

Bethany United Methodist Church

Planning Day

On June 4, beginning at 8:30 am, you are invited to come to an opening worship and planning day for our church. The event will be held at the Gloucester Point Beach at the picnic shelter. All members of the Administrative Board are asked to attend this morning session as well as any church member who has an interest. I will be leading a teaching session entitled, "The Seven Historical Images of the Christian Church." We will also explore the meaning of the sacraments. In addition, we plan to explore our current mission statement and have a mini-session on the preparation of our budget for charge conference.

The Church Picnic and lunch will follow and will begin at 12:30 PM. Please make the effort to attend this vital day.

Pastor Art

Counting Teams Schedule

June 5 Sid Dixon, Ann Hogge,
Ann LeMay

June 12 Jackie Hampton, Jane
Niethamer, Charlotte Cecil

June 19 Mike Andersen, Merle
Luther, Doris Luther

June 26 Clyde Burton, Peggy Bur-
ton, Mary Kaylor

Liturgist

June 5 8:30 David Chapin
11:00 Vicki Wolz

June 12 Jane Niethamer

June 19 Loretta Leigh

June 26 Bethany Youth

Bethany's Training Day and Picnic

Saturday, June 4, 2011

8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P. M.



Gathering at Gloucester Point Beach Pavilion –
8:30-9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Worship – 9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Break – 9:15 – 9:30 a.m.

Session I: *Seven Classical Marks of a Church* –
9:30-10:15 a.m.

Break 10:15-10:30 a.m.

Session II: *Our Mission and Vision for Bethany* –
10:30-11:20 a.m.

Break – 11:20-11:30 a.m.

Session III: *The Joy of Good Financial Planning*

11:30 a. m. - 12:15 p.m.

Picnic at 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Church Picnic

Saturday, June 4th at 12:30 (we will eat at 1:00) at
the Gloucester Point Beach Picnic shelter. Fried
Chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring
a side dish or dessert to share. If you have any



questions, please contact Steve and Dawn McDade at 693-7920.

Walk to Emmaus

Have you been on a Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis Flight or Cursillo? Join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 for our Bethany Reunion Group. We meet on the first three Thursdays of the month. We are brothers and sisters in Christ who meet weekly to talk about our week and see how our spiritual journey is going.

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community Picnic Camp Piankatank

Tours of our new retreat site will be conducted every hour beginning at 1:00 p.m. Potluck Picnic to begin at 4:00pm. Please bring food enough to share. Swimming will be available, so bring your

family. Also, bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Wear your cross, nametag or bright colors! This is an exciting time in the life of our Emmaus Community!

Children's Library

Parents don't forget that our children have their own library!~ It is filled with good Christian stories waiting to go home with your children. We ask that you limit each child to two books per visit. Don't forget to return the books when you are finished reading them!



Gloucester Point Library

The Gloucester Point Library is moving to the York River Crossing Shopping Center later this year. As with any new facility, there is a need to raise funds for additional furnishings and equipment. The goal is to raise \$85,000 for the new furnishings. Donations can be mailed to The Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 2380, Gloucester, VA 23061

Church and Society Committee

Environmental Tip # 19



In recent years there has been a dramatic increase in the number of children with severe asthma, specific allergies, and the many forms of autism. In the case of autism, many parents have refused to have their children immunized for fear that the vaccines might be a causative factor. Numerous scientific studies have found this concern to be baseless. Many scientists do think that increased toxins in our air *could* be a factor in these increases. There are many laws and regulations involving the release of toxins into our air by industries under the Clean Air Act. However these only pertain to outside air. It is much more difficult to measure or regulate

the quality of indoor air except in certain work environments. In the home it is our responsibility. From home to home the number and concentrations of toxins can vary enormously based on ventilation, heating and cooling, and products used. Volatile Organic Compounds, VOCs, are compounds in products that can easily escape into the air to be inhaled or absorbed through the skin. If you can smell a product like a lemon or a shower curtain it is releasing VOCs. Many of these compounds are natural and harmless while others are man-made and may be harmful in high concentrations. The harmful ones can come from anything petroleum based or chemically produced like vinyl carpeting, shower curtains, certain bedding materials, adhesives used to install tile or carpets, synthetic fragrances like those in air fresheners, dryer sheets and detergents, soil retardant used on upholstery, and the list goes on and on. Infants and small children are more sensitive to these things than adults and if crawling around on synthetics the friction releases more VOCs. So what can you do? Use natural fibers like cotton for child bedding, put down a cotton blanket if putting an infant on the new carpet, increase the circulation of outside air in the house. You can use detergent and dryer sheets that are free of perfumes and dyes, make sure pillows and other products are hypoallergenic and dermatologist tested. If you suspect allergies use a hepa-filter vacuum or air filter. For more information, look up VOCs in Wikipedia or on the internet. You will find health risks and other useful facts.



