

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	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
Monday, August 17	6:00 pm	Praise Team
Wednesday, August 19	7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal
Thursday, August 20	9:00 am	Bazaar
Friday, August 21		Church Office Closed
	10:00 am	Homeland Ministries
Sunday, August 23	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Blessing of the Backpacks)

Looking Ahead – Fifth Sunday, August 30th - After our 10:00 am Worship, our World Famous Potato Bar will be back with all of the trimmings. The cost is \$5.00 per person. After lunch, Toby & Larry will perform with guitars and song. They are a great duo, so mark your calendars so you won't miss the fun!

Birthdays

8/16 B.J. McDaniel

8/19 Rev. Steve Young

8/20 Nancy White, Summer Bayly, Ted Hoover,
K.D. Cooper, Carter Thompson

8/21 Britton Hogge, Alec Daniel, Steve McDade

Anniversaries

8/16 Ken & Ruth Ann Freeman, 51

8/17 Jeff & Donna Lane, 52

8/17 Duane & Julie Bayly, 22

8/17 Mitchell & Barbara Dunston, 68

8/18 Vernon & Sue McDaniel, 36



BETHANY NEWS – August 16, 2026

Our flowers are given today by Donna and Jeff Lane in honor of

our 52nd wedding anniversary.

Open flower date - August 30th.

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.

GUEST - It's time to start signing up to provide lunches for the clients of the GUEST Day Shelter this Fall. Below is the list of weeks - remember that lunch is provided on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for 10-15 people. Lunch needs to be at the day shelter on Moose Drive by 11:30AM - fresh fruit is needed on Tuesdays. The shelter opens at 9:00 AM if you need to drop it off early.

- Weeks of October 11th, 18th and 25th
- Weeks of November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.
- Weeks of December 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

If you are interested in helping, please contact GUEST directly at 804-792-5046



The Administrative Council has approved a \$1,000 gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), International Disaster Response and Recovery. During the month of August, the congregation is asked, also, to make a contribution to UMCOR in support of international disaster relief, like the recent devastating earthquakes in Venezuela. Checks should be payable to Bethany United Methodist, with the designation UMCOR in the memo line. Please feel free to contact the Church office if you have any questions, and thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

The Salvation Army still 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 Ministries – We will be cooking on Friday, August 21st at 9:30 am. Please come help us cook and/or deliver. We would love to have you join us!

Blessing of the Backpacks – Sunday, August 23rd.

THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY - - "GONE FISHING"

Born 216 years ago, 1810, on August 14th, Samuel Sebastian Wesley was the foremost English organist and composer of church music in the mid-19th century. Grandson of Charles Wesley, the prolific hymn writer, and great nephew of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, he inherited a full measure of both the genius and the often difficult temperament which ran in that illustrious family.

His father, Samuel Wesley, was a musical prodigy who composed a sacred opera, *Ruth*, at age eight. Like Felix Mendelssohn in Germany, Samuel Wesley later played a pivotal role in reviving Johann Sebastian Bach's music in England. In a letter of 1808 he called Bach "Saint Sebastian" and characterized his works as "a musical Bible, unrivaled and inimitable."

Small wonder then that Samuel's son bore the middle name Sebastian and followed in his father's footsteps as an organist and composer of anthems in the venerable English choral tradition. He had a vision of the worship service as an art form, amalgamating music, liturgy, architecture, and religious ceremony. Unfortunately, together with his dedication to this cause went a knack of falling out with those in a position of authority -a character trait shared with no less than J.S. Bach himself! His first job, as organist of Hereford Cathedral, ended when Sam eloped with the Dean's sister. Thereafter his career was broken up by a series of restless moves from one post to another: Exeter Cathedral, Leeds Parish Church, Winchester and Gloucester Cathedrals. Once when he failed to appear for a service, a note was found on the organ: "Gone fishing." Yet everywhere his talent was acclaimed: "The greatest organist now living!" wrote one critic after hearing Samuel Sebastian Wesley perform at the 1843 Birmingham Festival.

Today he is remembered chiefly for the immortal hymntune *Aurelia* ("The Church's One Foundation") and a handful of anthems and short organ pieces. Among the latter, his haunting *Larghetto--the* title means "moderately slow" -- deserves more frequent hearings. While at first it seems to express an entirely personal sorrow, this sentiment is elevated to the stature of a universal lament through the influence of Beethoven's nobility and grandeur. - Rudy Shackelford

Bethany UMC Prayer List	
BETHANY FAMILY	
CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Larry Whitfield GRIEVING: Families of Mike Andersen, Scott Andersen, Gary Loveland, Fred Niethamer, Sandy Rigglin, 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, Yvonne White, Art Wolz, Gretchen Wood RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Robert Blackwell, Nile Cecil, Cathy Raines, Cheryl Roane, Bernard Robins	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
HEALTH ISSUES: Opal Brown, Joshua Childers, Jimmy Diggs, Shirley Hudgins, Jordan Hunter, Shirley Lewis, David Morris, Pam Mullins, Rick Nichols, Terrie Oliver, Wendy Roundy, Rupert Thomas, 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.

