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**Bethany Banner**

February 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.

*For God*

so *u* loved the world,  
that *a* he gave his  
only *l*  
be *g*otten  
Son, *n*  
that *t* whosoever  
beli *e* veth  
*i* n him should not perish,  
but have *e* everlasting life.



*John 3:16*

**Pastor: Deborah T. Marion**

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: Rudy Shackelford

Nursery Coordinator: Jeannie Meisner

*But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.*

Isaiah 53:5

One of my goals when I retire is to re-read all of Henri Nouwen's books that I have. The first book I read of his was ***The Wounded Healer*** as it was on my CPE (Clinical Pastoral Experience) reading list, and was a good read for persons going into the ministry, or anyone who is in some sort of occupation that is involved with people - personnel, counseling, even customer service - for it helps us in serving others in spite of our own struggles.

It is clearly not true that we have to be perfect before we can help another person. If that were the case, there would be many fewer persons in those care-giving roles. Care-giving does not only flow from strength; it also comes from weakness. It is also not true that we can only help another to the extent that we ourselves have been helped; that would also limit the number of those willing to help others.

Frequently, a "wounded healer" is used to bring hope and well-being to another, which results in growth beyond that experience by the giver. Sometimes the wounded healer can bring to the other the very blessing and healing for which the healer himself or herself is seeking, though not always known, or identified at the time, but discovered in those times of reflection.

Nouwen reminds us on page 82 of ***The Wounded Healer***, that frequently one must look after his own wounds, while at the same time being prepared to heal the wounds of others. We should not be so ashamed of our own "wounds" that we are paralyzed into inactivity. How wonderful that our own difficulties need not prevent us from doing good, that in spite of our own pain, we can still bring encouragement to others!

The wounded healer is not the exception to the rule. When helpers are honest with themselves, they will readily acknowledge that they, too, have needs, and that these needs are not necessarily a handicap. In fact, they can make us deeply understanding and aware of the struggles of others.

Therefore, never think that you are unable to reach out and help another person in their struggles, because you have not been there yourself, but think of the possibilities of you being ministered to in return, and remember, with God, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).

Worth pondering...*Debbie*

## Bethany UMC Prayer List

1/27/2017

BETHANY FAMILY		
Roy & Darlene Bauschatz, Al Burner, Bessie Conner, Jerri Doggett, Ray & Alice Doggett, Gene Harrell, Kathy Jacobs, Katherine Jordan, Archie Leigh, Marshall Lewis, Jennie & Carroll Lipscomb, Joy Long, Merle & Doris Luther, Ken Matthews, Paige Mitchell, Sue Morecock, J J Orth, Kimberly Paiva, George Parkes, Ted & Peggy Peterman, Mary Poland, Marie Reynolds, Jack Rollins, Tom Sawyer & family, Jack Wallace, Robert Williamson		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
Scott Balderson, Barbara Berry, Sue Blake, Janie Blanchard, Les & Jan Breen, Andrew Brunson, Jeff Carino, Kathi Christiansen, Trevor Claar, Kristen Collier, Jason Frederick, Jesse Green, Jack Grubbs, Ellis Hall, Kevin Hernandez, Kari (daughter of Joni Neal), Margaret Kearney, Donna Kidd, Fred Magee, Richard Martin, Harvey & Mary Helen Morgan, Lydia Newman, Evelyn Owens, Mr. Palmer, John Roark, Rhonda Simmons, Jan Towne, Suzanne Trio, Seth Wells, John & Ruth Whitmore, Kande Willis, Annette Wilburn		
BUMC'S MILITARY		
Edward Bailey, Todd Bontrager, Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Bernard Johnson, Lamont Johnson, Josh Morris, Jim Minor, Kyle Nichols All members of the military and their families		
ASSISTED LIVING		
<b>Gloucester House:</b>	Esther Marie Jordan, 509 Jean Heywood, 110	Bessie Emory, 101 Ray Doggett, 507 Jerri Doggett, 216
<b>Sanders:</b>	Mary Field, 101	
<b>Stonebridge N.C.:</b>	Gloria Wallace	
<b>Sunrise Senior Living:</b>	Pauline Harris	
CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY		
<p><b>Matt &amp; Tiina Shackelford</b> upon the death of Matt's brother-in-law, <b>Michael Collier</b>, on January 6. Please also remember Michael's wife Kristen, their children, and other family in your prayers.</p> <p><b>Family of Richard Jonasch</b> (uncle of Tiina Shackelford) upon the death of his wife <b>Shari Jonasch</b> following a 6-year battle with cancer.</p> <p><b>Family of Rev. Jim Reynolds</b> (Roanoke), whose wife <b>Ruth</b> passed away Saturday night, January 21.</p>		

