of us to change His world! Together we are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

The Finance Committee is starting to work on Bethany's 2018 budget. As I've said in the past our budget is our ministry and missions plan. Our budget allows us to use our Faith Promises for the ministry and missions of our church. Thank you to the committee chairs who have turned in their budget requests. One of the things that I do every year is make a copy of each request for every member of the finance committee. I ask that each of us read those requests and pray over them and about them from our July meeting until our August meeting. I feel very strongly that God needs to be allowed to work in our hearts before we start any discussions about our ministry and missions. I pray daily for His guidance. As your finance chair I need God's guidance and wisdom. Please join us in praying that we will always be good stewards of what we receive and that our decisions are pleasing to God.

Thank you for your faithfulness in keeping up with your Faith Promises during these hot, hot summer days. As of July 11th we have received \$192,098 toward our General Fund. That is amazing! I praise God for His goodness and for your generosity! All of our bills and apportionments are paid in full and on time! What great news to share!

You have also gone the 2nd mile in the last month by contributing to the following designated funds: Capital Improvement, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Endowment Fund, VBS, Youth, Children, Rise Against Hunger, Homebound Ministry, Upper Room, Flowers, Missions and Helping Hands. Wow!

I thank God for each of you. It is humbling to serve Jesus Christ with you. May God continue to bless each of you as you serve Him and spread His Good News!

Blessings,

Dolores Breen
Finance Chair

HUGS MINISTRY

Thank you so much for the lovely shawl and note. You and your "committee" do such a wonderful ministry and touch a person's life when and where they most need it, though they may not realize it at the time. You are certainly sharing God's love through Jesus Christ as you witness in this way. I feel so special and privileged to be a recipient of such a wonderful act of love and kindness. Continue this great ministry in the spirit of Christ as you serve God at Bethany.

– Love to all, *Debbie Marion*

Thank you so much for the lovely shawl for my sister, Donna Kidd. Your group is such a thoughtful and terrific group. Thank you for what you do for others, especially my sister. – Love, *Lori Laws*

Thank you so much for the lovely prayer shawl. It is perfect for cool evenings (when we have one) and other events.

– God bless you, *Mary Margaret Kuivinen*

Thank you, HUGS Ministry, for the prayer shawl. It's a beautiful reminder of God's love and healing prayers. Tess is enjoying it.

– Much love, *The Robins Family*

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls and cards as a result of my recent accident. I have made a good recovery and so much appreciate the thoughts and prayers of everyone. — *Peggy Burton*

We met with the oncology doctor and some of his support team. When we left we were glad we had a plan for treating Nancy's lymphoma. Her first chemotherapy session is August 9. We give thanks for God's presence and your presence in our lives. Your words and prayers support us in this journey. — *Nancy and Paul Kendall*

We want to thank everyone for your prayers and the love expressed to us. The cards have been very special to me. We even heard from a former member expressing their love for us. I have always considered Bethany as a 2nd family to me. Thank you again for all the love as usual.

– God bless, *Janice & Shaun Day* and *Angela Waliszewski*

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – If you haven't been to Sunday school lately, you don't know what you are missing! Come find out by visiting one of our eight Sunday school classes for adults. We study the Bible, pray for others, and have lively discussions. Come join us at 9:45 every Sunday morning, with breakfast at 9:30 on the second Sunday of every month. See you there!

ALTAR FLOWERS

8/6 – **Judy Vaughan**

8/13 – **OPEN**

8/20 – **OPEN**

8/27 – **Peggy Lewis**



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

BANNER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Please submit your announcements for the **September Bethany Banner** by no later than **Tuesday, August 15**. As always, due to space & time constraints, preference is given to online submissions. Thanks for your assistance.

YOU KNOW YOU CARE! Show it by coming to **C.A.R.E. (Christians Actively Reaching Everyone)** on **Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30**. We write cards to shut-ins, those in the hospital or nursing home, for birthdays, or just to let people know that Bethany cares about them! For more information on C.A.R.E., contact Nancy Wilburn at 642-5820.

CHANCEL CHOIR – Bethany's Chancel Choir will be taking a break during the month of August in order to worship with our church family and to pray and prepare for the months ahead. Many thanks to the soloists who will be supplying our anthems and special music during the last month of summer!

