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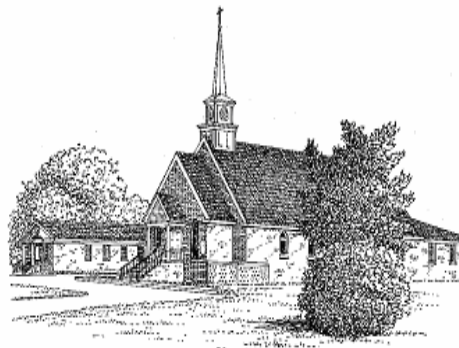
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Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

August 2, 2009

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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

Clair de Lune (Moonlight), from "Suite Bergamasque"

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

- In memory of Marie Baldwin (died 6 August 2006)-

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

UMH, No. 328

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place –
I can feel his mighty power and his grace!
I can hear the brush of angels' wings;
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Genesis 28:16-17

Jacob woke from his sleep and said: Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!

How awesome is this place!

This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven!

*OPENING HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

UMH, No. 500

*OPENING PRAYER

New every morning is your love, great God of light. All day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote this day to your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH, No. 881

*CHORUS OF THE MONTH

TFWS, No. 2119

**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace.
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour;
there is light and life; there is help and power**

in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

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

Psalm 139:1-12

Pew Bible, OT, page 552

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-8,12-18

Pew Bible, NT, page 112

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Rev. Steve Young

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem 8:30

Lamb of God

Twila Paris/Craig Courtney

11:00

Down to the River to Pray

Sheldon Curry

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thanksgiving and Communion

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN OF INVITATION

Spirit Song

verse 1, UMH, No. 347

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH, No. 9-10

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ecumenical version)

UMH, No. 894

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Music during Communion (8:30) *Andante Cantabile*, from "Sonata in C Major." K. 333
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

At the 11 o'clock service the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns and choruses from The Faith We Sing songbook:

<i>Holy Ground</i>	No. 2272 (sing twice)
<i>In Remembrance</i>	No. 2254
<i>Sanctuary</i>	No. 2164 (sing twice)
<i>Into My Heart</i>	No. 2160
<i>Just a Closer Walk with Thee</i>	No. 2158
<i>His Eye is on the Sparrow</i>	No. 2146
<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	No. 2129
<i>Jesus, Name above All Names</i>	No. 2071 (sing twice)
<i>As the Deer</i>	No. 2025 (sing twice)
	No. 2016

Sending Forth

*CLOSING HYMN

"Spirit Song"

verse 2, UMH, No. 347

*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

Rondeau, from "Sinfonies de Fanfares" Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

*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!

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	Carol Justis	
Lay Reader:	8:30	Bob Justis	11:00 Carol Johnson
Acolytes:	8:30	Hannah and Joel Kidd	
	11:00	William and Nathan Schultz	
Altar Guild for August:	Pat Hasty, Peggy Burton, Irene Hogge		
Greeters:	11:00	Narthex: Jennie Lipscomb	

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers - WBFH
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
	7:00	Stephen Ministry
Wednesday	6:30	Focused Prayer: Friendship Class
	7:00	Vision Committee meeting
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Emmaus
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF

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

The flowers on the altar today are given in remembrance of God's blessings by Loreen Paiva

Church and Society

As an ongoing project of the Church and Society Committee we will be collecting items for the Salvation Army 2009 Back to School Program until August 9th. We will be collecting school supplies such as notebooks, binders, folders, crayons, pens, colored pencils, pencils (no.2), Elmer's glue, tissues, disinfectant wipes, etc. Boxes have been placed outside the church office for any item(s) you care to donate.

Stewardship for July 26, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:		237
8:30	61	
11:00	176	
Sunday School		80
Adults	52	
Children	10	
Youth	18	

Counting Teams Schedule

August 2 Sid Dixon, Ann Hogge, Kathleen Mattox

August 9 Mike Andersen, Merle Luther, Doris Luther

Feeding of the Youth

September and school are right around the corner which means the youth will resume their weekly Sunday night meetings. We need your help to provide a meal for these kids. We appreciate all of the help we have received in the past and if you or your church organization have not provided a meal, please call Sue Morecock at 757-875-1603 or Sondra Colbert at 804-642-0467 to help. We will gladly take a cash donation if you don't wish to cook or donate food. Thanks for your help.

Helping the Christians in Bethlehem

Amid the highly publicized tension in Palestine between Jews and Muslims, the largely forgotten group is the Christian community in the West Bank. This small sector of the population is making a courageous stand under extremely difficult economic and political circumstances in the place where Christ was born. To help provide an economic boost to this community, George Ghanem, a native of Bethlehem and a Christian, will be present during our worship services on August 16 to provide the Stewardship Moment. Following both services, exquisite handmade crafts from Bethlehem will be available for purchase. Carved items from olivewood will include nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candleholders, and angels. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to support Christian families living in or near Bethlehem, and this ministry is supported totally by the sale of items in this country.

Mini School of Christian Missions

August 22, 2009 10 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. at Bethel - Lively, UMC

Speaker for the morning session is Becky Breeding, Conference Education and Interpretation Coordinator.

Mission Studies to be held after lunch:

"The Beauty and Courage of Sudan" taught by Cheryl Ligon

"Food and Faith" taught by Rev. Jennifer Moore

"Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Studies" taught by Karen Sandoval

Bring a sandwich - beverage and dessert will be provided.

For an offering, bring items for the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic

Notes of Appreciation

I would like to thank my Bethany family for the prayers, concerns, cards, and beautiful flowers during my recent stay in the hospital. All helped brighten my day.

-Helen Sanderlin.

Rick and our family would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and other acts of condolences on the recent death of his father. Your concerns helped get us through this time of sadness. - Rick and Patricia Kidd