

Bethany United Methodist Church

“God Needs You”

College football is exciting to watch this time of the year! Any given Saturday there can be a major change in the rankings. Oh yes, the Redskins are off to a great start and my Saints need to get back into the game.

But I do remember the wonderful Super Bowl when the Saints came marching in. Go teams go! We shall see how it all pans out at the end of the year. Who knows - maybe the orange and maroon colors would look great on everyone if the Hokies could win it all.

So why are we here at Bethany in this time of our lives? In Pastor Rick Warren's book, The Purpose-Driven Life, he stressed the fact that we are created for a purpose. I believe each person is a gift from the Almighty Creator and we have meaning. We are to live for Christ and enjoy God forever. We are at the crossroads wondering whether we are going to live for Christ or just exist. The Bible or our play-book informs us that we truly live when we invite Jesus Christ into our lives. Then when you live for Christ, things really begin to change. We will still have challenges and situations, but aren't you glad God is our coach in the game of life. As Max Lucado exclaims, "God Is for You." God knows who you are and has chosen you to do great things. The Almighty God says, "I will never forget you" (Isa. 49:15). Friends of Bethany, Vicki and I never forget you and what you do for God's Kingdom. We are blessed to be with you at this time in our ministry.

October is the month of transition; not only for the season and college football and fall, but also for the people of God to really start living. Remember you have been chosen and we respond to God each day by worshipping God. You alone, God, are worthy of our praise and worship. May the season of fall become a time for each of us to learn to enjoy God and glorify Him forever. I look forward to seeing you in worship as we grow in our spiritual journey. Let me know how your college team winds up this season.

Live Alive,
Pastor Art

LACY PROGRAM

Lacy
Angel
Children and
Youth



This program is designed to bring adults, children and youth together to give the opportunity for a strong bond to be formed between these groups in prayer for the children and youth. Each adult (1 per family) is asked to take a name from a basket on **Sunday, October 9 (Children's Sabbath)** and contact that child/youth to let the individual know you have selected their name. If you are unable to attend worship on October 2nd, come by the church and you can select a name. Take the initiative to find out who they are if you don't already know them. Be their prayer partner throughout the year. If it is a child, talk to their parents to find out any specific need they may have, etc. If you have an older child or youth, get in touch with them and let them know you care about them and want to pray for them and be there as a special friend. Remember their birthday. Send them cards occasionally. Keep in touch throughout the year, and you'll be amazed at the blessings God will have in store for you and your new friend. If you have anything you like to share or have any questions, please talk to Pastor Art.



Second Tuesday Morning Visitation October 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Come and join us as we go out in groups of two to visit our shut-ins.

Homebound Ministries

We'll be cooking for our shut-ins on Thursday, November 3. Join us in the kitchen to help cook at 9:30 a.m. We also need people to help us deliver the meals.

Happy Wanderers - Looking Ahead



Our November Happy Wanderers' outing will be November 10. We'll be traveling to Virginia Beach to the English Rose Tea Room (Vicki Wolz's favorite) and the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk. Mark your calendar now and more information will come later.

“Single Again”

*Our next “Single Again” group will be held on October 20 at 5:30 PM.
This will be a covered dish meal!*

This is open to any interested person who has found their self suddenly single and wanting to meet and fellowship with others like themselves.

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Keep in Touch With Our Military



The Church and Society Committee wishes to recognize all of our active military people in November. We need to know all names, addresses or APO addresses, any relatives or members are needed. Please leave in church office, and we will pick them up. Information on their service in other countries would also be appreciated. - Thanks, Carol Schultz

Bazaar Organizational Meeting

As Christians, we are expected to be Christ's hands and feet. We strive to do what Jesus would do while we are here on earth. Next year, 2012, is another Bethany Bazaar year. This is a year long project which requires many, many hands and feet to accomplish it and there are many opportunities to help. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time, talents, and ideas. You are needed to make the bazaar a success. We have scheduled an organizational meeting on Thursday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m. We would love you to come and share your ideas with us. For any additional information, please contact Jeannie Harrell, 642-2498, or Janet Chapin, 642-6822.

BETHANY CHARGE CONFERENCE

Bethany UMC and Bellamy UMC will come together on October 25 at 7:00 PM for their Annual Charge Conference. The meeting will take place at Bellamy UMC—Chestnut Fork Road, Gloucester, VA

It is not too early to begin preparing your report that will be given that evening. —UMM, UMW, Children, Youth, Stephen Ministry, Lay Speaking, etc.