Choir rehearsals will resume at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays beginning September 6, and we want YOU to come join us for a time of weekly fellowship and worship. It is a joy to serve as worship leaders and to offer a sacrifice of praise to our Lord each Sunday and at special times throughout the year. If you love God and enjoy singing, then Chancel Choir is a ministry where you can serve and be a blessing to our Lord and our church family.

For more info, contact Sandy Fox at 804-642-5091 or 757-329-6128.



Bethany UMC
130th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, September 24, 2017

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for a time of fellowship, worship, and inspiration as we commemorate our rich heritage and thank God for all his blessings! More details to come.

Thank you, Bethany UMC, for making the Society of St. Andrew your partner in ending hunger, with your recent gift of \$100.00. Through this gift, you will share fresh, nutritious produce with those in our nation who simply don't have enough to eat.

Much of the food the Society of St. Andrew salvages by the tractor-trailer load or gleaned from fields would end up in landfills without our intervention. Instead of letting it go to waste, with your help, we can make sure it goes to feed hungry Americans.

Through Society of St. Andrew, every 3¢ you give puts one serving of healthy food on the tables of people in greatest need. Every 9¢ puts one pound of food on their tables.

Summer and harvest time are already upon us. Join us in gleaning and get those nutritious vegetables to foodbanks in your area! Every pound of food gleaned provides three servings of fresh, tasty food on the plates of our hungry neighbors. Visit: EndHunger.org/Gleaning-Network



Thank you for ALL the ways your congregation reaches out as the hands and feet of Christ, and thank you especially for your faithful concern for our hungry brothers and sisters.

THANK YOU NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY

(excerpts of letters received in June/July)

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your recent donation to the Gloucester/Mathews Salvation Army Service Center. Generous gifts from donors like you provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission of feeding the hungry, providing clothing, rental assistance, emergency fuel and energy assistance to those in need in our community. Please accept this letter as acknowledgement of your thoughtful \$200.00 gift donated in June 2017. We truly appreciate your generous giving. – *Lenora J. Lee*, Salvation Army

Thank you for taking part in the life changing movement of Habitat for Humanity of Gloucester-Mathews. Through your prayers and your recent donation of \$200.00 we are able to continue to transform the lives of Habitat families. I am deeply grateful for your faithful partnership in the work that God has called us to undertake. Rest assured that we take the stewardship of your donation very seriously and remain vigilant and committed to maximizing it to benefit as many families as possible. We find strength on the hardest of days and are blessed on the best day knowing that we have you as a partner and supporter. – *Teresa L. Dalton*, Exec. Dir.

On behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula, thank you for your generous donation of \$200.00. Your gift supports a variety of health and life skills programming, including Smart Smiles, which provides members without dental insurance or who are on Medicaid the opportunity to visit the dentist and receive treatment free of charge. Last year we facilitated 228 visits with 179 youth. • Tasha Chavis, mother to one of the Smart Smiles members, said: “As a single mother that works a regular 8am-5pm job, it's impossible for me to take my son to all of his medical appointments on a regular basis. A Boys & Girls Club staff member told me about the Smart Smiles program and, boy, was that a blessing! My son's dental appointments were scheduled and transportation was provided. The Smart Smiles program is the reason for my son's healthy oral hygiene.” • Those of us at Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula appreciate your investment in our youth. — *Harold B. Smith*, President & CEO

On behalf of the Gloucester Housing Partnership, Inc. (GHPI), I wish to thank Bethany United Methodist Church for the donation of \$2,000 made to us in 2017. Since being founded in 1992, we have continued our mission to provide home repair assistance (at no cost) for many elderly, disabled and low-income Gloucester County homeowners. We are grateful for your continued support of GHPI and we thank you for being a significant part of making our neighbors' homes warm, safe, dry and accessible. — *Chip Roady*, Gloucester Housing Partnership, Inc.

