

# Bethany United Methodist Church

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

March 1, 2009

The First Sunday in Lent



**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 “Wondrous Love”: Variations on a Shape-note Hymn, Opus 34

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

- Based upon Hymn No. 292 -

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CHORUS OF THE MONTH

TFWS, No 2112

**Jesus walked this lonesome valley.**

**He had to walk it by himself**

**Oh, nobody else could walk it for him.**

**He had to walk it by himself.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

I Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize?

**Run in such way that you may win it.**

Every athlete exercises discipline in every way.

**They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one.**

Thus I do not run aimlessly, nor do I fight as if I were shadowboxing.

**No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others,**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Music during Communion (8:30) "O Man, Lament your Grievous Fall"*

Sebaldus Heyden (circa 1525)

O man, lament your grievous fall,  
For which Christ left His Father's hall  
And came to earth from heaven.

He of a virgin maiden pure  
Was born, of man the Savior sure,  
And came earth's ills to leaven.

The dead He raised again to life,  
The sick He loosed from pain and strife,  
Until the time appointed  
That He for us should shed His blood  
And take on Him our sin's dark load,  
Stretched on the cross accursèd.

*Prelude on "O Man, Lament Your Grievous Fall"*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*At the 11 o'clock service, as worshipers come to the communion rail, those in the congregation are invited to sing the following hymns: Nos. 2254,361,526,528,534,536*

## *Sending Forth*

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Am I a Soldier of the Cross* (vs. 1-4)

UMH, No. 511

\*BENEDICTION

\*DISMISSAL CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2112

**We must walk this lonesome valley.**

**We have to walk it by ourselves.**

**Oh, nobody else can walk it for us.**

**We have to walk it by ourselves.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Fugue on the Kyrie, from "Mass for the Parishes"*

François Couperin (1668-1733)

- Kyrie eleison (Greek): "Lord, have mercy upon us" -

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\*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!



### 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

### Calling all Treasurers

Books are now being accepted for audit. Please turn in your book(s) to the church office or Debbie Tilley. Deadline is March 15, 2009.

### 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.

### United Methodist Men

There will be a United Methodist Men's planning meeting this Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m.

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 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                             | Suzanne Sterling          |                |                |
| Lay Reader:              | 8:30                             | Carol Johnson             | 11:00          | Bob Justis     |
| Acolytes:                | 8:30                             | Trip Vaughan              | 11:00          | Chelsea Leigh  |
| Altar Guild for March:   | Dawn Cluts and Carol Schultz     |                           |                |                |
| 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
	9:45	Adult Membership Class: “What It Means to Be a Christian”
	12:15-1:45	Lunch/Confirmation Class: “Our Guidebook for Living”
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF - - - 6:00-7:30 Bible Buddies
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers – WBFH
	7:00	Men’s/Women’s Bible Study/Christian Believer
Tuesday	7:00	Call to Prayer and Self Denial – Joy and Naomi Circles combine
	7:00	Trustees meeting
Wednesday	11:00-4:00	AARP Tax Preparation
	6:30	Focused Prayer: “Recent Widows and Widowers”
	7:00	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	4:00-6:00	Samaritan Board
	6:30	Scouts meet in Educational Classroom
	6:30	Emmaus
	7:30	Worship Program: Father George Chioros – Greek Orthodox Faith
Friday	6:00-11:00	Scrapbooking in the WBFH
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15-1:45	Lunch/Confirmation Class: “Who Is Jesus Christ?”
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Sunday 6-7:30 Supper/MYF
	7:00	Membership Care Team meeting

## Stewardship for February 22, 2009

### Attendance:

Worship:		217
8:30	56	
11:00	161	
Sunday School		88
Adults	67	
Children	7	
Youth	14	

## Counting Teams Schedule

March 1 Jackie Hampton, Charlotte Cecil, Jane Niethamer

March 8 Clyde Burton, Peggy Burton, Mary Kaylor

## 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**

Flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of her parents, Bill and Mary Hamlin, by Donna Cartwright.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dianemwhite1@cox.net) or 804-815-5539.