

Bethany United Methodist Church

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

February 1 2009

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



LARGE PRINT HYMNALS 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 meditation and prayer

PRELUDE “The Lord’s Prayer”: Hymn with Variations, from Sonata No. 6

in D Minor, Opus 65 Felix Mendelssohn (born 3 Feb. 1809)

“Our Father, Thou in heaven above,
Who biddest us to dwell in love,
As brethren of one family,
And cry for all we need to Thee:
Teach us to mean the words we say,
And from the inmost heart to pray.

Thy will be done on earth, O Lord,
As where in heaven Thou are adored!
Patience in time of grief bestow,
Obedience true through weal and woe;
That thwart Thy will within the soul.”

-Martin Luther, 1539

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHORUS OF THE MONTH

TFWS, No 2173 refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine – fill this land with the Father’s glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze -- set our heart on fire!
Flow, river, flow – flood the nations with grace and mercy!
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 133:1-3

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

It is like the precious anointing oil running down from Aaron’s head and beard, down to the collar of his robes.

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing – life that never ends!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord* (vs. 1-2,4-6) UMH, No. 554

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Book of Worship

Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 365 refrain

**Grace, grace God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within!
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!**

Proclamation and Response

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

At the 11:00 a.m. service children are dismissed to Children's Church

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 4:1-10

Pew Bible, OT, page 3

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Corinthians 8:1-13

Pew Bible, NT, page 161

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

Our Brother's Keeper

Rev. Steve Young

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem 8:30

In Remembrance

arr. by Robert F. Douglas

11:00 *Sheep May Safely Graze*

J.S. Bach/arr. Ruth Artman

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thanksgiving and Communion

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH, No. 15-16

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Music during Communion (8:30) "The Lord's Prayer": Andante, from Sonata No. 6

in D Minor, Opus 65

Felix Mendelssohn

Music during Communion (11:00)

We will sing the following hymns: No. 618,617,430,175,136,128)

Sending Forth

*CLOSING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH, No. 664

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

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

*POSTLUDE *"The Lord's Prayer": Fugue, from Sonata No. 6 in D Minor, Opus 65*
Felix Mendelssohn

*Congregation to Stand

Welcome Visitors

We are most happy that you are here today as a partner in prayer, in song and in hearing God's word. If you are a visitor please know we are glad you chose to worship with us, and we hope you will come again soon!

Trustees Meeting

There will be a called meeting of the Board of Trustees following the 11 o'clock worship service today.

Salvation Army Food Closet

As a project of the Church and Society Committee we will begin collecting items needed by the Salvation Army food closet. For the next few weeks we will be accepting non perishable food items. There is a container located near the church office for your items.

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 (sd001@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. The Dinner Theatre will be held in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. Actors are from the Bethany UMC Youth Group. Bethany's Youth Director is Sondra Colbert. The play is directed by Bethany's Music Director, Sandra Fox. 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.

Bishop:	Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer		
District Superintendent:	Reverend Joseph D. Carson		
Minister:	Reverend Stephen E. Young		
Pastor in Residence:	Reverend Bob Justis		
Pastor in Residence:	Chaplain L. Lawson Byrd		
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	
Lay Reader:	8:30	Carol Johnson	11:00 Roy Bauschatz
Acolytes:	8:30	Hannah Kidd and Hunter Tipton	11:00 Hannah and Kennedy Wilburn
Altar Guild for February:	Alice Northam and Carolyn Davis		

Greeters: 11:00 Narthex : Jennie Lipscomb Side Entrance: Jane Niethamer

This Week at Bethany

Today	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
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers - WBFH
	7:00	Men/Women's Bible Study/Christian Believer
Tuesday	9:00-1:00	York River Circle of the Kings Daughters - WBFH
	7:00	JOY Circle
	7:30	Missions Committee meeting
Wednesday	11:00-4:00	AARP Tax Preparation
	2:00	Worship Committee meeting
	6:30	Focused Prayer: "Scouting Ministries"
	7:00	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:00	Scouts meet in Educational Classroom
	6:30	Emmaus
	7:30	Special Program:-Pastor Shaspri of the Hindu Faith
	7:30	Honorary and Memorial Gifts Committee meeting
Friday	7:00-8:30	Youth play rehearsal
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	4:00	Stephen Bennett Concert
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Sunday
	6-7:30	Supper/MYF - 6-7:30 Bible Buddies
	7:00	Outreach Ministry Team meeting

Stewardship for January 25, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:	235
8:30	50
11:00	185

Sunday School	100
Adults	73
Children	13
Youth	14

Counting Teams Schedule

February 1 Bernard Robins, Sandra Harvey, Vicki Williams

February 8 Sid Dixon, Katherine Jordan, Kathleen Mattox

Nursery Available

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.

