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 a.m–3:00 p.m.

Bethany UMC Homecoming
Celebrating 130 Years of Joyful Ministry

Sunday, September 24, 2017

11:00 a.m. – Service of Worship and Celebration
Guest Speaker: Rev. Steve Young, Pastor from 2005-2010
(Note: There will be no 8:30 service or Sunday School.)

Covered Dish Luncheon and Fellowship
Immediately following 11:00 a.m. service
Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall

1:30 p.m. – Service of Music and Remembrance
Sanctuary

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
Recently a man asked me, “What business are you in?” “I’m the Pastor of Bethany United Methodist Church,” which closed the conversation for him. I could actually feel the air around us getting cooler. I thought later about my answer and wished I could’ve been more creative. I could’ve said, “I’m in the delivery business,” which could’ve sparked a few more questions as I had hoped. “Yeah, I have the privilege of delivering the greatest news and gifts to some of the nicest people you could ever meet. You should come and see it.” Or, “I’m in sales. I have the fun of offering something that has an outstanding reputation in this world, and a great track record of usefulness. I believe no one should live without it.” Or, “I’m in the people business…quality control, you know."

Actually, every one of us, regardless of our job, profession or interests, is in the people business.

People are involved in everything we do, develop, or produce – directly or indirectly. Everything in life is in the context of people and how we relate to and serve each other.

People are also centrally important to God and should be to each one of us. How to Win Friends and Influence People is more than the title of Dale Carnegie’s classic book; it must be a significant lifelong purpose and mission for each of us as Christians and for the Church. Jesus listened to people, lifted them up and loved them as He cultivated God’s investment in them. My heart hurts to see all the hate and infighting and killing in our country. The answer is not in taking down flags and monuments of bygone years. The answer is not in returning barb for barb on Twitter or talk shows or news shows.

Jesus died for people and now prays and intercedes for people. The Holy Spirit uses people to reach people and gives spiritual gifts to people. All of this says each one of us has great worth and potential.

As we get ready to fly into September and a busy Fall at the church and in our lives, let’s look for opportunities to love, speak with, and serve people. God can use you even if you feel timid and afraid (like Timothy) because He will supply the love, power, and wisdom (2 Timothy 1:7).

I’m enjoying meeting you; if I haven’t yet met you, I look forward to doing so. Blessings, Mike.
ADULT MISSION TRIP

It's not too late to get on board and join us for Bethany's Fall Mission Trip to Appomattox, VA. We will be departing on Sunday, September 10 and returning on Friday, September 15. Contact Jane Niethamer or Judy Burner if you wish to participate in any way.

XYZ CLUB

eXtra Years of Zest
is celebrating 30 years of senior adult fun & fellowship!
Join us for our kickoff luncheon, Wednesday, September 20
11:00 a.m.
Pastor Mike, our new pastor, will be our first speaker.

BACK TO SCHOOL – The new school year is just around the corner, so let's remember to keep in prayer all the students, teachers, administrators, and staff who will be working to educate and keep our young people safe. Pray for peace, protection, wisdom, kindness, and good health to all who are headed back to school.

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You are cordially invited to attend the annual
BETHANY UMC
ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, September 10th
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

A light breakfast buffet will be available for everyone. This is for all children, youth and adults. Please come to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall and visit with teachers and students, take a look at class curriculum and study material, and enjoy friendly fellowship. Feel free to invite a friend, neighbor or business colleague!

*Breakfast will be lovingly provided by the Friendship and GAP classes as well as the Children and Youth Sunday School classes.*

Hosted by:
Nancy Wilburn, Adult Sunday School Coordinator
Kris Kent, Director of Children and Youth Ministries
Dawn McDade, Assistant Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Vacations are over. School is back in session. And the UMW are ready to get back to missions. The article below is from Response, a magazine about those missions.