Bethany Graduates

*Bridget Polk
Daughter of
William and Theresa Polk*

*Ashleigh Polk
Daughter of
Bobby and Laura Polk*

*Michelle Taylor
Daughter of Ricky Taylor
and the late Nancy Taylor*

*Emily White
Daughter of
Jay and Diane White*

*Austin White
Son of
Jay and Diane White*

*Xzavier Darden
Son of
Jerry and Ramona Campbell*

*David Campbell
Son of
David and Denise Campbell*

*Levi Cluts
Son of Staley Cluts*

*Josh Hasty
Son of Blair and Lisa Hasty*

*Jason Leigh
Son of Jim Leigh and Lori Leigh*

*Aaron Harrison
Son of
Michael and Polly Harrison*

*Matyas Nielsen
Son of
Lori Andersen*

*Alex Georgiou
Son of
George and Kristee Georgiou*

*Elizabeth Drake
Daughter of
David and Patty Drake*

*Kristen Sawyer
Daughter of
Tom and Dawne Sawyer*
Biology degree with a minor in
Equine Studies from Bridgewater
College, Bridgewater, VA

*Stephen Jordan
Son of Betty Jordan
and the Late Raymond Jordan*

A BS in Sociology from Virginia
Polytechnic Institute and State
University



HELPING HANDS MISSION CAMP JULY 17-JULY 22nd

Deadline for application is
June 12th

Cost: \$40.00 per youth (Church
will fund the remaining amount)

See Sondra Colbert or Dawn Cluts
for application or more info!

Rappahannock District Youth Choir

Mark your calendar now for a most enjoyable evening of music, dance and visuals.



RDYC will be in concert at Bethany Church July 6, 7:30 p.m.

This is not just a choir singing a program of sacred music. They are UM Youth from the Rappahannock District engaging in hands on mission work and then sharing the importance of mission in our lives as Christians.

We are looking for families to house two or more youth following the concert on July 6th. They would need a place to sleep and shower and then served breakfast and provided with transportation back to the church on July 7th. Please contact Sondra Colbert 642-0467 or Dawn Cluts 684-5340 if you are interested in housing these wonderful young people!

Rada Knife Order

June is wedding and graduation month. Think about ordering your gift from Rada. To see a catalog or place an order, contact Janet Chapin 642-6822. Order deadline is June 6th.

This is a fund raiser for the JOY Circle.

Come and Celebrate Be a part of the Birthday for Pastor Art

On Sunday, June 12, we ask you to “fill the pews” with yourself and your family to worship either at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. Following the 11:00 service, you are invited to join everyone in the fellowship hall for a “salad” luncheon to honor Pastor Art’s 60th birthday. Surprises are planned for him although this isn’t a surprise party. Fun for all ages is guaranteed! Bring a type of salad to share—birthday cake and beverages will be provided. If you’ve never celebrated with Pastor Art on his



birthday, you will definitely want to be with us! (His birthday is really June 19 but we know he likes to enjoy his day for awhile, so join us on June 12th).

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There is a fountain of youth: It is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of the people you love.

When you learn to tap this source, you will have truly defeated age.

-Sophia Loren

Single Again

The next Single Again meeting will be June 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the church. We will be treated to a cookout hosted by Pastor Art and Vicki. Call Linda Hall with any questions.

R E M I N D E R !

Bethany Banner will be combined for the months of July and August. Remember to think ahead and get your info in for these two months by the 15th of June.



Notes of Appreciation

Peggy and I want to express our thanks and gratitude to the members of Bethany for their prayers, support and concern during my recent cancer treatment in Florida. Your prayers, cards, and e-mails meant so much! I am now doing fine and am back in Virginia and North Carolina. - Ted Pterman

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To all who have been there for us during this most trying time in the death of our son, brother and uncle Larry Andrew Johnson, Jr., we would like to thank you for your warm expressions of sympathy, support, and compassion.

You will never know what this has meant to our family.

For all who have sent flowers, food and donations in his memory, we say, thank you.

The family would also like to express our sincere thanks to Pastor Art and Vicki for all the love and support they provided. This sustained us emotionally and spiritually and will always be dear to our hearts.

To all, thank you for your support and keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. This has endured us.

With love, The family of Larry Andrew Johnson, Jr.

“Love all whom you hold dear. Precious is the time you share. Do not wait for tomorrow. For tomorrow may not be...”

MYF Scheduled Dates



June 5 Jr. & Sr. MYF will meet following the 11 o'clock service to plan for Youth Sunday. Please bring a bag lunch.

June 12 Pastor Art’s Birthday Celebration—MYF will not meet due to this exciting event.

