

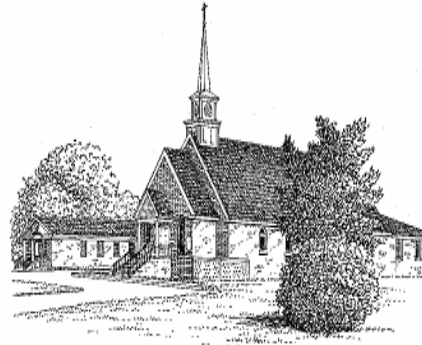
Bethany United Methodist Church

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

January 25, 2009

The Third 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

Rondo in D Major, K. 485

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(born 27 January 1756)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2223

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love!
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 12:47-50

While Jesus was speaking to the people, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him.

Someone told him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak to you."

But Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"

And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

*OPENING HYMN

Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother

TFWS, No. 2225

*OPENING PRAYER

Book of Worship

O God, the Giver of life, we pray for the Church throughout the world. Sanctify its life; renew its worship; empower its witness; restore its unity. Remove from your people all pride and every prejudice that dulls their will for unity. Strengthen the work of all those who seek that common obedience that will bind us together. Heal the divisions that separate your children from one another, so that we may keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

UMH, No. 881

*THE GLORIA PATRI

UMH, No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end! Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM 8:30
11:00

America the Beautiful
A Child of Hope

Lani Smith

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Children and their families are dismissed to go to children's church (11:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scripture is read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 6:9-22

Pew Bible, OT, page 5

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Corinthians 7:29-31

Pew Bible, NT, page 160

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

In One Boat

Rev. Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

O Church of God, United

UMH, No. 547

During the singing of this hymn, you are welcome to come forward and kneel at the Communion rail to pray, to make a new commitment to Christ, or to otherwise respond to Gods Word.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, no. 895

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Adagio for Glass Armonica, K. 356

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(Arr. E. Power Biggs)

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

'Tis the Old Ship of Zion

UMH, No. 345

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

UMH, No. 557

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

POSTLUDE

Rondo "alla Turca," from Sonata in A Major, K. 331

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (arr. R. Shackelford)
- Thank you, Mr. Robert Nardozi! -

**Congregation to Stand*

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are delighted to have you in our congregation today. We invite you to participate as fully in our worship service as you feel comfortable. Bethany Church offers a full range of study and fellowship opportunities for children, youth, young adults, and older adults. Sunday School, in session from 9:45-10:45 a.m. each Sunday morning, features nine different classes for adults, one class for youth, three classes for children, and a nursery. We invite you to come back to Bethany and get to know us better!

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.

Flowers today

Flowers on the altar today are given in memory of Margaret Wilkinson by Kathryn and Kevin Jacobs.

Children's Church Open House

Children's Church open house will be held today 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.

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	Suzanne Sterling	
Acolytes:	8:30	Hannah Wilburn	11:00 Hunter Tipton
Lay Readers:	8:30	Stephanie Wood	11:00 Jordan Cluts
Altar Guild for January:	Pat Hasty, Peggy Burton, Irene Hogge		
Altar Guild for February:	Carolyn Davis and Alice Northam		
Greeters:	11:00	Bethany Youth	

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 Bethany Member"
	11:00	Children's Church open house – Luncheon afterwards
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Study - 6:00-7:30 Supper/MYF
	6:00	Ministry Teams Meeting
Monday	7:00	Administrative Board meeting
	4:30	Gloucester Housing Partnership meeting
	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Stephen Ministry
Tuesday	7:00	Men/Women's Bible Study/Christian Believer
	1:00-7:00	American Red Cross Bloodmobile
	6:30	United Methodist Men meet at Nick's Spaghetti & Steakhouse
Wednesday	6:30	Focused Prayer: "Unity Among Christians"
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Emmaus
	6:30	Scouts set up WBFH for Pinewood Derby
	7:30	Midweek Worship

Friday	11:00	Memorial Service for George Woodhouse
	6:00-8:30	Scouts Pinewood Derby in WBFH
Saturday	2:00-4:00	George and Joni Neal wedding reception
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Study – 6-7:30 Supper/MYF – Bible Buddies

United Methodist Day at the General Assembly

Some of us will be going to Richmond for United Methodist Day at the General Assembly on February 5, 2009. If you would like to go, call Alan or Sandra Harvey (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.

