



Bethany Banner **September 2018**

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.

Office Hours: M-F, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.



BETHANY FAMILY DAY & FALL KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 9

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Breakfast & Open House

12:15 p.m. – Rise Against Hunger Event

Look inside for more info!

Pastor: Mike Derflinger

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Kris Kent

Director of Music: Sandra Fox

Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Nursery Coordinator: Jeannie Meisner



YOUTH CALENDAR

September 9th: See the special “Bethany Family Day” announcement.

September 16th

UMYF at 12:15 in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall

- Lunch/Planning for Fall and Winter activities with Youth Council Officers.
- Kick ball in back lot until 2:00 p.m.. Bring sneakers!

September 23rd

Youth Participation in Both Worship Services

- Wear your BUMC tees and promote our Youth Ministry.
- Seeking youth to offer the Children’s Message, coordinate music, serve as Liturgist, Greeters and Ushers.
- Please text Ms. Kris by 9/16 with availability. 804-815-4246

CHILDREN’S CALENDAR

September 9th: See the special “Bethany Family Day” announcement.

September 16th

- Rehearsals begin for our Annual Christmas Program, “Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior”
- Please meet Ms. Susannah in the Lacey Martin Classroom where a hearty snack will be served after the 11:00 service. She will then discuss the program, decide on parts and close at 1:30 p.m.

September 23rd: Bible Presentation

- Our Annual Bible Presentation to the third graders of Bethany UMC during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. This year’s recipients are:
Josiah Minor
Alivia Sayles
Emily Ward

September 23rd: Bible Buddies

- All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders join together in the WBFH to have lunch, a Bible Lesson and kick ball in the back lot till 2:00 p.m. Bring your Bible and your sneakers!



BETHANY FAMILY DAY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

Mark your calendars and get ready for September 9th! Our Fall Session of Sunday School begins with our second Sunday Breakfast and Open House.

We will see you at 9:30 a.m. in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. Then following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, we'll have a quick sandwich and begin the RISE FOR HUNGER event in the fellowship hall. This is such an awesome family event that will feed your soul as you pack meals for those in need. Please see Judy Burner or Kris Kent for more information.



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY resumes September 10 at 7:00 p.m.!
Come join us for uplifting fellowship and discussion.

Women will meet in the GAP classroom and study Sarah Young's *Experiencing God's Presence*. Men will meet in the TBD classroom for a study on prayer. All adults are welcome to attend.

SECOND TUESDAY VISITATION - Join us as we visit our shut-ins on **Tuesday, September 11 at 2 p.m.** Meet in the Mary Lotsey classroom as we go out in groups of two. You will receive a blessing!

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES - Cooking for shut-ins on **Wednesday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m.** We need cooks as well as deliverers. For more information, contact Judy Burner (642-6016, aburner@cox.net).

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – Plan now to start the Church's new year by joining a Sunday School Class! Classes meet from 9:45-10:45, with the Sunday School Breakfast on the second Sunday of the month at 9:30. You'll learn more about the Bible and God's plan for your life and get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ! We have seven classes for adults, studying the topics below. Try one and if it is not a good fit, try another one!

Faith Class & Lacey Martin Fellowship Class –Uniform Series, God's Word and God's People

Friendship Class –Proverbs

GAP, TBD, and Journey classes –current religious issues

Christian Family Living (young adults with children)– *Parental Guidance Required*, by Andy Stanley, with DVDs and a study guide

HERE I AM

God did not direct His call to Isaiah – Isaiah overheard God saying “who will go for Us?” The call of God is not just for a select few but for everyone. Whether I hear God’s call or not depends on the condition of my ears, and exactly what I hear depends upon my spiritual attitude. — Oswald Chambers

Our Mission Team work will be done locally in Gloucester County this fall. We will work on Thursday, September 20, Friday, September 21, and Saturday, September 22. Plans are still in the making for what and where and whom we will be helping. We are listening for God’s Call!

Please call the contacts listed below to express your interest to participate in this service mission from part of a day to all three days. All skill levels are needed. We have fun, fellowship and the joy of helping those in need. Contact Jane Niethamer, 757-273-1613 or Al Burner, 804-642-6016.