# NewsLetter DEADLINE

**BANNER SUBMISSION DEADLINE** Please submit your announcements for the **March Bethany Banner** by no later than **Wednesday, February 15**. As always, due to space & time constraints, preference is given to online submissions. Thanks for your assistance.

**C.A.R.E. MINISTRY** – Please join us any Thursday you are available, at 9:30 AM, to pray for and write cards to those of our Bethany family and friends who need a word of encouragement or are celebrating special occasions. This is a great time of fellowship and ministry that makes difference! For more information, contact Nancy Wilburn at 642-5820.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES** will meet at **9:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 22** to cook and deliver meals to shut-ins. If you have not participated in this ministry before, please consider joining us. You will be blessed by the fellowship and the deep appreciation of those we serve.



## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The 2017 Altar Flower chart is posted on the bulletin board. For information on giving flowers, contact the church office or read the information located in the pocket next to the chart.

2/5	Mary Kaylor
2/12	Jeannie Meisner
2/19	AVAILABLE
2/26	Kathleen Greene

**NEW MEMBERS** – On January 15<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed to our Bethany family **Fred and Dean Townsend**, who transferred their membership from Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church. The Townsends reside at 2431 River Club Way, Hayes. Their phone number is 804-684-4044.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Brothers and Sisters,

What an amazing year financially 2016 was! God has blessed us beyond measure. I believe that is because we are faithful in carrying out His plans for us. We are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and that is what we are doing here at Bethany. Our 2016 General Budget was \$336,466. We received towards the General Budget \$340,803. That is \$4,337 more than we expected! 98% of the people that made Faith Promises fulfilled those promises! That is so amazing! You also supported our designated funds with 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile giving totaling \$50,036. Wow!

Do you know that you are able to contribute to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund? Do you know what that fund is? This fund allows Pastor Debbie to help those folks who have an immediate need like a tank of gas, some groceries or maybe some help with their utilities. Many folks need a little help sometimes just to get them to a place of hope. You are able to contribute to this ministry by making a note on your giving envelope or leaving cash on the Altar rail on Communion Sundays. Last year \$7,711 was given to this designated fund.

Do you know that we have a Capital Improvement Fund? This fund is used for necessary repairs to our facilities that perhaps cost more than the Trustees budgeted for. This is where money will come from when we need to repair or replace the roof or the HVAC system. Kind of like a rainy day saving account! This fund grew by \$3,965 in 2016. As of December 29<sup>th</sup> this fund has \$18,580 in it.

All of our bills and apportionments for 2016 were paid in full and on time! We are a tithing church! That means that a portion of our budget is set aside for missions. We do not wait until the end of the year to see if we have money left over, we give to God's people throughout the year in the same way that we are each instructed to do in the Bible. Our God is so generous to us, isn't it great that we are able to be generous to others!

Thank you for your generous support of all the ministries and missions here at Bethany. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a loving, giving and nurturing church family. I pray that God will continue to bless us as we serve Him.

Blessings,  
*Dolores Breen*

**BETHANY BAZAAR** — A big thank-you to all members and friends of Bethany for all their work and support to make November's Bazaar a success! We raised \$20,000 for missions! Perhaps you were one of the faithful Thursday craft workers, purchased items from the Bazaar, prepared, or came to the Preview Dinner, contributed materials or money, or helped in some other capacity. We definitely had 100% participation from Bethany members! We have set aside a special time during our 11:00 worship service on **March 26** to distribute the funds to the organizations listed below.

