

Bethany United Methodist Church

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

August 30, 2009

The Thirteenth 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 *Sacred Song: I Believe in but One True God* Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

I believe in but One true God,
Maker of the earth and heaven;
The Father, Who to us in love
Hath the claim of children given.
He in soul and body feeds us,
All we want His hand provides us,
Through all snares and perils leads us,
Watches that no harm betides us.
He careth for us day and night,
All things are governed by His might.

I believe in Lord Jesus Christ,
His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne and might,
Whence descends the Father's blessing.
Conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of Mary, virgin mother,
That lost man might life inherit;
Made true Man, our Elder Brother,
Was crucified for man's sin
And raised by God to life again.
- Martin Luther, 1524 (Nicene Creed)

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

Philippians 3:20-21

Our citizenship is heaven;
and it is from heaven that we eagerly await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies,

*CLOSING HYMN

When We All Get to Heaven

UMH, No. 701

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

**When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!**

POSTLUDE

Rialto Ripples (Rag, 1917)

George Gershwin and

Will Donaldson (1891-1954)

*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 our two nieces and three nephews serving in the armed forces throughout the world by Ruth and Robert Yoder.

Bishop:	Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer
rect 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:	Sandra Fox
Acolytes:	8:30 Ashleigh Polk 11:00 Molly Vaughan
Lay Reader:	8:30 Harley White 11:00 Bridgett Polk
Greeters:	11:00 Narthex: Diana Simmons Side: Linda Hall
Altar Guild for August:	Pat Hasty, Peggy Burton, Irene Hogge
Altar Guild for September:	Alice Northam and Carolyn Davis

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF
	7:00	Membership Care Team meeting
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
Tuesday	7:00	JOY Circle 7:00 Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	7:00	Focused Prayer: The Journey Sunday School Class
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	7:00	Stephen Ministry Regional Leaders meeting
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages

6:00-7:30 MYF dinner/outdoor fellowship

Stewardship for August 23, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:		198
8:30	60	
11:00	138	
Sunday School		66
Adults	45	
Children	11	
Youth	10	

Notes of Appreciation

Dear Friends of Bethany United Methodist Church,

Carter and I feel so blessed and wish to thank the many individuals of Bethany for ALL of the remembrances since my diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in early July. We have felt so much love and encouragement from many of you. We also thank you for keeping us on your prayer list. I am beginning my last week of treatments and am happy to report that things have gone very well. As with all of us, my life and future are surely in God's hands. Very shortly my caring medical team will direct the next plans for me. We will continue to need your prayers and just know that you are more than willing to include us in your prayers. Again thanks and God's blessings to a church that is more than willing to reach out beyond its membership. - Martha Borden

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My sincere thanks to all my brothers in Christ who made our second annual Methodist Men's Ministry Day a resounding success. These thoughts were especially heartfelt when I got sick and realized Sunday morning, when I tried to get ready, that I was not going to be able to attend. Special thanks to Milton who carried on in my absence; to Roy and all the rest who attended both services. Lastly thanks to our music director, Sandy who not only directed our music, but came up with a surprising soloist, Mike Barber. In His Name, Alan

## *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.”

### **Esther Thompson Cottage**

**Good News** . . . There is no one in an emergency situation currently so the cottage is unoccupied and ready for the next emergency.

**Bad News** . . . The lawn is growing at a stupendous rate. We have exceeded our budget on a new used push mower plus a couple of paid mowings and two by a volunteer.

**Needed** . . . about six younger men to volunteer one mowing (1 ½ to 2 hr.). Older men might apply and we could share the work. Please contact Wiley Cross 642-5203 (older man) to volunteer your needed services. I have the key and will trim the ditch.

### **NOTE ON THE PRELUDE**

The “Creed” is a statement of religious belief, and two are found in the United Methodist Hymnal, Nos. 880-882: the Apostles’ Creed (not, however, of apostolic origin) and the longer, theologically more complex Nicene Creed (after the council on Nicaea in 325 A.D.).



Researching music based upon these creeds, one finds very little for the Apostles’ but a vast treasury inspired by the Nicene. The reason is that in 1014 A.D. the Nicene Creed was formally incorporated into the Roman Catholic mass, which was set to music by many medieval and Renaissance composers: from Machaut in the 14<sup>th</sup> century (*Notre Dame Mass*), through Dufay and Josquin in the 15<sup>th</sup>, to Byrd and Palestrina in the 16<sup>th</sup> – all for unaccompanied choir of boys and men.

