

**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>	10:00 am	Worship Service
	Following Worship	Covered Dish Luncheon
<b>Monday, June 1</b>	5:30 pm	York River Villas
	6:00 pm	Praise Team
<b>Tuesday, June 2</b>	6:30 pm	JOY Circle
<b>Wednesday, June 3</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, June 4</b>	9:00 am	Bazaar Workshop
<b>Friday, June 5</b>	10:00 am	Happy Wanderers
<b>Sunday, June 7</b>	8:30 am	Informal Worship Service (Communion)
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service (Communion)

### Birthdays

- 5/31 Brandon Bell, Jen Naquin
- 6/2 Connor Brooks, Mike Silberhorn
- 6/3 Miranda Shackelford

### Anniversaries

- 6/4 Kris & Norma Baker, 52



**BETHANY NEWS – May 31, 2026**

*Altar Flowers are given today by Kirk and Patsy Bell in honor of God and our birthday boys, Brandon and John.*

**Christian Sympathy** is extended to the family of Wilford Kale, who recently passed away. Wilford is the son-in-law of Pat Hasty.

**JOY CIRCLE** will meet at 6:30 pm at church for our June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish for the meeting. Dessert will be furnished. Come join the fun!!

**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!

**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! Men are always welcome as well!

If you would like to make pickles for the Bazaar, please contact Donna Lane.

**SECOND TUESDAY MORNING SHUT-IN VISITATION** - We will meet in the Mary Lotsey classroom at 10:00 am on June 9<sup>th</sup> and will be finished by noon. We will go out in groups of two to visit our shut-ins. We will do this monthly on the second Tuesday. We hope you will consider being a part of this group. This is in addition to any visitation you do on your own.

The **Hospitality Committee** would like to thank those who sent food and helped with the Lee Wood and Fred Niethamer funeral receptions. Both families were extremely grateful.

**Pastor's Sunday School** - The new summer session of Pastor's Sunday School starts on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:45-10:40 am in the Fellowship Hall and will run through the summer. The class is open to all who are not currently in a Sunday School class. Participants reflect together on the Sunday sermon and have the chance to share about their week. Please speak to Pastor John for more information.

NOTES ON MUSIC FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Johann Sebastian Bach's *Fugue in E-flat Major* (BWV 552) was first published as the postlude to an extensive collection of hymn settings that constitute a Lutheran "organ mass," As a devout Christian deeply immersed in numerology, Bach crafted a paean to the Holy Trinity whose every musical facet derives from the number THREE. There are three fugues with three subjects - and yet they are ONE, like the three persons of the Godhead. This triune symbolism embraces even the key signature, with its three flats! And so the work has been nicknamed (not by Bach) "*Trinity Fugue*."

However, its other, more familiar sobriquet, "*St. Anne Fugue*", hints at an enigma. The subject of the first fugue, which is later combined with the subjects of the second and third fugues, corresponds note by note to the opening phrase of the hymntune *St. Anne*. (We all recognize its association with the text by Isaac Watts, "O God, our help in ages past.") Although this melody appeared in 1708, over thirty years before the publication of Bach's *Fugue*, it is extremely unlikely that he would have known it. The composer, William Croft (1678-1727), lived in England, where he served as Organist of St, Anne's Church, London. Croft was recently identified as the composer of the anthem, *Out of the Deep*, with words from Psalm 130, which strongly affected John Wesley when he heard it at St. Paul's Cathedral on the afternoon of 24 May 1738. That same Wednesday evening, while attending a Moravian society meeting on Aldersgate Street, Wesley "felt [his] hear strangely warmed" – and the rest is history ...

The "British connection" to Bach's *Fugue in E-flat Major* is fascinating, if fortuitous. Undeniably its architecture is that of a triptych, yet those who prefer to leave aside the Trinitarian interpretation can hear the work as abstract music of the highest order. Because it so profoundly embodies the universal order, Bach's music transcends all doctrines and denominations, as well as, invidious distinctions between the "sacred" and the "secular." In the rhythm of an exuberantly earthy jig the Three-Persons-in-one dance together as Bach's sublime *Fugue* reaches its heavenly consummation. - Rudy Shackelford

<b>Bethany UMC Prayer List</b>	
BETHANY FAMILY	
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Larry Whitfield <b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Jennie Lipscomb, Fred Niethamer, Lee Wood <b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> 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 <b>PARKINSON'S:</b> Mike Andersen, Yvonne White <b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Mike Andersen, Darlene Bauschatz, Robert Blackwell, Nile Cecil, Jeff Lane, Patsy Morales, Terrie Oliver, Cathy Raines, Cheryl Roane, Bernard Robins,	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Opal Brown, Joshua Childers, Jordan Hunter, Shirley Lewis, David Morris, Pam Mullins, Rick Nichols, Terrie Oliver, Richard & Annette Peiffer, Ricky West, Gerri Wilson <b>GRIEVING:</b> 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, 2105 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond, VA 23235	Pauline Harris
Walter Reed Convalescent Ctr, 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.

