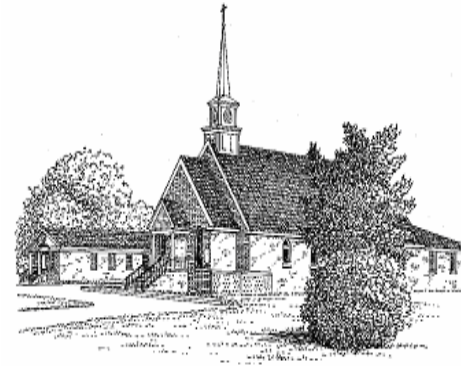


Bethany United Methodist Church

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

November 22, 2009

Christ the King 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

Fugue, from "Passacaglia in C Minor"

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

UMH, No. 92

**For the beauty for the earth,
for the glories of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

James 1:17-18

Every good and generous action and every perfect gift come from above, from the Father who created the lights of heaven.

Of his own choice, he brought us to birth by the word of truth to be a kind of first fruits of his creation.

*OPENING HYMN

For the Fruits of This Creation

UMH, No. 97

*OPENING PRAYER

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; and your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

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 has done great things—bless his holy name!**

ANTHEM

O, Give Thanks to the Lord

Lloyd Larson
Craig Courtney

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

Esther 3:12-13; 4:5-17; 5:1-2 Pew Bible, OT, page 436

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 20:17-24 Pew Bible, NT, page 133

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

For Such a Time as This

Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

God of Love and God of Power

UMH, No. 578

During the singing of this hymn, members of the congregation are invited to come forward and kneel at the communion rail to pray, to make a new commitment to Christ, or to otherwise respond to Gods Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I thank God for _____

We thank you, O God!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Linda Ray

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Symphony, from "Hail! Bright Cecilia"

Henry Purcell

- Celebrating the feast of St. Cecilia, Patron Saint of Music -

(1659-1750)

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

*CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

UMH, No.593

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

Here I am, Lord—Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

POSTLUDE

Triumphal March on "Now Thank We All Our God"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

*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

The Harvest table was prepared by the Lacey Martin Fellowship Class with thanksgiving to God for his many blessings and gifts.

Adult Sunday School Combined Today

Please join us in the fellowship hall this morning at 9:45 a. m., where the topic will be “Risk-Taking Mission and Service”. All of the adult classes are asked to meet together this month.

Thanksgiving Eve Service at Bethany

Bethany Church will host a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 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.

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:	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	Ashleigh Polk	11:00 Will Neikirk
Lay Reader:	8:30	Bob Wharen	11:00 Shannon Minor
Greeters:	11:00	Molly Shackelford and Jean Heywood	
Altar Guild for November:	Dawn Cluts and Carol Schultz		

Special Guest

We are delighted to have with us this morning Linda Driver Ray of United Methodist Family Services. Linda serves as Community Ministries Coordinator of UMFS and will be giving the Stewardship Moment at each service, sharing about the work of this fine organization. A special offering will be received this morning, and the many donations of items for young people—will be consecrated during the service. You may make out your check to Bethany with the notation: UM Family Services, and our church treasurer will forward your gift to UMFS. All donations are understood to be above and beyond our regular support of the church budget. Sue Morecock is Bethany’s UMFS representative.

Attendance:

Worship:	236	
8:30	78	
11:00	158	
Sunday School	99	

Adults	83
Youth	9
Children	7

Counting Teams Schedule

November 22 Bernard Robins, Vicki Williams, Sandra Harvey

November 29 Al Burner Judy Burner, Teresa Sullivan

A New Pictorial Directory!

Sign up for photo sessions continues through next Sunday 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

'Tis the season to think about how you may spend some of your time volunteering during the Holiday season. The Salvation Army Bell Ringing throughout Gloucester is one of the many ways. All you do is ring a bell for two hours and spread some Christian love. You can do it with your son/daughter; spouse or by yourself. You can even sit in a chair. This makes this ideal for the young and mature. Call the Salvation Army at 642-3960.

