

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	8:30 am	Informal Worship
	9:30 am	2 nd Sunday Breakfast
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship
Monday, September 14	2:00 pm	JOY Circle
	6:30 pm	Praise Team
Tuesday, September 15	9:00 am	Active Aging Expo
	7:00 pm	Administrative Council
Wednesday, September 16	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 17	9:00 am	Bazaar Workshop
	10:00 am	Church & Society
Friday, September 18	9:00 am	HMAG
Sunday, September 20	8:30 am	Informal Worship
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship

Birthdays

9/16 Shirley Tinker

9/17 M.E. Thomas, Sue McDaniel

Samantha Hornsby

9/18 Beth Dixon

Anniversaries

9/18 Jason Waters & Traci Andersen, 16

STEWARDSHIP	9/6
General Fund	6605.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	220.00
UMCOR	100.00
ATTENDANCE	9/6
Worship – 8:30 am	25
Worship – 11:00 am	61
Online Worship	237
Total	323

September 13, 2026

8:30 am

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INFORMAL

Worship!

We welcome you to worship today!

* Please stand as you are able.

Invocation

Holy Water

Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Scott Cash
Martin Cash, Andrew Bergthold

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Choi

*Praise

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

John Newton
Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

Prayer

Stewardship Moment

Susannah Hogge

Thanksgiving over Offering

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2: 6-10

Pastor John Choi

Message

“Our Most Significant Relationships”

Pastor John Choi

Praise

Holy Spirit Rain Down

Russell Fragar

*Closing Chorus

I Sing Praises to Your Name (v1)

Terry MacAlmon



BETHANY NEWS

Dear Bethany Friends and Family - Thank you for all the acts of kindness shown to me and my family during Fred’s illness and passing. We are so grateful for all the love and blessings we have received.

- Jane Niethamer

Membership Class - If you have been attending Bethany for a while and would like to learn about becoming members, you are invited to membership classes. We will talk about Methodism’s distinct faith heritage, history and governance among others. Please speak to Pastor John for details.

Pastor’s Sunday School - Sundays at 9:45 am, Mary Lotsey Classroom, Sep. 20th - Dec. 20th (12 weeks). This is a new class for those who are not members of an existing class. Participants will share how their faith life has been on a weekly basis in a supportive and prayerful environment. In addition, there will be a brief recap of a recent sermon and discussion. Class is limited to eight persons. To sign up or learn more, please contact Pastor John at [804-384-3521](tel:804-384-3521) or johnchoi@vaumc.org.

ACTIVE AGING EXPO (rsvp 804-642-2110)

Tuesday, September 15th, 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM - Bethany United Methodist Church

(Please see bulletin board for agenda.)



Happy Wanderers Friday, September 18th – Our September trip will be a tour of Rosewell, one of the most remarkable examples of a building ruin in the United States. The massive mansion was built in 1725 and a fire in 1916 destroyed its interior but much of its brickwork still stands. We will see the craftsmanship that remains and explore the visitor center. We will have lunch in the Courthouse. We will meet at the front parking lot of church at 10:00 am. Please contact Judy Burner if you’re interested in going and if you will be able to drive.

JOY Circle, New Times and Dates — In order to accommodate more members’ schedules and hopefully to increase our membership, we have changed our meetings to the first Monday of each month at 2:00 pm in the Friendship Class. Our next meeting will be at Monday. September 14th (change because of Labor Day). We have monthly programs and monthly mission-focused service projects so hopefully you will consider being a part of this group. Gloucester. Any questions contact any member of the JOY Circle. The program for the **JOY Circle** on Monday, September 14th at 2:00 pm will be Linda Grow, speaking on “Glimpses into the Past of the Ladies at Little England.” All ladies are welcome!

2027 Faith Promise Campaign

The Finance Committee has begun developing **Bethany United Methodist Church’s 2027 budget**. An important part of this process is our **Faith Promise Campaign**, which helps the Finance Committee estimate the financial resources that will be available to support the ministries and operations of our church in the coming year.

Faith Promises are allocated to the **General Fund** and help support the routine operating expenses necessary to provide effective ministry to our congregation and community. These expenses include utilities such as water and electricity, general maintenance, insurance, pastor and staff salaries, advertising, supplies, and other essential operating costs.

As we prepare for 2027, we ask each member and family to prayerfully consider their **General Fund Faith Promise for 2027**. Your commitment provides the Finance Committee with valuable information as we develop a responsible budget and plan for Bethany’s ministries in the year ahead. **The 2027 Faith Promise Campaign will begin on the first Sunday in September and conclude at the end of October.** Thank you for your continued faithfulness, generosity, and commitment to the ministries of Bethany United Methodist Church.

Bethany UMC Finance Committee

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 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, Gretchen Wood	
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: 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, Art Wolz, Vicki Wolz	
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 Street, Mathews 23061	David Cecil, Rm 338
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

