

Bethany United Methodist Church

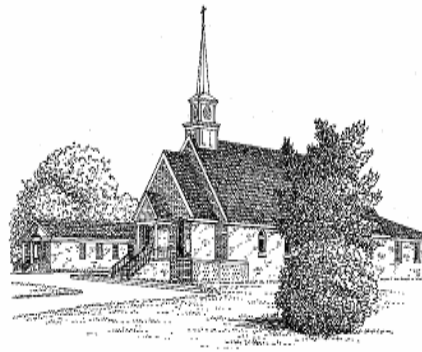
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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

February 15, 2009

The Sixth 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

The Battle of Trenton

James Hewitt (1770-1827)

arr. E. Power Biggs

- A favorite Historical Military Sonata dedicated to General Washington -

1. *Introduction*
2. *Washington's March*
3. *Grief of the Americans for the Loss of their Comrades killed in the Engagement*
4. *Trumpets of Victory*
5. *General Rejoicing*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Kris Kent

*CHORUS OF THE MONTH

TFWS 2173 refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine – fill this land with the Father's glory!
Blaze, Spirit, blaze -- set our hearts 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

I John 4:8,16b

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

*OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH, No. 384

*OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, you have taught us that all our efforts and accomplishments without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and pour into our hearts that precious gift of love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus, who is love incarnate. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 170 refrain

**O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!**

ANTHEM 8:30
11:00

Redeeming Love
My Funny Valentine

William J. Gaither
Hart/Rodgers

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S SONGS (11:00)	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful I've Been Worshiping Jesus</i>	Sunday School Kids
CHILDRENS MESSAGE		Kris Kent
	<i>Children pre-school through third grade are dismissed to go to children's church</i>	(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	Isaiah 63:7-9	Pew Bible, OT, page 657
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Mark 1:40-45	Pew Bible, NT, page 34
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
WITNESS TO THE WORD	<i>Touched by a Loving Heart</i>	Rev. Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT		
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT	<i>He Touched Me</i>	UMH, No. 367
	<i>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.</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
	Lord, in your mercy Hear our Prayer	
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH, no. 895
OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS		
	Offertory <i>Yankee Doodle (with Drums and Fifes), from "The Battle of Trenton"</i>	James Hewitt
	*Doxology <i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH, No. 95
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Rescue the Perishing</i>	UMH, No. 591
*BENEDICTION		
*DISMISSAL CHORUS		UMH, No. 672
	God be with you till we meet again, keep love's banner floating o'er you, smite death's threatening wave before you. God be with you till we meet again!	
POSTLUDE	<i>The Washington Post</i>	John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)

**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.

Altar Flowers today

Flowers on the altar today are dedicated to sweethearts everywhere by George and Joni Neal.

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	Austin White	11:00 William Schultz
Lay Readers:	8:30	Wiley Cross	11:00 Jane Niethamer
Altar Guild for February:	Carolyn Davis and Alice Northam		
Greeters:	11:00	Narthex: Nerine Hickman	Side: Lavalley Wilson

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	4:00	George Nelson Concert Series Committee meeting
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men/Women's Bible Study/Christian Believer
Tuesday	10:30	Sanders Nursing Home
	7:00	Evangelism Committee meeting
Wednesday	11:00-4:00	AARP Tax Preparation
	11:30	XYZ Club covered dish and program: "The Newpoint Lighthouse"
	6:30	Focused Prayer: "Our New Church Members"
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	10:30	The Naomi Circle
	6:30	Emmaus covered dish dinner
	6:30	Scouts meet in education hall class room
	7:30	Midweek Worship
Saturday	4:00	CCF Bowling at the Village Lanes
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15-1:45	Lunch and Confirmation class
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible study
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF
	6:00-7:30	Bible Buddies

Ash Wednesday Supper and Service

Bethany will come together on Ash Wednesday, February 25, for a soup supper, which begins in the WBFH at 6:15 p.m. Following supper we will gather in the sanctuary (7:00 p.m.) for a worship service and the imposition of ashes. All are invited to participate in this very meaningful way to begin the season of Lent.

Family Life Ministries is asking everyone to bring their favorite soup to share. Bread, crackers, beverages and desserts will be provided.

February XYZ Meeting

Bethany XYZ will meet for a covered dish meal and program this Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. The program will be on the New Point Lighthouse

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.

Come be a "King Pin" at the February CCF Event!

