

**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		
<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 am	Informal Worship Service
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Youth Sunday School Breakfast at the Beach
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
<b>Monday, May 25</b>	6:00 pm	Praise Team
<b>Tuesday, May 26</b>	6:30 pm	United Methodist Men
<b>Wednesday, May 27</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, May 28</b>	9:00 am	Bazaar Workshop
	10:00 am	Church & Society Committee
<b>Friday, May 29</b>	10:00 am	HMAG Teachers' Meeting
<b>Sunday, May 31</b>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	Following Worship	Covered Dish Luncheon

### Birthdays

5/24 Alexander Kendall

5/25 Laura Vaughan

5/27 Wendell Fletcher, Linda Fletcher

5/28 Ellanah Daniel, Bunny Ekdahl

5/30 Brian Lewis

### Anniversaries

5/27 Donald & Debbie Rhodes, 48

5/27 Ben & Gwendolyn Szulgit, 4

5/30 Shawn & Greta Rohrbach, 31

5/30 Ryan & Melissa Brooks, 23



**BETHANY NEWS – May 24, 2026**

*Altar Flowers are given today by Dean Townsend in memory of our  
Wedding Anniversary*

**Graduate Recognition Sunday** is next Sunday, **May 31<sup>st</sup>** (this is a change of dates.) Please contact the Church office with the names of those graduating from elementary, middle and high schools and from colleges, by this Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**The Salvation Army needs our help!** Canned goods and non-perishable items are needed for the Salvation Army food pantry. Bins for donations are located outside the Church office. Their pantry is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Thank you for your assistance!

**Homebound Meal Ministry** has been postponed and a new date will be announced.

**HAPPY WANDERERS - June 5<sup>th</sup>.** We are leaving the front parking lot of church at promptly 10:00 am - Let's go to the Deltaville Maritime Museum, which preserves the Maritime heritage of the boat building capital of the Chesapeake. Cost of admission is \$5. Set on 36 acres, the Museum features indoor and outdoor exhibits on boat building. We will enjoy lunch after the museum tour. Please let Judy Burner know if you will be able to attend and if you can drive. Hope you can join us!

**Vintage is Back!** We will have a Vintage room at this year's Bazaar, November 14<sup>th</sup>. When you are doing your spring cleaning, please save anything you don't need for the Vintage Room. Your give-away may be someone's treasure! Please put all donations in the closet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

**United Methodist Men** will meet Tuesday, May 26th, 6:30 pm at Nick's. Please join us for a good meal and fellowship.



## BETHANY HAPPENINGS

**Fifth Sunday Event, May 31<sup>st</sup>** – The Bryan Forrest Band from Newport News will be joining us for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday gathering, providing special music during our fellowship lunch. The band is known for their engaging style and love of music, bringing a mix of '60's, '70's and '80's songs in acoustic classic rock style. The band will play immediately following our ONE SERVICE at 10:00 am.

**Please join us (and bring you favorite covered dish)** for the blessing of these talented performers, as well as, delicious food and lighthearted fellowship.



### Gordon Binkerd – A Remembrance

The eminent American composer Gordon Ware Binkerd was born 22 May 1916 on the Ponca Indian Reservation in Lynch, Nebraska. His parents lived in various small towns in the state before moving to South Dakota, settling on the Rose Bud Sioux Indian Reservation at Gregory. Here Gordon finished high school and left home to attend college at South Dakota Wesleyan, already having won distinction at a national competition as one of the five best young pianists in America.

While precocious as a performer, Binkerd matured late as a composer. Though advanced studies began at the Eastman School of Music in 1940, it was not until he entered Harvard College in 1946, following naval service in World War II, that his talent began to ripen. There, as a student of Walter Piston and a classmate of Leonard Bernstein, he refined his compositional technique and gained a solid foundation in music history. Binkerd left Harvard in 1949 to accept an appointment as professor of composition and theory at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Academic duties gave him uninterrupted time for creative work only during the summers, which he spent as artist-in-residence at the MacDowell Colony (Peterborough, NH) and Yaddo (Saratoga Springs, NY). There, throughout the 1950s and 1960s, he composed prolifically for symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, vocal and instrumental soloists, and above all choirs.

In 1971 Binkerd retired from teaching to devote himself exclusively to writing music. During the next quarter century he composed prodigiously, until the onset of Alzheimer's disease in 1996 brought his creative activity to an end. He died on 5 September 2003 at his home in Urbana, IL at age 87. His wife, Patricia Walker of St. Louis, MO, whom he married there in 1942, passed away in 2017 at age 103. — Rudy Shackelford, student and friend

### Bethany UMC Prayer List

#### BETHANY FAMILY

**CANCER/CHEMO:** Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Larry Whitfield  
**GRIEVING:** Families of Jennie Lipscomb, Fred Niethamer, Lee Wood  
**HEALTH ISSUES:** Linda Booth, David Cecil, Dawn Cluts, Billy Davis, Sandy Fox, Estelle Harris, Milton Hudgins, Kathy Jacobs, Paul Kendall, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Peggy Peterman, Ruth Wallace, Gretchen Wood  
**PARKINSON'S:** Mike Andersen, Yvonne White  
**RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:** Mike Andersen, Darlene Bauschatz, Robert Blackwell, Nile Cecil, Jeff Lane, Patsy Morales, Terrie Oliver, Cathy Raines, Cheryl Roane, Bernard Robins,

#### BETHANY FRIENDS

**HEALTH ISSUES:** Peyton Arthur, David Blackburn, Opal Brown, Michelle Burton, Kendall Walthall Caton, Joshua Childers, Charlene Diggs, Wanda Dowell, Bill Edwards, John Gordon, Traci Greene, Mary Elizabeth Hogge, Jordan Hunter, Shirley Lewis, David Morris, Pam Mullins, Rick Nichols, Terrie Oliver, Phillip Presson, Wendy Roundy, Mason Staley, Ricky West, Gerri Wilson, Sue Young  
**GRIEVING:** Families of Larry Jones, David Trottier

#### 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, VA 23235	Pauline Harris, Apt. 130
Walter Reed Convalescent Ctr, 6702 Meredith Dr, PO Box 887, Gloucester 23061	Lavalle Wilson, Rm Botetourt 6

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.