If you are in question as to whether you need prepare a report call the church office. You can rest assured we will call you if we do not hear from you. Thank you for your assistance in making this the best conference ever

Church and Society Committee Environmental Tip # 20

We were fortunate to have weathered Hurricane Irene with minor problems compared to the damage it caused to the northeast. However it still resulted in tree damage, rough surf, and tidal flooding in some areas of the county. Most of us have completed the needed post storm clean-up and it is a good time to take a look at our marshes. Our marshes are our first line of defense against these storms. They not only provide habitat and food for wildlife, they also act as a buffer against the erosion caused by wave action and filter the run off from rain and coastal flooding. Fall will bring cooler weather and an opportunity to remove some of the debris that ended up in the marsh. Branches and tree limbs that floated out into the marsh grass will collect other debris and grasses, impeding the new growth if not removed. If you lost trees or shrubs and plan to replace them, try to plant or trim them so they don't shade the marsh grass. The roots of trees and bushes will help hold the soil if they aren't so tall that they get pushed over and loosen the soil in high winds. If your property experienced erosion, you may have lost marsh grass and might need to replenish it. We live in a community that has excellent resources. There is a great deal of expert help available to the homeowner right at VIMS www.vims.edu. If erosion is a major problem VIMS has brochures describing different ways to protect property and should be able to direct you to the right agency to evaluate the problem. In Gloucester County all of us need to remember that any hazardous material that is not disposed of properly may end up in our creeks, rivers and bays and that our local economy will benefit from efforts to protect and clean our waters.

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## Dear Bethany Members and Friends



Mere words could never express the feeling I had when I walked into the sanctuary on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The attendance following the service at the luncheon in my honor was overwhelming.

When I walked into the Fellowship Hall the first thing I saw was a beautiful cake and several men wearing sheriff's badges — I wondered, O my, what am I in for.

What I was in for was the most lovely tribute any one could ever be given. The many months of planning, and planning, and planning, certainly was evident that day.

The kind words spoken by Pastor Art, Rev. Allport, and Rev. Young were truly heart warming, and the tribute written by Don Thomas was beautiful. Vicki, I love the words you wrote to one of my favorite songs. Thank you all.

To the committee that planned this event, thank you from the bottom of my heart. I love you all dearly.

The many cards received are now in my scrapbook - thank you again! They are all special.

For the monetary contributions given my expression of thanks is WOW !!! Guess what? We are already planning a trip for next year and with your generous gifts it will be more possible now.

How can I ever repay you? With my love and continued support, patience, and time. Bethany Church has been good to me and my family and for that I will be forever grateful. Love & Prayers, Frances

## “God In America”

The Church and Society Committee will sponsor a six week study about the historical role religion has played in the public life of the United States. DVDs from the PBS documentary “God in America” will be the resource used. Each session, which will start at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m., will be led by Church and Society Committee members. From 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. the group will watch the DVD and during the last 30 minutes a committee member will facilitate a discussion of the material viewed. The meeting room will be announced in the bulletin.

### First Session – Tuesday, October 4

Topic – “A New Adam & A New Eden” (First half of DVD)

Description – Part One of GOD IN AMERICA explores the early struggles to define religious freedom, from the fatal encounter between Franciscan missionaries and native Pueblo peoples to the clash between Puritan leader John Winthrop and dissident Anne Hutchinson, from the unlikely political alliance between Thomas Jefferson and dissident Baptists to the struggle between Catholics and Protestants over the Bible in public schools.\*

### Second Session – Tuesday, October 11

Topic – “A New Adam & A New Eden” (Second half of DVD)

### Third Session – Tuesday, October 18

Topic – “A Nation Reborn & A New Light” (First half of DVD)

Description – Part Two explores the power of religion to divide a country. In the Civil War, North and South each fought with the conviction that God

was on their side. Amid the carnage, Abraham Lincoln underwent a spiritual struggle that changed his ideas about God and the purpose of the war.

After the war, religious faith and the forces of modernism dueled over the traditional religious practices and the truth of the Bible, and waged a climactic battle between scientific and religious truth at the Scopes evolution trial.\*

### Fourth Session – Tuesday, October 25

Topic – “A Nation Reborn & A New Light” (Second half of DVD)

### Fifth Session – Tuesday, November 1

Topic – “Soul of a Nation & of God and Caesar” (First half of DVD)

Description – Part Three of GOD IN AMERICA explores the tangled embrace between American religion and American politics in the decades since World War II. As preachers and politicians used faith in the Cold War struggle against “godless Communism,” controversial Supreme Court decisions redefined religious liberty in the public schools, faith and religious ideas fueled the political aspirations of the civil rights movement, and conservative evangelicals brought their moral crusade to the public square to define America as a “Christian nation.” At the same time, immigration and competition in the religious marketplace were making America the most religiously diverse nation on earth.\*

### Sixth Session – Tuesday, November 8

Topic – “Soul of a Nation & of God and Caesar” (Second half of DVD)

\*Descriptions are taken from the jacket cover of the DVD case.