June 19 YOUTH will conduct both the 8:30 and 11:00 o'clock worship services. Everyone is asked to be at church **by 8:00 a.m.** MYF will not meet due to Father’s Day.



June 26 Vacation Bible School ice Cream Social following the 11:00 am service MYF will not meet due to his event.

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The Bethany Banner

June, 2011



Grab a vine, brave the rapids, and prepare for a **BIG JUNGLE ADVENTURE!** Preschool through rising fifth grade kids (and volunteers!) won't want to miss a minute of this amazing week of Vacation Bible School at Bethany! We'll be going wild for Jesus! Be a part of it all **June 20th through the 24th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.** We'll all share in interactive and engaging activities and kids will learn about Jesus' amazing love! With such characters as Bobo the Gorilla and Humphrey the Hippo, kids will experience Bible stories like the "Rockin' Red Sea Rescue" from the book of Exodus and the "Mighty Mountain Mission" from the book of Matthew. Participants will be able to visit Bobo's Banana Hut for yummy snacks like fruit filled Bagel Baskets, take part in making some cool crafts and play some exciting "Go-Wild" games! And as for our yearly Vacation Bible School Mission project, we're asking kids to bring in their change for the "Nothing But Nets" campaign to fight malaria. Did you know that malaria is preventable? Every \$10 we collect buys an insecticide-treated net. This gets draped over the beds of families in Africa so they will be protected

from the mosquitoes while they sleep. Kids will learn how they're help can reach across the globe to help others! Pretty awesome, huh? It is my hope that with an energetic and compassionate team of Leaders; the whole experience will leave children full of God's love! Registration forms, supply cards and more are available on the bulletin board near the Warren Belvin fellowship Hall so come check it out!!



We're due to have an awesome week so come with us and step into the jungle. . . it's time for your journey to begin!

VBS Director and Christ's Servant,

Kris Kent



Pastor's Message

What a glorious day we celebrated as our church acknowledged the graduates during the May 15th worship service. We applaud their accomplishments. Vicki and I wish all the graduates much success and happiness in their new adventures. We know God will bless them and be with them every step of the way.



Springtime is all around us, and we see nature at her loveliest. The buds and blossoms open upon the warmth of the sun, and it is a time for all Christians to be thankful for what God has done in His only Son, Jesus Christ. God has enriched our lives and is constantly with us in the presence of the Holy Spirit. We need to always keep our eyes open for the gifts of God's Spirit and be ready for the coming of God's Holy Spirit.

On June 12th, we will celebrate Pentecost, which is the Greek name for the Jewish harvest festival of "Shavuoth," which means fifty. Pentecost Sunday, which marks the end of the Easter season in the Christian calendar, celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

Pentecost occurs fifty days after the Jewish Passover and for Christians, it is fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. When the first followers of Jesus were in Jerusalem celebrating this Jewish festival, the descent of the Holy Spirit came upon everyone. There were tongues of fire on people's heads and although everyone spoke a different language, unity and understanding was the order of the day. On that day about 3,000 believed Peter's message to turn back to God and these people were baptized. They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together. (Acts 2:41-42)

Pentecost was a unifying event in which God's Holy Spirit was given to all who believed. We need to continue to be in unity and prayer for each other as we follow God's will for Bethany.

I encourage you to pray with me and ask for God's direction in our lives. May we be ready to receive whatever God wishes us to experience. "In the last days, I will give my Spirit to everyone. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams" (Acts 2:17).

With the descent of the Holy Spirit, the earliest Christian Church was born. Thanks be to God that we can be born again by the power of the Holy Spirit. Red is the color for Pentecost – let's all wear red to church on June 12th. See you in God's House.

Shalom, Pastor Art

PS: Thanks to everyone who supported the Soul Café evening. We look forward to future worship times together this fall.

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Monday Evening Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets every Monday in the Faith Classroom from 7-8:30 p.m.

The Men's Bible Study meets every Monday in the Journey Classroom from 7-8:30 pm

We invite you to join us in our study of God's Word. There is always room at the table!

We will not meet on July 4th!



Adult Sunday School Coming Together

June 12

Taught By Pastor Art

We are asking the adult Sunday School classes to combine and meet in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 12. The fellowship hall will be needed for Pastor Art's birthday luncheon in which we hope all of you will participate. Pastor Art will teach the adults and we know you will want to be present. Thank you for understanding and for your cooperation.



BETHANY'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY GRADUATION

Please Share in recognizing the graduating fifth grade class as we honor them and their dedication to Christ during the 11:00 am Worship Service on Sunday, June 12th. All rising sixth graders will officially leave Bethany's Children's Ministry program. And enter the Youth Ministry Program.

Please contact Kris Kent, Sondra Colbert or Dawn Cluts if more information is needed.