

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, July 20	6:00 pm	Praise Team
Tuesday, July 21	7:00 pm	Administrative Council
Wednesday, July 22	10:00 am	Happy Wanderers
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, July 23	9:00 am	Bazaar Workshop
	10:00 am	Church & Society
Sunday, July 26	8:30 am	Informal Worship Service
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service

Birthdays

- 7/20 Jamie Tilley, Richard Boyette
Sophia Marie Perkins
- 7/22 Bud Carteret
- 7/23 Candy Douglas, Chris Holder
Jeannie Harrell, Bobby Polk
- 7/24 Gerlinde Booth, Kendra Ervin

Anniversaries

- 7/19 Tony & Barbara Holtry, 62
- 7/24 Alex & Laurie Chapin, 16
- 7/25 Nile & Bonnie Cecil, 62



BETHANY NEWS – July 19, 2026

Altar flowers are given today by Tony & Barbara Holtry with thanksgiving
for our 62nd wedding anniversary.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of Sandy Riggins, who passed away on Tuesday
-and-
Scott Andersen who recently passed away in California. Scott is the brother of Abigail Dunston
Woodhouse Walker

August Worship Schedule – For the month of August, there will be one Worship Service at
10:00 am with Sunday Schools at 9:00 am. Nursery will be provided for both. Please feel free to
contact Pastor John or the Church office if you have any questions.

The Hospitality Committee would like to extend our sincere thanks to our church family for your
generous help and support with the funeral reception for Mike Andersen. Your willingness to provide
food, serve our guests, help with clean up and share your time and talents was a blessing.

Happy Wanderers – The Happy Wanderers will be touring Endview this Wednesday, July 22nd.
Endview is an 18th century plantation, including a park and historic home. Admission is free.
Lunch will be at Chicken Salad Chick, in Williamsburg, following the tour. Please contact
Judy Burner if you would like to attend and, also, if you are able to drive.

Helping the Homeless Ministries - This important ministry, supported by Bethany, is in need of
volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. The ministry is, also, in need
of food and water items (a complete list is located on the bulletin board in the main hallway.) The
items can be dropped off at the Helping the Homeless Administrative Office located at 7040 George
Washington Memorial Highway in Gloucester, Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of
11:00 am and 4:00 pm. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Pastor Wendy
Roundy at 804-792-3699.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Tuesday, July 28th, 12:30 pm – 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. To
register for an appointment visit [red cross.org](https://redcross.org).

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who contributed to making this year’s Vacation Bible School such
a wonderful experience!

THOUGHTS ON GEORGE WASHINGTON AND AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

At this juncture in American history, as we pray that our Heavenly Father will grant us unity and peace, it is fitting to pay homage to President George Washington, "the father of our country," for his shining example of dignity, courage, and wisdom.

Washington's pivotal role in the Revolutionary War is depicted in *The Battle of Trenton*, an impressive program sonata composed by British expatriate James Hewitt and published in 1797. The Battle of Trenton, on 26 December 1776, was one of the first decisive victories of the American army under George Washington. Crossing the Delaware River, they surprised a group of German mercenaries in the service of the British, fatigued by their Christmas celebrations. The brief excerpts offered today as our organ Meditation are representative of The Battle of *Trenton*, a complete performance of which was presented, with narra-tion by George Nelson, in the Gloucester 350th Anniversary celebration at Bethany UMC on 18 November 2001.

In 1889 the proprietors of an enterprising newspaper, the Washington Post, asked John Philip Sousa to compose a piece of music to promote an essay contest they were sponsoring. He responded with a march titled simply *The Washington Post*, and it was soon the number one hit tune in both America and Europe! The eponymous newspaper was vaulted into prominence, and Sousa became known as the "March King."

Bethany UMC Prayer List	
BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Larry Whitfield GRIEVING: Families of Jennie Lipscomb, Mike Andersen, Scott Andersen, Fred Niethamer, Sandy Riffin, Lee Wood HEALTH ISSUES: Linda Booth, David Cecil, Dawn Cluts, Billy Davis, Sandy Fox, Estelle Harris, Pat Hasty, Milton Hudgins, Kathy Jacobs, Paul Kendall, Bonnie Lewis, Dennis Mitchell, Peggy Peterman, Ruth Wallace, Gretchen Wood PARKINSON’S: Yvonne White RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Darlene Bauschatz, Robert Blackwell, Nile Cecil, Cathy Raines, Cheryl Roane, Bernard Robins	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
HEALTH ISSUES: Opal Brown, Joshua Childers, Shirley Hudgins, Jordan Hunter, Shirley Lewis, David Morris, Pam Mullins, Rick Nichols, Terrie Oliver, Wendy Roundy,Ricky West, Gerri Wilson	
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.

