

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, December 8	8:30 am & 11:00 am	Worship (8:30 Informal; 11:00 Traditional)
	9:30 am	2 nd Sunday Breakfast
	9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
	3:00 pm	Mission Rivers District Conference
Monday, December 9	5:30 pm	Praise Team
Tuesday, December 10	9:30 am	Jubilee Churches Meeting
Thursday, December 12	10:00 am	York River Garden Club
	6:30 pm	House of Prayer
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, December 14	9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, December 15	10:00 am	Worship and Christmas Cantata

The Church Office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and reopen on Thursday, December 26th.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK! Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:30 for our 2nd Sunday Breakfast!

Birthdays This Week:

12/8 Charlotte Chapin, Grant Morris
12/9 Mary Kaylor
12/11 Martin Breen, Jerry Hickman
12/12 Dylan Chapin



ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sunday, December 8, 2024

Altar Flowers are given in memory of Judy Hudgins from the “Birthday Girls.”

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- The family of Dee Dee Wike, whose brother Bob Clay, of Aurora, CO, passed away Thanksgiving Day.
- The family of Debbie and Bernard Robins on the passing of Debbie’s brother, Robert Tucker, on December 3rd.
- The family of Sandy Fox, whose cousin, Roger Nichols, of Roanoke, passed away on December 4th.

THANK YOU so much for the cards, prayers, food and prayer shawl. The boys and I felt appreciated and are thankful for everything. God is good. – Shannon Minor

2025 Offering Envelopes are now available and are located on the table outside the Church office.

The **Mission Rivers District Conference** is today, 3:00 pm, at Shady Grove United Methodist Church in Mechanicsville.

Our **Christmas Cantata** is next Sunday, December 15th at 10:00 am (one service that day.)
The Chancel Choir will present “A Journey to Joy” by Joseph M. Martin.

The **Bazaar Bunch** has come to a realization - we are not getting any younger! Unless we have some younger individuals come forward, there is a good chance we won't have the regular "Big Bazaar" in 2026. We might have a scaled-down version combined with a bake sale to raise money for Missions. Currently our completed crafts are sold through Upsy-Daisy, which in turn contributes funds to Bethany missions. Upsy-Daisy is an extension of Bethany's Bazaar and needs volunteers to work at the store on Route 17. Please contact Cathy Raines at (410) 599-6493 if you can volunteer time for a very worthy cause. We will have a special service on January 19 at 10:00 a.m. to disburse the Bazaar funds of \$17,500 to 27 worthy organizations. We will honor the recipients at a Covered-dish Luncheon following the service. Please plan to attend and bring a dish to share.

SAVE THE DATES:

- The Dedication of Reverse Advent Bags is Sunday, December 22nd.
- Our **Christmas Eve Service Holy Communion and Candlelight Service** this year is Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 pm.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to everyone that helped clean and decorate the Sanctuary and decorate the Chrisom tree as we enter the Advent Season! Also, **the Hospitality Committee** would like thank those who helped set up, provide food and cleaned up for the Doris Luther Reception.

UPSY DAISY is excited to announce a community-driven initiative to collect used T-shirts for a meaningful cause! We're seeking donations of T-shirts from events or activities held in Gloucester or Mathews; such as walks/runs, Guinea Heritage events, Daffodil Festivals, church functions, or school activities. Don't worry if the shirts have seen better days—rips and stains are welcome, as they all contribute to the charm of our project.

The collected shirts will be transformed into beautiful T-shirt quilts, which will then be raffled off to raise funds for Bethany UMC missions and ministries. You can drop off your shirts at Upsy Daisy, or we can arrange a pick-up if that's more convenient.

If you have any questions or to schedule a pick-up, email Cathy at cathy@upsydaisy.org.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Holiday Schedule!



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, Cathy Raines, 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, Doris Luther, Debbie Durette Potter

HEALTH ISSUES: David Cecil, Dawn Cluts, Billy Davis, John Farrow, Estelle Harris, Jean Heywood, 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, Lavelle Wilson

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

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Tom Barnard, Darlene Bauschatz, Mary Linda Brooks, 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, 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 Moneyppenny, Melissa Anne Quesenberry, Gordon Scott, Melissa Sutton, Robert Tucker, 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

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