

Bethany United Methodist Church

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

February 22, 2009

Transfiguration 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

Fugue in E Minor (1839)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHORUS OF THE MONTH

UMH, No. 349

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will seem strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 5:8,14

Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light!
Awake, O sleeper and rise from the dead!
And Christ will shine on you!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

UMH, No. 173

*OPENING PRAYER

George Washington, 1783

I now make it my earnest prayer that God would have you. . .in his holy protection, that he would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another. . .and, finally, that he would be most graciously please to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with the charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Amen

*THE PSALTER

Psalm 80 (singing Response 2)

UMH, No. 801-802

ANTHEM 8:30
11:00

Sweet Peace
For the Joy of Music

Peter P. Bilhorn
Natalie Sleeth

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Children pre-school through third grade 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 Isaiah 60:19-22 Pew Bible, OT, page 655

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 3:17- 4:6 Pew Bible, NT, page 170

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD *Sonshine* Rev. Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Shine, Jesus, Shine* TFWS, No. 2173

The soloist or choir will sing the verses; the congregation sings the refrain.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH (11:00) UMH, Nos. 34, 37-38

Lonnie and Sandra Byrd

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH, no. 895

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Venetian Gondola Song, No. 1, from "Songs without Words"*

Felix Mendelssohn

"Resignedly beneath the sky

The melancholy waters lie.

So blend the turrets and shadows there

That all seem pendulous in air,

While from a proud tower in the town

Death looks gigantically down."

- *The City in the Sea*, by Edgar Allan Poe

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH, No. 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN *This Little Light of Mine* UMH, No. 585

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS UMH, No. 572

If only takes a spark to get a fire going,

And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing,

That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:

You spread his love to everyone – you want to pass it on!

POSTLUDE *Heliotrope Bouquet* Scott Joplin (1868-1907)

and Louis Chauvin (1881-1908)

- Celebrating Black History Month -

**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 given in memory of her mother Isabel Harleston, whose birthday was Feb. 24, by Kathleen and Jimmy Greene.

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 Colleen LeMay
Lay Readers:	8:30	11:00
Altar Guild for February:		Carolyn Davis and Alice Northam
Altar Guild for March:		Dawn Cluts and Carol Schultz
Greeters:	11:00	Bethany Youth
Sunday afternoon visitation:		Loreen Paiva

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15-1:45	Lunch/Confirmation class: "Believing in God"
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF
	6:00-7:30	Bible Buddies
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Stephen Ministry
	7:00	Men/Women Bible Study/Christian Believer
Tuesday	6:30	United Methodist Men "Sweetheart" Dinner and program night
Wednesday	11:00-4:00	AARP Tax Preparation
	6:15	Soup Supper
	7:00	Ash Wednesday service
	8:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	5:00-8:30	Scouts set up WBFH
	6:30	Emmaus
Friday	6:00-9:00	Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
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	12:15-1:45	Lunch and Confirmation class
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible study
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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.

Membership Class for Adults Begins Next Sunday

Next Sunday Pastor Steve will begin a three-session class for adults interested in joining the church. Next Sunday's class is entitled "What it Means to Be a Christian". The class will be held in the fellowship hall from 9:45 until 10:45 a.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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.

Kits for Conference

June is coming up shortly and before you know it, Conference will be here and we will be busy stuffing boxes with layette kits, health kits and school kits. The Naomi Circle will be collecting items for school kits (\$11.00 for a kit), Joy circle will be doing Layette Kits (\$35.00 for a kit) and The Lacey Martin Fellowship class is sponsoring health kits (\$12.00 for a kit). This is one area where everyone can be involved in contributing to either of these kits for conference, either with monetary donations or with kit material donations. (The dollar store is a great place to shop for lots of these items!)

Layette Kits: Value \$35.00 per kit

6 cloth diapers; 2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits; 2 baby washcloths; 2 gowns or sleepers; 2 diaper pins; 1 sweater open in the front; 2 receiving blankets.

Bundle the items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with the diaper pins.

Health Kits: Value \$12.00 per kit

1 hand towel (15 X 25 up to 17 X 27), no kitchen towels; 1 washcloth; 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized; 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers); 1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz. and up); 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes); 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages; \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (Note: UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.)

School Kits: Value \$11.00 per kit

1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip); 3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 ½ X 11 ruled paper (construction paper no longer included); 1 30-centimeter ruler; 1 hand-held pencil sharpener; 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers; 1 eraser, 2 ½ "; 1 box 24 crayons (only 24).

Bethany Welcomes New Members

Today at the 11:00 service Bethany welcomes Lonnie and Sandra Byrd into our church family. Lonnie is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism and will join by profession of faith. Sandra is transferring her membership from First United Methodist church (Fox Hill) in Hampton. The Byrds live at 1756 Sawgrass Pointe Drive in Hayes (642-3201). Welcome!

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

On Tuesday, March 3, at 7 P.M. Bethany United Methodist Women of the Naomi and Joy Circle's will be observing a Call to Prayer and Self-Denial with a program in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. We invite all women of the church to join us as Christian Women in Fellowship with one another and with the world. Participants are asked to forgo their evening meal (health permitting) and bring a piece of fruit and cheese to eat, doing so will enable us to focus on God's call to end hunger as individuals and as members of the United Methodist Church. The offering collected will support language and technology opportunities for women, children and youth in marginalized communities. For information contact Marsha Miller (642-9352) or Estelle Harris (642-4347).

Calling All SCRAPBOOKERS

For all interested in "Scrapbooking", we will meet on Friday, March 6th in the fellowship hall from 6:00-11:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and your drink.

Acolyte Training

Training for Acolytes will be held on Thursday, March 12 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This is open to all children in fourth grade and higher. If your child is interested in becoming an Acolyte, please contact the Acolyte Training coordinator, Diane White at dianemwhite1@cox.net or 804-815-5539.

United Methodist Men – “Sweetheart” Dinner and program

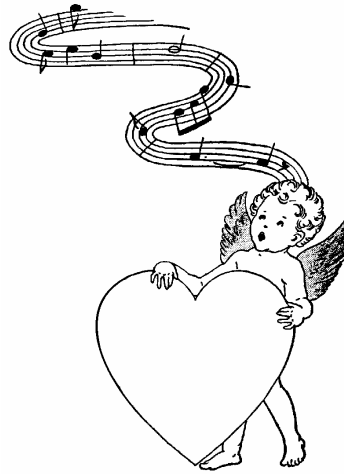
ATTENTION all you Bethany men, invite your wife, mother, sweetheart, and come to the UMM's "Sweetheart" night on Following dinner, Toby Callaway will entertain us with a light If you plan to attend the dinner please fill out the form below and plate

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

NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

PHONE NO. _____



daughter, _____ or
February 24, 6:30 p.m.
musical program.
place in the offering



Did You Know?

- 2.1 billion Christianity
- 1.5 billion Islam
- 1.1 million 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 March 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

Stewardship for February 15, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:		198
8:30	62	
11:00	136	
Sunday School		82
Adults	58	
Children	14	
Youth	10	

Counting Teams Schedule

February 22 Mike Andersen, Doris Luther, Merle Luther

March 1 Jackie Hampton, Charlotte Cecil, Jane Niethamer