

Bethany United Methodist Church

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

September 27, 2009

Consecration Sunday

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 *Trumpet Voluntary* Rudy Shackelford (1997)
- Composed for the 110th Anniversary of Bethany United Methodist Church -

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS TFWS, No. 2015

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
He has done great things! He has done great things!
He had done great things—bless his holy name!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases!
His mercies never come to an end!
They are new every morning!
Great is your faithfulness!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH, No. 140

*OPENING PRAYER Book of Worship

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us. Your bounty has sustained us. Your discipline has chastened us. Your patience has borne with us. Your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you. Enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service, and cheerfully submitting all things to your blessed will; 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

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see!
All I have needed thy hand hath provided!
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

ANTHEM 8:30

11:00 Medley: Stories of Jesus

Anna Page and Jean Shafferman

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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Liebesträm ("A Dream of Love")* Franz Liszt
Celebrating the Marriage of Adam and Meghan Taylor,
September 26th, Abingdon Episcopal Church

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

UMH, No. 95

*HYMN OF FAITH

I Am Thine, O Lord

UMH, No. 419

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

Job 28:12-20, 23,28

Pew Bible, OT, page 460

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 13:44-46

Pew Bible, NT, page 14

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

In Search of the Right Pearl

Mr. Ron Hardman

Response to the Word

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

PRAYER OF BLESSING

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Make Me a Channel of Thy Peace* TFWS, No. 2171

During the singing of this hymn, commitment cards will be passed out by the ushers. Following the hymn, each family is encouraged to complete the card and bring it forward in an act of consecration, placing it in one of the baskets at the

front of the sanctuary. After you have presented your card, you may depart the sanctuary. Kindly leave the sanctuary in silence. Kindly leave the sanctuary in silence. Following the 11 o'clock service, please make your way to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall for our Celebration Luncheon.

MUSICAL MEDIATION

Wachet auf! (Sleepers, Wake!)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Arr. Ferruccio Busoni

*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 our 29th wedding anniversary today by Gene and Jeannie Harrell.

Bethany Welcomes Ron Hardman

We are honored to welcome to the pulpit this morning for our Consecration Sunday services Mr. Ron Hardman. Ron was Lay Leader of the Virginia Annual Conference from 2000 through 2006, and in this capacity he occupied a seat of honor next to the bishop on the stage of annual conference—four years with Bishop Joe Pennel and two years with our current bishop, Charlene Kammerer. He has represented the Virginia Conference at the General and Jurisdictional Conferences of 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008. He has also served as President of the Virginia Conference United Methodist Men, as well as Southeast Jurisdiction President of conference lay leaders and of the United Methodist Men.

Currently, Ron is chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Society of St. Andrew, a member of the Episcopacy Committee, a member of the cabinet of the Conference UMM, a member of the governing board of Heart Havens, the Conference Foundation, and the Conference Evangelical Fellowship.

Ron and his wife Martha have been married for 49 years and reside in WindsorMeade of Williamsburg, one of our United Methodist retirement communities. They are members of New Town UMC in Williamsburg. They have two married daughters and three grandsons. For 28 years Ron served as Chief of Staff for a U. S. Congressman, and Martha, a schoolteacher, served on the White House staff before her retirement.

Bishop:
District Superintendent:
Minister:

Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer
Reverend Joseph D. Carson
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		11:00 Will Neikirk
Lay Reader:	8:30	Bethany Youth	11:00 Bethany Youth
Greeters:	11:00	Bethany Youth	
Altar Guild for September:	Alice Northam and Carolyn Davis		
Altar Guild for October	Robert and Marsha Miller		

