

Bethany United Methodist Church

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

April 19, 2009

Festival of God's Creation



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

St. Francis of Assisi: The Sermon to the Birds, from "Two Legends"

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

-Remembering the victims of the earthquake in L'Aquila, Italy, on April 6th -

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHORUS OF THE MONTH

TFWS, No. 2088

Lord, I lift your name on high!
Lord, I love to sing your praises!
I'm so glad you're in my life!
I'm so glad you came to save us!
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 148:1,3,7,8-10,13

Praise the Lord from the heavens:

Praise him, sun and moon!

Praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise the Lord from the earth:

Lightning and hail, snow, and frost, stormy wind at his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Let them praise the name of the Lord; his glory is above earth and heaven!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King

UMH, No. 62, verses 1-4

*LITANY OF PRAYER

O Lord, you have given us the gift of land.

May we ever protect and preserve it.

O Lord, you have given us the gift of water

May we keep it pure and safe.

O Lord, you have given us the gift of air.

May we keep it pure and fresh.

○ Lord, you have given us the gift of plants and trees.

May we ever use and protect them justly.

○ Lord, you have given us the gift of birds and animals.

May we preserve and enjoy them.

○ Lord, you have given us care of the earth.

○ Lord, we accept the care of these gifts as our sacred stewardship. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 62

**Let all things their Creator bless
and worship him in humbleness.**

○ praise him! Alleluia!

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!**

○ Praise him, ○ Praise him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

ANTHEM Creation Medley: "This Is My Fathers World", "Can You Count the Stars?"
"What a Mighty God We Serve".

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S 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

Deuteronomy 24:19-22

Pew Bible, OT, page 177

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:32-37

Pew Bible, NT, page 116

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

Learning to Share

Rev. Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

CONSECRATION OF OUR PRAYER SHAWLS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH, No. 428

*During the singing of this hymn, you are welcome to come forward and kneel
at the Communion rail to pray for God's blessings on our prayer shawls, to make
a new commitment to Christ, or to otherwise respond to God's word. Prayer shawl recipients are: Lucille
Letchworth, Horace Purcell, Jean Brown, Gladys Davis, Jackson White, Louise Mosca, Agnes Williams, and Mary
Field.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

8:30 Judy Vaughan

11:00 Donna Lane

try to attend this beneficial workshop. Please call 642-6016 (Al & Judy Burner) if you plan to attend so we will know the count for meal preparation.

Name _____ Number attending _____

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.

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15	Lunch/Confirmation Class: "Everything You Need to Know about Methodism"
	5:00-7:00	MYF Dinner and a Movie
	6:00-7:30	Bible Buddies
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study/Christian Believer
Tuesday	10:30	Sanders Nursing Home
	7:00	Stewardship Committee meeting
Wednesday	7:00	Focused Prayer: Taking care of our planet
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	4:00	Samaritan Board
	6:30	Scouts meet in educational classroom
	6:30	Emmaus
	7:30	Evangelism Committee meeting
Friday	6:00-8:30	Scout Pack meeting in WBFH
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	9:45	Adult Sunday School Classes with Charles Clements
	12:15-1:45	Lunch/Confirmation Class: "Bethany UMC and You"
	3:00-5:30	Youth officers and leaders training

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	Dolores Breen	
Acolytes:	8:30	Hannah Kidd	11:00 Maxx Maples Polk
Lay Readers:	8:30	Kevin Kiley	11:00 Loreen Paiva
Altar Guild for April:		Robert and Marsha Miller	
Greeters:	11:00	Narthex: Nerine Hickman	Side Door: Dawn Cluts

Joint Sunday School Classes

District Lay Leader Charles Clements will lead us in an adult Sunday School class next Sunday on *Time, Talents and Treasures*, sponsored by the Stewardship Committee and Adult Division Sunday School Superintendent. We hope all adult classes will meet with us in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall at 9:45 on April 26 for fellowship time and refreshments. The class will begin promptly at 10 AM.

Church and Society

On the last Sunday of each month a representative from Church and Society will be in the narthex to encourage you to donate items to a local charity. This month we will be joining with Doris Luther, our Native American Awareness chairman, to encourage people to donate to the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic. There will be a container in the narthex and also next to the church office for any items you care to donate.

Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic Wish List

Donations will be consecrated next Sunday, April 26!

Supplies:

Adult and Senior Multi vitamins with iron in small bottles

Children's Vitamins in small bottles

Omega 3 Fish oil in small bottles

Tylenol Arthritis Strength in small bottles

We ask for individual sized bottles to prevent over dosages and the need for re-packing and labeling.