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School/Adult Study: "Risk-Taking Mission and Service"
	12:30-2:00	Children's play rehearsal – bring lunch
	5:00	Younger Confirmation Class: "The Holy Sacraments"
	7:00	Administrative Board meeting
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30	United Methodist Men
	6:30	Tiger Cubs educational classroom
Wednesday	7:00	Thanksgiving Eve Worship service
Thursday		Thanksgiving Day – office closed
Friday	7:00	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	2:30	Megan Whitmore/Jarad White wedding
	5:00	Chrismon Tree decorating
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School/ Adult Study "Extravagant Generosity"
	12:15	Older Confirmation Class: "So You Want to be a Church Member"
	12:30	Children's Play rehearsal – bring lunch
	5:00-6:00	High School Bible Study
	5:00-6:00	Younger Confirmation Class
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF

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.

A Christmas Card to Clara

Next Sunday we will be remembering our missionary, Clara Biswas, with a video Christmas greeting, as well as a large card signed by all. To be included on the video greeting, please meet on the front Sunday School steps at 9:45 a.m. In December, we will be highlighting ways to financially support Clara's ministry in Cambodia.

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR SAINT CECILIA

November 22nd is the feast day of Cecilia, saint and martyr of the early Christian church. She was venerated as a saint from the fifth century and has been honored as patroness of music since the fifteenth. From 1683 Cecilian festivals in London include a church service, followed by an entertainment, and odes for the occasion were composed by Purcell and Handel among others. Perhaps the most magnificent tributes is Purcell's *Hail! bright Cecilia* (1692), an hour-long cantata for six solo singers, choir, and orchestra, of which our offertory today is only a brief excerpt. It celebrates both St. Cecilia's day and the 350th birthday of Henry Purcell, one of England's greatest composers.

Since St. Cecilia was often portrayed playing an organ, she has been credited with inventing the instrument. That honor belongs, however, to Ctesibius, an Alexandrian engineer in the third century B.C. The organ had to wait two millennia for the composer who would establish it as the "King of Instruments": Johann Sebastian Bach.

Bach was a very passionate man – he sired twenty children with two wives, after all – but in his music he carefully balanced emotional expression with intellectual architecture, and this perfect fusion of heart and mind has made his work endure for over 300 years. Today's Prelude is the Fugue that concludes Bach's monumental *Passacaglia in C Minor* which we performed on November 1st. – Rudy Shackelford

Youth on Retreat

Please remember to pray for our Senior High youth who are attending the Rappahannock District High School Retreat at the Piankatank Camp and Conference Center this weekend.

Chrismon Tree Decorating Party

Please join us for our annual Chrismon Tree decorating party, Saturday, Nov. 28th at 5:00 p.m. We invite preschool children through young adults to meet in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall where snacks will be served. When Paul and his team are ready, we will make our way to the sanctuary to decorate Bethany's beautiful tree and enjoy songs of the season. Come enjoy a true Bethany holiday tradition!!

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 TODAY. Put in XYZ box, leave in the office, or give to treasurer, Harvey Williams.

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.

United Methodist Men Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday November 24, 2009

I am encouraging every man in our church to attend our U.M.M. meeting on Tuesday night. I have three reasons for this special appeal.

One – You can gorge yourself on Gene Harrell's home cooked pork BBQ.

Two – You will get to meet our guest speaker, the newly elected supervisor for York District, Carter Borden

Three – Rey Morales will be taking a group picture for our new church directory. I challenge you to help this be the largest group picture in the entire directory!

- Alan Harvey

Please fill in and place in the offering plate or UMM mail slot located by the church office.

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Yes, I am planning to attend the UMM dinner meeting _____

How many in attendance? _____

Poinsettias

Poinsettias are available to order and place in the sanctuary for Christmas services, the cost is \$12.00 for each six-inch plant. This is a fundraiser for the youth. Order deadline is December 13, 2009.

Payment MUST accompany order. Make checks payable to Bethany UMC with notation for poinsettias.

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