

# Bethany United Methodist Church

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

January 3, 2010

Epiphany 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

*Arabian Dance and Chinese Dance, from “The Nutcracker”*

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

arr. Frederick Hohman

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king,  
behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem . . .” - Matthew 2:1

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*OPENING CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2071

**Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord!  
Emmanuel - - God is with us,  
blessed Redeemer, living Word!**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60:1, 3, 6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
**and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**  
Nations shall come to your light,  
**and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**  
They shall bring gold and frankincense  
**And shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*We Three Kings*

UMH, No. 254

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth. Lead us, who now know you by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Nicene Creed”

UMH, No. 880

#### \*THE GLORIA

(sung responses at 11:00)

UMH, No. 83

## 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                      Psalm 102:18-22, 25-28                      Pew Bible, OT, page 531

NEW TESTAMENT READING                      Acts 12:1-11                      Pew Bible, NT, page 124

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

WITNESS TO THE WORD                      *The First Day of the Rest of Your Life*                      Rev. Steve Young

## Response to the Word

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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

\*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

### \*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING                      UMH, No. 15-16

THE LORD'S PRAYER                      UMH, No. 895

### GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Music during Communion (8:30)

*Chorale Prelude on "Silent Night"*                      Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

*At 11:00, let the congregation join the choir in singing the following Christmas carols:*

*There's a Song in the Air*                      No. 249

*Angels We Have Heard on High*                      No. 238

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*                      No. 236

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*                      No. 230

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*                      No. 220

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*                      No. 218

\*CLOSING HYMN                      *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*                      vs. 1-2, TFWS, No 2100

### \*BENEDICTION

\*DISMISSAL CHORUS                      UMH, No. 557

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred mind is like to that above.**

POSTLUDE                      *Variations on a Noël, Finale*                      Marcel Dupré  
(1886-1971)

- Based upon the French carol *Sing We Now of Christmas* (UMH, No. 237) -

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\*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.

### **MYF New Schedule**

Beginning January 10<sup>th</sup>, MYF will meet following the 11:00 service until 2:00 p.m. There will be a rotating schedule with Jr. High meeting the first and third Sunday and Sr. High on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Both groups will meet on the fifth Sunday for a special activity.

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 Mayce and Hunter Tipton
	11:00 Nathan and William Schultz
Lay Reader:	8:30 11:00
Greeters:	11:00 Linda Hall and Jennie Lipscomb
Altar Guild for January	Charla Barnard and Lavelle Wilson

### **This Week at Bethany**

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
Monday	1:00	Abingdon Women's Club board meeting - WBFH
	5:00	Weight Watchers
	6:30	Stephen Ministries meet at Alan and Sandra Harvey's
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30	Tiger Cubs use Educational Classroom
	7:00	JOY Circle
	7:00	Trustees meeting
Wednesday	6:30	Den 4 use Educational classroom
	7:00	Focused Prayer: The Spread of the Gospel in the World
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Emmaus
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Adult membership Class: "What It Means to Be a Christian"
	12:15	Potato Bar fundraiser sponsored by Lacey Martin Fellowship Class
	12:30	High School MYF

## **Sunday School for Jr. High Youth**

Sunday School for Middle School youth will begin on January 10<sup>th</sup> and will be taught by Sue Morecock.

### **Continued Prayer:**

Carlyle Brown, Virginia Schuler, Sally Nardoizzi, Reathia Williams, Laura Poland, Dean Beach, Sam Steele, Ellen Leigh, Warren Belvin, Dorothy Critzer, Agnes Williams, Mary Jenkins, Jack Kaylor, 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

### **Remember our Military**

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

### **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.

### **Adult Membership Class Offered in January**

Pastor Steve will be leading a three-part Membership Class for adults on January 10, 17, and 24, during the Sunday School hour (9:45 – 10:45 a.m.). The classes are entitled: "What It Means to Be a Christian", "What It Means to Be a United Methodist", and "What It Means to Be a Bethany Member". All interested persons are invited to attend. Please meet in the fellowship hall for directions.

### **Potato Bar Fundraiser**

The Lacey Martin Fellowship class invites you to join them on Sunday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> for one of their fabulous potato bar fundraisers. There will be a potato that is out of this world and lots of toppings to tempt you with. All donations received will go to a good cause. Hope to see you following the 11 o'clock service on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Attendance:**

Worship:		
11:00	88	
Sunday School		39
Adults	31	
Children	5	
Youth	3	
Nursery:	2	
Children's Church:	4	

### **Counting Teams Schedule**

January 3 Bernard Robins, Vicki Williams, Sandra Harvey

January 10 Al Burner, Judy Burner, Teresa Sullivan

### **Ministry Teams to Meet on Jan. 17**

The first meeting of our five Ministry Teams will be on Sunday evening, January 17, at 6:00 p.m. After meeting together briefly in the church sanctuary, the five teams will disperse into classrooms for their team meetings. Teams chairpersons this year are Loretta Leigh (Discipleship), Martin Breen (Membership Care), Laura Polk (Outreach), Paul Kendall (Worship and the Arts), and Rey Morales (Communications). All program chairpersons and coordinators should plan to attend.

### **Bethany Officers to be Consecrated on Jan. 17**

All elected officers of Bethany UMC for 2010 are asked to be present on Sunday, January 17, for a time of recognition and consecration during our worship service.

### **Adult Ministries**

Do you ever have trouble putting fellow church members faces and names together? Do you ever think you would like to know your church family better?

Starting in early 2007, we created Friendship Eight Groups. The groups consist of eight adults who agree to meet together at least every other month.

One way this can be done is to meet at the home of first one and then the other for food and fellowship. The host or hostess would provide the main dish and the drinks; the guests would bring a complimentary covered dish. Meeting at a restaurant for instance would also be fine, but having someone eat with you at your table in your home has a special quality to it.

We are reorganizing these groups for 2010. Please use the sign-up sheets below if you are interested in joining a friendship eight group. All who agree to join will be assigned to groups of eight. We will mix and match newer and older members so that new friendships can be developed. Hopefully by the beginning of February, all the groups will be formed and you will be notified as to whom your group members are. You may then get with them and plan your activities for the year.

**Questions? Call Alan Harvey at 684-2790.**

**Yes I/we would like to join a Friendship Eight Group in 2010:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_