

Bethany United Methodist Church

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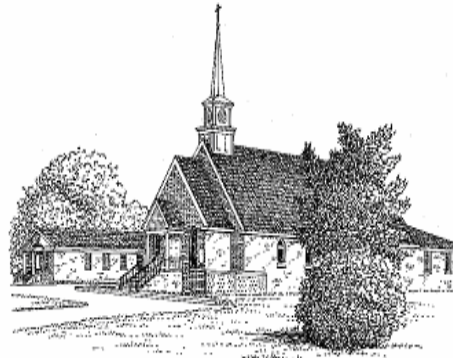
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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

September 13, 2009

The Fifteenth 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 *Canon in D Major* Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

- Celebrating the marriage of Richard and Alliyson Alligood -

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Joni Neal

*OPENING CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2129

**I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus - -
no turning back, no turning back.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:1-2

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money – come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

*OPENING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH, No. 577

*OPENING PRAYER

Book of Worship

Almighty God, in a world of change you placed eternity in our hearts. Grant us sincerity, so that we may persistently seek the things that endure and refuse the things that perish. Amid things vanishing and deceptive, may we see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow ever richer in that love which is ours through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

The mission of Bethany United Methodist Church is to know the love of God personally through Jesus Christ, to share the love of God through fellowship as a congregation, and to spread the love of God throughout our community and world.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 402

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

Anthem 11:00

Lord of the Dance

Don Hart

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00)

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

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Pew Bible, OT, page 662

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 8:34-38

Pew Bible, NT, page 42

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

Making a Profit

Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Living for Jesus

TFWS, No. 2149

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *September Song* from "*Knickerbocker Holiday*" Kurt Weill (1900-1950)

"When the autumn weather

Turns the leaves to flame,

One hasn't got time

For the waiting game."

-Maxwell Anderson

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH, No. 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF THE MONTH

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

TFWS, No. 2171

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2129

The world behind me, the cross before me;

the world behind me, the cross before me;

the world behind me, the cross before me-

no turning back, no turning back.

POSTLUDE

Wall Street Rag (1909)

Scott Joplin (1868-1917)

1. Panic in Wall Street, Brokers feeling melancholy.

2. Good times coming.

3. Good times have come.

4. Listening to the strains of genuine Negro ragtime,
brokers forget their cares.

*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 celebration of the marriage of Alliyson Danielle Germek and Richard Lane Alligood yesterday in Bethany Church.

Bishop:	Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer		
Disrict 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:	8:30		
Acolytes:	8:30	Molly Vaughan	11:00 Maxx Maples Polk
Lay Reader:	8:30	Judy Vaughan	11:00 Betty Neikirk
Greeters:	11:00	Narthex: Alice McGee	Side: Betty Durette
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	9:45 Adult Membership Class
	9:30	Sunday School Kick-off breakfast for pre-school- fifth grade	
	12:15-1:45	Confirmation Class Orientation	
Monday	4:00	Timothy Seaman Concert	
	5:00	Weight Watchers	
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study	
Tuesday	10:30	Sanders Nursing Home	
	6:30	Tiger Cubs use educational classroom	
	7:00	Missions Committee	
Wednesday	11:00	XYZ - Abingdon Episcopal Church	
	6:30	Scout Den #4 use educational classroom	
	7:00	Prayer Focus: The Women's Study Class	
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event	10:30 Naomi Circle
	6:30	Emmaus	
	6:30	Scout Den #4 use educational classroom	

	7:00	Disaster Response Committee meeting
Saturday	9:00-12:00	M.O.B. Squad craft and bake sale in WBFH
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages 9:45 Adult Membership Class
	12:15-1:45	Confirmation Class
	6:00	Outreach Team Committee meeting
	6:00-7:30	Bible Buddies 6:00-7:30 Supper/MYF game night
	7:00	Administrative Board/ Consecration Team Ice Cream Social

Stewardship for September 6, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:		207
8:30	52	
11:00	155	
Sunday School		89
Adults	61	
Children	10	
Youth	18	

Counting Teams Schedule

September 13 Sid Dixon, Ann Hogge, Kathleen Mattox
September 20 Mike Andersen, Merle Luther, Doris Luther

Timothy Seaman in Concert
Today at
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."

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.



Announcing the
Think Pink
Craft and Bake Sale
Bethany United Methodist Church
NEXT SATURDAY - 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

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 7:30 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 ~642-6438/kentcrew@cox.net

Pastor Offers Adult Membership Class

Pastor Steve is offering 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.) starting today and for the next two Sundays. All interested persons are invited to attend. Please call the pastor (642-2110) if you have questions.

Check Writing

All persons writing checks to Bethany have been requested to use black or blue ink only. Other colors do not show up when passed through the machine at the bank. Your help is most appreciated.

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.

Notes of Appreciation

I want to thank my Bethany family for helping my recovery go faster by way of prayers, cards, e-mails, phone calls, food and visits. It's great having a caring "family".

- With Christian Love, Doris Luther

Heartfelt appreciation to **Jerry Varner, George Neal, and Alan Harvey** for answering our plea for help cutting the grass at the cottage.

-Thanks, Esther Thompson Cogtage Committee

New Bible Study for Youth

On September 27th we will begin our *Purpose Driven Life* Bible Study. This is for youth in grades 6-12 . This amazing bible study is for youth who will commit themselves for six weeks of study, which includes daily readings and note taking. This class will help you tremendously in your daily Christian walk. If you have questions call Sondra at 642-0467.

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.