

# Bethany United Methodist Church

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

January 24, 2010

Third Sunday after Epiphany



**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

*Chorale Prelude on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"*

Max Reger (1873-1916)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*OPENING CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2158

**Just a closer walk with thee –  
grant it, Jesus! – is my plea.  
Daily walking close to thee –  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 28:16

Thus says the Lord God:

**I am laying in Zion a foundation stone,  
a tested stone,  
a precious cornerstone,  
a sure foundation.**

**The one who puts his faith in it shall not be shaken!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

UMH, No. 529

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**O God, you are the strength of all who put their trust in you. We ask you to mercifully accept our prayers. Because in our weakness we can do nothing good apart from you, assist us with your grace, so that in keeping your commandments we may please you in thought, word, and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

TFWS, No. 2158

**I am weak, but thou art strong.  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong!  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.**



grant it, Jesus! –is my plea.  
Daily walking close to thee –  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

POSTLUDE

*Turkish Rondo*, from “*Sonata in A Major*” K. 331

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (born 27 January 1756)

arr. Rudy Shackelford

- Dedicated to Bob Nardozzi -

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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.

### **Flowers for the Altar**

Many vacancies exist on the 2010 flower calendar. If you would like to sign up for a given Sunday the chart is located in the back hallway near the church office.

Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer

Bishop:			
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	
Assistant Youth Leader;		Jackson Sasser	
Children’s Ministry:		Kris Kent	
Director of Music:		Sandra Fox	
Organist:		Rudy Shackelford	
Acolytes:	8:30	Joel Kidd	11:00 Will Neikirk
Lay Reader:	8:30	Joel Kidd	11:00 Dylan Cichy
Greeters:		Bethany Youth	
Altar Guild for January:		Charla Barnard and Lavalley Wilson	

### **This Week at Bethany**

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom	
	9:45	Sunday school for all ages	
	9:45	Adult Membership Class: “What It Means to Be a Bethany Member”	
	12:15-2:00	Sr. MYF	12:30 – 2:00 Bible Buddies
	7:00	Administrative Board meeting	
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers	
	6:00-9:00	The Points Homeowners Association – WBFH	
	7:00	Men’s/Women’s Bible Study	7:00 Stephen Ministries
Tuesday	10:00	ETC Bazaar Workshop	
	1:00	Church and Society Committee at the home of Nancy Orth	
	6:30	United Methodist Men	
	6:30	Tiger Cubs use educational classroom	

Wednesday	10:00	Homebound Ministries Committee
	1:00	Quilters meet at the home of Pat Hasty
	7:00	Focused Prayer: "Young Adult Ministry"
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	9:30	Boutique Workshop organization meeting
	5:00-9:00	Scouts set up WBFH for Derby
Friday	6:00-9:00	Pinewood Derby – WBFH
Saturday	8:30-3:00	District Leadership Training at St. Clare Walker Middle School
	1:00-5:00	Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall in Use
Next Sun.	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15-2:00	Jr. and Sr. MYF

### **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.

### **Mission Committee Needs . . .**

The Bethany Mission Committee is seeking new members. The Missions Committee meets bi-monthly and helps plan and coordinate hands-on, people-to-people, missions activities throughout the year. Last year some of our mission projects included home deck repairs with the Gloucester Housing Partnership, mission trips to Georgia and Mississippi to repair tornado and hurricane damage, corn gleaning, Helping Hands Mission Camp for middle and high school youth, and Nor'east storm recovery assistance in Gloucester. If this sounds like something you'd like to be involved with, we would love to have you. Please contact Kevin Kiley, 642-6047.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The United Methodist Women have been asked to participate in the donation of prayer shawls and baby blankets, for the 2010 UMW assembly. These items will be distributed throughout the five jurisdictions to health related organizations, institutions and prison ministries that impact women and children. Anyone who knits, crochets or sews is encouraged to participate in this project. Please turn in these items to Janet Chapin, 642-6822, by the February 21, 2010 deadline.

### **Teddy Bear Brigade**

#### **QUESTION:**

What is the thread of commonality between homeless veterans, seriously injured war veterans returning from Iraq, and the poor orphans that are the product of drug related parents in the third world countries around the world?

