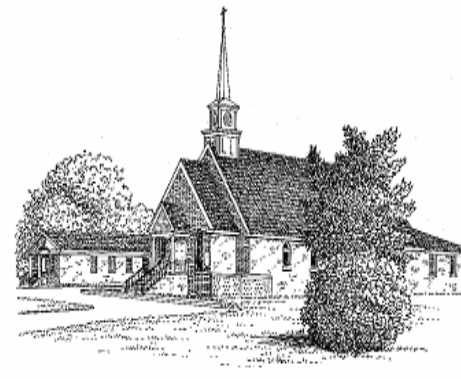


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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

February 28, 2010
The Second 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

Nocturne in D-flat Major

Fryderyk Chopin
(1810-1849)

- Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Composer's birth -

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2112

**Jesus walked this lonesome valley.
He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him.
He had to walk it by himself.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

2 Thessalonians 3:1-3,5

Brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it is with you.

And pray that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith.
But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.
May the Lord direct our hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

*OPENING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH, No. 127

*OPENING PRAYER

Book of Worship

Almighty God, you see that we lack the power to help ourselves. Preserve us, therefore, both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls. Defend us from all adversities that may afflict the body and from all evil thoughts that may hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 141

**Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather.
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**

ANTHEM

Softly and Tenderly

Will Thompson/arr. Fetteke

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 honor of Mary Fernandes on her birthday by her mother, Loreen Paiva.

A bud vase has been placed in the sanctuary in honor of James Edward Voglewede, III, newly born grandson of Gloria Atwell.

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.

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 Molly Vaughan 11:00 Maxx Maples Polk
Lay Reader:	Bethany Youth
Greeters:	Bethany Youth
Altar Guild for February:	Nerine Hickman and Diane Simmons
Altar Guild for March:	Pat Hasty, Peggy Burton, Irene Hogge

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15	MYF sponsored Potato Bar
Monday	1:00	Abingdon Women's Club board meeting
	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	8:30	Kings Daughters – WBFH
	10:00	ETC Bazaar Workshop
	6:30	Tiger Cubs
	7:00	JOY Circle
	7:00	Trustees meeting
Wednesday	10:30	Lenten Bible Study: "God's Renewed Creation"
	11:00-5:00	AARP Tax Help
	6:30	Focused Prayer: Women in the world who suffer oppression
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Emmaus
	6:30	Lenten Bible Study: "God's Renewed Creation"
	7:30	Religions of the World: Mr. Jerry Housner - Jehovah's Witnesses
Next Sun.	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15	Jr. MYF

Attendance:

Worship:		234
8:30	64	
11:00	170	
Ash Wednesday:		72
Sunday School		97
Adults	67	
Children	13	
Youth	17	

Counting Teams Schedule

February 28 Sid Dixon, Ann LeMay, Ann Hogge

March 7 Clyde Burton, Peggy Burton, Pat Hasty

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.

Remember in Prayer

Jennie Lipscomb recovering from surgery

Bethany Church extends Christian love and sympathy to Freddie Jenkins in the death of his mother, Loretta Jenkins this past week. (Freddie is the custodian of Bethany Church)

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

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jackson and C.J. Sasser on the birth of a daughter, Barrett Adeline, on February 18th. She weighed 7 lbs and was 20" long.

SPECIAL EVENT

MYF Potato Bar Fundraiser today 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!!!!

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 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 next morning class will be held on Wednesday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m.

The next evening class began on Thursday, March 4, at 6:30 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.

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 began on February 14, and will 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.

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: _____

NOTE ON FRYDERYK CHOPIN

Today we celebrate the bicentennial of Chopin, the immortal “Poet of the Piano.” The exact date of his birth in 1810 is not certain: baptismal records in his native village near Warsaw, Poland, give February 22nd but the family always observed March 1st.

As a musical prodigy on the level of Mozart or Mendelssohn, by age twenty Chopin had exhausted every opportunity Poland afforded to develop his immense talent. After a year of travel he settled in Paris, then the cultural capital of Europe, where he remained for the rest of his short life.

Chopin was physically frail and temperamentally averse to performing for large crowds, and so he elected not to pursue the career of a concert pianist. Since the refinement of his playing and his manners assured him easy access to the salons of the aristocracy, Chopin was able to support himself by teaching Bach to highborn ladies while carefully selecting intimate venues for his rare public appearances.

When Chopin succumbed to tuberculosis on 17 October 1849, over 3,000 people attended his funeral. He was buried among nobility in Père Lachaise cemetery — except for his heart, which he had directed to be sent back home to Poland.

We begin our yearlong tribute to Fryderyk (or Frederic) Chopin with one of his most exquisite creations, the *Nocturne in D-flat Major*, Opus 27 No. 2. As a genre piece that evokes thoughts and feelings experienced during the night, the Nocturne was first cultivated by the Irish composer-pianist John Field (1782-1837). Drawing also upon the *bel canto* (“beautiful singing”) style of Italian opera, Chopin elevated the Nocturne to the pinnacle of pianistic art.

In terms of the instrument, Chopin’s nineteen Nocturnes feature all those subtle nuances which are lost in large concert halls: the carefully shaded dynamics, intricate pedal effects, delicate washes of passagework, and discreet *rubato* (flexibility of rhythm). Emotionally, they require the pianist to walk a tightrope between hope and despair, serenity and ecstasy – without a safety net! -Rudy Shackelford

District Day of Celebration

On March 13, from 10:30-12:00 noon the United Methodist Women will meet at Irvington UMC for their District Day of Celebration. The speaker will be Rev. Libby Wright Call Marsha Miller to carpool.