

Bethany United Methodist Church

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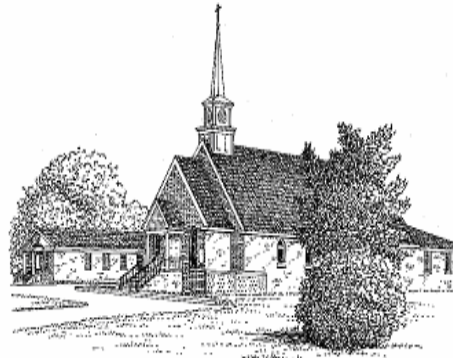
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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

December 6, 2009

The Second Sunday of Advent



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

Noël No. 10 – Full Organ and Duos

Louis-Claude Daquin
(1694-1772)

When God was born at Christmas
In the land of Judaea,
That solemn day was bathed in joy!
There was no man, great or small,
Who did not bring his present
And did not offer ceaselessly
All his wealth and riches.
- Provençal Carol

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

8:30 The Kidd Family 11:00 The Schultz Family

*ADVENT SONG

Light the Advent Candle

verse 2, TFWS, No. 2090

*ADVENT HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

UMH, No. 626

*OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, so that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*ADVENT ANTIPHON

O Root of Jesse, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and to whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication:

Come and deliver us, and tarry not!

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 211

**O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of thy people be.**

**Before thee rulers silent fall,
all peoples on thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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 Isaiah 40:3-10 Pew Bible, OT, page 633

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 3:1-14 Pew Bible, NT, page 56

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD *"A Stop at the Jordan"* Steve Young

Response to the Word

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Wasn't that a Mighty Day* Spiritual/arr. Larry Shackley

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

*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Musical Setting C UMH, No. 20-22

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH, No. 895

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Music During Communion

Three Preludes on "In Dulci Jubilo" (UMH, No. 224)

1. Johann Michael Bach (1648-1694)
2. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)
3. Franz Liszt (1811-1886): *The Shepherds at the Manger*

*ADVENT CAROL *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH, No. 196

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS refrain, UMH, No. 211

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel will come to thee, O Israel!

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* (1993) Robert Lau
- Happy Birthday, Mary Kaylor (December 9th) -

*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 father Dr. Franklin H. Farmer by his children and grandchildren, Frank and Scott Farmer, Clare, Chris, Aislee, Tyler and Alyssa Hall.

Bishop:	Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer
District 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 Austin White & Joel Kidd 11:00 Will & Nathan Schultz
Lay Reader:	8:30 Dolores Breen 11:00 Marsha Miller
Greeters:	11:00 Jennie Lipscomb and Loretta Leigh
Altar Guild for Dec.	Nan Leigh and Nancy Cooper

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15	Older Confirmation Class: "Called to Live as a Christian"
	12:30-2:00	Children's Play Rehearsal/bring lunch
	5:00	Younger Confirmation Class
Monday	5:00-6:00	High School Bible Study/6:00-7:30 Supper/MYF/Bible Buddies
	1:30	Gift Wrapping at Walter Reed Convalescent Center
	4:30-6:00	Children's play rehearsal - cast only
Tuesday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	10:00	Bethany Hugs Ministry
	6:30	Tiger Cubs use Educational Classroom
	6:30	Abingdon Women's Club - WBFH in use
Wednesday	7:00	Vision Committee meeting
	6:30	Focused Prayer: Our Shut-ins and Homebound
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	4:30-6:00	Children's play rehearsal - everyone
	6:30	Emmaus
Friday	5:30	Christmas Caroling in the community
Saturday	10:00-12:30	Children's play dress rehearsal

9:45 Neighborhood visitation
1:00 Mary Lotsey Class Christmas luncheon at Doris Courtney's home

Next Sun.

Confirmation Sunday

8:25 & 10:55 Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Class
4:00 Children's Play: "Camel Lot"
"Happy Birthday, Jesus " party afterwards in the WBFH

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.

World Thank Offering

Today is the last day to make a donation to World Thank Offering for undesignated missions. You may make checks payable to Bethany United Methodist Women,

Attendance:

Worship:		235
8:30	66	
11:00	169	
Sunday School		94
Adults	75	
Children	11	
Youth	8	

Counting Teams Schedule

December 6 Sid Dixon, Ann Hogge, Ann LeMay
December 13 Mike Andersen, Merle Luther, Doris Luther



Advent and Christmas at Bethany

Christmas Caroling

On Friday, Dec. 11, at 5:30 p.m. we will meet at church to go Christmas caroling to several homes of shut-ins in our congregation. This is an intergenerational event for children, youth, and adults. After caroling we will return to church for hot cider and something sweet, provided by our Family Ministries.