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

THE TOM EULER BAND
September 23, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
Bethany UMC Sanctuary

The Tom Euler Band is a progressive blues/rock band from Virginia that is known for their high energy and thoughtfully written songs. Often called the “young man with an old soul,” Euler takes influence from such guitarists as JP Soars, Luther Allison, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Joe Bonamassa, and B.B. King, along with many other greats across all genres of music. Euler is a 2016 International Blues Challenge Finalist as well as winner of the 2017 “Musician of the Year for the United States and Canada” Josie Music Award. The JMAs is the largest independent music awards show in the world and is held annually in Nashville, Tennessee.

Please invite your friends and join us for an afternoon of great music! The concert is free; a love offering will be taken.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY

Families of:

Jeff Sullivan, brother-in-law of Fred Niethamer, who passed on August 14.

Chris Denton, BUMC member, who passed in Miami on August 14.

Amos West, father of former member Kristee Georgiou, who passed on August 12.

Calvin Booker, Jr., brother-in-law of Billy Davis, who passed on August 11.

Dr. John Brake, brother-in-law of Roger Ferguson, who passed on July 31.

Dr. Kearfott Stone, former member, who passed on August 3.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brothers and Sisters,

Good News! The Esther Thompson Cottage has been sold for \$60,868. As per our special Church Conference held on May 6, 2018 the proceeds from the cottage were disbursed as follows: Capital Improvement Fund \$30,083.63, Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$6016.72, Mission Fund \$6016.72, Gloucester Housing Partnership \$6016.72, GUEST \$6016.72 and Missionary Clara Biswas \$6016.72. We praise God for blessing us so that we might bless others. We thank our Trustees for their continued hard work and dedication to our church. I pray that these monies will be used to bless those in need not only in our community, but across the world!

The Finance Committee met on August 14th to discuss our 2019 general budget. Our focus is always to be good stewards of the money God blesses us with and that our decisions and discussions are pleasing to Him! We will have a proposed budget ready to present to our Administrative Council at their September 18th meeting.

Mark your calendars for Stewardship Sunday, September 30th. This is a day when we celebrate God with thanksgiving and praise for His many blessings by promising to support Bethany Church's many ministries and missions in 2019. Your Faith Promises are very important to our ministries and missions. Please spend time having conversation with God over the next few weeks about how He'd like you to support His church.

Our Endowment Fund continues to grow. As of July 31st we have a fund balance of \$45,363 and own 3,092 shares. That is a 14.8% increase over 2017! Praise God!

We have received \$212,697 towards our current general budget. \$157,694 of this amount is from Faith Promises. We are still behind in receiving the amount of Faith Promises we could have expected to receive, however it's better news this month than it was last month! This difference is now \$19,850 instead of more than \$22,000. I thank God for your faithfulness and generosity.

I give God thanks and praise daily that I live in a free country and am able to worship Him anytime and anywhere I choose. I love worshipping Him with each of you!

Blessings,
Dolores Breen
Finance Committee Chair

BAZAAR NEWS

Tickets for our Bazaar Preview Dinner go on sale October 1, 2018 for \$19.00 each! A delicious meal of crab casserole and country ham will be followed by an opportunity to peek at this year's wonderful items that will be for sale on the following day! **Plan now to join us at the Bazaar Preview Dinner on Friday, November 9 between the hours of 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Tickets may be purchased from Jane Niethamer or Dee Dee Wike in the church office.

The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 10, with extended hours for your shopping convenience! New hours are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please tell all your friends! All proceeds go to missions!

SUNDAY WORSHIP	7/22	7/29	8/5	8/12	8/19
8:30 Sanctuary	51	50	48	57	42
8:30 Nursery	0	2	1	0	0
11:00 Sanctuary	111	112	76	89	60
11:00 Nursery	1	1	1	1	1
Children's Church*	0	0	6	4	0
TOTAL WORSHIP	163	165	126	147	103
SUNDAY SCHOOL					
Adults	38	41	29	39	44
Youth	8	9	0	5	0
Children	14	14	0	10	5
TOTAL in SS	60	64	29	54	49

*Children's Church counted is included in Total Worship.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MONTH

9/2	Al & Judy Burner
9/9	Peggy Lewis
9/16	Lucy Soles
9/23	Loreen Paiva
9/30	Jeannie Harrell

After you have enjoyed your flowers please return the gold vases to the Church Office so they can be given to the florist. This will help keep costs down and ensure the quality of the floral arrangements provided by Gloucester Florist.

