

Bethany United Methodist Church

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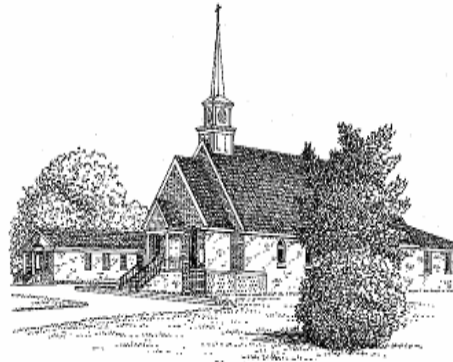
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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

September 20, 2009

The Sixteenth 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 *Duet, from "Songs without Words" Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Judy Burner

*OPENING CHORUS

UMH, No. 405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu! Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I Peter 4:10-11

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God.

Whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies,

so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.

To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

There's a Spirit in the Air verses 1-6 UMH, No. 192

*OPENING PRAYER

God, like a baker, you bring the leaven that causes our hopes to rise. With your strong and gentle hands, shape our lives. Warm us with your love. Take our common lives and touch them with your grace, so that we may nourish hope among all people. We pray trusting in your holy name. Amen.

*AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

The Bethany UMC Mission Statement

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. 354

All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give.

I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all.

All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

Anthem: 8:30

Soloist: Dolores Breen

11:00

A-Lord-Built House

Roger Lentz/arr. Craig Courtney

Proclamation of the Word

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS Kris Kent

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 Proverbs 31:10-31 Pew Bible, OT, page 585

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:36-42 Pew Bible, NT, page 121

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD *A Good and Faithful Stewardess* Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND CONSECRATION OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* UMH, No. 712

During the singing of this hymn, members of the congregation are invited forward to pray over each of the prayer shawls. Those receiving shawls are: Pat Kearney, Sam Steele, Joy Long, Marshall Lewis.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH, No. 895

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Andante tranquillo, from "Organ Sonata No. 3"* Felix Mendelssohn

*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 refrain, No. 354

I surrender all. I surrender all.

All to thee, my blessed Savior,

I surrender all.

POSTLUDE *Rigaudon, from "Idoménée"* André Campra (1660-1744)

-Transcribed for organ by Virgil Fox -

*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 loving memory of our mother and grandmamma by Frank and Scott Farmer, and Clare, Aislee, and Alyssa Hall.

The white roses on the altar are given in loving memory of my dad, and our pop, Carlton Heywood on what would have been his 83rd birthday September 22 by Wendy, Amy and Brandon.

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!!) **this evening 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

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
Acolytes:	8:30 Kennedy Wilburn 11:00 Kaiten Cooper
Lay Reader:	8:30 Nancy Kendall 11:00 Richard Parkes
Greeters:	11:00 Narthex: Charles Enroughty Side: Jack Wallace
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
	12:15-1:45	High School Confirmation Class: To Believe or Not to Believe
	5:00	Middle School Confirmation Class
	6:00	Outreach Ministries Team meeting
	6:00-7:30	Bible Buddies potluck dinner
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF
Monday	7:00	Administrative Board/ Consecration Team Ice Cream Social
	5:00	Weight Watchers
Tuesday	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
	6:30	Tiger Cubs use educational classroom
Wednesday	7:00	Nomination and Leadership Committee meeting
	6:30	Prayer Focus: Our Stewardship Campaign
Thursday	7:00	Chancel Choir
	9:00	The Main Event
Friday	7:00	Stephen Leaders Regional meeting
	6:00-9:00	Scouts use WBFH
Saturday	10:00	Set up WBFH for Consecration Sunday
Next Sunday	8:30 & 11:00	CONSECRATION SUNDAY
	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages

12:15 Celebration Luncheon – WBFH
 5:00-6:00 Middle School/High School Bible Study
 6:00-7:30 Supper/MYF
 7:00 Administrative Board

New Birth

Congratulations to Adam and Catherine White on the birth of a daughter, Stella Layne White, on September 6, at the Langley Air Force Base Hospital. She joins older brother Cooper at their Hayes residence. The Whites attend our 8:30 a.m. service.

Congratulations to grandparents Rev. Bob and Carol Justis on the birth of granddaughter Elizabeth Grace Justis born on Sept. 17, 2009.

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.

Attendance:

Worship:		215
8:30	51	
11:00	164	
Sunday School		86
Adults	47	
Children	18	
Youth	16	

Counting Teams Schedule

September 20 Mike Andersen, Merle Luther, Doris Luther
 September 27 Jackie Hampton, Charlotte Cecil, Jane Niethamer

United Methodist Women

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 Men Event

The 2009 United Methodist Men’s Spiritual Retreat will be held at VAUMC (Blackstone), November 6-8.

The Reverend Dr. Bryan Collier, an energetic young preacher will be the principal speaker. He was the first Pastor of a new United Methodist Congregation that started eleven years ago with (24) members and now has more than (2000) attendees each Sunday.

Register by September 30th and save \$20.00 on the fee.

United Methodist Men Dinner Meeting and Program

Fall is in the air, and on that note, why not attend our United Methodist Men’s dinner meeting on September 29th at 6:30 p.m. The Honorable Harvey Morgan will be the guest speaker.

New Bible Study for Youth

Next Sunday, 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.

Ron Hardman to Speak Next Sunday

Mr. Ron Hardman, former Lay Leader of the Virginia Annual Conference, will bring the message at both services next Sunday. He served for 28 years as chief of staff for one of our U.S. Congressmen. Currently, Ron is retired and living in Williamsburg. You will love his deep resonant voice and his obvious devotion to Christ. A deluxe sandwich buffet will follow the second service. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!

Mission Day(s) of Caring Opportunity

The Bethany Missions Committee is looking for 6 - 8 volunteers on Friday, October 2, 2009 and Saturday, October 3, 2009, to help complete a mission project we began in May. In May, Bethany volunteers replaced the back steps of Mrs. Doris Shackleford's home, located off Woods Cross Road in the upper end of the county. This time, we will be replacing the front deck and stairs. The project is sponsored by the Gloucester Housing Partnership, and tools and materials will be provided. We expect the job to take about 4 - 6 hours, each day. We'll meet at the church at 9 am each day and take the church van to the site. Lunch will be provided. This will be a fun and worthwhile project and an opportunity for us to help and minister to a deserving member of our community. If you can volunteer for one or both days, we would love to have you. Questions? Call Kevin Kiley 642-6047."