**2016 BAZAAR DISBURSEMENTS**  
\$20,000

Abingdon Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad	\$2,000
Agency on Aging (Day Break & Meals on Wheels)	500
Alzheimer's Association	500
Back Pack Program – Abingdon School	500
Boys & Girls Club of Gloucester	500
Camp Rainbow Connection	500
Gloucester Housing Partnership	1,000
Gloucester-Mathews Care Clinic	1,000
GUEST (Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team)	2,000
Helping Hands Mission Camp	500
Heart Haven	500
Henderson Settlement	500
Henry Fork Community Center	500
Gloucester Humane Society	500
Laurel Shelter	500
Literacy Council	500
Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic	500
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	3,000
Red Bird Mission	500
Salvation Army	500
Samaritan Group	1,000
Union Baptist Church Food Pantry	500
Wesley Community Center	500
Reserve for 2018 Bazaar	1,500

**GUEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEEK OF 2/13-2/20**

Bethany will host our last week of this fourth season of the GUEST program **February 13–20, 2017**. GUEST is an acronym for Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team which provides nighttime shelter for the homeless. We are looking for volunteers!

To volunteer please do the following:

To sign up online, go to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4daea62fabfe3-week39>

You can also email me at rorth2@cox.net, or call me at either 804-693-4762 (H), or 804-832-2232 (C), and I will be glad to assist you.

Thank you for your willingness to help.

Nancy Orth, Volunteer Coordinator  
Bethany UMC GUEST Program

**THANK YOU for your generous donations during our Reverse Advent Calendar giving drive!** The library was filled to capacity with dozens of bags full of items for the needy in our community. What a joy it is to be part of a church that truly understands “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” May those who receive your gifts also receive the love of the Savior who gave himself for us, and may God bless you for meeting the needs of others in such a generous way!

**XYZ CLUB** —We invite you to A Visit with Darrell Warren, Sheriff of Gloucester County. Being very serious about the elderly of Gloucester, he will be speaking on the subject of **Keeping You Safe**.

Hope you will join us on **February 15th** at 11:30 a.m. in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall.

### THANK YOU NOTES

A heartfelt thank you to everyone at Bethany for the love and concern you have shown us during the extended illness and passing of our dad, Jack Poland. We have been overwhelmed by your kind words, phone calls, beautiful flowers, food, comforting cards of sympathy, and most especially, thank you for your prayers. We are so blessed to be a part of Bethany UMC. May God bless each of you. – *The Poland/Lewis Family*

The York River District would like to show our appreciation for your part in your local Winter Shelter program. Here is a small token that we pray will assist you in the coming months as you participate in hosting the homeless. This fund is part of the offerings that were received during the 2016 District Conference to assist the ministry of the Winter Shelter Programs of GUEST, HELP, and PORT. Grace and peace, *Seonyoung Kim*, District Superintendent

Thank you for the beautiful quilts for Henry and Hannah! They are simply stunning. We are blessed that the twins were able to come home from the NICU for Christmas. We appreciate all the prayers and support we have received from our friends at Bethany. We look forward to bringing them to visit sometime in the New Year. *Alex and Lauren Chapin*

Thank you to all who have remembered me with cards, prayers and phone calls through my recent recurrence of cancer. Anyone that has experienced the power of prayer during a difficult time in their life, from a loving church family, will appreciate how much your thoughtfulness contributes to the healing process. — *Roy Bauschatz*

### **MISSION TRIP – APRIL 23 THRU APRIL 28 – PROJECT CROSSROADS**

Be in prayer for the upcoming Bethany Mission Trip to Project Crossroads, April 23-28. If God is calling you to be a part of this mission trip, please contact Jane Niethamer ([fjnieth@aol.com](mailto:fjnieth@aol.com)) or Judy Burner ([aburner@cox.net](mailto:aburner@cox.net))

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### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **Church Wide Variety Show and UMYF Fundraiser BBQ Dinner! Saturday, March 18 5:00pm to 8:00pm**

Tune into your inner entertainer!  
Love to sing? Tell Jokes? Do a jig?  
Do some magic tricks?  
Well this is your night!  
Get your act together and talk to Sandy Fox!  
(See Kris and Dawn for dinner details!)

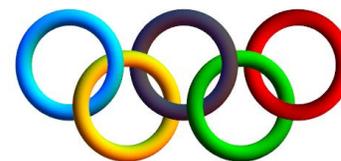
#### **Youth Pizza and Movie Night! 6pm to 9pm Friday, February 3, 2017**

Come to church with your friends for good food and fellowship.  
C'mon...it's Friday night FUN! **Please RSVP by 2/1** to Ms. Dawn or Ms. Kris so we can order enough pizza! We will also have salad and then a popcorn bar for dessert!

