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

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Transfiguration of the Lord



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

Warsaw Concerto

Richard Addinsell (1904-1977)

- Happy birthday, Katherine Jordan! -

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS (11:00)

Cub Scout Pack #113

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG (11:00)

**I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic
for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG (11:00)

**I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom
it stands, one brotherhood uniting all Christians in service and I love.**

*CHORUS OF THE MONTH

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

I John 4:7-8,12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

*OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH, No. 384

*OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, whatever we do is worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, the gift of love, for without love we are accounted as nothing before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 402

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

ANTHEM

It is Well with my Soul

Horatio Stafford
arr. John Ness Beck

Proclamation of the Word

BAPTISM AND THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS (11:00)

UMH, No. 34, 37-38

*Jennifer Ruth Barber Micheal Dean Barber
Nakita Rose Barber Lucinda Mae Barber
Christiana Joy Sasser Jackson N. Sasser, Jr.
Mattilyn Anne Busch*

*Chasity Marie Barber
Bonnie Faye Lewis
Jay Lynn Busch*

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

Hosea 11:1-9

Pew Bible OT, page 799

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5:1-10

Pew Bible, NT, page 140

*This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.*

MESSAGE

I Love You...I Love You...I Love You

Rev. Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

UMH, No. 371

During the singing of this hymn, members of the congregation are welcome to come forward and kneel at the Communion rail to pray, to make a new commitment to Christ, or to otherwise respond to God's Word.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

George Neal

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Romance, from "Eine kleine Nachtmusik"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

- Celebrating Valentine's Day -

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

*CLOSING HYMN

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

UMH, No. 480

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

UMH, No. 557

Blest be the tie that binds

our hearts in Christian love;

the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

*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, two classes 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.

HUGS FOR HAITI

Bethany Bible Buddies are diligently working on a project that was conceptualized on January 10th. 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 14th in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. 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 come to the fellowship hall from 9:30 to 1:00 p.m. today to purchase a sweet for your sweetie. By the way, the Bible Buddies Bake Sale is now called "HUGS FOR HAITI."

-Kris Kent, Children's Ministry

An Appeal for Singers

Choir rehearsals 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

XYZ – February 17

You are invited to join us at 11:30 a.m. in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall for a covered dish lunch and a program on Alternative Therapy – Aroma and Healing Touch.

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		
Assistant Youth Leader;	Jackson Sasser		
Children's Ministry:	Kris Kent		
Director of Music:	Sandra Fox		
Organist:	Rudy Shackelford		
Acolytes:	8:30	Hannah Kidd	11:00 Nathan Schultz
Lay Reader:	8:30	Judy Vaughan	11:00 Richard Parkes
Greeters:	Narthex: Clair & Sarah Hillard Side: Denise Campbell		
Altar Guild for February:	Nerine Hickman and Diane Simmons		

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:30-1:00	Children’s Ministry Bake Sale for Haiti - WBFH
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	9:45	Adult Membership Class: “What It Means to Be a Christian”
	12:15	Stewardship Committee meeting
Monday	9:00	Homebound Ministries use kitchen
	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men’s/Women’s Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00	ETC Bazaar Workshop
	1:00	Church and Society Committee at the home of Nancy Orth
	6:30	Tiger Cubs/Den 4 Scouts use educational classroom
	7:00	Cemetery Committee meeting
Wednesday	11:00-5:00	AARP Tax Help
	11:30	XYZ covered dish meal and program
	6:00	Soup Supper
Thursday	7:00	Ash Wednesday Service
	9:00	The Main Event
	10:30	Naomi Circle
	6:30	Emmaus
	7:30	Finance Committee meeting
Next Sun.	7:00	Van Committee meeting
	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 United Methodist”
	12:15-2:00	Jr. MYF/Bible Buddies

Attendance:

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

Counting Teams Schedule

February 14 Bernard Robins, Sandra Harvey, Vicki Williams

February 21 Al Burner, Judy Burner, Teresa Sullivan

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 today, February 14, and run through April 18 at which time the stuffed animals will be dedicated. 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.