THANK YOU NOTES – BETHANY FAMILY

The Brown family would like to thank the people of Bethany United Methodist Church for their prayers, cards, foods, and visits during the loss of our loved one, Frances Brown. If anyone has been missed or left out for their kind generosity we would like to apologize for not including you. Love in Jesus – *Alton & the Brown family*

Thank you, Bethany Family, for all the visits, calls, prayers, and the beautiful prayer shawl. It brought great comfort to me and my family during our illnesses and the passing of my father. – *Susan Conry*

Thank you so much for the beautiful pink lap robe. The HUGS Ministry group is a wonderful example of love and caring for others. – *Nerine Hickman*

We want to thank our Bethany family for your prayers, visits, cards, and meals during the past few months. We miss being with you each Sunday and are encouraged by the continued outpouring of love and support you have shown us. Please know how much you are loved and appreciated for your ministry to us. With love, *Phil and Alice McGee*

We would like to thank friends at Bethany church for the cards and prayers we got from you for the passing away of Clifford Doggett, Jr., Douglas Doggett's daddy. From, *Katie and Douglas Doggett*

HUGS MINISTRY

Dear Wonderful Ladies –

I can never thank you enough for this beautiful prayer shawl you all so lovingly made for me. It is a beautiful color and it accompanies me to my doctors' offices and surgery as well. God bless you for all your kindness. Love, *Kristi McNeill*

“May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.”
– 2 Thes. 3:16

THANK YOU NOTES – COMMUNITY (excerpts from letters received)

Thank you for your support with the generous donation of \$500. Donations like yours help us to continue our program to provide shelter, warm food and a safe environment to homeless adults and families in our Gloucester community. – Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team (G.U.E.S.T.)

Thank you for your gifts of \$150 and \$2250 to the General Board of Global Ministries through The Advance, the designated mission giving channel of The United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that 100 percent of your donation will go to Street Children Ministry. Your gift is creating educational opportunities for street children to improve their quality of life in Cambodia. – General Board of Global Ministries

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. 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. – Habitat for Humanity

Thank you so much for your donation of \$297.55 for the Seeds for Haiti effort. During 2017 we hosted over 130 home repair and community service mission trips across the United States and served in over a dozen countries around the world. Over 18,000 people served and repaired over 1500 homes and brought hope to communities through service to the elderly, poor, and homeless. – Group Cares

To the TBD Class: Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000 to the Samaritan Group, Inc. The Samaritan Group, Inc. depends on the generosity of dedicated church members like you to continue to help low-income families with temporary financial emergency needs. – Samaritan Group, Inc.

On behalf of the patients we serve, thank you for the generous gift from your church of \$400 to the Clinic. Because of your church, the Clinic continues to thrive and provide compassionate care to those in Gloucester and Mathews who need us most. For every dollar donated, we provide over \$5 in on-site healthcare and an additional \$6 in healthcare through referrals to our healthcare partners. – Gloucester Mathews Care Clinic

We thank you for the \$100 gift to support the Meals on Wheels program. Thank you for including Bay Aging in your outreach programs to inform your church community about the services available to them. It is ingrained in our DNA to want to help people achieve a level of living that is healthy and where they can be independent longer. The church's partnership with Bay Aging is helping seniors and people with disabilities to be successful in reaching their goal. – Bay Aging

