

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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, November 24	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Worship (8:30 Informal; 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 am	Celebrations and Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
	4:00 pm	Bethany Conference
Monday, November 25	9:30 am	Homebound Ministries
	5:30 pm	Praise Team
Tuesday, November 26	6:30 pm	United Methodist Men
Wednesday, November 27	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 28		Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday, November 29		Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Saturday, November 30	10:00 am	Chrismon Tree Decorating
	6:00 pm	Streets of Gold Concert
Sunday, December 1	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
	4:00 PM	Courthouse Community Orchestra

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK! Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 for fellowship and celebration!

Birthdays

11/24 Bain Schultz
11/25 Susan Boyette, Conner Mahoney
11/27 Ray Jordan
11/28 Jill Daniel
11/29 Jackie Hampton
11/30 Barbara Holtrv

Anniversaries

11/25 Aaron & Nancy Wilburn, 53
11/27 David & Jill Daniel, 25



ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, November 24, 2024

By the decision of the Administrative Council, a Bethany Church Conference is scheduled for today at 4:00 pm, to vote, with paper ballots, 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.

Chrismon Tree Decorating – Bring your holiday spirit and join us as we come together to decorate the Chrismon Tree and sanctuary on **Saturday, November 30th at 10:00 am**. This marks the beginning of Advent and we are hoping for LOTS of help. Come one, come all!

George Nelson Concert Series – The Streets of Gold Gospel Quartet (featuring our own Steve Wike), will be performing at Bethany on **Saturday, November 30th at 6:00 pm**. Come join us for a night of inspirational singing, praise and worship. For those wishing to donate to the Concert Series, there are envelopes in the narthex and side hallway.

The **Courthouse Community Orchestra** will be performing at Bethany on **Sunday, December 1st at 4:00 pm**. The orchestra is composed of musicians from the Gloucester area and features our own Kirk Bell, Sandy Byrd and Rebekah Ipock. Join us for an evening of beautiful music.

Homebound Ministries will meet tomorrow, **Monday, November 25th at 9:30 am** to prepare meals for our shut-ins. Hope you can join us!

The HUGS Ministry has placed a Prayer Shawl for Shannon Minor and Lap Robes for Jason Harney and Tom Barnard on the Altar rail. Please keep these folks and the HUGS Ministry in your prayers.

Cancelled Stamps – **JOY** Circle is still collecting cancelled stamps for mental and physical rehabilitation of military veterans. There is a collection jar on the table in front of the church office.

The **JOY Circle Christmas Party** will be **Thursday, December 5th, 6:30 pm**, at the home of Regina Berry. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share and for our gift exchange bring a \$10-15 valued wrapped gift if you would like to participate. There will be no meeting in November.

The **2024 Bethany Bazaar** was a great success and the Bazaar Bunch wishes to thank:

- All those who worked on crafts Thursday mornings and at home from Jan to Oct
- All those who provided food for the Mistletoe & Munchies Preview evening
- All those who purchased tickets for the Preview evening
- All those who came to the Bazaar and purchased items
- All those who donated items for the Vintage Room, Plant Corner and Country Kitchen
- All those who helped set-up and clean up
- All those who volunteer at Upsy-Daisy

Advent begins next Sunday, December 1st. This is the season for us to prepare for the coming of Christ.

The Church office will be closed November 28th- 29th. We wish you a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.



Bethany United Methodist Church

**Homeschool Music Academy of
Gloucester Fall Concert**

Saturday, November 23, 5:00 pm

Streets of Gold Gospel Quartet Concert

Saturday, November 30, 6:00 pm

Courthouse Community Orchestra Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 1, 4:00 pm

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 15, 10:00 am

**Christmas Eve
Holy Communion with Candlelight Service**

Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 pm

Church Office will be Closed

Thursday & Friday, November 28-29

Wednesday, December 25

Wednesday, January 1

Bethany UMC Prayer List

BETHANY FAMILY

CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase, Billy Hogge, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Larry Whitfield

GRIEVING: Families of Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, Iva Belvin, Clyde Burton, Lonnie Byrd, Bessie Conner, Jim Durette, Kira Fox, Judy Hudgins, Larry A. Johnson, Debbie Durette Potter

HEALTH ISSUES: David Cecil, Dawn Cluts, Billy Davis, John Farrow, Estelle Harris, Sarah Hillard, David Hoover, Milton Hudgins, Kathy Jacobs, Paul & Nancy Kendall, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Alice Northam, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman, Rosemarie Tong

HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavalle Wilson

PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Tom Barnard, Darlene Bauschatz, Mary Linda Brooks, Dylan Chapin, Betty Durette, Sarah Hillard, Barbara Holtry, Shannon Minor, M.E. Thomas

BETHANY FRIENDS

CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Peyton Arthur, Fran Bonnville, Kendall Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Bill Edwards, John Gordon, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Connie Hutchinson, Sissi Mise, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Jeff Suntken, David Trottier, Bobby Tucker, Shalini Upadhyaya, Jill Ward, Bob Wharen, Marian Williford

GRIEVING: Families of Jennie Handley and Dale Handley, Leo Thomas Hogge, Zachary Thomas Hoover, Robert Howe, Sarah Jacobs, Pat Miller, Robin Money Penny, Melissa Anne Quesenberry, Gordon Scott, Melissa Sutton, Josh Wilson

HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Sharon Acree, Connie Bowler, Kathryn Bjers, Janet Burch, Juanita Duncan, Mabel Edwards, Jack Gibson, Jason Harney, Dewayne 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, Carl Viens, Sandie Wharen, Sabrina Wikle, Robin Willman, Randy Wilson, Tracy Weingard

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Mildred Townsend

OTHER PRAYERS: America, Ukraine; Israel; Middle East; United Methodist Church; Andrew Lee, Missionary in Cambodia

ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (*italics—Bethany friends*)

Michael Brown, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long, Will Neikirk, Jim Minor, Ben Szulgit, All members of the military.

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