

# Bethany United Methodist Church

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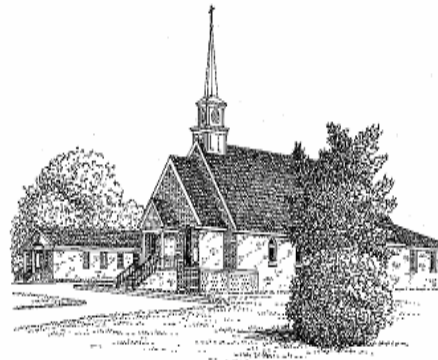
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Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

May 3, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Easter



**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

*Solace (A Mexican Serenade)*

Scott Joplin (1868-1917)

- Celebrating *Cinco de Mayo*, the Mexican army's victory over an invading French force at Puebla on 5 May 1862 -

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CHORUS OF THE MONTH

UMH, No. 500

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.  
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

John 13:34-35

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.  
**Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.**  
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,  
**if you have love for one another.**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UMH, No. 89

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Book of Worship

**Our heavenly Father, by your love you have made us; through your love you have kept us; and in your love you would perfect us. We humbly confess that we have not loved you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and that we have not loved one another as Christ has loved us. Your life is within our souls, but our selfishness has hindered you. We have not lived by faith; we have resisted your Spirit; we have neglected your inspirations. Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and through your Spirit direct what we shall be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 337 refrain

**Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now.  
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.**

## Proclamation and Response

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*At the 11:00 a.m. service children are dismissed to Children's Church*

### 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

Ruth 2:1-12

Pew Bible, OT, page 236

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I John 3:14-18

Pew Bible, NT, page 223

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### WITNESS TO THE WORD

*Love with Skin on It*

Rev. Steve Young

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem 8:30  
11:00

*God Is Here*  
*Love's Way*

Cyril V. Taylor  
Joseph Martin

\*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH, No. 95

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Thanksgiving and Communion

### \*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH, No. 15-16

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Music during communion (8:30)*

*Adagio from Sonata No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*At the 11 o'clock service the congregation is invited to join the choir as we sing the following hymns: Nos. 156, 172, 314, 453, 462, 469*

## Sending Forth

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Freely, Freely*

UMH, No. 389

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*DISMISSAL CHORUS

UMH, No. 557

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

### \*POSTLUDE

*Sonata on the First Tone*

José Lidon (1752-1827)

- For harpsichord or organ with the Royal Trumpet stop -

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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!

### **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 memory of my husband Bob by Dawn Cluts.

### **This Week at Bethany**

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15	Confirmation Class: "Your Calling in Life"
	12:15	Workshop on Personal Financial Management, Estate Planning and Planned Giving
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Study
Monday	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF - - - 6:00-7:30 Bible Buddies
	5:00	Weight Watchers - WBFH
Tuesday	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study/Christian Believer
	6:30	Baptism at Gloucester Point Baptist Church
Wednesday	7:00	Trustees meeting
	7:00	JOY Circle
	7:00	Focused Prayer: "Our Nation"
Thursday	7:30	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	9:00	The Main Event
Friday	6:30	Emmaus
	7:30	Worship Program: American Indian Spirituality
Saturday	1:00-4:00	Abingdon Women's Club set up WBFH
Next Sunday	8:00-4:00	Abingdon Women's Club yard sale in WBFH
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	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00	Confirmation Sunday

## **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

## UMW District Spiritual Life Retreat

United Methodist Spiritual Retreat will be held on May 16 from 10 a.m.-2:30 pm at White Stone UMC. Lunch is available for \$7.00 with a deadline for reservation on May 9<sup>th</sup>. All women are invited to attend this spiritual renewal in the fellowship of women with worship, music, small group discussion, and communion. Spiritual leader for the day will be the Reverend Myrtle Hatcher. Please contact either Marsha Miller (642-9352) or Estelle Harris (642-4347) for further information.

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	Janet Chapin	
Lay Reader:	8:30	Paul Kendall	11:00 Sondra Colbert
Acolytes:	8:30	Trip Vaughan	
	11:00	Chelsea Leigh and William Schultz	
Altar Guild for May:		Nan Leigh and Irene Hogge	
Greeters:	11:00	Narthex : Alice McGee	Side Entrance: Jennie Lipscomb

## Stewardship for April 26, 2009

### Attendance:

Worship:		245
8:30	84	
11:00	161	
Sunday School		61
Adults	44	
Children	6	
Youth	11	

## Counting Teams Schedule

May 3 Al Burner, Judy Burner, Teresa Sullivan

May 10 Sid Dixon, Katherine Jordan, Kathleen Mattox

## A Silent Auction will be held in the WBFH!

Come visit all day, on **Sunday, May 17**. This event is being sponsored by the Bethany Bible Buddies. Proceeds will be donated to the United Methodist Children's Mission Fund for Christian Mission. The Bible Buddies have selected to help the needy people of Laos.

This small Asian country needs rice and vegetable seeds so they can sell their harvest to purchase school and medical supplies and much more. **Please consider contributing an item for auction!** Contact Kris Kent at [642-6438/kentcrew@cox.net](mailto:642-6438/kentcrew@cox.net) As always your generosity is so very appreciated!

## Mission Opportunity

The Bethany Missions Committee is looking for 6 - 8 volunteers on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, to help repair and replace front and back steps to a mobile home owned by an elderly lady in the upper end of the county. The project is sponsored by the Gloucester Housing Partnership, and tools and materials will be provided. We expect the job to

take about 4 - 6 hours. We'll meet at the church at 9 am and take the church van to the site. Lunch will be provided. This will be a fun and worthwhile project and an opportunity for us to help and minister to a deserving member of our community.

Questions? Call Kevin Kiley 642-6047.

### **A Special Thank You**

Thanks to each of you who in some way contributed to the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic. Through your generosity, others will benefit in various ways! Bethany is always a generous and loving Church Community. - Doris Luther, Native American Mission Representative.

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> 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