Today's Flowers

Altar flowers today are given by Kelvin and Kelly Cooper

Please remember in Prayer

Tom Ligon

Continued Prayer: Carlyle Brown, Sally Nardoizzi, Virginia Schuler, Reathia Williams, Pat Kearney, Laura Poland, Dean Beach, Marshall Lewis, Sam Steele, Charles Biggs, Kris Kiley, Dorothy Critzer, Lorraine Johnson, Iva Belvin

Walter Reed Convalescent Center: Lucille Letchworth, Horace Purcell,
Sanders Senior Living Community: Mary Field, Gladys Davis, Warren Belvin
York Convalescent Center: Jackson White, Louise Mosca
The Gloucester House: Doris Lewis
Bayside Rehabilitation: Herb Thornton
Morningside Assisted Living: Gwen Thornton, Margaret Martin

Remember our Military

Jason R. Harney, Anthony Quintero, Captain Christopher "Chris" Demetriades

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 Dorenbus 757-872-AA66 or email him at rdorenbus@aol.com or call Ed Conner 693-3522 for details.

Dinner Theater

Christmas at the Cricket County Café

By: [Eddie McPherson](#)

Granny Taylor is cooking her famous supply at her café. She has asked the help of her snooty City Cousins. Though such manual labor is clearly beneath them, the only reason they agree is to hear the amendment to rich Uncle Zeke's will read after the last customer leaves. Dodging grouchy Granny's verbal bullets, they bust their britches to get their work done, because money talks -- with a Southern twang! There's more brewing at the Café than just the coffee. Country Cousin Fester turning into a cool dude? Grumpy Granny a wanna-be Snow Queen, and what's with Oswald buttering up his boss faster than Granny's homemade biscuits? Uncle Zeke's will reading stops everyone in their tracks. There's a major attitude shift in the Café as all recognize the folly of their selfish ways and focus on the birth of the baby Jesus.

Religions of the World



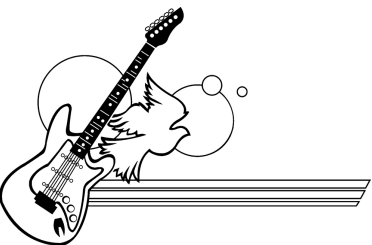
What do you know about the Hindu faith?

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



NOTE ON FELIX MENDELSSOHN

In quick succession Bethany is celebrating the birthdays of three major composers, each of whom deserves to be called "the divine Mr. M": in December it was Olivier Messiaen turning 100, last week Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at 253, and today the bicentennial of Felix Mendelssohn!

Both Mozart and Messiaen were inspired by their Catholic faith to create magnificent sacred music for organ, choir, and orchestra. Born into a distinguished artistic, intellectual, and banking family which converted from Judaism to Christianity in 1816, Mendelssohn composed prolifically for the Protestant church. His choral masterpiece *Elijah* remains among the most popular oratorios, and no organist's repertoire

would be complete without the *Six Sonatas* and other works he created for what Mozart called “The King of Instruments.”

As a conductor Mendelssohn was also very important for reviving in 1829, one century after its first performance, Johann Sebastian Bach’s *Passion according to St. Matthew*, the greatest musical setting of the Crucifixion story as recorded in the Gospels. Since his aunt Sarah Levy had studied with Bach’s son Wilhelm Friedemann, it is not surprising that Felix would be profoundly influenced by Bach when composing for the organ.

Sonata No. 6 in D Minor, generally considered his organ masterpiece, will be performed throughout the service today to celebrate Mendelssohn’s 200th birthday on February 3rd. The work is based upon the German chorale (hymn) *Vater unser*, Martin Luther’s version of “The Lord’s Prayer”, set to an anonymous melody of circa 1539 (see The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 414, where this tune is paired with a different text). *Vater unser* was a favorite of John Wesley and served as a model for many of Charles Wesley’s original hymns, among them “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” (UMH, No. 386).

Our Prelude, the *Sonata’s* first movement, presents the hymn in Mendelssohn’s Bach–like harmonization followed by four contrasting variations – the fourth extremely tempestuous. The second movement, a powerful fugue on the hymn tune, serves as our Postlude. The Finale, being played during Communion, is an ethereal quiet meditation in D Major, with no obvious connection to the chorale melody. This is certainly one of the most sublime moments in all organ literature

- Rudy Shackelford

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.