Please fill out the following information if you are interested in attending. This will help the committee know how to better plan. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your input!

Yes, I would like to attend the sessions on “God in America.”

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



### Addendum to Confirmation article elsewhere in the Banner

A teaching time with Pastor Art and Sondra will be available on Sundays starting October 30th. We need to meet with youth, parents, and adults who are interested in confirmation. On Sunday, October 2, following the 11:00 o'clock service, we will discuss times for meetings as we explore the **Meaning of the Sacraments, the Christian Calendar, What Do We Believe as United Methodists, and What and How We Are Structured and Connected as the Church.** We will meet in the youth room on October 2nd.

**October 9th – Jr. and Sr. High MYF Planning Session from 2:00-3:00 p.m.**



Each age group will work together to plan their fall and winter activities, events, and mission projects.

**October 14-16 Jr. High Spiritual Retreat at Camp Piankatank**

Please join your friends for a weekend of fun, fellowship and worship!! The van will leave Bethany at 5:30 for Taco Bell before traveling to camp. We are asking parents to donate \$25 to assist with the \$100 fee for camp. Youth are also responsible for money for Taco Bell. Spaces are limited, so please RSVP by Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Dawn or Sondra with further question.

**Nov. 11-13<sup>th</sup> Sr. High Spiritual Retreat at Camp Piankatank**

Please join your friends for a weekend of fun, fellowship and worship! The van will leave Bethany at 5:30 for Taco Bell before traveling to camp. We are asking parents to donate \$25 to assist with the \$100 fee for camp. Youth are also responsible for money for Taco Bell. Spaces are limited, so please RSVP by Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dawn or Sondra with further questions.



**Bethany UMC Celebrates Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship Services**

Many of our preschool through fifth grade children will be taking part in this very festive annual event that celebrates Jesus Christ's love of children and their vital importance in the life of their church. Please come and enjoy a special day with Bethany's Kids! Kris Kent 642-6438

**Dear Parents,**

We are in desperate need of your assistance with future lunches for MYF on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. In the past, it has helped when several parents come together to provide lunch. Please see sign up sheet next to the youth room. Youth are asked to bring a bag lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

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A huge thank you to everyone who made our youth mystery dinner a huge success! May God bless you for your kindness and generosity.



**York River District Rally Day Sunday, October 2, 2011 3:00 p m at New Town UMC 5209 Monticello Avenue, Williamsburg, VA**

This will be an exciting time as we Rally together with all youth to get ready for all the youth events that will take place this fall. There will be a band, skits, youth advertising future events, a speaker who will introduce the theme of all the retreats and speak on them, and dinner. In this process we will be having lots of fun. We will finish with a dinner at 5:00

We are asking each youth group to bring one dish for dinner that would feed your group. We will put them all together for a wonderful meal.

We hope every youth group on the York River District will join in this exciting time as we come together to get to know each other, to have fun, and sing and worship together.

The van will leave Bethany at 2:00 p.m. and will return at approximately 6:00 p.m. Spaces are limited for transportation.



**Franz Liszt**

**THE GEORGE NELSON MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS**

**“BACH AND THE ROMANTICS, PART 3 – FRANZ LISZT RUDY, SHACKELFORD, PIANO AND ORGAN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 4 P.M.**

Franz Liszt was the “rock star” of 19<sup>th</sup>-century Romantic music, and we will celebrate his 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in our next concert. Called the greatest *bravura* pianist of all time, his heroic battles with the keyboard never failed to produce among audiences and critics alike a response approaching rapture. Liszt revolutionized the way music is composed for and performed on the piano. He was the first pianist to turn his instrument sideways (the better to show off his handsome profile) and also the first to give solo “recitals,” without the assistance of other performers.

Liszt, like his fellow Romantic composers Mendelssohn and Schumann, found a wellspring of inspiration in the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. He arranged Bach's organ works for piano and composed the monumental *Prelude and Fugue on the Name BACH* in homage to the Baroque giant. Liszt himself inspired Ferruccio Busoni's piano transcription of the peerless *Chaconne* in D Minor for solo violin, which will be the centerpiece of our program and which stands as the ultimate Romantic revision of Bach.

### Stewardship Nugget

#### “Don’t Get Lost”

Starting with his now famous, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, Robert Fulghum has become a best selling author. Published in 27 languages and 93 countries, more than 14 million copies of his books are in print. Obviously, he has made a lot of money, but Fulghum is committed to serving God, not money.

People frequently say, “Well, you must have a big house and a big car.” He responds, “No, I have the same house, same car, same friends, same wife.”



Fulghum admits, “The challenge is to be a good steward with this kind of authority and power.” So he doesn’t keep all the money. He gave away \$670,000 raised by one year’s book tour to a number of good causes. “I don’t think I should be given extra credit for doing that.” He says. You should think ill of me if I didn’t do that.

