

Bethany United Methodist Church

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10:00 A.M.

December 20, 2009
The Fourth 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.

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

Waltz of the Flowers, from "The Nutcracker"

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

- Transcribed for symphonic organ by Frederick Hohman -

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: The Vaughan Family

*ADVENT SONG *Light the Advent Candle* verse 4, TFWS, No. 2090

*OPENING HYMN *Sing We Now of Christmas* UMH, No.237

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, in the days of old you made yourself known to prophets and poets, and in the fullness of time you revealed yourself in your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to meditate upon the marvel of your Son's coming and to rejoice in his love toward us and his presence with us. In his dear name we ask it. Amen.

*ADVENT ANTIPHON

**O King of the Gentiles and their Desired One, Cornerstone that make both one:
Come, and deliver us whom you formed out of the dust of the earth.**

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 211

**O Come, Desire of nations bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life.
Deliver us from earthly strife.**

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Christmas (December), from "The Seasons"* Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH, No. 95

The Chancel Choir of Bethany UMC, under the direction of Sandra Fox,
presents the Christmas Cantata

I Hear the Prophet Callin'

By Pepper Choplin

Listen to the Story

I Hear the Prophet Callin'

The People Who Walk in Darkness

I Hear a Mother Singin'

Rockin' Slow and Even

There in the Same Country

I Hear the Shepherds Callin'

Go Tell It

I See the Star of Glory

A Star Rising in the East

I Hear the People Singin'

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Hallelujah Chorus, from "Messiah"* George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)
arr. Virgil Fox

Please stand and remain in place as the choir sings the Hallelujah Chorus

Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth,
Hallelujah!

The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom
Of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign
For ever and ever, Hallelujah!

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, and he shall
Reign for ever and ever. Hallelujah!

-Revelation XIX: 6, XI: 15, XIX: 16

*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.

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:	Trip Vaughan
Greeters:	Bethany Youth
Altar Guild for December:	Nan Leigh and Nancy Cooper

This Week at Bethany

Today	9:00	Breakfast in WBFH
	10:00	Chancel Cantata: "I Hear the Prophet Callin' "
	11:30	Youth Christmas party at Jim and Gerlinda Steven's home
	6:00-7:30	Bible Buddies Christmas dinner
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
Tuesday	6:30	Tiger Cubs use educational classroom
Wednesday	6:30	Focused Prayer: Those Suffering a Blue Christmas
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday		Office Closed
	7:00	Christmas Eve Service
	11:00	Christmas Eve Service
Friday		Christmas Day - office closed
Next Sunday	10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Class room
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages

Bible Study

The men and women's Bible study will not meet on December 20 or 28. We will resume on January 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ON DEC. 27

Please note that on Dec. 27 Bethany will hold only one Sunday morning worship service. 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.

Attendance:

Worship:		247
8:30	68	
11:00	179	

Sunday School		83
Adults	58	
Youth	13	
Children	12	

Counting Teams Schedule

December 20 Jackie Hampton, Charlotte Cecil, Jane Niethamer

December 27 Peggy Burton, Clyde Burton, Mary Kaylor

Flowers for 2009

If you signed up to place flowers in the sanctuary during 2009 would you please check and make sure you have met your obligation to pay for them? Thank you for your help with this endeavor to bring the flower fund up to date.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Steve and Susan will be on vacation between Christmas and New Years Day. If pastoral assistance is needed during this time, please contact Chaplain Carol Johnson at 757-254-5926, or one of our Lay Leaders, Archie Leigh (642-2734) or Roy Bauschatz (642-6340).

Pictures Have Arrived

We recently had family photographs taken for our new pictorial directory. Some of you chose to have your complimentary 8 X 10 portrait sent to the church. Some of the portraits have arrived and are on the table across from the church office. Please stop by this morning and pick up your portrait. If it is not there, it will arrive shortly. Please check again at next week's service.