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.). This week'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.

Continue to Remember in Prayer

Reathia Williams, Laura Poland, Dean Beach, Sam Steele, Warren Belvin, Dorothy Critzer, Agnes Williams, Mary Jenkins, Jack Kaylor, 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

Remember our Military

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

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.

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

Welcome to our New Members

This morning at our 11 o'clock service we welcome six new members into our church family. We welcome the Barber family, who reside at 7373 Joseph Lewis Rd. (694-9670). **Mike and Jennifer Barber** are joining by Profession of Faith, and Jennifer is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. Their three daughters, **Chasity** (9), **Nakita** (8), and **Lucinda** (6), are

also being baptized. **Jackson and C.J. Sasser** are transferring their membership to Bethany. Jackson is transferring from Memorial Baptist Church in Baytown, Texas, while C. J. is transferring from St. Francis United Methodist Church in Cary, N.C. The Sassers live at 110 Oak Ridge Ct. in Williamsburg (757-345-0055). **Jay Busch** is joining the church by Profession of Faith. Jay, Tiffany, and Mattilyn live at 5464 Gum Fork Road (693-7399). **Bonnie Lewis**, wife of Bethany member Marshall Lewis, is transferring her membership from Providence Baptist Church in Hayes. The Lewises live at 2072 E. Snug Harbor Dr. in Hayes (642-4911).

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Patricia Ruth Conner's 75th birthday by her husband, Rey Morales.

The fifty yellow roses in front of the altar are given in honor of Ed and Susan Conner's 50th wedding anniversary today by Bessie Conner.

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 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!!!!

A Note of Thanks

I want to express my deep appreciation to my Bethany family for your loving and caring support, and especially your prayers for me during the past year. I know that many prayers offered on my behalf were answered as I underwent chemotherapy, radiation and surgeries. Please continue to remember me in your prayers as I will continue to receive preventative medications, for the next few months. May our Lord bless each of you as he has so richly blessed me. Ellen Leigh

AARP Tax Help

AARP Tax-Aide Foundation sponsors a program that provides free tax counseling, preparation, and electronic filing for all taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. No AARP membership or age requirements. Tax services are available from February 3 through April 14 from 11:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. on a walk-in basis.

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 this 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.

Welcome Cub Scouts!

Today is Scouting Ministries Sunday on our church calendar. We welcome the boys, parents, and scout leaders from Cub Pack #113 at our 11 o'clock service. The pack meets at Bethany on the last Friday evening of every month, and one of the dens meets here on Tuesday evenings. The pack's Cubmaster is Claudia Clifton, and our church's scouting representative is David Chapin. This year the Boy Scouts of America celebrates 100 years of instilling principles of responsibility, leadership, and morality in our young men. Congratulations!

Memorial Service for Sally Nardozzi

There will be a memorial service for Sally Nardozzi on February, 27, at 11:00 a.m. , in our church sanctuary. A reception of light refreshments will follow the service in our fellowship hall.

Catch Up Sunday

Due to weather-related cancellations of our last two worship services, we are approximately \$13,500 behind on our church budget for 2010. We appreciate the efforts of all those who make up their offerings for the two missed Sundays!

Special Offering for Heart Havens

Once a year Bethany receives a special offering to benefit the ministry of Heart Havens, a series of ten group homes in the Virginia Conference that provide Christian care for adults with developmental and mental disabilities. If you desire to give to this worthy cause, you may make out your check to "Bethany UMC" and write "Heart Havens" on the notation line, or you may use a pew envelope for your cash contributions. (All offerings to Heart Havens are understood to be over and above one's regular support of the church budget.)

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.

Please use the below form to reserve your space for "Ladies Night"

NAME _____

I/WE PLAN TO ATTEND UMM LADIES NIGHT _____

HOW MANY IN ATTENDANCE _____