

Bethany United Methodist Church

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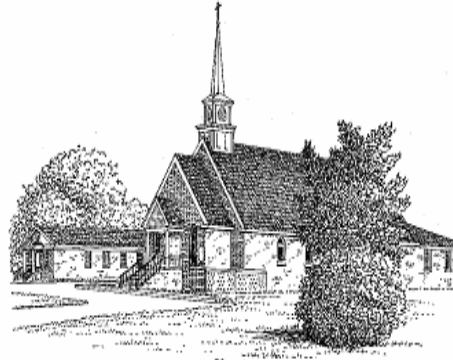
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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

November 8, 2009

Twenty Third 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 *Concert Variations on "The Star Spangled Banner," Opus 23 (1868)*
Dudley Buck (1839-1909)

Theme and Variations 1 – 3

- Celebrating Veteran's Day, November 11th -

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONORING OUR VETERANS

*OPENING CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2270

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart!

I will enter his courts with praise!

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad!

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad!

He has made me glad, he has made me glad!

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1,19,24,28

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give

thanks to the

Lord!

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you!

*OPENING HYMN

When in Our Music God is Glorified

UMH, No. 68

*OPENING PRAYER

Book of Worship

O God, before your throne the whole family of heaven and earth sings in grateful adoration. Accept, we pray, the praises that we bring you this day. Help us to know the joy of our salvation, so that with glad

hearts we may worship you. Enable us to proclaim your good news, so that the sorrowing may be comforted, the faint in heart made strong, and the wayward restored to ways of life and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*RESPONSIVE READING "Directions for Singing" (Nos. III-VII) UMH, No vii

*CHORAL RESPONSE refrain, UMH, 701

**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**

ANTHEM *Feed My Sheep* Heckler and McGlohon,
arr. R. Sterling

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 2 Samuel 6:12-21 Pew Bible, OT, page 274

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 2:18-22 Pew Bible, NT, page 34

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD *Dancing David* Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND CONSECRATION OF OUR PRAYER SHAWLS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Marching to Zion* UMH, No. 733

*During the singing of this hymn, members of the congregation are invited to come forward to pray over each of the prayer shawls.
Those receiving shawls are: Dorothy Critzer and
Sharon Shacochis*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH, No. 895

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Concert Variations on "The Star Spangled Banner"* Dudley Buck
Variation 4

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH, No. 95

*HYMN OF THE MONTH *For the Fruits of This Creation* UMH, No. 97

*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!**

*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.

UMFS Collection

Remember the collection boxes at the narthex and door to the church office November 1-22 for the United Methodist Family Services. Please donate any kind of school supplies, games-board or card (ages 11-18) or socks. Your gifts will be presented to the UMFS representative on November 22nd.

Church Conference Scheduled for November 10

On Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m., Bethany UMC will hold its annual Church Conference. Church Conference is our annual business meeting for the year and will be chaired by our District Superintendent, Joe Carson. Every member (not just board members) has the right to vote at a Church Conference, so we encourage all church members to set aside this evening and be present. At Church Conference, our 2010 budget will be presented, our 2010 officers will be elected, and our 2010 goals will be received. Please allow 60 minutes for the meeting.

A New Pictorial Directory!

Sign up for photo sessions continues through Sundays in November at the church rear hallway. Friends and other family of members are welcome even if not included in directory. Please provide us with information and photos of family members in the Armed Forces, as well as photos from members no longer residing in Virginia.

Advocate Subscriptions

This year's Advocate Campaign is coming to a close. Please turn in your renewal/new subscription today. Read about local church stories of faith and discipleship; practical ideas for your church's ministry; details on upcoming training events; mission opportunities around the world. All the more reason to subscribe/renew to the Virginia Advocate, the official magazine of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. Call the church office to do so! Cost is only \$15.00 for one year; \$25 for two; \$36 for three.

Today will be the last day of our Advocate Subscription Campaign. Won't you consider subscribing/renewing by filling out the following form and placing it in the offering plate or turn in to the Church office?

Enter my new subscription to the Virginia Advocate _____

Renew my subscription to the Virginia Advocate _____

I have enclosed payment for 1 year _____

I have enclosed payment for 2 years _____

I have enclosed payment for 3 years _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given in honor of those currently serving in the Armed Forces and the Veterans who have served our Country (Veterans Day – November 11).