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Paul & <u>Nancy</u> Kendall, Bob Nardozzi, <u>Wes</u> & Zealon Stilley, <u>Ken</u> & Gwen Wood			
GRIEVING: Families of Roy Bauschatz, Willie Brooks, Larry Cooper, Chris Denton, Clifford Doggett			
HEALTH ISSUES: Irene Brown, Krista Chase, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Jimmy Greene, <u>Gene</u> & Jeannie Harrell, Mike Hearon, <u>Archie</u> & Loretta Leigh, <u>Marshall</u> & Bonnie Lewis, Paige Mitchell, Richard Parkes, <u>Ted</u> & Peggy Peterman (NC)			
HOMEBOUND: Annette Adams, Byron Conner (CO), Phil & Alice McGee, Mary Dale Williams			
HOSPITALIZED: Kathy Jacobs (Riverside Regional, Rm 3003)			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Jim Germek, Gene Harrell, Kathy Jacobs, Cheryl Roane			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Robin Barnett (TN), Mike Byrne, Jeff Carino, Dawnella Carter (TX), Carmen Coberly, Mary Ann Costa, Alice Cruz, Joan French, Jackie Gibbs, Frank Gill, Neile Greene, <u>Walt</u> & Reet Hayden (FL), Wesley Hogge (NJ), Laymon & Sarah Jacobs (TN), <u>Ralph</u> & JayeP. Johnson, Donna Kidd, Johann Kulik (NY), Bill Luther, Melisa Morales (AR), Jeanette Nichols, K.C. Powers, Harold Royals, Chauntea Shield, Karen Smith (NY), Jeff Thomson, Judy Urton, Jennifer West, Judy West, Pat Whitten			
CHILDREN: Briggs Wylie (5-Leukemia), Avery Mitchem, Emma Trottier (16-UT),			
GRIEVING: Families of Camden Adkins, Calvin Booker, Jr., Milstead, Amos West			
HEALTH ISSUES: Cameron Bransfield (FL), Les Breen, Michael Brown (PA), Kristi Burch, Ross Carmine, Catherine Crittendon, Robert Ealey, Loretta Germek, Richard Hearon (FL), Sharon Hoell, Veronika Kiryanova (Canada), Karlene Kruse, Mary Margaret Kuivinen, Paula Lankford, Verma Lankford, Joanne Mastropietro (FL), Barry McDade, Donna Miller (TX), Edgar Mundo (NY), David Whitaker, <u>Charlotte Wright</u> & Chuck Corbin			
HOSPITALIZED: Mr. Bonnie Mills (GA)			
HOSPICE: Jan Breen, Thom Ligon (1821 Aquamarine Dr., VA Beach, 23456)			
PARKINSON'S: Duane Burnett			
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Amy Bray, Kristen Collier, Paul McFarland, Steve & Julie George, Jerry Hall, Kameron Lemons, Kristi McNeill (KY), David Paul (Richmond), Bertie West			
BUMC'S MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)			
<i>Edward Bailey, Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Laine Fay, Thomas Howse, Kevin Jacobs, Bernard Johnson, Lamont Johnson, Jim Minor (El Salvador), Kyle Nichols, all members of the military.</i>			
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)			
Gayton Terrace , 12041 Gayton Rd., Richmond, VA 23238		Dorothy Critzer, Room 418	
Gloucester House , 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061		Lorraine Brown, Room 107 Jean Heywood, Room 110 Esther Marie Jordan, Room 509	
Sanders Assisted Living , 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		<i>Ellis Hall, Room 106</i>	
Sunrise Senior Living , 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235		Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
York Convalescent & Rehab Center 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692		Mary Poland, Rm 27A Alice Doggett, Rm 27B	
OUR MISSIONARY – Clara Biswas, Cambodia.			

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 26	27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	
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Communion Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	OFFICE CLOSED--LABOR DAY	3:30pm Trustees 7:00pm JOY Circle	9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:00am House of Prayer		10:00am 4:00pm River Country Quilters	
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Bethany Family Day / Fall Kick-Off 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Rise Against Hunger	10:00am Bazaar Quilt Group 6:30pm Troop 75 7:00pm Men's Bible Study (TBD) 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (GAP)	2:00pm Second Tuesday Visitation 7:00pm Abingdon Women's Club 7:00pm Finance Committee	9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry 9:30am Homebound Ministries 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Child Protection Committee	9:00am 12:00pm Bazaar Workshop 10:00am House of Prayer		3:00pm Banner Articles Due	
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 8:30am Worship 9:45am 10:30am Adult Membership Class (Mary Lotsey) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship							