Children's Christmas Program

The children of Bethany will present their annual Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 4:00 p.m., in our church sanctuary. The program, entitled "Camel Lot" is under the direction of Sandra Fox, Director of Music, and assisted by Kris Kent, Director of Children's Ministries. Twenty to twenty-five children will participate in this delightful musical which includes acting, singing, and choreography. A "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party will follow the program in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. Please help other Gloucester County families by bringing canned goods/non perishable food items for donation to the Salvation Army's Food Bank.

Christmas Cantata

Bethany's Chancel Choir will present their annual Christmas cantata on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 10:00 a.m., under the direction of Sandra Fox, accompanied by Rudy Shackelford, as well as several local musicians playing folk instruments. The cantata is entitled *I Hear the Prophet Callin'*, written by Pepper Choplin. The sparkling cantata features newly composed music in a variety of styles, including Appalachian, Irish, Cajun, and Early American. Prior to the service, our United Methodist Men will serve breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in our fellowship hall. There will only be one service this Sunday.

Christmas Eve Services

The 7:00 p.m. service will be informal and family-friendly. We'll sing familiar Christmas carols, hear both our adult and children's choir sing, listen to a children's message, and sing "Silent Night" to the glowing candles of our congregation.

The 11:00 p.m. service will be a formal service of lessons and carols, culminating in the celebration of Holy Communion. The sanctuary lights will be dimmed, special solos will be sung, and the service will end with candlelight.

ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ON DEC. 20 AND 27

Please note that on Dec. 20 and Dec. 27 Bethany will hold only one Sunday morning worship service. On Dec. 20 the service will be held at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School on Dec. 20. On Dec. 27 the service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School will be held as usual on Dec. 27. Normal 8:30 and 11:00 services will resume on January 3.

A Gideon Speaker on Dec. 27

We are delighted to announce that a representative of the Gideons International will bring the message at Bethany on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 11:00 a.m. The Gideons do an exceptional work of Bible distribution in the world, and this will be an opportunity to participate in their ministry. (Pastor Steve will be on vacation that Sunday.)

Evangelism Visitation

On Saturday morning, December 12, members of Bethany Church will visit neighborhoods and distribute flyers listing our Christmas activities. We will meet at Bethany at 9:45 a.m. for prayer before we go out. Persons with a warm smile and a loving heart are invited to join us. You are also invited to join our Evangelism Team for the coming year. For further information please contact either Archie Leigh at 804-642-2734 or Jane Niethamer at 757-273-1613.

Bible Buddies Christmas Dinner

The Bethany Bible Buddies Annual Christmas Dinner will be held Sunday, December 20, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for all Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders. Please wear your holiday colors, bring a dessert to share and a Christmas ornament to exchange!

~Miss Kris and Miss Jane~

Children's Church will not be held on Sunday, December 20th so that everyone may enjoy the Annual Christmas Cantata.

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We have signed up 144 families for the directory portraits. However, some active church families have not yet registered. We will continue our sign-up through December 17 for the photo sessions of December 18 and 19, either at the back hallway table after church services, or by calling Frances Brown (642-2110).

Note of Appreciation

I want to express my appreciation to the "three kind gentlemen" who came and cleaned up all of the debris in my yard left from the recent nor'easter. Thanks to Roy Bauschatz, Gene Harrell, and Mike Andersen. - Carolyn Broadwell

An Invitation to Witness a Baptism

At 2:00 p.m. this afternoon two of our confirmation students, Michelle Ward and Dylan Cichy, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism by immersion. The service will be held at Providence Baptist Church, at 3501 Providence Road. Pastor Steve will officiate. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Acolyte Training

We are looking for children between the 4th and 12th grade for Acolyte training. If your child is interested in becoming an Acolyte, please contact Diane White at dianemwhite1@cox.net

What is an Acolyte you ask. . . .

An acolyte is anyone who performs ceremonial duties such as lighting altar candles. In our church, acolytes participate in the worship service by lighting the altar candles and extinguishing the altar candles. In these traditions, the lighting of the altar candles in the worship service is a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshiping community. Before lighting the candles the acolyte is suppose to bow at the altar. Before the extinguishing of the last altar candles, the acolytes relight their "candle lighter" and then process out into the narthex. This symbolizes that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. It also symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are called to sere.

Diane offers a 45-minute to 1-hour training session. This is a great way for the youth to serve our church. Please talk to your child today about this great opportunity.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

The United Methodist Men will be serving breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on December 20th in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall prior to our 10:00 a.m. service. All are invited to come, but you must make a reservation first. Please indicate below the number from your family that will be attending and put in the offering plate or turn in to the church office.

Name _____

_____ No. Attending