The floral arrangement on the organ is given in appreciation to Janet Chapin for her many years of singing for the 8:30 service.

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 Molly Vaughan 11:00 Maxx Maples Polk
Lay Reader:	8:30 Paul Kendall 11:00 Jane Niethamer
Greeters:	11:00 Loreen Paiva and Mary Fernandes
Altar Guild for November:	Dawn Cluts and Carol Schultz

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages - Adult Study: “Passionate Worship”
	12:15	Older Confirmation Class: “The Holy Sacraments”
	12:30-2:00	Children’s play rehearsal – bring lunch
	5:00-6:00	High School Bible Study 6:00-7:30 Supper/MYF
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men’s/Women’s Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00	Hugs Ministry
	6:30	Tiger Cubs use educational classroom
	7:00	Church Conference
Wednesday	6:30	Focused Prayer: Our Military Veterans
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Emmaus
Friday	5:30	WBFH in use
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages – Adult Study: “Intentional Faith Development”
	12:15	Older Confirmation Class: “Everything You Need to Know about Methodism”
	12:30	Children’s Play rehearsal – bring lunch
	5:00	Younger Confirmation Class
	5:00-6:00	High School Bible Study 6:00-7:30 Supper/MYF
	6:00-7:30	Bible Buddies

Attendance:

Worship:		201
8:30	72	
11:00	129	
Sunday School		93
Adults	82	
Youth	6	
Children	5	

Counting Teams Schedule

November 8 Jackie Hampton, Charlotte Cecil, Jane Niethamer

November 15 Clyde Burton, Peggy Burton, Mary Kaylor

Adult Sunday School Combined Today

Please join us in the fellowship hall this morning at 9:45 a. m., where the topic will be "Passionate Worship". All of the adult classes are asked to meet together this month.

Bazaar Organizational Meeting

November 13, 2010 - - Mark this date on your church calendar for the Church Bazaar. We will have an organizational meeting on November 19th at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to come and share ideas. New members – here's your chance to get involved.

You all are needed! Your ideas are needed! Your prayers are needed! Be passionate about this event.

Any question call Jeannie Harrell (642-2498) or Janet Chapin (642-6822).

Nursery Need

The Nursery will be in need of an adult volunteer on these dates:

Nov. 25, 2009	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Service
Nov. 29, 2009	11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Service
Dec. 13, 2009	3:30-5:30 p.m.	Christmas program for children

Pastor Steve has requested that two adults be present at these times. Should no children be present twenty minutes after the start of the service or program, you (we) may leave to attend service if you like, or return home to be with family or friends. Please contact Frances at the church office (642-2110) or myself Teresa Sullivan (804-832-4381) if you can be of help -Thank you, Teresa Sullivan, Nursery Attendant.

Dishes and Other Articles

There are dishes and other articles in the kitchen that have been there for quite some time. Would you please check to see if any of them are yours? Please help us keep the kitchen neat and in an orderly fashion.

United Methodist Women Events

United Methodist Women Advent Prayer breakfast will be held on Friday, Dec. 4th at Urbanna UMC and on Saturday, Dec. 5 at Tappahannock UMC at 8:30 a.m. both days. Cammie Armstrong will speak at both breakfasts on "The Twelve Days of Christmas" Deadline for reservations is November 24th – contact Marsha Miller or Estelle Harris for reservations.

Thanksgiving Eve Service at Bethany

Bethany Church will host a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 p.m. on November 25th. Rev. Thad Decker, pastor of Bethlehem UMC, will bring the message, and providing the special music will be the Praise Band of Susanna Wesley UMC. Achilles Friends Church will provide post service refreshments.

A Note of Thanks

To my church family I wish to extend heartfelt appreciation for the cards, calls, prayers and all other acts of kindness shown me at the time of my knee surgery and recovery. Thank you so much, Linda Hall

Youth and Parents Needed

Your help is needed to make a difference by cleaning up parts of old 17 on Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m.! Gloucester Clean Community will provide gloves, vest and litter picker-uppers. Adults and youth will be working in pairs with a bag between them. They will be split along Old 17. This is a great way to help your community. Please contact me if you are able to help. Thanks Sondra, 642-0467 or 804-815-7533