

Bethany United Methodist Church

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

August 16, 2009

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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 *Lord, What Shall I, a Sinner, Do?: Hymn with Six Variations*
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Lord, what shall I, a sinner, do?
Whither shall I turn for aid?
Sins that make me sore afraid
Conscience waking brings to view.
This my confidence shall be,
Jesus, I will cleave to Thee.

True I have transgressed Thy will,
Oft have grieved Thee by my sins.
Yet I know thou lovest me still,
For I hear Thy voice within.
Then, though sin accuses me,
Jesus, I will cleave to thee.

-Johann Flittner, 1661

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

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.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgressions?
You do not retain your anger forever, because you delight in showing mercy.
You will again have compassion upon us, treading our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

To God Be the Glory

UMH, No. 98

*OPENING PRAYER

Have mercy upon us, God, according to your lovingkindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 622

**The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day.
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away,
wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
and there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.**

ANTHEM

Creed

Davis Strasser

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

Psalm 32:1-5

Pew Bible, OT, page 488

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 1:5-2:2

Pew Bible, NT, page 224

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH, No. 881

WITNESS TO THE WORD

The Forgiveness of Sins

Rev. Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Grace Greater than Our Sins

UMH, No. 365

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

Ghassan Sababa

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:	Dolores Breen	
Acolytes:	8:30 Maxx Maples Polk	11:00 Kaiten Cooper
Lay Reader:	8:30 Martin Breen	11:00 Loreen Paiva
Greeters:	11:00 Narthex: Alice McGee Side: Norma Taylor	
Altar Guild for August:	Pat Hasty, Peggy Burton, Irene Hogge	

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
	7:00	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00	Stewardship Committee meeting
Wednesday	6:30	Focused Prayer: Christians in the Holy Land
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
Saturday	5:00-7:30	CCF - Slumber party
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	8:30 & 11:00	United Methodist Men in charge in worship services

HELP!

Most of the small children's Sunday Church activity (Rainbow bags) seem to have grown wings and flown away. If you have some of these at home, would you please return them to church?

Stewardship for August 9, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:	234
8:30	68
11:00	166
Sunday School	54
Adults	27
Children	14

Counting Teams Schedule

August 16 Jackie Hampton, Charlotte Cecil, Jane Niethamer

August 23 Clyde Burton, Peggy Burton, Mary Kaylor

Keep Those School Supplies Coming

Bethany United Methodist Women will be collecting items for school kits, which will be taken to conference next June. These supplies are on sale now and it would be a good time to purchase. Items needed are: 1 pair blunt scissors (blunt point tip only); 3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 ½ X 11 ruled paper (construction paper no longer included); 1 30-centimeter ruler; 1 hand-held pencil sharpener; 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers; 1 eraser, 2 ½ “ ; 1 box 24 crayons (only 24). Prepare a 14 X 16 bag with handles and an optional closure (Velcro, snap or button) and place items in the bag.

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

Everyone (men & women) is welcome. If you are interested in attending, please call Marsha Miller (642-9352). You may ride the van, which will leave church at 8:30 a.m..

The Youngs on Vacation

Pastor Steve and Susan will be vacationing this week, through next Monday, August 24. In their absence, if pastoral need arises, please contact Lay Leader Archie Leigh (642-2734), Associate Lay Leader Roy Bauschatz (642-6340), Rev. Bob Justis (757-880-0015), or Chaplain Carol Johnson (757-273-1482). Next Sunday Roy Bauschatz will be bringing the message at both services.

Notes of Appreciation

To the good folks at Bethany:

Many thanks for the calls, cards and visits since Jack has had his shoulder surgery. Steve and Susan have been especially attentive which we have really appreciated. Jack’s therapy is coming along and hopefully he will get most of the use back in that arm. God bless you all. – Jack and Mary Kaylor

Jim and Barbara Draper wish to thank their friends at Bethany for the many acts of sympathy shown them at the recent death of their daughter Debbie Dalton. The prayers, cards, calls, and other acts of concern have meant very much to both of us.

Bethany Welcomes Ghassan Sababa, Palestinian Christian

Today for our Stewardship Moment we are delighted to have a guest from the environs of Bethlehem in the West Bank, Mr. Ghassan Sababa. Mr. Sababa is a member of the indigenous Christian community of Palestine, which long predates the establishment of the nation of Israel in 1948. Due to the intense and prolonged conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, tourism, the economic lifeblood of the Christian community in Bethlehem, has suffered drastically, making it difficult for families to remain in the region and be self-supporting. The Holy Land Christian Solidarity Cooperative makes it possible for the Christian community of Palestine to display and sell their wares in the United States and so support their families living in the Holy Land. Lovely handcrafted articles from Bethlehem will be available for purchase in our educational corridor after both services this morning and during the Sunday School hour. Please support our Christian brothers and sisters who are struggling to make a living in the land where Christ was born.