Ministry Teams Meeting

All five of our Ministry Teams will meet on Sunday, January 25, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for orientation for the new calendar year. Pastor Steve will address all of the teams together in the church sanctuary, and then the group will divide to meet separately as teams.

Stewardship for January 18, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:		204
8:30	55	
11:00	149	
Sunday School		90
Adults	67	
Children	14	
Youth	9	

Counting Teams Schedule

January 25 Peggy Burton, Clyde Burton, Mary Kaylor
 February 1 Bernard Robins, Sandra Harvey, Vicki Williams

United Methodist Men

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

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 errors, please contact our church secretary immediately (642-2110).

Mission Trip to GA

St. Lukes UMC in York County is planning a mission trip to Macon, GA Feb. 10 –14 to re-roof a one-story house. If you can help, please contact St. Luke's mission leader, Ron Dorenbush 757-872-4666 or email him at rdorenbush@aol.com or call Ed Conner 693-3522 for details.

Your Help is Needed

The furnace door in the WBFH, where the ice maker is located, should remain open at all times in order for the machine to work properly. Please be sure that the door is open before you leave the fellowship hall. Thank you for you help.

Notes of Appreciation

A BIG Thank YOU for all you have done over the recent Christmas Holiday, whether food, angel tree gifts, or ringing the bells. Our community has been greatly helped by your generosity and your support most appreciated. -The Salvation Army

Many thanks for the donations of food items for our potato bar for the Belvin family last week. Your generous contributions meant much more in the way of monetary funds for the family.

Acknowledgement thank you letters and cards for the Bazaar funds are displayed on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please take a moment to read them as you pass by.

Blood Drive – Tuesday, January 27 from 1:00-7:00 p.m.

Bethany will host the American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on Tuesday. Give the most precious gift you can give – the gift of life.

AARP Tax-Aid

AARP Tax-Aide Foundation will once again offer free tax counseling, preparation, and electronic filing for all taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Tax services will be available at Bethany on Wednesdays, February 4 thru April 15th. Walk-in 11:00-4:00; Evening Appointments can be made by calling 642-5269.

Your Donations are Needed

Pound cakes, French bread, tomatoes, peppers, onions, and cucumbers are needed for our dinner theater. We are requesting the vegetable donations by the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 10th and would need the bread/pound cakes by the evening of Thursday, Feb. 12th. Please contact Sue Morecock at 757-875-1603 or Sondra at 804-642-0467 (or by email sdc001@cox.net) if you are able to donate any of these items. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Youth Dinner Theater

On Friday, February 13th and Saturday, February 14th at 6:00 p.m. Bethany's Youth will present Christmas at the Cricket County Café. Dinner will be served, which will consist of *baked spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert*. We are asking for donations for the tickets because we realize that many families are being affected by the economy. All proceeds will benefit sending about 25 of our youth to Helping Hands Mission Camp this summer. This is the camp that benefits the Gloucester Community. Tickets will be available following each service. Thank you for your continuous love and support for Bethany's Youth.



Religions of the World

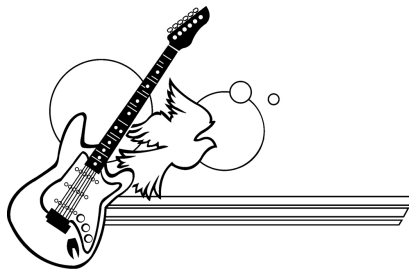
What do you know about the Hindu faith?

Come out the first Thursday in February and continue our journey on learning about the religions of the world. Pastor Shaspri has agreed to share with us some facts about the Hindu Faith.

Date: February 5, 2009

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Bethany United Methodist Church



Stephen Bennett in Concert
at
Bethany United Methodist Church

February 8, 2009 - 4:00 p.m.

Stephen Bennett was born in Oregon, grew up in New York and has lived in Virginia for the last three decades. Since his 1987 win at the National Flatpicking Championship in Winfield, Kansas (The Walnut Valley Festival), he has become known as a versatile and original guitarist who consistently garners critical praise and audience enthusiasm for his recordings and live performances.

With his stellar musicianship, a relaxed stage presence and quick wit, Stephen has performed throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, France, England, Italy, Sweden, Germany, Holland, Australia, Belgium, New Zealand, and Japan. With fifteen self-produced CD recordings to his credit at this writing, a new Stephen Bennett recording is always in progress.