

# Bethany United Methodist Church

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

February 7, 2010

Fifth 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 Fantasy on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"*

Dietrich Buxtehude (ca. 1637-1707)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*OPENING CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2108

**O how he loves you and me!**

**O how he loves you and me!**

**He gave his life. What more could he give?**

**O how he loves you! O how he loves me!**

**O how he loves you and me!**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 5:8, 10,14

Wake up, O sleeper, and rise from the dead!

**And Christ will shine on you!**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.

**Live as children of light and try to find out what pleases the Lord.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

UMH, No. 247

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

Book of Worship

**Almighty God, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world.**

**Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. May Christ be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, now and forever. Amen.**

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

TFWS, No. 2173 (refrain)

**Shine, Jesus, shine,**

**fill this land with the Father's glory!**

**Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire!**

**Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy!  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!**

## *Proclamation of the Word*

BAPTISM AND THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS (11:00)

UMH, No. 34-35, 37-38

*Jennifer Ruth Barber  
Nakita Rose Barber  
Jay Lynn Busch*

*Micheal Dean Barber  
Lucinda Mae Barber  
Mattilyn Anne Busch*

*Chasity Marie Barber  
Bonnie Faye Lewis*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

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 6:1-8

Pew Bible, OT, page 604

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I John 1:5-10

Pew Bible, NT, page 221

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

WITNESS TO THE WORD

*Carrying Coals to Newcastle*

Rev. Steve Young

## *Response to the Word*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 8:30

*It is Well with my Soul*

Horatio Stafford

arr. John Ness Beck

11:00 *In Remembrance of Me*

Buryl Red

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH, No. 95

\*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

\*A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

UMH, pages 26-31

Music during Communion (8:30)

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

Johann Nepomuk David (1895-1977)

*At the 11:00 service, as worshipers come forward to the communion rail, let the congregation join the choir in singing the following hymns:*

*There Is a Fountain* No. 622

*There Is a Balm in Gilead* No. 375

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin* No. 365

*Rock of Ages* No. 361

*Pass Me Not, O Gently Savior* No. 351

*My Jesus, I Love Thee* No. 172

\*CLOSING HYMN

*It Is Well with My Soul*

UMH, No. 377

\*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

*Allegro maestoso e vivace, from Sonata No. 2 in C Minor*

Felix Mendelssohn

(3 Feb. 1809)

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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!

**Altar Flowers:**

Flowers on the altar today are given in honor of the birthday of our grandson Carson Hasty, and our 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary (Feb. 4) by Pat and John Hasty.

**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.

**Choir Take Note!**

Choir rehearsals on Wednesday are now starting at 7 p.m. I am also looking for singers. All parts are needed! Please consider joining your voice with ours.

Sandy Fox, Music Director

**Welcome, New Members**

At the 11 :00 service we are receiving four new members into the Bethany Church family. **Mike and Jennifer Barber** are joining the church by Profession of Faith. The Barbers live at 7373 Joseph Lewis Road (694-9670). **Jay Busch** is joining the church by Profession of Faith. Jay, Tiffany, and Mattilyn live at 5464 Gum Fork Road (693-7399). **Bonnie Lewis** is transferring her membership from Providence Baptist Church. She and her husband Marshall reside at 2072 E. Snug Harbor Dr. in Hayes (693-4911).

**Special Baptisms**

Today we rejoice as Jay and Tiffany Busch present their daughter Mattilyn Anne for the Sacrament of Baptism.

We also celebrate the baptisms of Chasity, Nakita, and Lucinda Barber, who are being baptized along with their mother, Jennifer Barber.

