

# Bethany United Methodist Church

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

August 23, 2009

The Twelfth 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

*He Touched Me*

William Gaither

Guest Organist: Jean Heywood

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Milton Hudgins

\*OPENING PRAYER 8:30 Milton Hudgins 11:00 Rick Koenig

**God of all peoples, you are the true light illuminating everyone. You show us the way, the truth, and the life. You love us even when we are disobedient. You sustain us with your Holy Spirit. We rejoice in your life in the midst of our lives. We praise you for your presence with us, and especially in this act of solemn covenant; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

UMH, No. 881

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Joyful, Joyful*

UMH, No. 89

## Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00)

Ray Doggett

*Children pre-school through third grade are dismissed to go to children's church (11:00)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 8:30: Wiley Cross 11:00 Don Schultz

**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 30:11-20 Pew Bible, OT, page 183

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3:13-21 Pew Bible, NT, page 186

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC (Men's Chorus)

*Hymn of Promise*

Natalie Sleeth

WITNESS TO THE WORD

*Heaven Can Wait*

Roy Bauschatz

## Response to the Word

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*Jesus' Hands*

UMH, No. 273

*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.*

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

8:30 Kevin Kiley

11:00 Willy Brooks

Offertory

*What a Friend We have in Jesus*

Converse

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH, No. 95

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

8:30 Martin Breen

11:00 Bob Nardozi

UMH, No. 875

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Are Ye Able*

UMH, No. 530

#### \*BENEDICTION

8:30 Gene Harrell

11:00 Lonnie Byrd

**Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts. Give your grace to all servants of your church, that we may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill our various ministries. Grant that we your people may follow where you lead, perfect our ministries, and live in joyful obedience to your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

#### \*DISMISSAL CHORUS

UMH, No. 530

**Lord we are able. Our spirits are thine,  
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall  
be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.**

#### POSTLUDE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

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\*Congregation to Stand

**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.

#### **Altar Flowers**

Flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Kim Lewis and Jennifer and John Dooley by David and Peggy Lewis.

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		
Special Music:	Men's Chorus		
Acolytes:	8:30	Mayce Tipton	11:00 Austin White
Lay Reader:	8:30	Wiley Cross	11:00 Don Schultz
Greeters:	11:00	Bethany Youth	
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
Tuesday	7:00	Disaster Relief Committee
Wednesday	6:30	Focused Prayer: Lacey Martin Fellowship Class
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	7:00	Membership Care Team meeting

### **Stewardship for August 16, 2009**

#### **Attendance:**

Worship:	219
8:30	56
11:00	163
Sunday School	83
Adults	58
Children	13
Youth	12

### **Counting Teams Schedule**

August 23 Clyde Burton, Peggy Burton, Mary Kaylor  
 August 30 Bernard Robins, Vicki Williams, Sandra Harvey

### **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).

### **Church and Society**

Thank you for all of the donations of school items given for the Salvation Army school program. We will continue to collect non-perishable food items, household products, and personal hygiene items. A box for these items is located next to the church office.

### **Notes of Appreciation**

My heartfelt thanks to all of my Bethany family and friends for the prayers, calls, visits, and other acts of concern shown me during my recent illness. God Bless, Kathleen Mattox

I have been truly humbled by the love, compassion and concern shown to me following my recent heart attack. The many prayers, calls, visits and other acts of kindness went a long way in giving me the uplifting I needed. I love you all, Gene Harrell

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CANDLE BURNING 2009

CANDLEBURNING TIME - when our UMW go that "extra mile" in missions (over and above pledge) to help needy women, youth, and children around the world. It is a way to honor or memorialize a very special person in your lives. It could be a family member, a friend, a circle leader, missionary, someone who has contributed in a special way to the UMW or a way to thank someone who has been especially thoughtful to you. You do not have to be a member of UMW to do this and we invite all members and friends to participate. The below form is for your convenience in giving and is broken down as follows: .60 cents per second; fifteen minutes \$9.00; thirty minutes \$18.00; sixty minutes \$36.00, etc. A candle will burn brightly for each second you contribute. Youth and younger children, this is a great way to honor your parents or grandparents.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

No. seconds/minutes \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**You may make check payable to Bethany UMW (for candle burning) or give to Jean Heywood, treasurer, Bethany UMW.**

This form must be returned no later than **Sunday, September 6, 2008.**

*Timothy Seaman in Concert*

*September 13, 2009*

*4:00 p.m.*



Acoustic soloist Timothy Seaman brings together an eclectic blend of music styles unlike any other: sometimes the deep voice of his four-octave extended-range hammered dulcimer takes on the heart of a Chopin ballade, and at other times the festivity of an old-time mountain dance or a glistening contemporary interpretation of a whitewater canoe ride or a highland hike among fir trees. His bamboo or silver flute improvisations and passionate folk renditions leave the air glowing with meaning --- and then the bowed psaltery or the crafted vocal carries one's mood into yet another exploration.

A specialist in Virginia themes, nature, parks, Celtic roots and folk hymns, Timothy has since 1978 produced or co-produced sixteen recordings totaling 98,000 copies, including the well-received *Here on This Ridge*, for Shenandoah National Park; *Celebration of Centuries*, for his home town, Williamsburg's tri-centennial; *Sycamore Rapids*, featuring the hammered dulcimer in "adventures out among the trees of Virginia's Parks and Forests," *Virginia Wildlife*, for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; *Jamestown: On the Edge of a Vast Continent*, for the 400<sup>th</sup> commemoration; and *Cleansing Fountain*, folk hymn interpretations for the Blue Ridge Parkway. Although many tracks on these CDs are full ensemble arrangements (often with all instruments played by Seaman himself), they carry the same variety and flow of thought that characterize his solo presence.

At a Seaman concert, expect to be exhilarated, amused, awed, surprised, personally involved (maybe singing a chorus or playing along on Irish bodhran or Thai frog), and enriched by real substance. Come and find traditional, newly composed, and Baroque music that reviewers have referred to as "soul-to-soul" and "highly lyrical."

### **HUGS Ministry Update**

Bethany's HUGS (Hands Unto God's Service) Ministry is off to a good start this year. Currently, we have prayed over and delivered nineteen prayer shawls and lap robes to members and non-members of Bethany Church. Our HUGS Ministry provides comfort and support to those individuals experiencing stressful situations in their lives.

We still need the support of the congregation to continue to make this program a success. Is there someone in your family, at work or your neighborhood who might benefit from our HUGS Ministry? Please prayerfully consider their names to become a HUGS Ministry recipient. For further information, please contact Janet Chapin at 642-6822.