

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	Breakfast
	10:00 am	Christmas Cantata
Monday, December 15	5:45 pm	York River Villas
	6:00 pm	Praise Team
Wednesday, December 17	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, December 21	8:30 am	Informal Worship
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship

**Birthdays**

12/16 Susan Conry  
12/18 Chrissy Fox, Sharon Johnson-Carleton,  
Aubrey Lynn Chase  
12/19 Bev Kearney  
12/20 David Byrd



**BETHANY NEWS – Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**Prayer Request** - Prayers for Cathy Raines who will be having knee surgery Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> .

**Church Offering Envelopes** for 2026 are now available in the main hallway.

**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.

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.

**Reminder – The Church Office will be closing on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> at noon and will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> and on January 1<sup>st</sup>.**



# BETHANY HAPPENINGS



## Advent and Christmas Services and Special Events

### Christmas Cantata

Today, 10:00 am

Breakfast, 8:30 am

### Christmas Eve

**Holy Communion with Candlelight Service**

Wednesday, December 24, 7:00 pm

### Bethany UMC Prayer List

#### BETHANY FAMILY

**CANCER/CHEMO:** Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Fred Niethamer, Linwood Rowe, Larry Whitfield  
**GRIEVING:** Families of Lorraine Brown, David Chapin, Kathleen Green, Jean Heywood, Richard Parkes  
**HEALTH ISSUES:** David Cecil, Dawn Cluts, Billy Davis, Sandy Fox, Estelle Harris, Nerine Hickman, Milton Hudgins, Kathy Jacobs, Paul Kendall, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Peggy Peterman  
**HOMEBOUND:** Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace, Lavalie Wilson  
**PARKINSON’S:** Mike Andersen, Yvonne White  
**RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Patsy Bell, Robert Blackwell, Martin Breen, 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 Smith, Sherry Shackelford, Mason Staley, David Trottier, Gerri Wilson  
**GRIEVING:** Family of Tim Williford  
**HEALTH ISSUES:** Opal Brown, Michelle Burton, Joshua Childers, Charlene Diggs, Mary Elizabeth Hogge, Shirley Lewis, Gary Poland, Phillip Presson, Wendy Roundy

#### ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Kevin Jacobs, Will Neikirk, Jim Minor, Jennifer Arnold Blackburn, 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
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.