It will be an award winning day for all preschoolers thru fifth graders on **Saturday, February 25th** from **5pm to 7pm!**

It's our **BETHANY WINTER OLYMPICS!**

Come for indoor games and fun, dinner and awards at the Closing Ceremony!  
Wear your gym clothes... See you then, athletes!  
Ms. Kris and Ms. Dawn



### INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION

From time to time we may experience a winter weather event that causes hazardous driving conditions. In the event such weather does occur and a decision is made to cancel services on Sunday, we will notify you by email, our website, Facebook page, and the outgoing message (OGM) on our church office voicemail (you will need to call the church office to hear it). We will also try to reach you via PhoneTree. Please make sure the church office has your current email address and phone number, and monitor your email as necessary for any announcement regarding cancellation of services.

**DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY** - Our next Bible study will be "Gospelled Lives," a 6-week Lenten study which begins **March 6 at 2 p.m.** in the WBFH. In this study we meet New Testament individuals who heard Jesus speak a word about their life. Some responded with joy and gratitude. Some ignored or rejected his word to them.

Each day's reading offers scripture, exploration of the biblical witness, prayer and a call to encounter Jesus Christ yourself. This study will help us think more deeply about what it means to hear and respond to Christ's word.

E-mail Judy Burner at [aburner@cox.net](mailto:aburner@cox.net) or call her at 642-6016 if you would like to attend. The cost of the book is \$10.50. **Deadline to order books will be February 19.**

**GLOUCESTER HOUSING PARTNERSHIP** is seeking a volunteer to serve as Treasurer of the organization. This is an interesting and rewarding position for someone who likes to work with numbers & finance and at the same time help people in need. I've been serving in this capacity for the past two years and have found the work to be stimulating, well organized, relatively easy to do, and requiring just a few hours of my time per week. The time has come, however, for me to step down as treasurer and give someone else an opportunity to serve in this capacity. I will still be volunteering for the partnership and plan on training and assisting the new treasurer until he or she feels comfortable with the job. If you are interested, or can recommend someone who may be interested, please contact me, and I will be happy to tell you more.—*Kevin Kiley, 804-815-5164 (mobile)*



**UMM will host its  
Annual Ladies Night  
Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Mark your calendar now and plan to join  
us for an evening of good food, fellowship,  
and lots of fun! Be on the lookout for  
more details in the coming weeks.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Bethany offers a variety of Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. Please visit our website or call Nancy Wilburn at 642-5820 for more information. Be sure to join us for our **monthly Sunday school breakfast** on **February 12 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall.

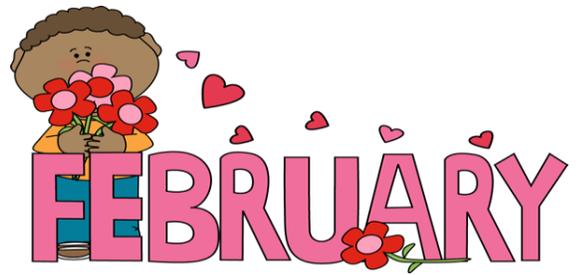
**GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES** —**The American Youth Harp Ensemble** will be performing a concert in Bethany's sanctuary at **4 PM** on **Sunday, February 26**. The ensemble continues to dazzle audiences around the world as America's premier youth harp ensemble, well known for their musical sophistication, rich sound, emotional power, and imaginative programming of repertoire. The American Youth Harp Ensemble (AYHE) has brought world-class music to enthusiastic audiences in the U.S. and abroad through hundreds of performances, recordings, television and radio features most recently on CNN, NBC, PBS, and NPR affiliate stations. With fifteen national and international tours to their credit since 1999, the AYHE made its international debut performing in the Maastricht Music Festival (Netherlands).