Bethany Bowling Bash for bowlers that are in preschool through fifth grade will be held on Saturday, February 21st. You may ride the Bethany Van at 3:30 p.m. or we'll meet you at The Village Lanes at 4:00 p.m. Any questions? Get in touch with Kris Kent 642-6438 or email

kentcrew@cox.net

Confirmation Class to begin Next Sunday, February 22

Pastor Steve will be leading a Confirmation Class for those in sixth grade and above who wish to join the church. If you are interested in attending please get in touch with Pastor Steve. The nine week class will be held from 12:15 until 1:45 each Sunday, following a light lunch at the church.

Stewardship for February 8, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:		248
8:30	61	
11:00	187	
Sunday School		87
Adults	66	
Children	9	
Youth	12	
Nursery 8:30	0	
11:00	4	
Children's Church	12	

Counting Teams Schedule

February 15 Carlton Heywood, Jean Heywood, Norman Poland

February 22 Mike Andersen, Doris Luther, Merle Luther

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY

At this juncture in American history, as we pray that our heavenly Father will grant us peace, it is fitting to pay homage to George Washington, "the father of our country," for his shining example of courage and wisdom.

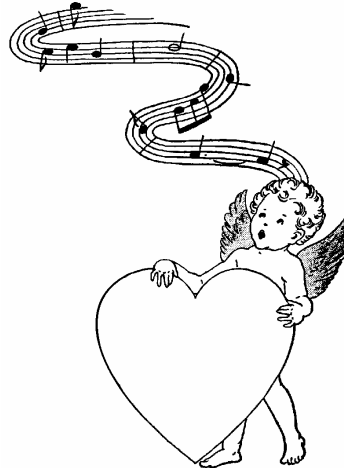
Washington's pivotal rôle in the Revolutionary War is depicted in *The Battle of Trenton*, an impressive program sonata by the British expatriate James Hewitt, published in 1797. The battle of Trenton, on 26 December 1776, was one of the first decisive victories of the American army under General Washington. Crossing the Delaware, they surprised a group of German mercenaries in the service of the English, fatigued by their Christmas celebration. The brief excerpts offered today are representative of *The Battle of Trenton*, a complete performance of which was presented, with narration by George Nelson, in the Gloucester 350th Celebration Concert at Bethany UMC on 18 November 2001.

In 1880 the proprietors of an enterprising newspaper, the "Washington Post," asked John Philip Sousa to compose a piece to promote an essay contest they were sponsoring. He responded with a march he called simply *The Washington Post*, and it was soon the number-one hit tune in both America and Europe! The eponymous newspaper was vaulted into prominence, and Sousa became known as the "March King."
 -Rudy Shackelford

United Methodist Men – "Sweetheart" Dinner and program

ATTENTION all you Bethany men, invite your wife, mother, daughter, or sweetheart, and come to the UMM's "Sweetheart" night on February 24, 6:30 p.m. Following dinner, Toby Callaway will entertain us with a light musical program.

If you plan to attend the dinner please fill out the form below and place



place in the offering plate

I plan to attend the "Sweetheart" dinner on February 24th

NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

PHONE NO. _____

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

In the month of March The United Methodist Women will be celebrating "A Call to Prayer and Self-denial". There will be a joint meeting of the Naomi and JOY Circles on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. We will have a program highlighting Food Security. The goal of this program is to equip members of the United Methodist Church to answer God's call to end hunger, as individuals and a larger organization. Members are asked to bring a piece of fruit and forgo dinner for the evening (health conditions permitting) as a way to bring into focus those who go without food on a daily basis. The offering collected will fund grassroots projects which support computer literacy, information technology training and English as a second-language. Marginalized communities, especially women, children and youth will gain access to information technology through these offerings.

We invite all women of the church to join us for this evening to experience one aspect of the United Methodist Women's Organization and to embrace the fellowship of Christian women.



Did You Know?

- 2.1 billion Christianity
- 1.5 billion Islam
- 1.1 billion Secular/Nonreligious/Agnostic/Atheist
- 900 million Hinduism
- 394 million Chinese traditional religion

376 million Buddhism
300 million Primal-Indigenous
100 million African Traditional and Diasporas

Come out the first Thursday in February and continue our journey on learning about the religions of the world. Father George Chioros has agreed to share with us the history of "The Greek Orthodox Church".

Date: March 5, 2009

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Bethany United Methodist Church