A few years ago, Fulghum picked out his grave, and he likes to visit it. It reminds him to live in a way that is rich toward God. When he goes there he says to himself, “Don’t get lost here. Know where you’re going.”

Ironically, one way he builds up treasures in heaven is by sharing them here.

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A Note of Appreciation

Some wonderful Bethany folks came to our home armed with rakes and tarps and cleaned up our yard after Irene left.

Some of us call them angels, some of us call them friends, some of us call them servants of God. We know them as having all those identities.

To Darlene, Roy, Judy, Mike, Donna, Charlotte, Bob, Gene and Jeannie we give our thanks to you and to God for you.

Tom and Charla Barnard

XYZ Meeting - October 1911:30 to 1:30 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon

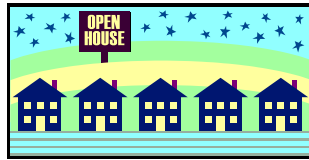
Our guest speaker will be Kay Bradley, Executive Director of the Gloucester-Mathews Free Clinic (GMFC). Ms. Bradley will talk about the clinic’s programs, services and volunteer opportunities.



Volunteer Services

In the Summer 2011 GMFC newsletter, Ms. Bradley defines the free clinic as “a program built and sustained on heart and providing hope.” In 2010 GMFC provided health care to 2200 uninsured or underinsured patients living in Gloucester and Mathews counties. This number is a 25% increase in patients from 2009.

Bethany has been a loyal supporter of GMFC for several years.



Open House at Parsonage And Birthday Celebration For Vicki

You are invited to the parsonage at 7545 Tyndall Drive, Gloucester Point, on **Saturday, November 5**, to visit us and have a slice of birthday cake to celebrate Vicki’s birthday. We will have an Open House from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Come and party with us!

Our next Soul Café will be Saturday, October 22 from 3-5pm. Theme is, “This Magic Moment.”

Rhythm by The River George Nelson Memorial Concert Series

The George Nelson Memorial Concert Series is excited and proud to introduce to you and to our entire community, the debut of “Rhythm by the River”, a musical series featuring four outstanding concerts for the 2011-2012 season. The concerts, held in our sanctuary, are open to the public and free of admission. In order to continue to present the excellent quality of performances we have come to expect of the GNMCS, donations from individuals or businesses are welcomed.

The name of the contributor or the business will be acknowledged in every performance program at the following levels:

- Friend: \$25-100
- Contributor: \$101-250
- Donor: \$251-350
- Sponsor: \$351-500
- Patron: \$501- 999
- River Giver: \$1000+

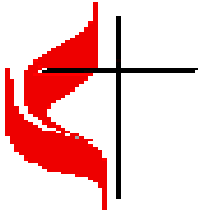


Please, make your checks payable to BUMC with a notation specified for GNMCS.

Confirmation and an Opportunity for Spiritual Growth For Youth and Adults Who Want to Learn About Methodism



A teaching time with Pastor Art will be available every Sunday afternoon beginning October 30th from 3- 4:30 PM. Come explore the Meaning of the Sacraments, the Christian Calendar, What Do We Believe as United Methodists, & What and How We Are Structured and Connected as the Church. This is a wonderful time to be in study and fellowship together and not only for our youth but also their parents and interested adults who desire to learn more about our faith. Any questions call Pastor Art, 642-2110.



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Blessing of the Animals

October 16 3: p.m.

Donations to the Gloucester/Mathews Humane Society

Oops, we need to make sure you have the new date for this service. On Sunday, October 16th at 3PM, you are invited to bring your pets for the blessings. If you have animals that need to be trailered to church, that is fine. Bring your dogs on a leash and cats in a carrier. Prizes will be awarded for the most unusual, cutest, etc. Weather permitting the service will take place outside. Any questions contact Pastor Art 642- 2110.

The Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society has a wish list. Those bringing animals to be blessed are encouraged to bring an item to donate to the Humane Society. Items can be found on their web site: gmhumanesociety.org. If you can't access a computer, a few suggestions include: canned food: puppies, kittens, dogs, cats (chicken and turkey); cat & dog treats (i.e, Milk Bones, pig ears, chew-ies); Guinea Pig food, Gerbil food, treat and toys; kennel supplies such as paper towels, liquid soap, hand sanitizer; office supplies such as post it notes, first class stamps, file folders, all sizes of storage containers. Let's support the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society whether or not you bring animals.



BETHANY'S ANNUAL FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH 3:00-6:00 pm

Everyone of any age is invited to attend an afternoon of fun!

Three of Bethany's committees come together for this yearly super-duper, fun and fabulous event that is just right for the entire Bethany Family!! The Children's, Youth and Family Ministries all welcome you to come and share in an afternoon of good 'ol fashioned fun! Hope to see you there!