

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	2 nd Sunday Breakfast
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
Monday, June 15	6:00 pm	Praise Team
	6:00 pm	New Members Class
Tuesday, June 16	6:00 pm	York River Villas
Wednesday, June 17		Annual Conference Begins
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, June 18	9:00 am	Bazaar Workshop
Friday, June 19		Church Office Closed
Sunday, June 21	8:30 am	Informal Worship Service
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service

Birthdays

- 6/15 Paul Blais
- 6/16 Morgan Cooper
- 6/17 John Wesley
- 6/18 Ken Bunting, Donna Andersen
- 6/19 Rev. Art Wolz
- 6/20 Rob Naquin

Anniversaries

- 6/14 Wiley & Pam Carteret,
- 6/16 Jack & Nina Whitmore, 52
- 6/17 Grady & Gwen Wesson, 54
- 6/18 Billy & Ann Hogge, 43
- 6/18 Sam & Kay Uhler, 60
- 6/18 Tony & Gail Wallace, 49



BETHANY NEWS – June 14, 2026

*Altar Flowers are given today by Nina & Jack Whitmore in celebration of
their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 16th*

Pastor's Sunday School - The new summer session of Pastor's Sunday School begins today, 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.

In anticipation of **Bethany's 140th Anniversary** next year, three volunteers are requested to update the history of Bethany for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025, each volunteer taking one year. We already have volunteers for 2022, 2026, and 2027. Research materials will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Jimmy Mackey in the church office or Don Thomas at hoeforkhall@cox.net. Thanks.

2026 Annual Conference Offering

This year's Annual Conference Offering for Virginia United Methodists will be shared between the MJ Kim Fund for Immigrant Clergy and the Virginia Conference Center for Belonging and Advocacy. Named for the Rev. Myung Johng "MJ" Kim, the first Asian-American pastor to be ordained elder in the Virginia Conference, the MJ Kim Fund will support the unique needs of our Virginia Conference immigrant clergy, especially as they face the challenges of and expenses related to navigating our nation's immigration process.

The Center for Belonging and Advocacy is the newest ministry area of our Conference. Led by the Rev. Lan Davis Wilson, this new ministry area equips our congregations and Conference to develop and deploy resources and strategies to create a true culture of inclusion in Virginia and beyond.

This year's Annual Conference is in Harrisonburg, June 17th – June 20th.

Vacation Bible School, for ages kindergarten through fifth grade, will be held this year on Friday, July 10th, 5:30 – 8:00 pm and Saturday, July 11th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (followed by a Carnival!) Please contact Ellie Fountain or the Church office for registration information.

MUSIC IN VENICE/VENICE IN MUSIC

Our Intrada, Meditation and Offertory today provide a glimpse of the glory that was Venetian music in a bygone age. The glory of Venice herself lies in "the brilliance and strangeness of her history, the wide melancholy lagoon that surrounds her, the convoluted sea-splendour that keeps her, to this day, unique among the cities," writes Jan (James) Morris in *The World of Venice*.

Although founded in 421 A.D., Venice would wait a millennium for the golden age of painting and music that blossomed in the 16th century with Titian and Tintoretto and the Gabriellis. As organists of the great church of St. Mark's, Andrea Gabrieli and his nephew Giovanni composed splendid ceremonial music for multiple choirs of voices and instruments resounding through the vast basilica covered in mosaics. Their successor, Claudio Monteverdi, formed a bridge between the Renaissance and Baroque periods of music history. He was an innovative genius in both the sacred and secular genres - in the *Vespers of the Blessed Virgin* (1610) as well as *The Coronation of Poppea*, composed for the world's first public opera theatre, which opened in Venice in 1637.

Nowadays the most familiar name in Venetian music is Antonio Vivaldi, who composed the ubiquitous *Four Seasons* concertos for violin. Because of his red hair and religious vocation, Vivaldi was nicknamed "the red priest." However, to represent Venetian baroque music we've chosen a less famous composer, Benedetto Marcello, who achieved great renown with his settings of the first fifty Psalms in Italian translation. Our Intrada is an organ transcription of *Psalm 19: "The Heavens Declare."*

By mid-18th century the glory days of Venetian artistic supremacy had dimmed as the mantle of musical creativity passed to the Viennese triumvirate Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. *La Serenissima*, "the most Serene Republic," now became a mecca for artistic pilgrims seeking inspiration from her treasures. Forming a virtual "who's who" of European and American talent, the writers included Goethe, Stendhal, Byron, Dickens, Proust, and Thomas Mann (author of *Death in Venice*); the painters Monet, Renoir, Turner, and Whistler; and composers Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, and Brahms.

Our Meditation and Offertory juxtapose two brief pieces invoking the genre of the *barcarolle*, a vocal or instrumental composition modeled on songs the Venetian gondoliers would sing as they rowed their long, narrow gondolas down the 177 canals of Venice. Felix Mendelssohn, who visited the city in 1830 at age 21, composed three barcarolles, included in *Songs without Words*, but No. 1 remains the favorite. It features lilting rhythms that evoke the lapping water, suffused in a melancholy G-minor tonality with the melody doubled in thirds, perhaps to suggest a love duet. Near the end a solemn bell tolls - the death knell...?

Like Mendelssohn, Peter Tchaikovsky longed to escape the harsh winters of northern Europe with frequent sojourns in Italy, whose climate and culture inspired such masterworks as *Souvenir de Florence*, *Capriccio Italien*, and the "*Romeo and Juliet*" *Fantasy Overture*. Tchaikovsky's tribute to Venice is found among the twelve short piano pieces, one for each month, that comprise *The Seasons*. The entry for June, subtitled *Barcarolle*, begins with a sad, haunting melody that returns after an all-too-fleeting reminiscence of happier times, and ends with a surreal evaporation of sound suggesting bells through the mist. - Rudy Shackelford

Prayer Request – Please pray for Stephen Leed, who has had a recent heart procedure.

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, Bonnie Lewis, Peggy Lewis, Dennis Mitchell, 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, Terrie Oliver, Cathy Raines, Cheryl Roane, Bernard Robins,	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
HEALTH ISSUES: Opal Brown, Joshua Childers, Jordan Hunter, Shirley Lewis, David Morris, Pam Mullins, Rick Nichols, Terrie Oliver, Richard & Annette Peiffer, Ricky West, Gerri Wilson 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
Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Patsy Morales, Rm 118
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.

