

Bethany United Methodist Church

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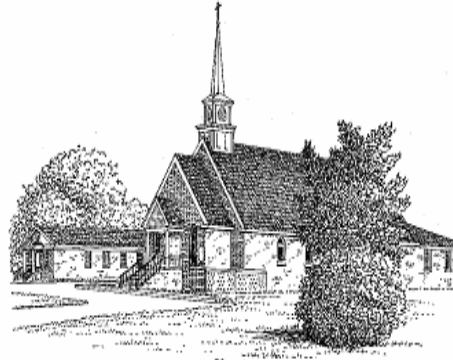
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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

November 15, 2009

Twenty Fourth 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

Pavane

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

- In memory of Joseph Larry Brown, Jr. -

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

UMH, No. 402

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 4:11-13

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up,

until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God,

to mature manhood—measured by nothing less than the full stature of Christ!

*OPENING HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

UMH, No. 596

*OPENING PRAYER

UM Hymnal

Blessed Lord, you have caused the Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read them, mark them, learn them, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of eternal life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, 600

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life!

Sinner, list to the loving call—wonderful words of life!

All so freely given, wooing us to heaven!

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life!

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life!

ANTHEM 8:30
11:00

The Joy of the Lord
Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name

Twila Paris
Spiritual

Proclamation of the Word

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 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-12 Pew Bible, OT, page 426

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 5:11-6:3 Pew Bible, NT, page 205

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

Ezra's Task

Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Go, Make of All Disciples* UMH, No. 571

During the singing of this hymn, members of the congregation are invited to come forward t

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

I thank God for . . .

Thanks be to God for all his blessings!

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Venetian Gondola Song No. 2, from "Songs without Words"*
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*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 UMH, No. 413

**A charge to keep I have,
a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save
and fit it for the sky.**

POSTLUDE *Rondeau, from "Abdelazer"* Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

*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 by Paul Kendall in honor and in memory of all veterans and military personnel.

Adult Sunday School Combined Today

Please join us in the fellowship hall this morning at 9:45 a. m., where the topic will be "Intentional Faith Development". All of the adult classes are meeting together this month.

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. The offering will go to the Samaritan Group.

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	11:00
Greeters:	11:00	Patsy Jenkins and Margie Morris
Altar Guild for November:		Dawn Cluts and Carol Schultz

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 next Sunday. Next Sunday a special offering will be received for Family Services.

XYZ Reminder

Bethany XYZ will not meet in November. We will combine Nov. & Dec. (Dec. 2nd) with a trip to the Virginia Living Museum to see the Star of Wonder Planetarium Show (\$15.00). Lunch at noon at Bill's Seafood Restaurant – order from menu. Money needs to be turned in by Sunday, Nov. 22nd. Put in XYZ box, leave in the office, or give to treasurer, Harvey Williams.

Attendance:

Worship:		223
8:30	60	
11:00	163	
Sunday School		120
Adults	92	
Youth	13	
Children	15	

Counting Teams Schedule

November 15 Clyde Burton, Peggy Burton, Mary Kaylor

November 22 Bernard Robins, Vicki Williams, Sandra Harvey

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.

We need as many photographs as possible of church activities in 2008 and 2009 so we can have a large pool from which to select for inclusion in the new directory. E-mail any you may have (in approximately 3 1/2 x 5) to Rey Morales at reymorales33@cox.net

Bell Ringers Needed

Volunteers needed for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Please give it some consideration during the Holiday season. This is a good time to sign up with your son or daughter.

Call: 642-3960.

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).

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.

This Week at Bethany

Today	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"
	12:30-2:00	Children's play rehearsal – bring lunch
	5:00-6:00	Younger Confirmation Class
	5:00-6:00	High School Bible Study 6:00-7:30 Supper/MYF/ Bible Buddies
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:30	Sanders Nursing Home
	6:30	Tiger Cubs/Den 4 use educational classroom
	7:00	Missions Committee
Wednesday	6:30	Focused Prayer: Our Evangelism Program
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	10:30	Naomi Circle
	6:30	Emmaus
	7:30	Evangelism Committee
	7:30	Bazaar Organizational meeting
Friday	12:00	Pictorial Directory team meeting
	6:00-9:00	Scouts use WBFH
Friday-Sun.		High School District Youth Retreat
Saturday	8:15	Leave for Stewardship Workshop at Bethany in Hampton
Next Sun.	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School/ Adult Study "Risk-Taking Mission and Service"
	12:30	Children's Play rehearsal – bring lunch
	7:00	Administrative Board meeting

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.