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 & Communion
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship & Communion
Monday, November 16	6:00 pm	Praise Team
Tuesday, November 17	7:00 pm	Administrative Council
Wednesday, November 18	10:00 am	Sanctuary Cleaning
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 19	9:00 am	Small Ensemble Rehearsal
Friday, November 20	6:00 pm	HMAG
Saturday, November 21	4:00 pm	HMAG Fall Concert
Sunday, November 22	8:30 am	Informal Worship
	9:30 am	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship
	6:00 om	York River Concert Band Christmas Concert

Birthdays

11/16 Robert Orth
11/17 Kris Kent, Levi Cluts
11/18 June West
11/19 Johnathan Wood
11/20 Ruth Wallace, Madison Hogge
11/21 Gretchen Wood

Anniversaries

11/16 Bill & Diane Pruitt, 58

BETHANY NEWS – November 15, 2026

Thank You - Vicki and I are so grateful for your prayers, visits, food, and gifts. The ramp is beautiful, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your kindness is truly displayed in your ministry. We hope to be back with you all as soon as we can get around better, and you are all welcome to come by our home for a visit. You truly demonstrate what Jesus taught us about being kind and assisting one another. As St. James reminds us, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only."
With heartfelt thanks,
Art Wolz

Faith Promise Campaign – There is still time! If you haven't, yet, pledged for 2027, please leave your Faith Promise Card in the offering plate or drop off at the Church Office. Thank you.

Altar Guild – The Altar Guild is in need of volunteers as part of teams (for one month, twice per year), that set up for Communion (once per month), change paraments as needed and keep a keen eye on the sanctuary to be certain it looks its best at all times. If you are interested in helping, please contact Betty Durrette at 757-771-7437. Thank you.

Once again, the **JOY Circle** will sponsor the **Christmas Market** as a community outreach project. This year we will be at Commonwealth Senior Living - Gloucester House, where 3 Bethany friends reside. We ask that the congregation help us with small gift items that the residents select for their family members and/or themselves. Popular items include shower steamers, colognes for men or women, jewelry, large piece puzzles, body sprays, notepads, boxed greeting cards, liquid hand soaps, boxes of sturdy tissues, socks, comb and brush sets. A box will be provided at the back door beginning Sunday, November 1st for your donations. The Christmas Market will be held on Monday, December 7th at 2:00 pm for anyone that may want to join us for an afternoon blessing!

Senior High Students – Your Sunday School class is reactivated! Please join us at 9:45 am each Sunday in the Senior High Class!

George Nelson Concert Series – If you are interested in serving on the GNCS Committee, please contact Rudy Shackelford, Sandy Fox or Ann Byrd. We meet about once a month.

Homebound Ministries will be meeting Monday, November 23rd at 9:30 am. Come and help us cook or deliver meals to our shut ins.

HELP SHINE AND DECORATE THE SANTUARY!

- SHINE – November 18th, 9:00 am
  - Dust and polish the pews, give everything a good dusting for the upcoming holidays and install batteries in our candles for the Christmas Eve service. (Afterwards, we'll go to Eggheads for lunch!)
- DECORATE – November 28th, 10:00 am
  - Chrismon tree decorations, window and door wreaths, choir loft garlands and Advent candles.

We need your help! Please call Betty Durrette, 757-771-7437 with any questions.

Anticipating Advent

Our instrumental music today anticipates Advent, beginning on November 29th, awaiting the coming of Christ. Since this season of expectancy re- quires us to stay awake, there could be no more appropriate music than the hymn *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* (UMH 720). The stirring tune was composed by Hans Sachs, the 16th-century shoemaker and singer made famous by Richard Wagner's 1867 comic opera *Die Meistersinger van Nürnburg.* The text, written around 1599 by the German poet and theologian Philipp Nicolai, deals first with the parable of the wise and foolish virgins *(Matthew* 25: 1-13), then turns to a description of heavenly Zion *(Isaiah* 52: 8).

In 1731 Johann Sebastian Bach composed an Advent cantata based on this hymn, *Waahet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* in the original German. He then extracted the brief chorale prelude for organ which we present as today's Voluntary in the piano transcription by Ferruccio Busoni. In this celebrated piece, Bach has written mystical wedding music of a truly bridal intimacy. ''Zion," symbolized by the chorale, "hears the watchman singing," whose love mel0-dy sometimes sounds nearer, sometimes farther away, like an echo.

Our Offertory is a fugue based on *Waahet auf...* (or *Wake, Awake...)* composed by Hugo Distler, one of the brightest lights in German evangelical church music during the first half of the 20th century. Distler was deeply involved in synthesizing ancient forms of liturgical music and organ building ideals with modern conceptions of tonality, rhythm, and thematic development into a style which was not "art for art's sake," but art in the service of the Protestant church.

Tragically, Hugo Distler's mission and his brilliant potential remained unfulfilled, for on 1 November 1942 (All Saints Day) he committed suicide. Anxiety over being forced to serve in Hitler's army the Nazi party's war against the church, and frustration resulting from insufficient time for creative activity may have contributed to Distler's untimely demise. But he will always be remembered for a handful of organ1and choral master- pieces whose musical integrity and spiritual depth transcend their time. - Rudy Shackelford

Bethany UMC Prayer List

BETHANY FAMILY

CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Sue Leed, Larry Whitfield
GRIEVING: Families of David Cecil, Nile Cecil, Gary Loveland, Marie Reynolds, Sandy Riggin, Lee Wood
HEALTH ISSUES: Linda Booth, Dawn Cluts, Billy Davis, Sandy Fox, Estelle Harris, Pat Hasty, Barb Holtry, Milton Hudgins, Kathy Jacobs, Paul Kendall, Kris Kiley, Bonnie Lewis, Dennis Mitchell, Josh Morris, Peggy Peterman, Ruth Wallace, Yvonne White, Gretchen Wood
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Connor Brooks

BETHANY FRIENDS

HEALTH ISSUES: Jimmy Belvin, David Berry, Donald Berry, Opal Brown, Joshua Childers, Jimmy Diggs, Marcia Haywood, Shirley Hudgins, Jordan Hunter, Shirley Lewis, Alex Martin, Earlene Miller, David Morris, Pam Mullins, Terrie Oliver, Kendall Pratt, Wendy Roundy Jeff Sutken, Rupert Thomas, Ricky West, Gerri Wilson, Art Wolz, Vicki Wolz
GRIEVING: Families of 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
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.