Disposable underwear briefs: all sizes but especially, large and extra large size briefs

Neosporin cream, anti-biotic first and cream and sprays.

Waterproof band-Aids

Cans of Ensure, chocolate, strawberry and vanilla; all flavors cans of boost, especially for Diabetics.

Urgent Needs

Stamps (we use a roll a month)

Gas cards \$20, \$25, and up to \$50

(these are used to transport patients to specialist and hospital appointments)

Bottled water: Small individual bottles

Small individual bottles of fruit juices.

Equipment

A portable, well-designed and equipped first aid kit for doctors and nurses making house calls

We need more padded folding chairs so patients don't have to stand in the waiting room. A donation of \$17 buys one chair

Print cartridges for our copier: hplazerjet all in one #3015 for HP 12 A lazer jet #Q2612A

We wish to showcase photographs in the community center and would welcome donations of simple picture frames for images 8 ½ X 10 or 11, and 11X 14

Native American Ministries Sunday

Bethany will celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday next Sunday. Appropriate music will be both played and sung, and prayers will reflect Native American traditions. A special offering will be received for Native American Ministries in our Annual Conference.

Note on the Prelude

The life of Italy's beloved Saint Francis of Assisi was truly a festival of God's creation! Still very relevant and compelling after eight centuries, Francis considered all nature as the mirror of God, and his poem *Canticle of the Creatures*, set to music in the familiar hymnal *All Creatures of Our God and King* (United Methodist Hymnal, No. 62), refers to "brother Sun" and "sister Moon," to wind and water and fire, and seven "sister Death."

One of the most charming episodes in the Franciscan legend is his Sermon to the Birds, depicted in Giotto's paintings at Assisi and recounted in the *Fioretti (or Little Flowers of St. Francis)*, a treasure of 14th century Italian literature. In 1863 it inspired Franz Liszt to compose a magical tone-poem that makes the piano sound as if many birds are softly fluttering their wings. In the dramatic middle section of his composition, Liszt uses the vocal technique of recitative to portray St. Francis preaching:

"My dear little birds, you are much beholden to God, your creator, and at all times and in all places you ought to praise Him. He has given you liberty to fly about everywhere . . . He gives you the rivers and fountains for your drink, He gives you the mountains and valleys for your refuge and the tall trees in which to build your nests. And since you know neither how to spin nor to sew, God clothes you — you and your young ones. Wherefore your Creator loves you greatly, since He has bestowed upon you so many benefits. Therefore, beware, my little birds, of the sin of ingratitude, and study always to please God!"

Having finished his sermon, St. Francis made the sign of the cross over the birds and gave them permission to depart. In the rapturous conclusion of the piece, Franz Liszt captures the breathtaking moment when they "rose into the air with wonderful songs."

- Rudy Shackelford

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given in memory of Ida May Cameron for her birthday, April 14, by her daughter, Judy Vaughan.

Bethany United Methodist Men

April 28 – 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Harvey Morgan

In charge of meal: Mike Andersen

All men of the church are invited to attend. Hopefully Mr. Morgan will bring us some good news!

The George Nelson Memorial Concert Series In Memory of Ernie Critzer

Presents



Dockside Harmony

May 17, 2009

4:00 P.M.



In 2003, Bill Ballinger (Baritone) and Larry Jefferson (Lead) formed a quartet called *Just In Time*. They competed in the Southern Division Contest in 2004 placing 11th in the scoring. Later that year Scotty Scott (Tenor) joined the group, which began singing in chapter shows, but could not compete at the Southern Division

that year due to scheduling difficulties. In the fall of 2005, Frank Traylor (Bass) joined the quartet, which then decided to rename the quartet.

After spending a weekend on the lake out on a boat, they collectively decided on the name *Dockside Harmony*. They have been singing in chapter shows, for church groups, teacher associations, radio shows, TV shows, Gospel Chicken House, etc. They competed in the Southern Division Quartet contest in Reston VA this past spring and finished in the top 10 out of a field of 23. They have 30 or more songs in our repertoire and perform

for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, grand openings, receptions, National Anthem at ball games such as Richmond Braves baseball games, University of Richmond Basketball games, VCU basketball games, Renegades Hockey games, etc. They have sung numerous times on live radio and television to promote events for their chorus, The Virginians.

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Admission to the concert is free, but donations are welcomed and will benefit the George Nelson Memorial Concert Series