Guest Preacher

Next Sunday Lt. Commander Gary Wooten of the U. S. navy will bring the message at our 11 o'clock service. Mr. Wooten is an active member of the Gloucester Camp of the Gideons, International. He will share with us the effective work of the Bible distribution accomplished by the Gideons throughout the world. A special offering to support the ministry of the Gideons will be received.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2010 may be picked up in the narthex. Please make certain that you pick up the box with your name on it. If you were not assigned numbered envelopes for 2010, you may request them by contacting the Financial Secretary (Bernard Robins-642-6412).

Please do not use 2009 envelopes after Sunday, December 27, 2009, and do not use 2010 envelopes before Sunday, January 3, 2010.

Donations are recorded by the Financial Secretary according to the date of the Sunday received: therefore , donations must be received no later then Sunday, December 27, 2009, in order to be credited for 2009.

Using your numbered envelopes is a great way to help the counting committees and the Financial Secretary. Thank you!

Pictorial Directory

156 Bethany families signed up to have their portraits made. Thanks to everyone who worked toward this goal. Our aim is to deliver the new directory sometime in February 2010.

Thank You

We would like to give a big thank you to Sandy Fox and Kris Kent for putting on the Children's Christmas Program. What a wonderful job the children did! We are so proud of all of them. Thank you for giving your time, dedication, and patience with the children. You both rock! -Steve and Dawn McDade

New Address

Archie and Loretta Leigh
1876 Dockside Drive
Hayes, VA 23072

Mrs. Sally Nardoizzi
1662 East Tulsa
Chandler, Arizona 85225

Bethany Chancel Choir

Soprano
Darlene Bauschatz

Alto
Janet Chapin

Bass
Gene Harrell

Susan Williams
Dolores Breen
Shannon Minor
Charla Barnard
Gloria Atwell

Barbara Blais
Katherine Fenstermacher
Jeannie Harrell
Mary Kaylor
Susan Young

Tom Barnard
Don Thomas
Roy Bauschatz
Timothy Hart
Steve Young

Tenor
Ruth Wallace
Sandra Harvey
Alan Harvey
Bob Reid
Bob Fox

Instrumentalist

Ouida Archinal – Dulcimer/Autoharp
Renee Arnold - Horn
Rachel Blake – Flute/Recorder
Nina Buzby - Cello
Sandy Byrd – 2nd Violin
Janet Farrar – 1st Violin
Marcia Hargis – Accordion
Melinda Mackenzie – Oboe
Eden Stanley – Percussion



Advent and Christmas at
Bethany

Christmas Cantata

Bethany's Chancel Choir will present their annual Christmas cantata this morning, 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.

Bible Buddies Christmas Dinner

The Bethany Bible Buddies Annual Christmas Dinner will be held today, 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!

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.

CHRISTMAS GIVING HELPS CLARA BISWAS

Each Advent we provide an opportunity at Bethany to help fund several ministries in Cambodia that support Clara Biswas' work as missionary there. This year we provide three opportunities for your special giving, all dear to Clara's heart:

- ~ Street Children Ministry #14921A (*education, nutrition, and fellowship support*)
- ~ Women's Livelihood Projects #3020788 (*creating self-sustaining livelihoods*)
- ~ HIV/AIDS and Other Ailments Supportive Network #14919A

(treatment, transportation, and self-help groups)

Please make out your check to Bethany UMC, and indicate the particular mission you desire to support on the notation line.
(All gifts are understood to be above and beyond one's normal support of the church budget.)