#### **ANSWER:**

The Teddy Bear Brigade. Gleaning for the World (GFTW) is a 501 (c)(3) humanitarian organization located in Concord, Virginia that was founded by Reverend Ronald Davidson and his wife Jackie (former Pastor of Bellamy UMC, Gloucester, VA). Ron discovered, through trial period, that a simple thing like a Teddy Bear/stuffed animal was a major contributor to the successful therapy of those people listed above. Consequently, GFTW has sent thousands of trailer loads of animals to organizations involved with working with veterans groups or to third world countries for use in dealing with the orphans of drug related parents. There is an ever-increasing need for help in collecting Teddy Bear/stuffed animals for this invaluable therapy. The Friendship Class has elected to head up a drive for Bethany Church in this effort.

The Teddy Bear Brigade will kick off on Sunday, February 14 and run through April 18 at which time the stuffed animals will be dedicated. Rev. Davidson will be with us on Feb. 14 to tell you more about this project. New or nearly new small to medium bears or stuffed animals will be accepted. They shouldn't contain any electronic parts or be battery operated. There will be baskets located in the narthex, office entrance or fellowship hall for your donations. Our goal is to gather 100 bears/stuffed animals for this ministry. Be an active participant and help us reach our goal.

### **Budget and List of Officers for 2010 Available Today**

Every family is encouraged to pick up a copy of our Officers and Committees for 2010 and a copy of our 2010 budget. Copies will be available at both sanctuary entrances throughout the month of January.

### **New Members to be Received on January 31**

Bethany UMC will welcome new members into the fellowship on Sunday, January 31. Please let the pastor know of your interest in being part of our church family!

### **Youth Reminder**

Your permission slips for our all night bowling event are due today!

### **Attendance:**

Worship:		223
8:30	55	
11:00	168	
Sunday School:		97
Adults	65	
Children	14	
Youth	18	

### **Counting Teams Schedule**

January 24 Mike Andersen, Merle Luther, Doris Luther

January 31 Jackie Hampton, Jane Niethamer, Charlotte Cecil

### **Audit Time!**

All class and other organization treasurers are asked to turn in their books for audit. You may leave them in the office or get in touch with Ellen Leigh (642-4549) or Barbara Dunston (642-5267).

### **Special Offering Today**

In addition to the opportunity to give to assist our Filipino brothers and sisters recovering from severe flooding, we will be receiving a special offering to help provide relief in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake disaster. Both offerings will be channeled through UMCOR, where 100 % of the offerings go to the designation and 0 % is retained for promotion or administrative overhead. Please indicate on your check or envelope to which cause (Philippines or Haiti) you would like your offering to go. (All special offerings are understood to be above and beyond one's regular giving to the church budget.)

### **Bethany United Methodist Men**

Mrs. Jenny Graziano, Coordinator of Tourism for Gloucester County, will be the guest speaker at the United Methodist meeting to be held on January 26. Dinner will be served at 6:30 – let's start the new year off with a record number in attendance!

### **Your Help is Needed**

Help is very much needed for the Boutique Shop at the Bazaar this year. Please contact Peggy Burton (642-5644) if you can Cross Stitch and are willing to assist. Work is done at home and only a minimum number of meetings will be held. An introduction meeting will be held on January 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the church.

### **Thank You**

The Lacey Martin Fellowship Class would like to thank everyone who supported our potato bar on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The money we raise goes to mission work in the county.

- Charlotte Cecil, Class president

**Hospitality Committee Request**

The Hospitality Committee has decided, effective immediately, that Bethany will serve only finger food at the receptions following funeral services (small sandwiches, ham biscuits, raw veggies, sliced fruit & cheese, etc.) Cakes, cupcakes, brownies and cookies are needed, however, NO pies. Small plates will be used to serve this food.

Charlotte Cecil will continue to notify the congregation about these receptions.

Thanks for your help. Hospitality Committee, Judy Hudgins, Chair

**Kitchen Items**

There are towels and aprons missing from the kitchen. If you took them home to be washed would you please bring them back as soon as possible?