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| 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 Trip and Molly Vaughan      |
|                          | 11:00 Joel and Hannah Kidd       |

Lay Reader: 8:30 Roy Bauschatz 11:00 Carol Johnson  
 Greeters: 11:00 Narthex: Jennie Lipscomb Side: Estelle Harris  
 Altar Guild for February: Nerine Hickman and Diana Simmons

### **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 Christian"
	12:15	Bible Buddies
	12:15	Stewardship Committee meeting
Monday	12:00	Directory Team meeting
	4:00	Worship Planning meeting
	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00	ETC Workshop
	6:30	Tiger Cubs use Educational Classroom
Wednesday	11:00-5:00	AARP Tax Help
	6:30	Focused Prayer: People with Disabilities
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	10:00	Hugs Ministry
	6:30	Emmaus
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:30-1:00	Children's Ministry Bake Sale - WBFH
	9:45	Adult Membership Class: "What It Means to Be a United Methodist"

### **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.

### **NOTE ON THE PRELUDE**

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (UMH, No. 247) is one of the most beautiful Epiphany hymns. Often called the "Queen of Chorales," it was composed by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608), a Lutheran pastor who also created the marvelous Advent hymn *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* (UMH, No. 720)

Nicolai's text is alive with references to the light that Christ brings into the world, such as "Morning Star," "Heavenly Brightness," and "Light divine." These visual metaphors are translated into musical imagery by Dietrich Buxtehude, the 17<sup>th</sup> century organist-composer from whom Johann Sebastian Bach learned so very much. Buxtehude's radiant Chorale Fantasy on "*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*" dances into the light with the rhythm of the jig, borrowed from popular music of his day. -Rudy Shackelford

### **HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES**

We will be preparing and delivering meals to the Shut-ins on Monday, February 15 at 9 a.m. If you can help in any way by cooking, purchasing food items to cook, or delivering meals we would appreciate it very much. This will be a monthly ministry that we will be doing this year. Contact Judy Burner, 642-6016, if you have any questions or can help.

### **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.

## **HUGS FOR HAITI**

Bethany Bible Buddies are diligently working on a project that was conceptualized on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Jane, C. J. and I were organizing a mission project for the kids, similar to last year's Snowflake Cupcake Sale. It was to be a "Heart to Heart Bake Sale" to be held on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup> in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. The children were to seek donations of baked goods, make gift tags to go along with the desserts and in turn all proceeds from their bake sale were to go to a "good cause with God's blessing."

That "good cause" became an obvious one only two days later on January 12. We now know that all proceeds from the bake sale will benefit UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) and will go directly to relief efforts in Haiti.

Please save the date of February 14! We ask that everyone plan to get busy and bake your favorite goodies by the 13<sup>th</sup> and bring to the fellowship hall from 9:30am -12noon. Then come to the fellowship hall from 8:30 to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday to purchase a sweet for your sweetie on the 14<sup>th</sup>. By the way, the Bible Buddies Bake Sale is now called "HUGS FOR HAITI." -Kris Kent, Children's Ministry

## **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

## **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.

## **United Methodist Men Ladies Night**

Mark your calendar for February 23, 6:30 p.m. and join us for a delightful evening as we recognize that special lady in our life with a wonderful meal and program.

## **New membership Class Begins Today**

Pastor Steve is beginning a new membership class today during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.). Today's topic is "What It Means to be a Christian". We will meet in the children's video room. Any interested person is invited to attend.

### **Attendance:**

Worship:		268
8:30	55	
11:00	193	
Sunday School:		107
Adults	65	
Children	22	
Youth	20	

## **Counting Teams Schedule**

February 7 Clyde Burton, Peggy Burton, Pat Hasty

February 14 Bernard Robins, Vicki Williams, Sandra Harvey

## **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.

**Ash Wednesday Soup Supper**

Bethany will come together on Ash Wednesday, February 17, for a soup supper, which begins in the WBFH at 6:00 p.m. Following supper we will gather in the sanctuary (7:00) for a worship service and the imposition of ashes. All are invited to participate in the very meaningful way to begin the season of Lent.

Family Life Ministries is asking everyone to bring their favorite soup to share. Bread, crackers, beverages and desserts will be provided.

**SPECIAL EVENT**

MYF Potato Bar Fundraiser February 28, 2010 following the 11:00 a.m. service. Donations of: \$6.00 for adults \$3.00 for children.

Michael Sage has taken on a major project for his Senior Board!!! Michael has chosen to redecorate Bethany's Youth classroom before he leaves for college!

Your support not only for Michael, but all of Bethany's youth would be greatly appreciated!

Come hungry and we will make sure you leave full and happy!!!!