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

February 21, 2010

The First Sunday in Lent



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

Deep River

Negro Spiritual

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,

That promised land where all is peace?

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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

Psalm 18:1-3

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.

My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise,

and I am saved from my enemies.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

UMH, No. 110

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. As you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 397

I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby.

Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

I need thee! O I need thee!

Every hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Savior –I come to thee.

ANTHEM 8:30
11:00

It Is no Secret what God Can Do
Lamb of God

Stuart Hamblen
Twila Paris

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 LESSON

Genesis 3:1-6

Pew Bible OT, page 2

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4:1-13

Pew Bible, NT, page 58

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

The Secret Staircase

Rev. Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND CONSECRATION OF OUR PRAYER SHAWLS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

O Jesus, I Have Promised

UMH, No. 396

You are invited to come forward and pray over our prayer shawls during the singing of our hymn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Michael Sage

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Venetian Gondola Song No. 3, from "Songs without Words"

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Resignedly beneath the sky

The melancholy waters lie.

So blend the turrets and shadows there

That all seems pendulous in air,

While from a proud tower in the town

Death looks gigantically down.

- from "The City in the Sea,"

by Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849)

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

*CLOSING HYMN

Take the Name of Jesus with You

UMH, No. 536

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

UMH, No. 536

Precious name, O how sweet!

Hope of earth and joy of heaven!

Precious name, O how sweet!

Hope of earth and joy of heaven!

*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.

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar this morning are given in memory of my loved ones by Linda Hall.

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	Mark Nichols	11:00 Trip Vaughan
Lay Reader:	8:30	Marsha Miller	11:00 Gloria Atwell
Greeters:	Narthex: Lavalie Wilson Side: Ellen Leigh		
Altar Guild for February:	Nerine Hickman and Diane 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 United Methodist"
	12:15	Jr. MYF/Bible Buddies
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Stephen Ministry
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00	ETC Bazaar Workshop
	6:30	Tiger Cubs
	6:30	United Methodist Men's Ladies Night
Wednesday	10:30	Lenten Bible Study: "God's Renewed Creation"
	11:00-5:00	AARP Tax Help
	1:00	Quilters will meet at the home of Pat Hasty
	6:30	Focused Prayer: Our President
Thursday	7:00	Chancel Choir
	9:00	The Main Event
	5:00-9:00	Scouts set up WBFH for banquet

	7:30	Lenten Bible Study: "God's Renewed Creation"
Friday	5:00-9:00	Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet - WBFH
Saturday	11:00	Memorial Service for Sally Nardozzi
	3:00	CCF bowling at Village Lanes
Next Sun.	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	MYF Potato Bar

Attendance:

		260
8:30	60	
11:00	200	
Sunday School:		98
Adults	65	
Children	13	
Youth	20	

Counting Teams Schedule

February 21 Al Burner, Judy Burner, Teresa Sullivan
 February 28 Sid Dixon, Ann LeMay, Ann Hogge

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.

Homebound Ministries

We delivered 26 meals (clam chowder, fruit salad, cornbread, and brownie) to our shut-ins. Thanks to the following people for helping cook, call and deliver meals: Teresa Sullivan, Wiley and Ellen Cross, Joni Neal, Jeannie Harrell, Jane Niethamer, Mike Andersen, Charlotte Cecil, Laura Polk and Al and Judy Burner. We hope to continue this ministry monthly. We will be cooking again on March 15 at 9:30 a.m. If you'd like to participate, please contact Judy Bruner or Teresa Sullivan.

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 _____

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

SPECIAL EVENT

MYF Potato Bar Fundraiser next Sunday 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!!!!

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.

Prayer Shawls and Baby Blankets

The prayer shawls (14) and baby blankets (5) on the altar rail to be prayed over will be sent to the United Methodist Women Assembly. These items will be distributed throughout the five jurisdictions to health related organizations, institutions and prison ministries that impact women and children. Thank you for helping with this project.

A Note of Appreciation

David and I would like to thank you for all the delicious food, cards, visits, phone calls and prayers we received following David's recent surgery. The Bethany family overflows with Christ-like love. Thank you for surrounding us in a blanket of that love.

In Christ, David and Janet Chapin

Area Wide Stephen Ministry Retreat

Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church

Program: Workshop given by Christine Jensen from The Center for Excellence in Aging and Geriatric Health – plus time for sharing and fellowship. All trained Stephen Ministers and Leaders are invited – both active and inactive. If you are interested or have questions, call Alan or Sandra Harvey (684-2790) by February 25th.

Bethany Bowling Bash

Come be a "King Pin" at this fun-filled annual February CCF event on Saturday, February 27th. For bowlers that are in preschool through fifth grade. We'll meet you at the Village Lanes at 3:00 p.m. Please discourage children from bringing money, as their snack, shoes, and bowling time will be provided! Hope to see you then ~ Kris Kent

Stephen Minister Lenten Prayer Project

The Stephen Ministers of Bethany want to pray for you, your loved ones, and/or your friends during Lent. This will be an opportunity for us to grow in our prayer lives and to bring the needs and concerns of someone else close to God. Please fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate or bring or mail it to the church office. These requests will be kept confidential.

NAME (S): _____

PRAYER CONCERN: _____



Religions of the World

Come out on the first Thursday in March and learn about Jehovah's Witnesses.

Speaker: Mr. Jerry Housner

Date: March 4, 2010

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Bethany United Methodist Church

Mr. Jerry Housner is an ordained minister of Jehovah's Witnesses. He serves as the Chairman of the Body of Elders in the Denbigh East Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Newport News. He also serves as Convention Overseer for the Conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses, which are open to the public and held at the Hampton Coliseum in July. Since the Witnesses have no paid ministers, all operate as volunteers and support themselves by secular work like everyone else. Mr. Housner is a NASA retiree and runs his own engineering business as his means of livelihood.

Lenten Devotionals Available

Sanctuary for Lent, a Lenten devotional guide, is available for the use of each family during Lent. There is a one-page reading, with Scripture reference and prayer, for each day of the season of Lent. You are invited to pick up your copy on the table outside either entrance to our sanctuary. There is no charge for the booklets.

Lenten Study to Focus on God's Renewed Creation

Two identical small group studies on the topic "God's Renewed Creation" will be available during Lent, one on Wednesday mornings and the other on Thursday evenings. Each study runs for six weeks. The study will relate Scriptures from Isaiah, Jeremiah, Matthew, Luke, and Romans to the situation the world finds itself in today, using resources produced by the United Methodist Council of Bishops. Particular issues to be addressed include world poverty, proliferation of weapons, and environmental neglect.

The first morning class will be on Wednesday, February 24, at 10:30 a.m.

The first evening class will be on Thursday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m.

The room chosen for the class will depend on the number of participants. The studies are open to all interested persons, and there is no cost for the class.

New Sunday School Class to Begin in March

A new 12-week Sunday School Class, entitled "Beginnings", will start on Sunday morning, March 7, at 9:45 a.m. It is designed for those who are new to the church and will be taught by Marsha Miller. The class will meet in our fellowship hall. All interested persons are invited to attend the class.