

Bethany United Methodist Church

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

April 26, 2009

Native American Ministries Sunday



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

Bird Songs, from "Organ Book" (1951) Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

*Afternoon with the birds — blackbird, nightingale, song thrush
and robin — then nightfall (for Eastertide).*

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!**

*ACT OF CENTERING

Lakota prayer

Let us face East. From the East, the direction of the rising sun, we glean wisdom and knowledge through desert silences and humble service.

Enable us, O God, to be wise in our actions and in our use of the resources of the earth, sharing them in justice, partaking of them in gratitude.

(Continued)

Let us face South. From the South come guidance and the beginning and end of life.

May we walk good paths, O God, living on the earth as sisters and brothers should, rejoicing in one another's blessing, sympathizing in one another's sorrows, and together look to you, seeking the new heaven and earth
Let us face West. From the West come purifying waters.

We pray that water might be pure and available to all, and that we, too, may be purified so that life may be sustained and nurtured over the entire face of the earth.

Let us face North. From the North come strong winds and gentle breezes.

May the air we breathe be purified and may our lives feel that breath of the Spirit, strengthening and encouraging us.

Let us face Christ, our Center, who calls us and challenges us.

Christ brings healing and salvation and by God's Spirit renews the face of the earth

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Morning Has Broken

UMH, No. 145

*OPENING PRAYER

Native American Prayer

O Great Spirit, whose voice we hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us. We come before you as your children. We are small and weak; we need your strength and wisdom. Let us walk in beauty, and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. May our hands respect the things you have made and our ears be sharp to hear your voice. Make us wise, so that we may know the things you have taught your people, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. We seek strength not to be superior to our brothers and sisters, but to live in harmony with one another and with all of your creation. Help us to be ever ready to come to you, so when life fades as a fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Heleluyan

UMH, No. 78

ANTHEM 8:30

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Catherine Cameron/William Moore

11:00

A Rose in the Valley

Joseph Martin

Proclamation of the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF MEMBERS (11:00)

Baum Kaiser Hogge

Jason and Susannah Hogge

Molly Omelia Shackelford

Katie and Kassie Jeffers

CHILDREN'S 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

Psalm 4

Pew Bible, OT, page 474

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:22-28

Pew Bible, NT, page 130

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

When Red Can Get Ahead

Rev. Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

UMH, No. 122

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Powhatan's Daughter (1907)

John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)

*"Pocahontas, his own daughter,
She the dove of Worocomoco,
The pride of Tuscarora."*

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION OF GIFTS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

*CLOSING HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

TFWS, No. 2223

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love!

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!

POSTLUDE

Navajo War Dance, from "Mesa and Plain" Arthur Farwell (1872-1952)
arr. Rudy Shackelford

**Congregation to Stand*

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.

Joint Sunday School Classes

District Lay Leader Charles Clements will lead us in a joint adult Sunday School class today 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 for fellowship time and refreshments. The class will begin promptly at 10 AM.

This Week at Bethany

Today	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	Lunch/Confirmation Class: "Bethany UMC and You"
	3:30-5:30	Youth offices and leaders training
Monday	4:00	Gloucester Housing Partnership
	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study/Christian Believer
	7:00	Stephen Ministry
Tuesday	6:30	Bethany United Methodist Men
Wednesday	7:00	Focused Prayer: The Native American Community
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Scouts meet in educational classroom
	6:30	Emmaus
Friday	1:00-4:00	Set up WBFH for yard sale
Saturday	8:00-4:00	Abingdon Women's Club yard sale - WBFH in use
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: "Your Calling in Life"
	12:15	Stewardship workshop
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Study
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF
	6:00-7:30	Bible Buddies

Stewardship for April 19, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:		195
8:30	52	
11:00	143	

Sunday School		74
Adults	60	
Children	9	
Youth	5	

Counting Teams Schedule

April 26 Bernard Robins, Sandra Harvey, Vicki Williams

May 3 Al Burner, Judy Burner, Teresa Sullivan

Do You Have Financial Questions?

In today's economic crisis do you have questions about your own financial management? How about estate planning? Do you have any concerns for planned giving in the future? Most of these questions can be answered on May 3 at a Workshop on Personal Financial Management, Estate Planning and Planned Giving to be held immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. If you are seeking answers to any of these or other questions this workshop is for you! Young people — it's not too early to be thinking about these questions! A light lunch will be served followed by this workshop. The Rev. George Neas, director of stewardship for the Virginia United Methodist Conference, and Jim Bergdoll, executive director of the Virginia United Methodist Foundation, will present a program that will hopefully answer all of your questions. Mr. Neas is a clergy member of the Virginia Conference with a passion for the role of stewardship in the life of individual United Methodists. Mr. Bergdoll is an active layman in the local church and in the general church and has worked in financial resource development at two colleges and the Foundation for the past 50 years. 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.

Bethany Welcomes New Members

This morning at the 11 o'clock service we welcome two new families into our Bethany family. **Jason and Susannah Hogge** are becoming full members of Bethany, as their son **Baum**, born Dec. 24, receives the Sacrament of Baptism. Jason is joining by Profession of Faith, while Susannah is transferring her membership from Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Va. The Hogges are currently staying with Jason's parents, Wayne and Pat, at 1334 Laurens Road, in Gloucester Point. **Molly Shackelford** is becoming an affiliate member of Bethany, while keeping her primary membership at Uzzells UMC in Smithfield. She is married to Carter Shackelford, and she has two daughters, **Katie** (6) and **Kassie** (3). The Shackelfords live at 1972 Marshall Lane in Hayes (757-812-1385).

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given in honor of the beautiful season of spring by Robert and Yeadley Blackwell

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	Carol Justis	
Acolytes:	8:30	Joel Kidd	11:00 Ashleigh Polk
Lay Readers:	8:30	Stephanie Wood	11:00 Jonathan Wood
Altar Guild for April:		Robert and Marsha Miller	
Altar guild for May:		Nan Leigh and Irene Hogge	
Greeters:	11:00	Bethany Youth	

Note on the Prelude

"Birds are probably the greatest musicians who inhabit our planet," said Olivier Messiaen, the French composer whose centennial we celebrated last year. Building on a centuries-old tradition of imitating bird songs with human voices and instruments, Messiaen traveled the world in search of avian artists. He made no use of a tape recorder, the songs being notated directly onto manuscript paper, but at a lower pitch and slower tempo than the originals. This material became the basis of extended compositions such as the *Catalogue of the Birds* for solo piano, which lasts almost three hours! Messiaen inherited his spirituality of nature from Saint Francis of Assisi, the subject of his only opera (1984), in which the Saint is portrayed preaching to the birds. - Rudy Shackelford

**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!

Native American Ministries Sunday

Fifty percent of our special offering for Native American ministries this morning remains within our Virginia conference. Three very special local projects are supported by this offering: the Indians in Need Fund, the American Heritage School for Children, and the Healing Eagle Clinic. All of these are located on the Mattaponi Reservation. Note: money given to the Native American Ministries offering is considered over and above normal giving to the church budget. You may use the enclosed offering envelope for your gift.

Religions of the World



American Indian Ministry and Spirituality

Come out the first Thursday in May and continue our journey on learning about the religions of the world. Pastor Karen Sandoval has agreed to share with us the History and Worship of "Native Americans".

Date: May 7, 2009

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Bethany United Methodist Church

**The George Nelson Memorial Concert Series
In Memory of Ernie Critzer**

Presents

Dockside Harmc



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 *Docksider 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