BIRTHDAYS	
9/1	Clare Hall, Alliyson Alligood, Troy Andersen
9/2	Debra Ottarson, Nancy Jenkins
9/3	Nan Leigh, Chip Dize
9/4	Paul Martin, David Daniel
9/5	Marion Dixon, David Dixon, Nile Cecil
9/6	Mary Linda Brooks, Will Neikirk, Stella White
9/7	Dean Tillage, Robert Leigh
9/8	Jean Heywood, Pamela Campbell, Mike Thayer, Kristin Morris
9/9	Jane Niethamer, Marie Reynolds, Lynda Blubaugh
9/11	Kelly Fox, Donna Dixon
9/12	Tonia Varner, Mike Derflinger, Julie Derflinger
9/13	Lonnie Byrd
9/15	Gina White, Tiffany Cross
9/16	Shirley Tinker
9/17	M.E. Thomas, Betsy McNeil, Sue McDaniel, Samantha Hornsby
9/18	Beth Dixon
9/19	Sherri Derflinger
9/20	Bryan Stilley, Lee Woodhouse, Sandy Wharen, Brittany Harrison
9/21	Randy Campbell, Ed Schultz, Aaron Harrison
9/22	Glen Kaylor, Frances B. Woods
9/23	Christian Martin, Connie Reinke
9/24	Gail Wallace, Ron Ervi, Chris Morris
9/25	Lindsay Hodges, Robin Hasty
9/26	Richard Alligood
9/27	Alice McGee
9/28	Tina Coleman, Jason Hogge, Chrissy White, Alexandria Bontrager
9/29	Emily Coleman, Kira Fox, Judy Vaughan
9/30	Sam Uhler, Jennifer Quintero, Madden Stevens, Audrey Clare Phillips

ANNIVERSARIES		# years
9/1	Al & Judy Burner	50
9/4	Alan & Sandra Harvey	24
9/5	Rob & Jen Naquin	20
9/7	Richard & Susan Boyette	43
9/9	Jack & Ruth Wallace	68
9/9	Richard & Karleen Frederick	40
9/10	Scott & Tonia Varner	23
9/12	Richard & Alliyson Alligood	9
9/13	Ted & Debbie Hoover	
9/18	Jason & Traci Waters	8
9/20	Bob & Lynda Blubaugh	48
9/23	Michael & Sondra Colbert	29
9/24	Milton & Judy Hudgins	58
9/24	Tony & Susan Conry	30
9/26	Phil & Alice McGee	76
9/26	Robert & Samantha Hornsby	3
9/27	Gene & Jeannie Harrell	38
9/29	Troy & Melissa Anderson	17
9/30	Scott & Ruth Stilianos	23

TRUSTEE CONTACTS	
WEEK OF	NAME
9/2-9/8	M. E. Thomas
9/9-9/15	David Lewis
9/16-9/22	Joni Neal
9/23-9/30	Don Thomas

LITURGISTS		
DATE	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
9/2		TBD
9/9		TBD
9/16		TBD
9/23		Youth
9/30		TBD

DATE	COUNTING TEAMS
9/2	1-Kaylor, Byrd, Hasty
9/9	2-Robins, Nardoizzi, Harvey
9/16	3-Burner, Burner, Andersen
9/23	4-Riggin, Blubaugh
9/30	5-Luther, Rollins, Robins

SOUND ROOM OPERATORS		
Date	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
9/2	Kirk Bell	Jeremy Nardozzi
9/9	Chip Neikirk	Adam White
9/16	Kirk Bell	Jeremy Nardozzi
9/23	Kirk Bell	Adam White
9/30	Chip Neikirk	Jeremy Nardozzi

ACOLYTES		
DATE	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
*9/2	Miranda Shackelford	Shelby & Samantha Jacobs
9/9	Alix Shackelford	Aidan Dumbrocyo
9/16	Cooper White	Ellanah Daniel
9/23	Tally Vaughan	Alyssa Hall
9/30	Kate Neikirk	Justus Minor

*Communion Sunday. Acolyte will assist Pastor Mike with Communion.

ALTAR GUILD — Patsy Bell, Clare Hall, Jackie Hampton