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	Celebration & Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship
Monday, November 23	9:30 am	Homebound Ministries
	6:00 pm	Praise Team
Tuesday, November 24	6:30 pm	United Methodist Men
Wednesday, November 25	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 26		Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday, November 27		Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Saturday, November 28	10:00 am	Chrismon Tree and Sanctuary Decorating
Sunday, November 29	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	5th Sunday Worship Service
	11:00 am	Covered Dish Luncheon

Birthdays

11/23 Betty Durrette
11/24 Bain Schultz
11/28 Jill Daniel
11/29 Jackie Hampton

Anniversaries

11/22 Chris & Clare Hall, 22
11/25 Aaron & Nancy Wilburn, 55

Open Flower Dates – December 13th and 27th.

BETHANY NEWS – November 22, 2026

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!

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

Help Decorate the Sanctuary! November 28th at 10:00 am. We need your help to decorate the Chrismon Tree, windows and doors and choir loft. Please call Betty Durrette, 757-771-7437 with any questions.

United Methodist Men – Tuesday, November 24th, 6:30 pm at Nick's. Our own Ellie Fountain and her mother, Kristie Askew, will be speaking about LIFT Mathews, a collaborative ministry of UMC Churches that manages events for children and youth in Mathews. Please join us for good food, fellowship and an interesting evening.



REVERSE ADVENT BAGS

Again, this year, we will be filling Reverse Advent Bags for those in need. Treat it as a traditional Advent calendar except that an item is added each day until Christmas, instead of the usual receiving of a treat each day. Items should include non-perishable food and pantry items, paper products, household cleaning and personal hygiene items. Bags will be available beginning November 22nd. Please begin filling your bags on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th and return bags by Sunday, December 27th when bags will be dedicated at the worship service that day. Items will be divided between the Salvation Army, GUEST, Union Baptist Food Pantry, Bread for Life and GHS Care Closet.

Together we can make a difference in the name of Christ.



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, Bonnie Cecil	
BETHANY FRIENDS	
HEALTH ISSUES: 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.

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR ST. CECILIA'S DAY

November 22nd is the traditional feast day of St, Cecilia, the patron saint of music, who has often been portrayed playing the organ. In her honor today our Voluntary will be my transcription for organ-piano duet of the final movement from the *String Quartet No. 16,* Opus 135, by Ludwig van Beethoven.
Subtitled "The Difficult Decision," this movement poses an existential question -*Muss es sein?* (Must it be?) -- and immediately answers *Es muss sein!* (It. must be!). While the question is musically dark and premonitory, Beethoven's answer flips the motif and the mood, expressing acceptance of the inevitable with childlike joy and the serene wisdom of maturity. Hence, we have the consummate balance and resolution which only the very greatest artists achieve at the end of their journey. -Rudy Shackelford