

Bethany United Methodist Church

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Worship service 11:00 a.m.

December 27, 2009
The First Sunday after Christmas Day

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	<i>Do You Hear What I Hear</i>	Harrington
	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Redner
	<i>I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day</i>	Calkin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS refrain, No. 251

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere!
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 42:10-12

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth!
Let the sea roar and all that fills it!
Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice!
Let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy —
let them shout from the tops of the mountains!
Let them give glory to the Lord and declare his praise!

*CHRISTMAS CAROL UMH, No. 240
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the light of your incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Grant that this light, set aflame in our hearts, may shine forth each day in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH, No. 881
"The Apostles' Creed"

*THE GLORIA PATRI UMH, No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM Soloist: Meg Reich
Mary Did You Know Pianist: Loretta Leigh

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

Isaiah 55:6-11

Pew Bible, OT, page 650

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 28:16-20

Pew Bible, NT, page 32

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Don't Get Off the Road

Gray Wooten

Response to the Word

*CHRISTMAS CAROL

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

UMH, No. 251

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Star of the East

Kennedy

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

*CHRISTMAS CAROL

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH, No. 224

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

refrain, UMH, 211

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POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Handel

*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:
District Superintendent:
Minister:
Pastor in Residence:
Pastor in Residence:
Lay Leader:
Associate Lay Leader:
Youth Leader:

Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer
Reverend Joseph D. Carson
Reverend Stephen E. Young
Chaplain L. Lawson Byrd
Chaplain Carol Johnson
Archie Leigh
Roy Bauschatz
Sondra Colbert

Children's Ministry:		Kris Kent
Director of Music:		Sandra Fox
Guest Organist:		Jean Heywood
Acolytes:		Colleen LeMay
Lay Reader:	11:00	Gloria Atwell
Greeters:	11:00	Linda Hall
Altar Guild for December:		Nan Leigh and Nancy Cooper
Altar Guild for January:		Charla Barnard and Lavalley Wilson

This Week at Bethany

Today	9:45	Sunday school for all ages
	10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
Thurs. & Fri.		Office closed
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	6:00-7:30	Bible Buddies

Free Clinic Dinner

The United Methodist Women will be serving dinner to the free clinic on Thursday, January 7, 2010.

Attendance:

Worship: 222

Nursery: 4

Counting Teams Schedule

December 27 Peggy Burton, Clyde Burton, Mary Kaylor
 January 3 Bernard Robins, Vicki Williams, Sandra Harvey

Remember our Military

Jason R. Harney, Anthony Quintero, Captain Christopher "Chris" Demetriades, Homer Marsh, Bernard Johnson, William Scott, Tom Beaudoin, Richard Alligood, Mike Barber

Continue to Remember in Prayer

Reathia Williams, Laura Poland, Dean Beach, Sam Steele, Ellen Leigh, Warren Belvin, Dorothy Critzer, Agnes Williams, Mary Jenkins, Jack Kaylor, Sally Nardozzi, Harry Jordan, Marshall Lewis
 Walter Reed Convalescent Center: Horace Purcell, Jean Brown,
 Sanders Senior Living Community: Mary Field, Lorraine Johnson
 York Convalescent Center: Jackson White, Louise Mosca,
 The Gloucester House: Connie Poland
 Morningside Assisted Living: Gwen Thornton

A Reminder

Bethany UMW is still collecting cancelled stamps, and pop-top lids. If you have any of these and you would be willing to part with them, please bring to church next Sunday? They will be used for a good cause.

A Note of Thanks

As 2009 draws to a close, Tina and I would like to take time to thank our church family at Bethany for your incredible support of our fundraising efforts for the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure in October. Our team members together

raised \$21,966.50 toward the funding of breast cancer research and education. This would never have been possible without the generous, giving spirits of people like you. Thank you so much for allowing us to be a part of such an amazing experience.

God bless each of you, Jill Daniel and Tina Silberhorn

Guest Speaker

We welcome Lt. Commander Gary Wooten of the U. S. Navy as guest speaker this morning. 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 than 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!

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Steve and Susan are on vacation until 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.