

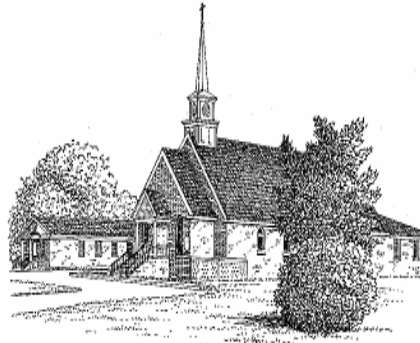
Bethany United Methodist Church

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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

January 11, 2009

Baptism of the Lord

LARGE PRINT Hymnals and Bulletins are available for your use – request one from an usher
Listening devices are available from the ushers for the hearing impaired.

Gathering

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to use this time to welcome and visit with others in the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Let the chiming of the hour be a call to silent prayer and meditation.

PRELUDE

The Emperor Waltz

Johann Strauss II (1825-1899)

- Welcoming the New Year in the Viennese Tradition -

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

UMH, No. 158

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice!
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John 4:23-24

Jesus said: A time is coming and has now come when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH, No. 539

*OPENING PRAYER

Book of Hymns

Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us to rejoice in singing your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our heart; and what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may share the blessings of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 420

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

ANTHEM 8:30
11:00

We Are God's People
Do You Hear What I Hear?

Johannes Brahms
Noel Regney/Gloria Shayne

Proclamation of the Word

Our Nursery

For the convenience of parents of small children a nursery is provided during both worship services and also during the Sunday School hour. The maximum suggested age for the nursery is four years old. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions to the nursery.

Potato Bar

The Lacey Martin Fellowship Class is sponsoring a potato bar after the second service on Sunday, January 18, to benefit the David Belvin family. The Belvins' trailer on Crab Thicket Road, Gloucester, was destroyed by fire on the weekend of December 14. The Belvins did not have insurance. At this time David and his wife Beth are living in the Esther Thompson Cottage, a mission of Bethany UMC. David is the stepson of Bethany member Pete Dunston. Please plan to stay after the service, enjoy a big baked potato with all the fixings, and make a generous donation to this family in need.

Snowflake Cupcake Sale

The Bethany Bible Buddies will be sponsoring a **Snowflake Cupcake Sale** January 18th in the WBFH! All proceeds will benefit David and Beth Belvin. Please note: Cupcake Bakers are needed for this event!! Please notify Kris Kent or Jane Niethamer if you are able to help. Your generous assistance is greatly appreciated.

Bishop:	Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer
District Superintendent:	Reverend Joseph D. Carson
Minister:	Reverend Stephen E. Young
Pastor in Residence:	Chaplain L. Lawson Byrd
Pastor in Residence:	Reverend Bob Justis
Pastor in Residence:	Chaplain Carol Johnson
Lay Leader:	Archie Leigh
Associate Lay Leader:	Roy Bauschatz
Youth Leader:	Sondra Colbert
Children's Ministry:	Kris Kent
Director of Music:	Sandra Fox
Organist:	Rudy Shackelford
Soloist:	8:30 Janet Chapin
Acolytes:	8:30 Joel Kidd 11:00 Kaiten Cooper
Lay Readers:	8:30 Doris Luther 11:00 Ray Doggett
Altar Guild for January:	Pat Hasty, Peggy Burton, Irene Hogge
Greeters:	11:00 Narthex: Mike Andersen Side: Carol Schultz

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	9:45	Adult Membership Class: "What It means to Be a Christian"
	4:00	Glenn Winters Concert
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Study
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study/Christian Believer
Tuesday	6:30	Abingdon Women's Club – WBFH in use
Wednesday	7:00	Prayer Focus – "The cold and the hungry"
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	Main Event
	10:30	Naomi Circle
	4:30	Samaritan Board meeting
	6:30	Emmaus
	6:30	Scouts use educational classroom
	7:30	Midweek Worship
Friday	7:00-9:00	Youth Play rehearsal
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages

- 9:45 Adult membership class "What it Means to Be a United Methodist"
- 12:15 Potato Bar and Snowflake Cupcake sale**
- 5:00-6:00 Middle School/High School Bible Study
- 6:00-7:30 Supper/MYF
- 6:00-7:30 Bible Buddies

XYZ Club - January 21

Bethany XYZ Club starts the year off in a "reading/learning" mode. Come and hear Gloucester County's new Librarian, Melissa Malcomb. Books can take you on many exciting journeys, and Melissa is sure to tell you some interesting facts about the Gloucester Library also. Meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. and is covered dish.

Women's Study Group

The women's study group is beginning a new 12-week series entitled "Work Book of Living Prayer" by Maxey Dennis. Women of all ages are welcome to join us during the Sunday school hour.

Adult Membership Class: An Open Invitation

Pastor Steve will lead an adult membership class starting today and on Jan. 18, and 25 during the Sunday School hour (9:45 until 10:45 a.m.). The topics will be: "What It Means to Be a Christian," "What It Means to Be a United Methodist," and "What It Means to Be a Bethany Member." Please meet him around the coffee pot in the fellowship hall, and we'll find a place to meet.

Stewardship for January 4, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:		234
8:30	57	
11:00	177	
 Sunday School		65
Adults	49	
Children	9	
Youth	7	

*Glenn Winters - Today at 4:00 P.M.
Operation Opera*

Glenn Winters received the Doctor of Music from Northwestern B.M. and M.M. in piano performance from Indiana University. teaching college-level piano, arts administration at two where he directed the Community School of the Performing extensive performing experience as pianist, operatic baritone, His two original operas for children, *History Alive!* and *Tales From* commissioned by Virginia Opera's education department and state-wide tours. Mr. Winters joined Virginia Opera in 2004 as Musical Director.



University; he also holds the His background includes universities (including VCU, Arts from 1991-2002), and and published composer. *the Brothers Grimm*, were have enjoyed successful Community Outreach

Reception to follow in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall.

Children's Church Open House

Children's Church open house will be held on January 25th during the 11:00 am Worship Service. Immediately after is the 2009 Annual Children's Ministry Committee Luncheon.

The following people are encouraged to attend:

- 1.) All parents of preschoolers through fifth graders.
- 2.) Grandparents of Bethany children.
- 3.) Lovers of children that are interested in serving on this committee.

Let your voice be heard as we brainstorm and plan 2009 activities.

Deli sandwiches will be served, please bring a cold salad or dessert.

Child Care will be provided by the BUMC Youth.

Counting Teams Schedule

January 11 Mike Andersen, Doris Luther, Merle Luther

January 18 Jackie Hampton, Charlotte Cecil, Jane Niethamer

Flower Calendar

Bethany's sign-up for flowers calendar is almost bare. Would you consider placing flowers in the church on a Sunday of your choosing? If so, the flower chart is located just past the church office.

Prayer Shawl and Prayer Quilt Ministries

Do you remember hearing about the two new ministries that we are beginning at Bethany? Well...the time is here! We will have an organizational meeting on Tuesday January 20th at 10am and 7pm. You pick the time that's convenient for you. We need you! We would like to bring comfort, prayer and joy to the sick, needy and the newly born in our congregation. We are so excited! So, if you crochet, knit, sew, don't sew, tie knots, like to pray for others and enjoy Christian fellowship these ministries are for you! No experience is necessary. We also need people who have administrative skills to help keep us focused and organized. Come and join us! If you'd like to help start this ministry please call Janet Chapin at 642-6822