

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
	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	8:00 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



BETHANY NEWS – September 13, 2026

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



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. Much of its brickwork still stands. We will see the craftsmanship that remains and explore

the visitor center. Lunch will be 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. Our program 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!



Youth Group - next gathering is **September 23rd from 5:30–6:30 pm!** Youth

Group will meet on the first and fourth Wednesdays of each month, with a different schedule in November and December. Come grow in faith and friendship through Bible study, games, dinner, and an occasional movie. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Homebound Ministries - We will be cooking for our shut-ins on Tuesday, September 22nd beginning at 9:30 am. Come help with cooking or delivering and enjoy the Fellowship.

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**

ACTIVE AGING EXPO (rsvp 804-642-2110)

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

9:00 - 9:30 AM	Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibitor Displays
9:40 - 10:15 AM	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: "The Era of Treatment: Update 011 Alzheimer's and Dementia Research" presented by Katie McDonough, MSW, LCSW, VP of Programs, Virginia - Alzheimer's Association
10:15 - 10:35AM	"Taking Care of Your Parents as They Age" presented by Michelle Garrett, Chief Growth Officer, Garrett Realty Partners
11 :00 - 11 :20 AM	"Make a Meaningful Difference: Volunteering with Bay Aging's RSVP" presented by Hyena Rose, Interim RSVP Dir. & Sr. Employment Administrator \$ Steve McClure, RSVP Asst. Dir., Bay Aging
11 :20 AM - 12:00 PM	"Personal Safety for Seniors" presented by Master Deputy Adams, Crime Prevention Specialist, Gloucester Sheriff's Department

EXHIBITORS: Bay Aging, Dominion Energy, Garrett Realty Partners, Gloucester County Sheriff’s Office, PAA Veteran Transportation Program, SCC: Bureau of Financial Institutions and Division of Securities & Retail Franchising, Upgrade Remodeling, Virginia Health Services, Virginia Senior Medicare Patrol, Warwick Forest

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Sue Leed, who is recovering from a medical emergency.
- Please pray for Vicki Wolz, who is hospitalized following a stroke.

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 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, 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	
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.

