

Bethany United Methodist Church

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

March 8, 2009

Second Sunday in Lent



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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2129

**I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 10:37-39

Jesus said: Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me;
and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it.

And whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

*OPENING HYMN

Where He Leads Me

UMH, No. 338

*OPENING PRAYER

Teresa of Avila

Govern all by your wisdom, O Lord, so that my soul may always be serving you as you will, and not as I may choose. Do not punish me by granting what I wish, if that would offend your love that would always live in me. Let me die to myself, that I may serve you. Let me live for you, who are the true life. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 418

**If you love him, why not serve him?
If you love him, why not serve him?
If you love him, why not serve him?
Soldiers of the cross.**

ANTHEM 8:30
11:00

Wherever He Leads I'll Go
This Lonesome Valley

B.B. McKinney
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Don Besig

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

2 Samuel 15:13-23

Pew Bible, OT, page 282

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 8:34-38

Pew Bible, NT, page 42

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

A Cross for Me

Rev. Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

UMH, No. 424

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 God's 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

Lament (Were You There?)

Negro Spiritual

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Living for Jesus

TFWS, No. 2149, vs. 1-3

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

TFWS, No 2129

**The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
no turning back, no turning back.**

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Are Telling

Beethoven

**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

The Flowers are placed on the altar in loving memory of Richard Barnard on his birthday by Tom and Charla Barnard

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
Guest Organist today:	Mary Kaylor
Soloist:	8:30 Janet Chapin
Acolytes:	8:30 Mark Nichols 11:00 Austin White
Lay Readers:	8:30 Marcia Hargis 11:00 Shannon Minor
Altar Guild for March:	Dawn Cluts and Carol Schultz
Greeters:	11:00 Narthex: Diana Simmons Side Door: Dawn Cluts
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
	9:45	Adult Membership Class: "What It Means to Be a United Methodist"
	12:15-1:45	Lunch/Confirmation class: "Who is Jesus Christ?"
	4:00	George Nelson Concert Series Committee meeting
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Study – 6:00-7:00 Supper/MYF
	7:00	Membership Care Team meeting
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study/Christian Believer
Tuesday	10:00 & 7:00	Prayer Shawl/Quilt Ministry
	6:30	Abingdon Women's Club – WBFH in use
Wednesday	11:00-4:00	AARP Tax Preparation
	6:30	Focused Prayer: " Our Bethany Staff"
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Scouts meet in educational classroom
	6:30	Emmaus
	7:00	Acolyte Training
	7:00	Communications Committee meeting
Friday-Sun.		District Youth Retreat
Next Sunday	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"

Notes of Appreciation

We would like to thank all of our Bethany family for the many prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, and food, during the time of his illness and surgery, and my accident. The many visits to the hospital and nursing home helped both of us immensely on the road to recovery. God bless you all, Warren and Iva Belvin.

God is good and so are the people at Bethany. Thanks for all the phone calls, cards, food, wonderful visits and prayers that was showered on me during my recent hip surgery. Jeannie and I are so blessed to be members of Bethany's family. - Gene Harrell

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.

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.

XYZ Club

XYZ will meet on March 18 at 11:30 a.m. for a covered dish meal. The program will be Music for St. Patrick's Day, featuring Grady Toler. If you have not been contacted prior to the meeting, would you please call Estelle Harris (642-4347) and let her know if you will attend.

Can You Meet a Challenge?

The Lacey Martin Sunday School Class challenges all other adult Sunday School classes to match their \$88.00 donation to Helping Hands. In so doing you help send one of our youth to Helping Hands Mission Camp this summer.

Cards for Sally

If you would like to send a card to Sally Nardozi the address is:

Sally Nardozi
C/o Jimmie Lou Watson
6815 N 13th Place
Phoenix, AZ 85014.

MEETING CANCELED

The Missions Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th has been canceled and has been rescheduled for March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Salvation Army Food Closet

As a project of the Church and Society Committee we have been collecting items needed by the Salvation Army food closet. At this time we are still accepting non-perishable food items. There is a container located near the church office for your items. Many thanks to all of you who have brought in food items thus far.

District Day of Celebration

United Methodist Women will have a District Day of Celebration at Lower UMC on March 18 from 1:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Guest speaker will be Polly Boyette, "Life is a Buffet So Save Room For Dessert". Offering for the day will go to district projects. All women of Bethany are invited to attend. For more information contact Marsha Miller (642-9352) or Estelle Harris (642-4347)

Stewardship for March 1, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:		206
8:30	61	
11:00	145	
Sunday School		85
Adults	64	
Children	11	
Youth	10	

Counting Teams Schedule

March 8 Clyde Burton, Peggy Burton, Mary Kaylor

March 15 Bernard Robins, Sandra Harvey, Vicki Williams