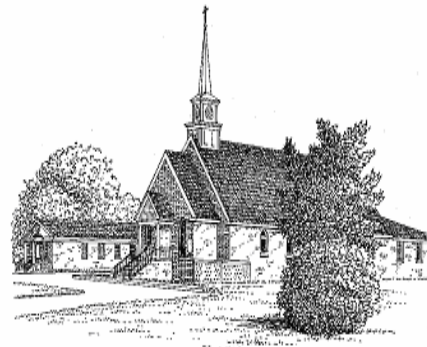


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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

March 15, 2009
Third 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

Fantasy on an Irish song, "The Last Rose of Summer"

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

UMH, No. 292

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

My thoughts are not your thoughts, says the Lord,
nor are your ways my ways.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than
your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*OPENING HYMN

Lord of the Dance

UMH, No. 261

*OPENING PRAYER

Book of Worship

**O God, by the passion of your beloved Son you made the instrument of
shameful death to be for us the means of life and peace. Grant us so to glory
in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for his sake. Amen.**

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 622

**There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins,
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains;
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains,
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.**

ANTHEM 8:30
11:00

*Only in Thee
I Cannot Tell*
- Based on Londonderry Air -

Charles H. Gabriel
William Young Fullerton

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Kris Kent

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 52:13-53:5

Pew Bible, OT, page 648

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Corinthians 1:18-25

Pew Bible, NT, page 156

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

How Foolish Can You Be?

Rev. Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

UMH, No. 163

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Wiley Cross

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Prelude on "The Lord's Prayer"

Max Reger (1873-1916)

- Based upon Hymn No. 414 -

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF THE MONTH

Thou Hidden Love of God

UMH, No. 414

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

UMH, No. 504 refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,

till my trophies at last I lay down.

I will cling to the old rugged cross,

and exchange it some day for a crown.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D Minor, "Dorian"

Johann Sebastian Bach
(born 21 March 1685)

**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 are given in honor of our sixth wedding anniversary by Marsha and Robert Miller.

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	11:00 William Schultz	
Lay Readers:	8:30	Kris Kent	11:00 Jon Kent
Altar Guild for March:	Dawn Cluts and Carol Schultz		
Greeters:	11:00	Narthex: Nerine Hickman Side Entrance: Loreen Paiva	
Sunday afternoon visitation:			

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 Bethany Member"
	6:00	George Nelson Concert Series committee meeting
Monday	6:00-7:30	Bible Buddies
	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/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 meal & program by Grady Toler
	6:30	Focused Prayer: "The <u>U</u> nited <u>M</u> ethodist <u>C</u> ommittee <u>o</u> n <u>R</u> elief"
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Scouts meet in educational classroom
	6:30	Emmaus
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: "What It Means to Be Saved"
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Study
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF
	6:00	Discipleship Ministry team meeting
7:00	Administrative Board meeting	

XYZ Club

XYZ will meet on March 18 at 11:30 a.m. for a covered dish meal. The program will be Inspirational Music and Broadway hits, 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.

United Methodist Men News

On March 29th Bethany UMM will sponsor a clam chowder & vegetable soup luncheon immediately after the 11 o'clock service.

Bethany UMM will meet on March 31 for supper and a program. Speaker for the evening is Warren Deal, who will give a talk on "The Reenactment of the Battle of the Hook".

United Methodist Men District Gathering of Men

A Gathering of Men will take place on April 4th at Bethany Church from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. – for a charge of \$5.00 per person. Rev. Jim Lavender of Discovery UMC will be our speaker. Invite a friend and join us!

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

On Tuesday, April, 7 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).

Stewardship for March 8, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:		195
8:30	58	
11:00	137	
Sunday School		78
Adults	58	
Children	6	
Youth	14	

Counting Teams Schedule

March 15 Bernard Robins, Sandra Harvey, Vicki Williams

March 22 Sid Dixon, Katherine Jordan, Kathleen Mattox

NOTE ON A FAVORITE WESLEY HYMN

Today's offertory and the Hymn of the Month for March are based upon an anonymous German melody of circa 1539 known as *Vater Unser* ("Our Father") because it was first used by Martin Luther for his versified form of the Lord's Prayer. The tune was a favorite of both John and Charles Wesley. John set it to his translation of "Thou Hidden Love of God" by the German poet Gerhardt Tersteegen (1697-1769), based upon Galatians 2:20. This hymn has been included in all American Methodist hymnals since 1802.

The majestic melody *Vater Unser* has also inspired many compositions for organ from the 17th through the 20th centuries, most notably Felix Mendelssohn's *Sonata No. 6* which we performed on February 1st to celebrate the composer's 200th birthday. During the next four weeks we will sample several other settings of *Vater Unser*, beginning today with one by the post-Romantic German composer Max Reger in which each phrase of the chorale (or hymn) is repeated in echo, alternating between the front and rear speakers of the organ. Although a Catholic, Reger composed prolifically for the Protestant church, updating the Bach tradition in an often grandiose and convoluted style. His lovely Prelude on *Vater Unser*, however, is exceptionally simple and restrained. – Rudy Shackelford

Thirty Bethany Youth and Adults at Blackstone Today

The Rappahannock District Youth Retreat is being held at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center (VUMAC) at Blackstone this weekend. Thirty persons from Bethany are attending. The youth are Dennisa Booth, David Campbell, Gabriella Campbell, Kiersten Campbell, Xzavier Darden, Josh Hasty, Michael Johnson, Joel Kidd, Hannah Kidd, Colleen LeMay, Ashleigh Polk, Robert Rhoades, Stacey Rhoades, Michael Sage, Cheyenne Taylor, Michelle Taylor, Hunter Tipton, Trip Vaughan, Austin White, Emily White, Hannah Wilburn, Kennedy Wilburn, Jonathan Wood, Stephanie Wood, and Megan Zens. Adult chaperones attending are Mike Andersen, Sondra Colbert, Patrick Kiley, Diana Simmons, and Judith Williams. Please remember all these in prayer.

Vacation Bible School Planning meeting

Vacation Bible School planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome. Come out and help us plan for a great VBS.

Religions of the World

Presented by: Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns Ministry

Come out the first Thursday in April and continue our journey on learning about the religions of the world. Mr. Roger Whiteway has agreed to share with us the History and Worship of "Christian Science".

Date: April 2, 2009

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Bethany United Methodist Church

Religions Of The World



Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies are available to order and place in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 12. The cost is \$12 per lily. Payment **MUST** accompany the order, and the order deadline is Tuesday, March 31. Please make checks payable to Bethany UMC, with the notation "Easter Lilies".

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Your Name _____

Your Phone No. _____

Amount attached _____

Note: This is a fundraiser for our UMYF.