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15	Celebration Luncheon - WBFH
	3:00	District Conference at Lower UMC
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible study 6-7:30 Supper/MYF
Monday	7:00	Administrative Board meeting
	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00	Stephen Ministry
	6:30	Tiger Cubs use educational classroom
	6:30	United Methodist Men
Wednesday	6:30	Prayer Focus: The AIM Sunday School Class
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Emmaus
	6:30	Den 4 Scouts
	7:30	Video Class: "Seeing Gray"
Friday-Sat.	9:00	Mission Day of Caring
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	12:15	Older Confirmation Class: Getting to Know Our Guidebook
	2:00	Blessing of the Animals
	5:00	Younger Confirmation Class
	5:00-6:00	High School Bible Study

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:		230
8:30	55	
11:00	175	
Sunday School		103
Adults	69	
Children	15	
Youth	16	

Counting Teams Schedule

September 27 Jackie Hampton, Charlotte Cecil, Jane Niethamer

October 4 Peggy Burton, Clyde Burton, Mary Kaylor

Rudy Shackelford
Organ and Piano

October 25, 2009-
4:00 p.m.

Bach and the Romantics,
Part I: Felix Mendelssohn

As Bethany's annual organ/piano concerts move into their second decade, we are launching a new series of programs exploring the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and its influence on later composers.

By happy coincidence in 2009-2011 we shall celebrate the 200th birthdays of three 19th-century "Romantic" musicians profoundly inspired by Bach: Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann, and Franz Liszt. Indeed, it was Mendelssohn's 1829 revival of the *St. Matthew Passion* that rescued Bach from a century of neglect and secured his place in the pantheon of great composers.

Eleven years later, on a visit to St. Thomas' Church in Leipzig, where Bach himself was organist, Mendelssohn performed the *Passacaglia in C Minor* that will close our program. This consummate set of variations served as the model for Mendelssohn's *Organ Sonata No.6*, based on Martin Luther's version of "The Lord's Prayer," and the *Serious Variations* on an original theme for piano. Both masterpieces attest to Mendelssohn's reputation as a peerless keyboard virtuoso. Moreover, the passion and variety of this music will astonish anyone who thinks of Mendelssohn only as the composer of the *Wedding March* or *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*.

Finally, a 20th-century American perspective on the Mendelssohn-Bach tradition will be provided by Rudy Shackelford's concise *Sonata for Organ* and Charles Ives' iconoclastic *Variations on "America."* Do join us on Reformation Sunday, October 25th, for an afternoon of serious fun!

Rudy graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor of Music degree, and from the University of Illinois, at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois with a DMA.

United Methodist Men Event

The 2009 United Methodist Men 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 that (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 begin it by attending the 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

Bethany Youth will begin a new Bible study this evening entitled *A Purpose Driven Life*. 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.

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 Shackelford'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.

Blessing of the Animals on October 4

One of the most well-received worship services of the year at Bethany is the one where we invite pet owners to bring their pets to church for special prayers of blessing. This year the Blessing of the Animals service will be held on Sunday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m., the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. The 30-minute service will be held on the north lawn, between the church building and Bethany Church Road.

Bethany's Annual Family Fall Festival **Saturday, October 17 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Everyone of any age is invited to attend an evening of fun! A hot dog dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 5:30 p.m.

- ❖ Team Scarecrow Making
- ❖ Sponge Toss
- ❖ Pumpkin Decorating
- ❖ Face Painting
- ❖ Story Teller
- ❖ Craft Table
- ❖ Games
- ❖ Relay Races
- ❖ Christian Karaoke
- ❖ Crazy Hat Contest

Three of Bethany's committees come together for this yearly super-duper, fun and Fabulous event that is just right for the entire Bethany Family! The Children's, Youth and Family Ministries all welcome you to come and share in an evening of good 'ol fashioned fun! Young and old alike should dress casually and come to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on October 17th.

You can come for any part of the three hours or stay the entire time! Carol and her

Crew will be making dinner so come hungry! We can't tell you just how much you'll love having this event be a part of your Fall Holiday line-up, you just need to come and find out for yourself!

Please contact Kris Kent, Sondra Colbert or Carol Schultz if you would like more information or wish to be a

Happy Helper. We all look forward to seeing you there!

