

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 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		
TODAY	8:30 am	Informal Worship Service
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship
Monday, September 29	5:30 pm	Praise Team
Tuesday, September 30	11:00 am	Worship & Arts Committee
	6:30 pm	United Methodist Men
Wednesday, October 1	6:00 pm	S/PPRC
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 2	7:00 pm	JOY Circle
Friday, October 3	9:00 am	HMAG
Saturday, October 4	3:00 – 4:30 pm	Blessing of the Animals (Susanna Wesley)
Sunday, October 5	8:30 am	Informal Worship Service (Communion)
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship (Communion)

Birthdays

9/29 Randy Campbell, Ed Schultz
9/30 Glen Kaylor, Frances Woods
10/1 Molly Vaughan, Callen Tilley
10/2 Julia Perkins, Sabrina Davis,
10/3 Decatur Hogge, Barbara Blais,
Isaac West, Barbara Summerford
10/4 David Chapin, Carol Harder

Anniversaries

9/29 Troy & Mellisa Andersen, 24
9/30 Scott & Ruth Stilianos, 30
10/3 Ed & Bain Schultz, 33
10/4 M.E. & Brenda Thomas, 50



BETHANY NEWS – Sunday, September 28, 2025

Altar Flowers are given today by Nina and Jack Whitmore in celebration of the recent marriage of their granddaughter Abby to Hunter Martin on September 13, 2025.

Dear Bethany Family,
We are nearing the end our 2026 pledges to Bethany United Methodist Church’s **General Fund**. The General Fund supports the essential ministries of our church, including:

- Salaries
- Local and global mission outreach
- The daily operations of our church facilities

Your pledge is an act of faith and commitment. It allows our Finance Committee to prepare a responsible budget for the coming year and ensures that Bethany continues to serve God faithfully in our community and beyond. **We ask that all pledges be submitted by this Wednesday, October 1, 2025.** Thank you for your generosity and dedication to Christ’s work through Bethany UMC. - Bethany Finance Committee

The **United Methodist Men** will meet on **Tuesday, September 30th**, 6:30 pm at Nick’s. Our guest speaker is Caitlin Griffin. With over 10 years of experience in the health and wellness industry, Caitlin Griffin now serves as the Wellness Experience Director for the Mathews and Middlesex Family YMCAs. The Y is dedicated to supporting health at every stage of life, offering programs such as LIVESTRONG® —a free 12-week program for those surviving and fighting cancer. The Y also provides a variety of weekly group exercise classes, including Strength Training, Aerobics, Tai Chi, Qi Gong, Yoga, Chair Yoga, and YES (Young Energetic Seniors). In addition, the Y regularly hosts workshops and community events, including the upcoming Fall Prevention Workshop, designed to help older adults stay strong, safe, and connected. We look forward to seeing you.

The **JOY Circle** will meet Thursday, October 2 at 7 pm in the Friendship Class (note change of date). Our own Cathy Raines will present a program on Birdie’s Closet and Upsy Daisy. All ladies are invited.



BETHANY HAPPENINGS

Meetings This Week:

Tuesday, September 30th, 11:00 am – Worship & Arts Committee

Tuesday, September 30th, 6:30 pm – United Methodist Men

Wednesday, October 1st, 6:00 pm – S/PPRC

Thursday, October 2nd, 7:00 pm – JOY Circle



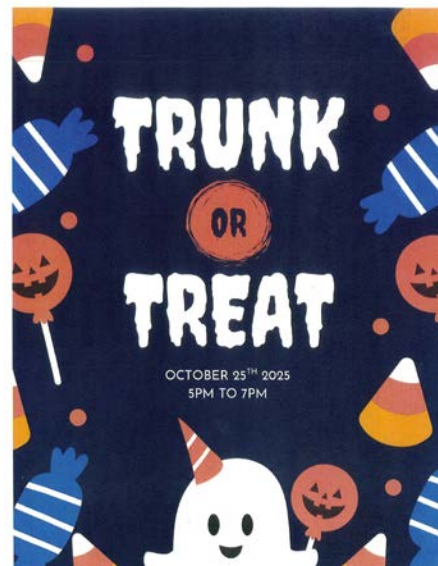
Pastor's Sunday School

(8 weeks, October – November)

9:45-10:35 in the Fellowship Hall

Starts next Sunday, October 5th

If you want to try an informal group learning experience, but have not had a chance to join a Sunday School, yet, please join us. Pastor John will lead with additional questions from the day's sermon.



Prayer Requests – Please keep Bernard and Debbie Robins in your prayers as Bernard continues to recover from surgery for injuries suffered from a bicycle accident. Bernard is back at Riverside Rehabilitation.

Please, also, keep Kirk and Patsy Bell in your prayers as Patsy recovers from surgery for a broken ankle suffered as a result of a recent fall.

Please pray for Ruth Wallace and Tom Smith as they both recuperate from recent falls.

Bethany UMC Prayer List	
BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Larry Whitfield	
GRIEVING: Families of Lorraine Brown, James Durette, Jr, Kathleen Green, Jean Heywood, Richard Parkes	
HEALTH ISSUES: Patsy Bell, David Cecil, Dawn Cluts, Billy Davis, Sandy Fox, Milton Hudgins, Kathy Jacobs, Paul Kendall, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Peggy Peterman	
HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavalie Wilson	
PARKINSON'S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Yvonne White	
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Greg Barnes, Martin Breen, Judy Burner, Betty Butler, Ken Freeman, Jackie Hampton, Bernard Robins, Dawne Sawyer	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
CANCER/CHEMO: Sharon Acree, Peyton Arthur, David Blackburn Kendall Walthall Caton, Wanda Dowell, Bill Edwards, John Gordon, Traci Greene, Larry Jones, Sissi Mise, Mason Staley, David Trottier, Bob Wharen, Marian Williford, Tim Williford, Gerri Wilson	
HEALTH ISSUES: Opal Brown, Michelle Burton, Joshua Childers, Elizabeth Johnson, Mary Elizabeth Hogge, Shirley Lewis, Barbara McDermott, Gary Poland, Phillip Presson, Wendy Roundy	
ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES	
Kevin Jacobs, Will Neikirk, Jim Minor, All members of the military.	
OTHER PRAYERS	
United States of America; Ukraine; Israel and the Middle East; United Methodist Church	
ASSISTED LIVING	
Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Sarah Hillard, Rm 113
Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061	Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13
Riverside Mathews, 603 Main St., Mathews, VA 23109	David Cecil, Rm 33B
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

Please note that unless otherwise notified, names will remain on the prayer list for 2 months. Please notify the Church Office of changes to the prayer list at any time.