

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 – Blessing of the Backpacks
Monday, August 24	6:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday, August 27	9:00 am	Bazaar
	7:00 pm	York River Concert Band Rehearsal
Sunday, August 30	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	Following Worship	Potato Bar and Music



Birthdays

8/23 Jordan Cluts
8/24 Whitney Hodges
8/27 Dawne Sawyer
8/28 David Belvin, Jack Whitmore
8/29 Kristin Poulin, Donna Lane

Anniversaries

8/28 Billy & Wendy Hogge, 50



BETHANY NEWS – August 23, 2026

*Altar flowers are given today in celebration of Wendy and Billy Hogge's
50th wedding anniversary on August 28th, with love from daughter Amy,
son-in-law John and grandsons Brandon and Parker.
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.

Fifth Sunday, August 30th – Next Sunday - 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 you calendars so you won't miss the fun!



CLAUDE DEBUSSY'S "VELVET REVOLUTION" IN MUSIC

"Music is a mysterious mathematical process whose elements are a part of infinity ... Nothing is more musical than a sunset!"

Thus wrote the French composer Claude Debussy, born 164 years ago on 22 August 1862 in St-Germain-en-Laye, just outside of Paris. Although he was a contemporary of the Impressionist painters Monet, Renoir, and Cezanne, Debussy disliked the term "impressionism" as a description of his musical style. He was less drawn to the visual arts than to literature, and some of his most important works were inspired by the French

Symbolist writers. A poem by Mallarme suggested the Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun, with which Debussy launched his "velvet revolution" of orchestral composition in 1894.

Just as the Impressionist painters developed new theories of color and light, so Debussy experimented with "color" and "light" in music. Like the Impressionists and the Symbolists, he tried to capture a fleeting impression or mood, attempted to pin down the exact essence of a thought as economically as possible. "To a Frenchman," Debussy remarked, "nuance and finesse are the daughters of intelligence." Of course, the subtleties of his tonal palette are heard in the groundbreaking masterpieces for orchestra - Nocturnes, Images, and La Mer ("The Sea") - but even more amazingly in the music for piano, a "black and white" medium.

In terms of pure sonority, *The Engulfed Cathedral* is one of the greatest piano pieces ever created. It conjures up the very precise image of the ancient Cathedral of Ys drowned by flood waters, as related in Breton legend. The way that Debussy makes the piano depict cathedral bells sounding through water is magic of the highest order! In our transcription for organ and piano duet, we have attempted to enhance the majesty and mystery of the composer's marvelous vision.

- 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,Gary Loveland, Fred Niethamer, Sandy Riggин, 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 GRIEVING: Family of Peter Hogge	
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.