BUMC EVENTS

August 2017

August 2017							September 2017						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jul 30 - Aug 5	Jul 30	31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5
					9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer	9:30am Happy Wanderers (Deltaville)	
Aug 6 - 12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Communion Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am CHKD "Lemon-Aid" Fundraiser 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	7:00pm Finance Committee		9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer 7:00pm Program Ministries	9:30am Homebound Ministries	10:00am District UMW Committee Presidents Meeting
Aug 13 - 19	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	8:30am Worship 9:15am Church and Culture in Richmond (UMYF) 9:30am Sunday School Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 1:15pm Holly Society	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	2:00pm Rockin' Readers Book Club Articles for September Banner due today		9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer 2:00pm UMW Executive Board		10:00am River Country Quilters
Aug 20 - 26	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Women's Bible Study			9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer		
Aug 27 - Sep 2	27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2
	8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Women's Bible Study			9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer		

BIRTHDAYS

8/1	Loreen Paiva
8/2	Patricia Kidd
8/3	Linda Hall
8/4	Dylan Cichy, Jaime Austin, Sandy Fox
8/5	Jim Sterling
8/6	Tyler Tillage, David Tillage
8/8	Jay White
8/9	Sandy Riggan, Mark Nichols, Jeremy Nardozi
8/10	Carol Johnson, Keagan Chase, Denise Campbell
8/11	Billy Davis, Jimmy Greene, Tom Sawyer
8/12	Blair Hasty
8/13	Esther Marie Jordan, Ashley Hornsby
8/14	Alyson Hoover, Johnathan Williams, Josh Morris
8/15	Kate Neikirk, Maxine Bellows; Nadine Tatum
8/16	Vernon McDaniel, Jr.
8/17	Bob Wharen
8/18	Nicholas LeMay
8/19	Steve Young
8/20	Nancy White, Kita Barber, Summer Bayly, Ted Hoover, Kelvin Cooper, Carter Thompson
8/21	Britton Hogge, Alec Daniel
8/22	Meredith Hogge
8/23	Jordan Cluts
8/24	Whitney Hodges, Jason Leigh
8/26	Bridget Polk
8/27	Dawne Sawyer, James Durette
8/28	David Belvin, Jack Whitmore, Alice West
8/29	Kristen Sawyer, Donna Lane
8/30	McKenzie Blair Hasty
8/31	Tom Barnard



	ANNIVERSARIES	# of years
8/1	David & Janet Chapin	48
8/3	Robert & Ruth Yoder	23
8/5	Mike & Diana Simmons	50
8/7	Jonathan & Leanna Orth West	13
8/9	Larry & Nancy Cooper	59
8/10	Paul & Stacie Martin	21
8/10	Nathan & Christina Perkins	16
8/11	Adam & Catherine White	11
8/17	Jeff & Donna Lane	43
8/17	Duane & Julie Bayly	13
8/17	Mitchell & Barbara Dunston	59
8/18	Vernon & Sue McDaniel	27
8/20	Robert & Carol Harder	13
8/21	Woody & Elizabeth Brown	63
8/28	Jimmy & Kathleen Greene	46
8/28	Billy & Wendy Hogge	41
8/29	Braxton & Cathie Allport	53
8/31	Lewis & Debbie Marion	21

LITURGISTS

DATE	8:30	11:00
8/6	OPEN	
8/13	Loreen Paiva	
8/20	OPEN	
8/27	Doe Breen	

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

WEEK OF	NAME
8/6-8/12	M.E. Thomas
8/13-8/19	David Lewis
8/20-8/26	Joni Neal
8/27-9/2	Don Thomas

SOUND ROOM OPERATORS

Date	8:30	11:00
8/6	Chip Neikirk	Adam White
8/13	Kirk Bell	Kirk Bell
8/20	Chip Neikirk	Adam White
8/27	Kirk Bell	Jeremy Nardozi

COUNTING TEAMS

DATE	COUNTING TEAMS
8/6	1—Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty
8/13	2—Robins, Nardozi, Harvey
8/20	3—Burner, Burner, Andersen
8/27	4—Dixon, LeMay, Riggan

ALTAR GUILD

Nerine Hickman, Lynda Blubaugh

ACOLYTES

DATE	8:30	11:00
8/6	Patrick Glaze	Kate Neikirk
8/13	Alec Daniel	Alexandria Bontrager
8/20	Shelton Glaze	Austin Kent
8/27	Alix Shackelford	Shelby Jacobs