

Bethany United Methodist Church

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

March 14, 2010
The Fourth 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

What shall I, a Sinner, do?" Chorale and Six Variations
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

What shall I, a sinner, do, Lord?
Whither shall I turn for aid?
Sins that make me sore afraid
Conscience waking brings to view, Lord.
This my confidence shall be,
Jesus, I will cleave to Thee.

True, I have transgressed Thy will, Lord,
Oft have grieved Thee by my sins;
Yet I know Thou lov'st me still,
For I hear Thy voice within, Lord.
Then, though sin accuses me,
Jesus, I will cleave to Thee.

-Johann Flittner, 1661

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

UMH, No. 504

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame.
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John 3:14-15;12:32,47

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.
so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
Jesus said: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.
I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

*OPENING HYMN *Lift High the Cross* UMH, No. 159

*OPENING PRAYER Book of Worship

God of mercy, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for his sake. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE UMH, No. 504

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross
and exchange it someday for a crown.**

ANTHEM 8:30

11:00

This Lonesome Valley

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Price/Besig

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

Isaiah 56:3-8

Pew Bible OT, page 650

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 15:1-2,11-32

Pew Bible, NT, page 74

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

Remembering Our True Purpose

Rev. Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND CONSECRATION OF OUR PRAYER SHAWLS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service* UMH, No. 581

During the singing of this hymn, members of the congregation are welcome to come forward to pray over each of the prayer shawls. Those receiving shawls are: Lawson Byrd, Sandy Whitlow; baby blankets: Logan Gage Harney, Barrett Adeline Sasser

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Londonderry Air

Irish Folk Song

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

*HYMN OF THE MONTH

Lamb of God

TFWS, No. 2113

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down.**

**I will cling to the old rugged cross
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

POSTLUDE

Chaconne

Louis Couperin (ca. 1626-1661)

*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 today are given in honor of our 7th wedding anniversary (March 15) by Robert and Marsha Miller.

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		
Assistant Youth Leader:		Jackson Sasser		
Children's Ministry:		Kris Kent		
Director of Music:		Sandra Fox		
Organist:		Rudy Shackelford		
Acolytes:	8:30	Mayce Tipton	11:00	Trip Vaughan
Lay Reader:	8:30	Bob Wharen	11:00	Loreen Paiva
Greeters:		Narthex: Nerine Hickman	Side	
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	Bible Buddies
	12:15	Clam Chowder/Vegetable Beef Soup Luncheon
	12:15	Stewardship Committee
	1:00	Sunday School Teachers meeting
Monday	9:30	Homebound Ministries use kitchen
	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00	ETC Workshop
	6:30	Tiger Cubs/Den 4 use educational classroom
	7:00	Chancel Choir
	7:00	Missions Committee
Wednesday	11:00-5:00	AARP Tax Help
	11:30	XYZ covered dish lunch and program
	6:30	Focused Prayer: Freedom from fear
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event

10:30 Naomi Circle
 6:30 Emmaus
 7:00 Lenten Bible Study: "God's Renewed Creation"
 Saturday 9:00-12:00 Chancel Choir
 Next Sun. 8:25 & 10:55 Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
 9:45 Sunday School for all ages
 12:15 Jr. MYF/Youth Council
 4:00 Elisabeth von Trapp Concert

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.

Egg Stuffers Unite

Come to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 25th at 10:00 a.m. to stuff over 1,000 Easter eggs in preparation for the children's Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on April 3rd. Breakfast goodies will be served.

Attendance:

Worship:		227
8:30	58	
11:00	169	
Sunday School		90
Adults	67	
Children	11	
Youth	12	

Counting Teams Schedule

March 14 Jackie Hampton, Jane Niethamer, Charlotte Cecil
 March 21 Peggy Burton, Clyde Burton, Pat Hasty

Clam Chowder/Vegetable Soup Luncheon

Please join us today following the 11 o'clock worship service for a clam chowder/vegetable beef soup luncheon. This is a fundraiser for the Bethany Methodist Men.

