

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	8:30 am	Informal Worship
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship
Monday, September 21	10:30 am	Five Rivers Woman’s Club
	6:30 pm	Praise Team
Tuesday, September 22	9:30 am	Homebound Ministries
Wednesday, September 23	5:30 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 24	9:00 am	Bazaar Workshop
Friday, September 25	9:00 am	HMAG
Sunday, September 27	8:30 am	Informal Worship
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship

Birthdays

- 9/21 Randy Campbell, Ed Schultz
- 9/22 Glen Kaylor, Frances Woods
- 9/23 Christian Martin
- 9/24 Ron Ervi
- 9/25 Lindsay Hodges, Robin Hasty

Anniversaries

- 9/24 Tony & Susan Conry, 38
- 9/26 Robert & Samantha Hornsby, 11

STEWARDSHIP	9/13
General Fund	3542.00
Capital Improvement Fund	150
ATTENDANCE	9/13
Worship – 8:30 am	31
Worship – 11:00 am	48
Online Worship	113
Total	192

September 20, 2026

8:30 am



BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



We welcome you to worship today!

* Please stand as you are able.

Invocation	Open Up the Heavens	MacDonald, Ingram Andrews, Garrard, Rozier
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor John Choi
*Praise	Holy Water	Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Scott Cash Martin Cash, Andrew Berghthold
Prayer		
Stewardship Moment		Susannah Hogge
Thanksgiving over Offering		
Scripture Readings	Leviticus 19: 9-18 John 13: 34-35	Pastor John Choi
Message	“The Old and the New Commandments”	Pastor John Choi
Praise	Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)	John Newton Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio
*Closing Chorus	I Sing Praises to Your Name (v1)	Terry MacAlmon

BETHANY NEWS

Altar Flowers are given today by Loreen Paiva in honor of Ron Ervi's birthday.
The red rose on the altar is given by the JOY Circle in celebration of the birth of
Brooks Hayes Neikirk, born September 16th at 2:07 pm to Jordan & Will Neikirk.
Grandparents Betty & Chip and Aunt Kate Neikirk are very blessed!

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.



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

Come grow in faith and friendship through Bible study, games, dinner, and an occasional movie. Bring a friend and join the fun!

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**

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

United Methodist Men – Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 29th, 6:30 pm at Nick's. Our speaker will be our very own Loreen Paiva representing the National Alliance on Mental Illness Mid Tidewater.

JOY Circle – Our speaker on October 5th, 2:00 pm, will be Wendy Roundy, CEO of Helping the Homeless Ministries. Wendy will be talking about her experiences and how we can support the ministry. Our service project for October will be focused on this ministry. We are asking the congregation to donate large cans of vegetables that will be used for preparing meals for the food bus. Monetary donations may be also given to Judy Burner of Gwen Wesson. Thank you for helping those in need.

The **Mission Committee** would like to thank the congregation for going the extra mile in giving \$1,200 to UMCOR, International Disaster Response and Recovery during the month of August in response to the recent devastating earthquake in Venezuela.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Vicki Wolz as she recovers at Riverside Rehabilitation in Yorktown.
- Please pray for Jane Niethamer as she recovers from a knee operation.

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, 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, Josh Morris, Peggy Peterman, Ruth Wallace, Yvonne White, Gretchen Wood	
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Nile Cecil, Cathy Raines, Cheryl Roane, Bernard Robins	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
HEALTH ISSUES: Jimmy Belvin, Opal Brown, Joshua Childers, Jimmy Diggs, Shirley Hudgins, Jordan Hunter, Shirley Lewis, David Morris, Pam Mullins, Rick Nichols, Terrie Oliver, Kendall Pratt, Wendy Roundy, Rupert Thomas, Ricky West, Gerri Wilson, Art Wolz, Vicki Wolz	
GRIEVING: Families of Jan Maynard Gray, Peter Hogge, Thomas Hogge, Sr.	
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