“Across the country United Methodist Women members support their churches and communities with prayers, funds, time, love, and advocacy. We come together as a national organization to support with our Mission Giving women around the world, and we take time to listen to and understand the needs of women, children and the youth in our neighborhoods and work to meet those needs. Intentionally building relationships with clients of a women’s shelter and supporting the shelter with funds and supplies, providing baskets of activities for families at a hospice house, supplying needed school bags and diapers for families in need, bringing seniors together for food and fellowship, providing funds to a local thrift store and food pantry, and learning about and advocating for an end to domestic violence and human trafficking are just some ways United Methodist Women members are putting faith, hope and love into action in the places in which they live. There are many reasons to be proud to be a member of United Methodist Women. Own it.”

There are two circles here at Bethany: the JOY Circle which meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of the month, and the Naomi Circle which meets at 10:30 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month. We invite the women of Bethany to join us. You do not have to be a member of the church to attend. – Dawn Cluts, President

Summer break is over and we are gearing up for fall. We invite you to join us for our September “Gathering” at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26th at Nick’s Spaghetti & Steak House. Whether you are new to Bethany or have been here awhile, we encourage you to join us for great food & fellowship!

Our remaining UMM Gatherings for 2017 will be held on October 31 and November 28.

For more information on United Methodist Men, contact Alan Harvey at 684-2790 or Milton Hudgins at 642-5622.
BETHANY UMC YOUTH AND PARENTS

We are starting our Fall UMYF on the RIGHT foot! As 21st century teens, you are confronted with relationship opportunities from every direction. From friends of the family, at school, team mates, here at church, on all types of social media platforms, well, you can meet just about anyone, anywhere! Ok, so you have all these people in your life and then.....BAM! You get this feeling that it's time to start looking into the world of dating! Dad's coworker's daughter is pretty but is she the RIGHT one for you? How about the popular guy at the other lunch table....how do you know if he is the RIGHT one to say yes to going out with?

Join us in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 17th** right after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. After a great lunch, Shannon Minor will be hosting a talk on being with the RIGHT one, forming respectful relationships, knowing the signs of trouble that can lead to different types of abuse, and making sure you know what to do and where to go if things start going wrong. Ms. Shannon is a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator for the Department of the Navy and has a program prepared just for teens that she would like to share with us. Parents are invited. Permission slips will be required for all youth to attend and RSVP's will be needed by 5:00 p.m. on 9/10 for food and space planning. We hope you'll join us!

~Ms. Kris and Ms. Dawn

UMYF NEWS – Due to the Homecoming Worship Service on Sunday, September 24th, our monthly YPS (Youth Participation Services) which are generally held on the fourth Sunday of the month will be postponed until Sunday, October 22nd. Plan to make it a great morning with God and your friends! Come to participate in both services on October 22, with a breakfast bar and Sunday school in between!

Please join us as we have our annual **Third Grade Bible Presentation** on **Sunday, September 10th** during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Bibles will be presented to the following children:

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ALTAR FLOWERS

9/3 – Marsha Germek
9/10 – Nancy Kendall
9/17 – Joni Neal
9/24 – Jeannie Harrell

BANNER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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

CHANCEL CHOIR – Our Chancel Choir invites you to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for practice and on Sundays for the 11:00 worship service. We need your voice and we need you!

The Bethany choir is planning a fall get-together at Tom and Charla Barnard’s home for a social time to meet, eat, and especially greet each other and those who may be considering joining us in song. The date is **Wednesday, September 6** at around **7:00 p.m.** at 6537 Francis Street, Gloucester Courthouse. Parking is limited, so meeting at 6:45 at the church for carpooling is encouraged. The choir members are asked to bring an hors d’oeuvre or finger food to share.

We hope all past, present, and prospective choir members who can will come. Please call Tom or Charla at 693-7465 if you have any questions or want to RSVP.

Are you Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders ready?

Because guess what? It’s **BIBLE BUDDIES** time! We look forward to sharing your first week of school stories, an awesome lunch, a Bible story and a game or two! See you in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 10th** right after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will wrap things up at 1:45.