Maxine Bayly by Shirley Tinker

My mother, Lucille Waters, by Brenda Thomas

James Harvey Kidd by the Rick Kidd family

Our parents, by George and Joni Neal

Ella Grey and David Burke by Roger and Nancy Heflin

William F. and Ida May Cameron by Judith C. Vaughan

Barbara and Jessica Downey by Judith C. Vaughan

William F. Cameron, Jr., and George F. Cameron by Judith C. Vaughan

James Harder by Bob and Carol Harder

Robert S. Cluts by Dawn Cluts

Our parents by Jane and Fred Niethamer

Our parents by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Fenstermacher

Our pop, Carlton Heywood, by Wendy, Billy, Amy, John and Brandon

Mr. & Mrs. John I. Huff by Wendell and Linda Fletcher

Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Fletcher by Wendell and Linda Fletcher

Mr. & Mrs. Noah C. Thomas by M.E., Brenda, and Donnie

Herb Sage by the McDade and Sage families

In Honor of . . .

Justus James Minor by Jim and Shannon Minor

Our children by Jane and Fred Niethamer

Mary Kaylor and Jean Heywood by Don Sandridge

My mother, Thelma Belvin, by Barbara Dunston

Our grandsons, Hunter Leigh Martin, and Christian Reece Martin by

Nan and Bobby Leigh

Our children, Jennifer and John Dooley, and Kim Lewis, by David and Peggy Lewis

All of our servicemen and women by Ruth Yoder

Our grandchildren, Carson, Connor, Cyler, Keagan and Aubrey Lynn, by Willie and

Mary Linda Brooks

Our Gran and Grandad, Tom and Charla Barnard, by Alec and Ellanah Daniel

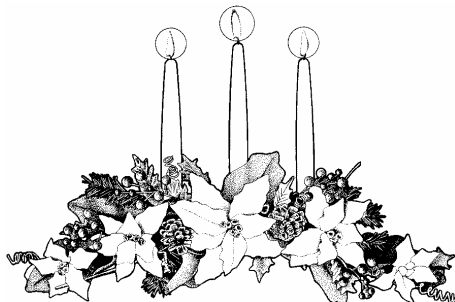
Afton and Nataleigh Thayer, our granddaughters, by Larry and Judy Johnson

Our sons, Hunter and Christian Martin, by Paul and Stacie Martin

Mrs. Jean A. Young, Steve's mom, by Steve and Susan Young

Mr. Jack Auwetter, Steve's uncle, by Steve and Susan Young

Our grandchildren by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fenstermacher



Poinsettias have been placed in the sanctuary in memory of . . .

Gene Albert Leigh by Ellen Leigh and Rebecca Teagle and family

Tom and Edith Emory by Don Sandridge

My father, James B. Belvin, by Barbara Dunston

Harry S. Lewis by JoAnne O. Lewis

His parents, Alvaro Morales and Maria Alamo, by Rey and Patsy Morales

Her parents, William and Doris Conner, by Rey and Patsy Morales

Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Lipscomb, and Wilfred F. Armstrong, by Carroll and Jennie Lipscomb

Our parents by Robert and Yeardeley Blackwell

Garland and Myrtle Lewis by Marshall, Bonnie, Carolyn, Melissa, and
great grandchildren

Evelyn and Leslie Lewis by Marshall, Bonnie, Carolyn, Melissa and families

Donald G. Broadwell by Carolyn, Graham, Suzanne, Frances and, grandchildren

Our parents, Christine and Herman Harris, by Nan Leigh and Jimmy Harris

Mr. & Mrs. James R. Shackelford, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Shackelford,

and Margaret Shackelford, by Joan Fecondo and Carlton Shackelford

Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Val Hopkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrell, by Jeannie
and Gene Harrell

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Foster, Sr. , and Mr. & Mrs. Claud Hickman, by Nerine Hickman

Lawrance, Ken, and Bill Kiser by Ruth Yoder

Jeffrey MacIntosh, my brother, by Susan Williams

Our parents, Eryv "Mike" and Josephine Hudgins, and Willie Brooks, Sr., by Willie and
Mary Linda Brooks

Sally Corbin and Carolyn Corbin, by Sandy and Lonnie Byrd, III

Lonnie, Jr. and "Pete" Byrd, by Sandy and Lonnie Byrd, III

Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Jordan, and Mr. & Mrs. J.O. Hall, by Harry and Esther Marie Jordan