

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	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
Monday, June 29	6:00 pm	Praise Team
Wednesday, July 1	4:30 pm	SPPRC
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, July 2	9:00 am	Bazaar Workshop
Friday, July 3		Church Office closed for July 4 th Holiday
Sunday, July 5	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

- 6/28 Krista Chase, Susan Rollins,
Nerine Hickman
6/29 Lavalie Wilson, Haley Tillage,
Deanna Hickman
6/30 Josiah Minor
7/1 Ford Silberhorn
7/2 Rev. Debbie Marion
7/3 Kelly Kale, Camille Walthall

Anniversaries

- 7/2 Tom & Charla Barnard, 60



BETHANY NEWS – June 28, 2026

Altar flowers are given by Laura & Scott Glaze in honor of our 28th wedding anniversary on June 27th; Patrick & Abi's 1st wedding anniversary on June 7th and Shelton & Morgan's engagement on June 13th.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Jack and Nina Whitmore on the passing of Jack's mother, Ruth Whitmore.

Pastor's Sunday School - The new summer session of Pastor's Sunday School has begun 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.

Happy Wanderers – Mark your calendar! The Happy Wanderers will be touring Endview on July 22nd. Endview is an 18th century plantation, including a park and historic home. Lunch will be at Chicken Salad Chick, in Williamsburg, following the tour. Contact Judy Burner if you would like to attend and, also, if you are able to drive.



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.

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

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Star-Spangled Banner did not become our official national anthem until 3 March 1931, when the bill establishing it as such was passed by Congress and signed by President Herbert Hoover. However, its origin dates back to the end of the War of 1812.

On 13 September 1814 Francis Scott Key, a Baltimore lawyer, visited the British fleet in the Chesapeake Bay to secure the release of a Maryland physician who had been captured after the burning of Washington, D.C., less than four weeks earlier. The mission was successful, but Key was detained on ship overnight during the shelling of Fort McHenry, one of the forts defending Baltimore. As dawn broke over Fort McHenry on September 14th, the Stars and Stripes had been lowered, prompting Key's now famous question: "O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave/ O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?" Within days of the American victory, Key's poem was published, helping to unite the nation. It soon attained wide popularity as sung to the tune of a drinking song entitled *To Anacreon in Heaven*. This melody has been attributed to John Stafford Smith, a British organist and composer (1750-1836) who published it in his fifth collection of glees. Whether Smith actually composed it is open to question...

We are certain that our Meditation and Offertory, comprising *Concert Variations on "The Star-Spangled Banner,"* was composed in 1868 by Dudley Buck. A native of Hartford, Connecticut, he studied music at Trinity College there and for several years in Leipzig, Germany, the city of Mendelssohn and Bach. After returning to the United States, Buck held positions as organist at North Congregation Church in Hartford and St. James' Episcopal Church in Chicago, where it is said "he had a poor organ but a good salary."

Prominent both as an educator and entertainer, Dudley Buck gained a reputation as an organ virtuoso with a formidable command of the pedals. Fancy footwork is indeed displayed throughout his famous variations on the National Anthem. When Buck performed it in Chicago, the critic of *The Musical Independent* observed that "it quite awakened the folk from the Sunday-like attention they had bestowed upon the former part of the program"! -Rudy Shackelford



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, 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, Kris Kiley, 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.