~Ms. Kris and Ms. Cat
ACOLYTE TRAINING – Pastor Mike and I will meet with interested 4th through 12th graders immediately following the 11:00 service on September 17 for acolyte training. Parents should attend with their child(ren). If anyone has questions they can email me at betty@vims.edu or call me at 804-642-6707. – Betty Neikirk

HOME BOUND MINISTRIES — Come out and join in the fun and fellowship as we prepare meals for our shut-ins on Thursday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m. You will be blessed!

THE DANIEL PLAN – 40 Days to a Healthier Life Style – The Daniel Plan is a faith based healthy lifestyle program where people get better together. The next 7-week session will start September 26th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Gloucester YMCA. Learn how to Get Slimmer! Feel Better! Look Younger! Go to www.neilddanielplan.com, or call 757-879-4134 for information and registration.

HELPING HANDS MISSION CAMP
Bethany UMC was proud to be a part of Gloucester County's "Helping Hands Mission Camp" held at Providence Baptist Church in July. Thirteen BUMC youth participated in this year's week long camp. On the Sunday after their return, three of our youth (Alexandria Bontrager, Austin Kent and Trish Wagner) delivered testimonies to the congregation at the 11:00 worship service. Others have submitted a written message to be shared in this month's Bethany Banner. We are fortunate to be able to encourage, support and be a part of their Christian walk on the path that God, their family and Bethany UMC are creating for them.

Most Gratefully,
Kris and Dawn

I recently went to Helping Hands Camp. I worked for this lady that was a three time cancer survivor. She was the most giving lady I have ever met. She was so happy about the ramp that we built for her and to see her that happy made me feel absolutely amazing! At the end of the week she asked us to write our names down so she could pray for us even after we left. – Gwen Morris

Helping Hands was a wonderful experience, as always. At my work site, I was able to work with some familiar faces and some new friends, too. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve others and grow closer to God. I am looking forward to next year already! Thank you, Tally Vaughan

Helping Hands was my first mission trip. We stayed at Providence Baptist Church with youth from other churches. My group helped tar a roof, hung sheet rock, and painted/repaired a shed. Helping others in our community made me feel closer to God. I enjoyed the worship services and band. This was a great experience for me. I definitely want to go again. – Dylan Hearon

Helping Hands was an amazing experience. While I was there, I got to create new friendships and reinforce old ones. My fondest memory from camp was from our second worksite which was to stain the deck of an old woman's home down in Guinea. That particular day was the last work day at camp and we had a lot of work to catch up on. So, another work group decided to come down and help us. My group really appreciated the help because without it, we would have had to work late that day or work the next day. This act of kindness really took me by surprise because our helpers decided to help us work rather than go back to the church and relax. – Alec Daniel

This year’s Endowment FUNdraiser is a Dinner Extravaganza and YOU are invited! Make plans now to join us on Friday, October 27, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for an evening of great food, fellowship, music, and light dancing, with a heaping serving of humor!

The menu will include roasted pork loin, parsley potatoes, baby Blue Lake green beans with toasted almonds, salad, rolls, and dessert. Vegetarian/vegan options will be available upon request at the time reservations are made. Tickets will go on sale in September, so stay tuned for more information.

GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

Dean Shostak’s Crystal Concert
featuring the Glass Armonica

Sunday, September 24 – 4:00 p.m.
Bethany UMC Sanctuary – Free admission
A free will offering will be received.
HELPING HANDS MISSION CAMP (continued)

When asked for a flashback on Helping Hands camp, the first thing I thought of was a very upset 3 year-old. She was upset because she couldn’t go to worship later that night. To see someone that young want to participate in that really touched me and made my week. It makes me so happy that God’s love travels throughout all ages. – Ellanah Daniel

My God moment reminded me of the guy that gave up all his food to feed all the people. So, my God moment started when we went to our second work site. We were working for this man who bought his trailer for five hundred dollars. He wanted us to paint the trim of his trailer and finish his walls and tar his roof. What really amazed me was that this man had grown up children and one of his children was not able to take care of their children and this guy took up the responsibility of taking care of two more infants until they are all grown up. This man was not rich or wealthy but I would not say that he is poor either. This man saw how much work we put into his trailer that he went out and bought us and made us a lot of food. For the rest of the day I thought about how this man has so little and gave so much; that is what really separates the people from the best people. That moment will stick with me forever. – Alix Shackelford

