

Bethany United Methodist Church

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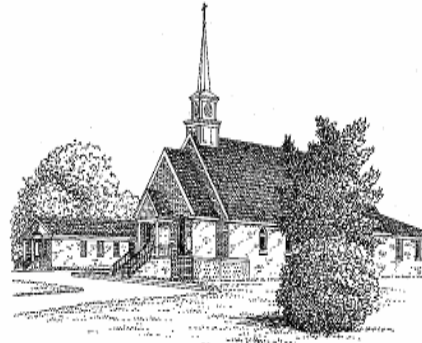
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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

January 18, 2009

Second Sunday after the Epiphany



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

Two Meditations

Ulysses Kay

Commemorating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
on his 80th birthday

(1917-1995)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

UMH, No. 474

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 13: 29-30

Jesus said: People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

Indeed some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

In Christ There is No East or West

UMH, No. 548

*OPENING PRAYER

Book of Hymns

God of all creation, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to those of other ethnic backgrounds, languages, and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, so that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Amen

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 418

**We are climbing higher, higher.
We are climbing higher, higher.
We are climbing higher, higher,
Soldiers of the cross.**

ANTHEM 8:30
11:00

*Together We Serve
And The Father will Dance*

Daniel Charles Damon
Maxie Dunnam

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Kris Kent

Potato Bar

The Lacey Martin Fellowship Class is sponsoring a potato bar after the second service today, 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 today, January 18th** in the WBFH! All proceeds will benefit David and Beth Belvin. Your generous participation will 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 Marsha Miller 11:00 Alan Harvey
Altar Guild for January:	Pat Hasty, Peggy Burton, Irene Hogge
Greeters:	11:00 Narthex: Nerine Hickman Side: Dawn Cluts

This Week at Bethany

Today	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
Monday	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Study
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF-----Bible Buddies
	5:00	Weight Watchers
Tuesday	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study/Christian Believer
	10:00& 7:00	Prayer Shawl/Quilt Ministry
	10:30	Sanders Nursing Home
Wednesday	7:00	Evangelism Committee
	11:30	XYZ
	7:00	Prayer Focus---Our new President
Thursday	7:30	Chancel Choir
	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Emmaus
	6:30	Scouts use Educational Classroom
Friday	7:30	Home Owners
	7:30	Midweek Worship
	7:00-9:00	Youth Play Rehearsal
Nest Sunday	9:45	Adult membership class "What it Means to be a Bethany Member"
	12:00	Children's Ministry Luncheon
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Study

6:00-7:30 Supper/MYF
 6:00 Ministry Teams Meet
 7:00 Administrative Board

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 Dunnam. Women of all ages are welcome to join us during the Sunday school hour.

United Methodist Day at the General Assembly

Some of will be going to Richmond for United Methodist Day at the General Assembly on February 5, 2009. If you would like to go, call the Harvey's (684-2790) or the church office. It's a great opportunity to meet our delegate and learn what our government is doing at The state level.

Stewardship for January 11 2009

Attendance:

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

Note on Prelude

Ulysses Kay was the leading African –American composer in the United States after World War II until his death in 1995. As a child Kay's musical talent was recognized by his uncle, the famous New Orleans cornetist and jazz bandleader Joe "King" Oliver, who encouraged him to study classical piano. Kay discovered his vocation as a composer at the University of Arizona in his native Tucson and won a scholarship to the exclusive Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. Following postgraduate study with Paul Hindemith at Yale, Kay spent several years in the U. S. Navy Band, playing saxophone, flute and piano while continuing to compose. After the war a Prix de Rome award and a Fulbright Fellowship enabled him to live in Italy until 1952. When he returned to the United States, Kay settled in New York and enjoyed a distinguished career as a consultant and college professor until his retirement in 1988. Ulysses Kay composed significant works in all the major genres of concert and church music with a particular emphasis on orchestral and choral media. Several pieces were performed by the New York Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein, but Kay's crowning achievement was the opera Frederick Douglass (1991) a musical biography of the great anti-slavery orator and writer. --Rudy Shackelford

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 18 Jackie Hampton, Charlotte Cecil, Jane Niethamer

January 25 Peggy Burton, Clyde Burton, Pat Hasty

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

If You Itemize Your Deductions

If you itemize your deductions when you file your income tax and if you contribute at least \$250 to Bethany over the course of the year, you **must** substantiate that amount with a written statement from Bethany. Using your numbered offering envelopes when you give to Bethany allows our Financial Secretary, Bernard Robins, to readily track your giving and provide an accurate written statement each January. Offering envelope boxes are also available for non-members. Please contact Bernard with your questions at 642-64212.

New Membership Directories

Every six months our church office provides an updated church directory of church members, updated addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Directories are available on the tables outside both sanctuary entrances. If you find error, please contact our church secretary immediately (642-2110).

Bethany Meets its 2008 Budget!

Thanks to the generosity of its congregation Bethany met its 2008 budget of just over a third of a million dollars. All salary obligations have been met; all bills have been paid; all apportionments have been sent; all "second mile" mission goals have been met. The faithful Sunday-in, Sunday-out, giving of its members, whether big gifts or small, is essential to undergirding God's work at Bethany. Thank you!!!

Rappahannock District Training on Jan. 24

Once a year the Rappahannock District offer training for lay people in a variety of local church offices. This year's training will be held on Saturday, January 24, at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church. Nine workshops will be held touching on a variety of relevant topics to the local church. Angie Williams, conference youth director, will bring the morning message. Please pick up a list of the offerings, including registration form, at either entrance. Registrations are necessary and are due in by Tuesday. The church van will at 12 noon and arrive back at Bethany about 4 p.m., for those who desire to attend workshops.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men will meet at 6:30 on Tuesday January 27th at Nicks Steakhouse in Gloucester Point. This will order from the menu (Dutch treat). Mr. Lee Paul from P & L Ventures/The Deltaville Depot will speak on model trains and the history of model trains.

Bethany's Bazaar Touched Many Lives

After all expenses were paid, Bethany's November Bazaar Distributed over \$14,800 to local and world missions. A list of those who received gifts is as follows:

Missions Within Gloucester County

An anonymous family
Abingdon Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad
Adult Day Break Center (day activities for handicapped adults)
Bethany Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Boys and Girls Club of Gloucester
Gloucester Housing Partnership (home repairs for needy families)
Gloucester –Mathew Free Clinic (health care to the indigent uninsured)
Helping Hands Ministry (youth mission to help needy families)
Laurel Shelter (help for victims of domestic violence)
Meal on Wheels
Salvation Army
Three Rivers Healthy Families (ministering to families with young children)

Conference and District Missions

Camp Rainbow Connection (a week camp for the mentally retarded)
Heart Havens (group homes for adults with mental disabilities)
Henry Fork Service Center (ministers to at-risk children in Franklin County)
Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic (medical ministry to Mattaponi tribe)
Rappahannock District Youth Choir
Wesley Community Service Center (ministers to the poor in Portsmouth)

Missions to the Nation and World

Henderson Settlement (ministers to the poor in southeastern Kentucky)
Red Bird Mission (ministers to the poor in southeastern Kentucky)
John and Jennifer Dooley (short-term mission to China)
UM Volunteers in Mission (supports short-term mission work teams)