After the Protestant Reformation, the Lutheran service retained much of the Catholic liturgy. The culminating masterpiece of this legacy is Johann Sebastian Bach’s *Mass in B Minor* for chorus and orchestra, containing an elaborate multi-movement *Credo* (as the Creed is called in Latin). A more concise, though no less awesome, setting by Bach is the so-called “Giant Fugue” which we performed on June 7<sup>th</sup>. It is based upon an anonymous melody that Martin Luther borrowed in 1524 for his chorale (hymn) “I Believe in but One True God,”

This tune is also heard in today’s Prelude, a three-part organ setting of the Nicene Creed by Samuel Scheidt (his last name rhymes with “light”). Born a century before Bach, Scheidt carved out a parallel career as composer and organist, leaving his hometown Halle only once to study with Sweelinck in Amsterdam. Scheidt suffered greatly during the Thirty Years’ War and lost his four surviving children in the plague of 1636, yet the depth of his faith is palpable in the music he composed. Solid as granite, hard as diamonds, this music has stood the test of time and will continue to inspire belief for centuries to come!

- Rudy Shackelford

### **Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast**

Fall Sunday School Kick-off is set for September 13 at 9:30 a.m. Families with children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to join the Children’s Sunday School Teaching Staff in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall for a continental breakfast. We look forward to meeting you and your children and sharing the curriculum planned for the next few months. We’ve got some great things to chat about!

### **Keep Those School Supplies Coming**

Bethany United Methodist Women are now 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).

Announcing the  
**Think Pink**

Craft and Bake Sale  
Bethany United Methodist Church  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Please support two long-time Bethany members Jill Daniel and Tina Silberhorn and seven of their devoted friends as they take an amazing journey in the fight against breast cancer! This team of nine is called "The Sole Sisters United" and are currently training for The Breast Cancer 3-Day 60-mile walk being held October 9th through the 11th, 2009 in Washington, D.C. These wonderful women are walking for Bethany's own Ellen Leigh (their dear friend Rebecca's Mom) and for every mom, sister, aunt, grandmother, daughter, co-worker and each other. By putting your time and talents together for this event, we can all join "The Sole Sisters United" in making a difference. We hope you will share in being a vital part of this experience! All proceeds benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure and National Philanthropic Trust, funding important breast cancer research, education, screening, and treatment. Please use the contact information below to contribute baked goods and pink hand-crafted items. Ask your friends, neighbors and family for their contribution, too! Items may be picked up or dropped off by September 18<sup>th</sup>. Assistance is needed the day of the event from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm as well!

Here's to God's guidance in finding the cure. -The Women, Friends and Family of Bethany UMC For more information, please contact Kris Kent at 804-642-6438 or [kentcrew@cox.net](mailto:kentcrew@cox.net)

### **Church and Society**

We are still collecting non-perishable food items, household products, and personal hygiene items. Your help with any of these items is most appreciated. A box for these items is located next to the church office.

### **Bible Buddies Pot Luck Dinner**

Calling all Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders! Come to the Bible Buddies Pot Luck Dinner and Family Fun Night (Yes! Siblings are welcome!!)

### **Sunday, September 20th from 6:00 to 6:45 pm.**

We will begin a brand new year full of fun, fellowship, music, friendship and Christian discussion. Kids--bring your parents and ask them to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share! Chicken and drinks will be provided. Miss Jane and I are ready to see you there!

~Kris Kent~

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### **Pastor Offers Adult Membership Class**

Pastor Steve will offer an introductory class for adults who are considering becoming a member of Bethany UMC. The class has three parts and addresses basic Christian beliefs, important United Methodist practices, and the responsibilities and privileges of church membership. The classes will be offered during the Sunday School hour (9:45 until 10:45 a.m.) on September 13, 20, and 27. All interested persons are invited to attend. Please call the pastor (642-2110) if you have questions.

### **United Methodist Women Events**

Virginia Conference United Methodist Women Young Women's Event will be held at VUMAC, Blackstone, VA September 18-19. Leader will be Rev. Amanda Garber, director Wesley Foundation, James Madison University, Harrisonburg District. Need more info? Call Marsha Miller (642-9352).

September 26 is the District UMW Annual meeting at Kilmarnock UMC, from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p. m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Libby Wright as Susanna Wesley.

### **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**