While I was at Helping Hands, I experienced many wonderful things. I made lots of new friends and got to see a lot of my old ones. Even though I had a lot of fun playing games, the one thing I remember most was at my worksite. My group was working at this nice, elderly gentleman’s house and he would always come outside to watch us. On the second day, he came out and let us use his table and chairs so we didn’t have to sit on the ground. He was nice and I loved working on his gutters. His kindness proved that God works through us and other people. – Miranda Shackelford

This was my 3rd year at Helping Hands Mission Camp, and it was one of the best yet. I was able to make new friends and have fun while working hard and serving the Lord. One really special moment that my group experienced this year was the fact that we were able to finish all three of our jobs sites in just three days, and then we were able to go out and help other groups get their jobs done. God did amazing things at camp and I am already looking forward to attending next year! – Kate Neikirk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We began our August finance meeting (as we do every meeting), asking God to be with us, to guide us, to share His wisdom and direction for Bethany church and specifically for the finance committee, that our discussion and decisions would be pleasing to Him. We could not do what we do without God working in us and through us!

We looked at and discussed every budget request that we have received from the various committee chairs. We had conversation about how every line item in the budget is used to support the ministries and missions of our church. Our goal is to be good stewards of the money that is given to us through your Faith Promises. I ask that you continue to pray for us as we serve Jesus and His church.

As of August 8th we have received $216,309 towards our general budget. This is 87% of what we could have expected to receive. (This is based on the Faith Promises that were made for 2017.) You have also gone the 2nd Mile by contributing $19,058 to our various designated funds. Thank you for generously supporting the ministries and missions of our church. Together we are making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Our Endowment is growing little by little. As of July 31st we own 2,823 shares valued at $39,496. I’d like to encourage you to contribute to our endowment as a way to celebrate different life events. Every dollar given is used for investing in the future ministries and missions of Bethany Church.

Looking ahead: We will celebrate Consecration Sunday on October 8th. That is the day that we will celebrate God’s goodness in our lives by making our Faith Promises to support His church. I believe that our Faith Promise is a sacred offering to God. Please spend time in prayer with God asking Him for guidance and wisdom in your decision making.

We serve an awesome God who is gracious and generous to us all. I am blessed and humbled to serve His church as your Finance Chair. I am blessed and humbled to work with the most amazing people on the finance committee.

“Rejoice always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

May God continue to bless you as you serve Him.

Blessings,
Dolores Breen
Finance Chair
September 2017

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**Communion Sunday**
8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

**OFFICE CLOSED**
6:30pm Troop 75
7:00pm JOY Circle

3:00pm Trustee
7:00pm Communications Committee
7:00pm Healthcare Committee
9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry
10:00am House of Prayer
7:30pm Missions Committee
10:00am KOS Exec. Board

**Adult Mission Trip to Appomattox, VA**
6:30pm Troop 75
7:00pm Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Finance Committee
7:00pm Child Protection Committee
9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry
10:00am House of Prayer

**UMW Sunday / Candle Burning**
8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:15pm Acolyte Training
12:15pm UMYF

6:30pm Troop 75
7:00pm Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Women's Bible Study
2:00pm Rockin' Readers Book Club
2:00pm XYZ (Set-up)
7:00pm Administrative Council
11:00am XYZ Club
7:00pm Chancel Choir
9:30am C.A.R.E. Ministry
9:30am Homeward Ministries
10:00am House of Prayer
10:30am Naomi Circles

**Bethany UMC Homecoming**
11:15am Worship & Celebration
12:15pm Church-wide Covered Dish Luncheon
1:30pm Service of Music & Remembrance
4:00pm GNMCS: Dean Shostak's Crystal Concert

6:30pm Troop 76
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**ALTAR GUILD**

Ann Byrd, Betty Durette

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9/3 | 5 – Rollins, Luther, Steele
9/10 | 6 – Hampton, Morecock, Thomas
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**ACOLYTES**

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