

Bethany United Methodist Church

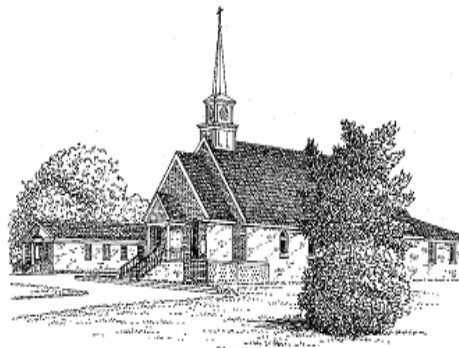
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Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

September 6, 2009

Fourteenth 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 Hymn: "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness" UMH, No. 612

Prelude on "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness" Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750

- In Memory of Doris Glazebrook Lewis -

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Al Burner

*OPENING CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2025

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield.

To you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 6:19-21

Jesus said: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal;

but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is,

there your heart will be also.

*OPENING HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

UMH, No. 358

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Book of Worship

O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: we gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live out our thankfulness. What we have, we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more, than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

refrain, No. 337

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 Proverbs 22:1-2,9,16,22-23 Pew Bible, OT, page 577

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Timothy 6:6-10 Pew Bible, NT, page 198

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD *Free Financial Advice* Rev. Steve Young

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem

He Is

Mark Schutz

*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. 9-10

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ecumenical version) UMH, No. 894

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Music During Communion (8:30)

Prelude on "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness"

Johannes Brahms

At the 11 o'clock service the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following familiar hymns:

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling No. 348

I Surrender All No. 354

I Need Thee Every Hour No. 397

Trust and Obey No. 467

Precious Lord, Take My Hand No. 474

What a Friend We Have in Jesus No. 526

Sending Forth

*CLOSING HYMN *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* UMH, No. 664

*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.**

*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

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Miss Sondra and Miss Kris and all the youth at Bethany by Jane and Fred Niethamer.

Called Meeting

There will be a called meeting of the Administrative Board following the 11 a.m. worship service today.

September XYZ

Bethany XYZ Club will begin their 22nd year on Wednesday, September 16th at 11:00 a.m. The group will go to Abingdon Episcopal Church at White Marsh, where Bethany organist Rudy Shackelford will present a musical program on their pipe organ. At the conclusion of the meeting we will have lunch at Ginny’s Place at the Hayes Shopping Center.

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	Dolores Breen
Acolytes:	8:30	Mayce Tipton and Hunter Tipton
	11:00	William Schultz and Nathan Schultz
Greeters:	11:00	Jennie Lipscomb
Altar Guild for September		Alice Northam and Carolyn Davis
	11:00	Carol Schultz

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:00	Called meeting of the Administrative Board
	6:00-7:30	MYF dinner and outdoor fellowship
Monday		Labor Day – office closed
Tuesday	10 am & 7 pm	Bethany Hugs Ministry
	6:30	Tiger Cubs use educational classroom
	6:30	Abingdon Women’s Club use WBFH
	7:00	Nominations and Leadership Development meeting

Wednesday	6:30	Scout Den #4 use educational classroom
	7:00	Focused Prayer: Our Fall Sunday School Program
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Emmaus
Friday	6:00	Wedding Rehearsal/dinner – WBFH in use
Saturday	3:00	Alliysen Germek/ Richard Alligood wedding
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:30	Sunday School kick-off breakfast for pre-school-5 th grade
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	9:45	Adult Membership Class
	12:15	Confirmation Class
	4:00	Timothy Seaman Concert

Stewardship for August 30, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:		215
8:30	67	
11:00	148	
Sunday School		79
Adults	52	
Children	15	
Youth	12	

Counting Teams Schedule

September 6 Al Burner, Judy Burner, Teresa Sullivan
 September 13 Sid Dixon, Ann Hogge, Kathleen Mattox

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 400th 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.”

Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast

Fall Sunday School Kick-off is set for **NEXT SUNDAY** 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).

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.

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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NOTE ON THE PRELUDE

The theme of joy in Holy Communion finds its apotheosis in the German chorale (hymn) *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* (“Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”). The text by Johann Franck, a 17th-century lawyer, mayor, and public servant, uses imagery of light to express the soul’s beatific union with Christ in this “wondrous banquet.” The spiritual ecstasy is enhanced by the beguiling dancelike syncopations of the tune by Johann Crüger (1649), which became the melodic basis of Bach’s organ Prelude.

In 1840 Felix Mendelssohn performed it at St. Thomas' Church in Leipzig, to raise money for a long-overdue monument to Bach. In a conversation with fellow composer Robert Schumann, Mendelssohn confessed that if life were to deprive him of all hope and faith, Bach's sublime Chorale Prelude would restore them! Here were planted the first seeds of Romanticism in music which would germinate a century later in Mendelssohn's carefully tended garden. - Rudy Shackelford



Announcing the
Think Pink
Craft and Bake Sale
Bethany United Methodist Church
September 19th, 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 18th. 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

Note of Appreciation

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, calls of concerns and other acts of kindness when my six-year-old granddaughter, Elani Jackson was recently in CHKD with Meningitis and encephalitis. Loretta Leigh

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; one minute \$36.00. 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 **TODAY**