# BUMC EVENTS

## February 2017

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

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 29 - Feb 4	<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
				10:00am AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am House of Prayer	6:00pm UMYF Pizza & Movie Night	
Feb 5 - 11	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
	Communion Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	7:00pm JOY Circle	10:00am AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:00am DCOM (St. Lukes UMC, Yorktown) 9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 10:00am York River Garden Club 10:00am House of Prayer		9:30am District UMYF Retreat Planning Session 10:00am River Country Quilters
Feb 12 - 18	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
	8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Bible Buddies	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study		10:00am AARP Tax Aide 11:30am XYZ Club 7:00pm Chancel Choir	GUEST HOST WEEK		Pastor Debbie & Lewis on vacation February 17-28
Feb 19 - 25	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	GUEST HOST WEEK		10:30am Sanders Communion	9:30am Homebound Ministries	9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry		5:00pm Children's Winter Olympic
	8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm UMYF	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	2:00pm Rockin' Readers Book Club 7:00pm Administrative Council	10:00am AARP Tax Aide 7:00pm Chancel Choir	10:00am House of Prayer 7:00pm Church & Society Video Series (tentative) 7:00pm Church & Society Video Series (tentative)		
Feb 26 - Mar 4	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Mar 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	Pastor Debbie & Lewis on vacation February 17-28		6:30pm UMM -- Ladies Night	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 6:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Worship Service			
	8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Concert: American Youth Harp Ensemble	6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Adult Bible Study					



BIRTHDAYS	
2/1	Jeannie Meisner
2/2	Diane Pruitt
2/3	Debbie Tilley; James Leigh; Steve Suarez
2/4	Kevin Jacobs; Carson Hasty
2/6	Jackie Emerson; Wesley Buchanan
2/7	Alan Harvey
2/8	Jeff Lane
2/9	Katherine Jordan; Meredith Eastwood
2/11	Peggy Burton; Shannon Minor
2/12	Gabby White; Sandra Byrd
2/14	Estelle Harris; James Vance, Sr.; Patsy Morales
2/15	Evan Lane; Alyssa Hall
2/17	Lori Rhodes Phillips; William Schultz
2/18	Yvonne White
2/21	Mike Simmons
2/22	Gloria Atwell Koenig
2/23	Nancy Orth; Joel Kidd; Mark Goetz
2/24	June Matthews; Kirk Bell; Emily Jordan; Lisa Breaud; Jennie Lipscomb
2/25	Ed Conner; David Cecil; Steve Stilianos
2/26	Karen Morris; Dawn McDade; Sylvia Ransone
2/29	Larry Cooper; Patrick Kiley; Loretta Leigh

ANNIVERSARIES		# of years
2/1	Mark & Carla Goetz	14
2/2	James & Betty Durette	54
2/2	Mike & Abigail Walker	4
2/4	John & Pat Hasty	61
2/5	Kevin & Kris Kiley	44
2/10	David & Peggy Lewis	37
2/11	Paul & Barbara Blais	17
2/14	Ed & Susan Conner	57
2/15	Randy & Pamela Campbell	15
2/16	Bobby & Laura Polk	32
2/19	Sandra and Jim Hollins	45
2/19	Doug & Isabelle Wheat	12
2/21	Steve & Dee Dee Wike	30
2/24	Art & Vicki Wolz	44

DATE	COUNTING TEAMS
2/5	Hampton
2/12	Kaylor
2/19	Robins
2/26	Burner

TRUSTEE CONTACTS	
WEEK OF	NAME
2/5-2/11	Tom Barnard
2/12-2/18	Donna Andersen
2/19-2/25	M.E. Thomas
2/26-3/4	David Lewis

SOUND ROOM OPERATORS		
Date	8:30	11:00
2/5	Lewis Marion	Jeremy Nardozzi
2/12	Kirk Bell	Jeremy Nardozzi
2/19	Kirk Bell	Jeremy Nardozzi
2/26	Kirk Bell	Jeremy Nardozzi

LITURGISTS		
DATE	8:30	11:00
2/5	Loreen Paiva	
2/12	Joni Neal	
2/19	Paul Kendall	
2/26	Youth Liturgist	

ALTAR GUILD
Nerine Hickman, Linda Fletcher, Lynda Blubaugh

ACOLYTES		
DATE	8:30	11:00
2/5*	Shelton Glaze	Kayla McDade
2/12	Alec Daniel	Aiden Dumbrocyo
2/19	Alix Shackelford	Connor Kent
2/26	Molly Vaughan	Carter Roane

\*Communion Sunday: Acolyte will assist Pastor Debbie with communion.