Lenten Study Focuses on God's Renewed Creation

A small group study on the topic "God's Renewed Creation" is available during Lent, on Thursday evenings. The study runs for six weeks, and relates 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 evening class will be on Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lacey Martin Classroom

The study is 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.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

We will be preparing and delivering meals to the Shut-ins on Monday, March 15 at 9:30 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.

XYZ March Meeting

On March 17th, join us for a covered dish luncheon at 11:30 followed by Roy Bauschatz as the Rev. Benjamin Varner, an itinerant circuit preacher, who will present "Ghost Stories". Dressed in 18th century attire, he will weave stories that may be believable or not. **Find** out why the preacher is in town this time. **Hear** about the cabin with a boarded up window. **Learn**, perhaps, how we can trust our Father from a story rooted in Native American culture.

On Great Hour of Sharing

Today we will receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This special offering makes possible the wonderful work of UCMOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) by funding basic overhead expenses. Doing so enables 100% of designated donations to UCMOR relief projects to go directly to the place of the need, whether Chile, Haiti, or the next human crisis. Please make out your check to Bethany and use the One Great Hour of Sharing envelope included in the bulletin insert. (All gifts are understood to be over and beyond one's regular giving to the church budget.)

A Note of Appreciation

The events of the past year would have been intolerable had it not been for your ever present demonstrations of concern and caring.

From the outset of our journey you were there for us. Steve and Susan praying with Sally and I just before her surgery in Richmond in 2005. Sally's immediate rebound from that surgery was remarkable to the point where questions came up surrounding her presence on the prayer list. Sally was very grateful for those prayers because she knew her health was threatened and only God's intervention could change the course of events. This fact was also echoed by her doctors. Sally was bolstered by the ever present support of friends, family, and especially our church family who would call or send cards of encouragement and gifts of food. This activity was remarkable as it was constant. The impact was overwhelming considering that this activity heightened when she was hospitalized in Arizona a year ago in February and has not diminished.

Thank you Charlotte Cecil and the prayer chain for your prayers as well as checking in on us when we became silent. Thank you Frances Brown for handling many requests for assistance. Thank you Rudy Shackelford, Sandy Fox, and The Bethany Choir for the music and support. Thank you Judy Hudgins and the many members who were involved and contributed to the generous and delicious selections of food for the reception following the memorial service. Thank you Pastor Steve Young for your Christian love, leadership, and being there when it counts.

I cannot begin to express my and my families appreciation to you, our Bethany family, for your, caring and demonstrations of love for Sally and I!

May God Bless you all, Bob Nardozzi

Elisabeth von Trapp in Concert

March 21, 2010

4:00 p.m.



For Elisabeth von Trapp, "the sounds of music" are part of her earliest memories. Born and raised in Vermont, Elisabeth is the granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. Singing professionally since childhood, Elisabeth has enthralled audiences from European cathedrals to Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center.

Inspired by her father Werner von Trapp's guitar playing and singing, Elisabeth has carried on the legacy of the internationally renowned Trapp Family Singers. She began taking piano lessons when she was eight and by the age of sixteen she was playing guitar and traveling the back roads of New England performing with her siblings at weddings, gospel meetings and town halls.

Elisabeth has created her own artistic style, at once ethereal and earthy, delicate and powerful. Listeners have likened her to Judy Collins and Loreen McKennitt. Critics have called her voice... "hauntingly clear", "joyfully expressive" and "simply beautiful."

Elisabeth's concert repertoire ranges from Bach to Broadway. . Schubert to Sting. With equal ease and eloquence she sings timeless wonders like

Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Favorite Things* and *Edelweiss*.

Elisabeth has released five self produced albums, and has performed across the United States, Austria and Russia. Her music has been featured on National Public Radio, BBC-Radio, Japanese National Radio and CNN Spanish Radio. She has appeared on CBS's Eye on People, ABC's Good Morning America and BBC-TV.

