

**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.



## BETHANY NEWS – Sunday, November 23, 2025

**Altar Guild Members** (and everyone else!) – Please join us on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to “Dust the Sanctuary.” Let’s make our lovely Church shine for the upcoming holidays. Lunch at Eggheads if you like. **-AND-** Please help decorate the Church and Chrismon Tree for Christmas on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. – Betty Durette and Diana Simmons

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 am	Informal Worship Service
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship
<b>Monday, November 24</b>	6:00 pm	Praise Team
<b>Tuesday, November 25</b>	10:00 am	Sanctuary Dusting
	6:30 pm	United Methodist Men
<b>Thursday, November 27</b>		Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
<b>Friday, November 28</b>		Office Closed
<b>Saturday, November 29</b>	10:00 am	Sanctuary & Chrismon Tree Decorating
<b>Sunday, November 30</b>	8:30 am	Informal Worship Service
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship
	4:00 pm	Virginia Handbell Consort (GNCS)

**United Methodist Men** will meet this Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. This month’s speaker is Lt. Col. US Army (ret) Dan Knott, who is the founder of Knott Alone-Hold Fast, an organization that provides help to military folks who are suffering from PTSD, addictions, family problems, etc. A lot of his healing is done by putting the folks to work on the water, as he runs a commercial crab business. Dan is an amazing individual who was at the point of suicide when he just on a whim walked into a church service one Sunday morning in his waterman's attire and the preacher welcomed him and nurtured him back to reality. He is now giving back what saved him.

### REVERSE ADVENT BAGS

Again, this year, we will be filling Reverse Advent Bags for those in need. Treat it as a traditional Advent calendar except that an item is added each day until Christmas, instead of the usual receiving of a treat each day. Items should include non-perishable food and pantry items, paper products, household cleaning and personal hygiene items.

Bags will be available beginning today, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please begin filling your bags on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30<sup>th</sup> and return bags by Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> when bags will be dedicated at the worship service that day. Items will be divided between the Salvation Army, GUEST, Union Baptist Food Pantry, Bread for Life and GHS Care Closet.

Together we can make a difference in the name of Christ.

### Birthdays

11/23 Martha Forrest, Betty Durette  
Richard Poland  
11/24 Bain Schultz  
11/25 Susan Boyette, Hannah Wilburn  
Kennedy Wilburn, Connor Mahoney  
11/27 Ray Jordan  
11/28 Jill Daniel  
11/29 Jackie Hampton  
11/30 Barb Holtry

### Anniversaries

11/25 Aaron & Nancy Wilburn, 54  
11/27 David & Jill Daniel, 26



**Holiday Services and Special Events**

**Virginia Handbell Consort Concert**

Sunday, November 30, 4:00 pm

**Courthouse Community Orchestra Christmas Concert**

Sunday, December 7, 4:00 pm

**York River Concert Band**

Thursday, December 11, 7:00 pm

**Christmas Cantata**

Sunday, December 14, 10:00 am

Breakfast, 8:30 am

**Christmas Eve**

**Holy Communion with Candlelight Service**

Wednesday, December 24, 7:00 pm

**Prayer Requests** – Please keep Kevin Kiley and Terry Oliver in your prayers as they each recover from surgery.

<b>Bethany UMC Prayer List</b>	
<b>BETHANY FAMILY</b>	
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Larry Whitfield	
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Lorraine Brown, David Chapin, Kathleen Green, Jean Heywood, Richard Parkes	
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> David Cecil, Dawn Cluts, Billy Davis, Sandy Fox, Estelle Harris, Nerine Hickman, Milton Hudgins, Kathy Jacobs, Paul Kendall, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Peggy Peterman	
<b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavalle Wilson	
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Mike Andersen, Yvonne White	
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Patsy Bell, Robert Blackwell, Martin Breen, Betty Butler, Ken Freeman, Jackie Hampton, Bernard Robins, Dawne Sawyer	
<b>BETHANY FRIENDS</b>	
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Sharon Acree, Peyton Arthur, David Blackburn Kendall Walthall Caton, Wanda Dowell, Bill Edwards, John Gordon, Traci Greene, Larry Jones, Sissi Mise Smith, Sherry Shackelford, Mason Staley, David Trottier, Gerri Wilson	
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Family of Tim Williford	
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Opal Brown, Michelle Burton, Joshua Childers, Charlene Diggs, Mary Elizabeth Hogge, Shirley Lewis, Gary Poland, Phillip Presson, Wendy Roundy	
<b>ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES</b>	
Kevin Jacobs, Will Neikirk, Jim Minor, Jennifer Arnold Blackburn, All members of the military.	
<b>OTHER PRAYERS</b>	
United States of America; Ukraine; Israel and the Middle East; United Methodist Church	
<b>ASSISTED LIVING</b>	
Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Sarah Hillard, Rm 113
Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Sharon Cheek, Rm 107
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, 682 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.