Audiences of all ages are drawn by the promise of her famous name...awed by the beauty of her voice and musical arrangements...their hearts touched forever by the astonishing sound of her unique new music.

The Concert Committee is hosting a reception immediately following the Von Trapp Concert. We need contributions of finger foods. Please sign up to bring food items in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall or on the sign-up sheets near the office. We also need help with setting up and cleaning up. Plan to attend the concert and help if you can. For more information or to volunteer with food or help, call Bev Kearney at 694-1129.

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Palm Sunday We will have only one worship service on March 28—at 11:00 a.m. Our children will wave palm fronds as they process into the sanctuary during our opening hymn. Later in the service, Sandra Fox will lead the chancel choir as they present their Lenten cantata *Song of the Shadows*, by Joseph Martin. The cantata follows Jesus' last week on earth, beginning with his Palm Sunday ride, with choral vignettes at the Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, Pilate's judgment hall, and the hill of Golgotha.



Holy Thursday

Bethany will offer a service of Foot Washing and Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. on April 1 in the church sanctuary. We will respond positively to our Savior's instructions to his disciples in the Upper Room the night before his death: "do as I have done to you" (John 13:15) and "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). The foot-washing portion of the service is optional

for worshippers.

Prayer Vigil

Volunteers will come to the sanctuary to pray in one-hour segments from 9:00 p.m. Thursday night until 12 noon on Friday. Prayers are encouraged for our church, for our nation, for trouble spots in the world, for individuals in need, and for personal spiritual growth.

Good Friday

A brief Good Friday service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on April 2 in the church sanctuary. Appropriate music will be played and sung, and the crucifixion narrative will be read, as we remember Christ's death for us.

Holy Saturday

All children, preschool through the 5th grade, are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m. Please bring your basket and meet in the Warren Belvin Fellowship hall.

Easter Sunrise Service

Our Community Sunrise Service will be held behind Watermen's Hall at VIMS at 6:30 a.m. Rev. Garry Livermon, pastor of Susanna Wesley UMC, will bring the message. Breakfast will be served at Providence Baptist Church following the service. In the event of rain, the service will be held at Providence Church.

Easter Services



Bethany will have two services on Sunday morning, April 4, at 8:30 and 11:00, to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Worshipers are invited to bring flowers to adorn our floral cross. Donated memorial lilies will beautify our chancel. Glorious Easter music will be played and sung.

Bethany United Methodist Men

What do you know about diving? Well - on March 31 Rick Koenig and Michael Colbert will share some experiences and enlighten us on this art. The United Methodist Men will meet at Nick's restaurant, Gloucester Point, at 6:30 for supper and this program.

Rappahannock District

What: United Methodist Men's Spring Gathering

When: Saturday, March 20, 2010

Time: 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Central United Methodist Church, Mathews

Guest Speaker: Randy Stacey

Randy is a member of Susanna Wesley UMC and has been involved with missions work for many years.

In 2002, Randy traveled with the *Bridges of Prosperity* project that repaired a broken bridge over the Blue Nile in northwest Ethiopia. This should be a very interesting program. Hope to see you there!

Questions? Call Steve Sales, 642-0752, or email ssales5@live.com

Virginia Conference United Methodist Men

Be sure to catch Spring Training 2010! This year is very unique when compared with our springtime meetings of the past. Why? Because we are encouraging you to bring your children and grandchildren (third graders and up) - both boys and girls - with you to Discovery UMC on Saturday, March 27 from 9am-2pm, to take it all in. Other reasons "why" are described on the home page, so be sure to click on the link lburian@hughes.net to find out.

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: _____

Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies are available to order and place in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 4. The cost is \$12.00 per lily. Payment **MUST** accompany the order, and the order deadline is Tuesday March 30th. Please make checks payable to Bethany UMC, with the notation "Easter Lilies".

In Honor of _____

In memory of _____

Your Name _____

Your Phone No. _____

Amount Attached _____

Note: This is a fundraiser for our UMYF