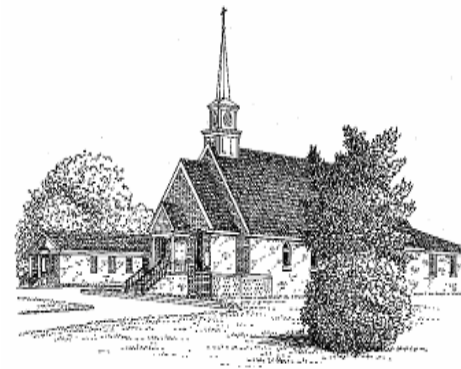


# Bethany United Methodist Church

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

March 21, 2010  
The Fifth 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

*“O Lamb of God, Most Stainless”: Hymn with Three Variations*  
Johann Sebastian Bach (born 21 March 1685)

*“O Lamb of God, most stainless,  
Who on the cross didst languish,  
So patient through Thy sorrows,  
Though mocked amid Thine anguish:*

*Our sins Thou bearest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o’er us.  
Grant us Thy peace, O Jesus!”*

Nikolaus Decius, 1531

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*OPENING CHORUS

UMH, No. 301

**Jesus, keep me near the cross-  
there a precious fountain,  
free to all, a healing stream,  
flows from Calvary’s mountain.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 12:1-2

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
**and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,**  
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
**who, for the sake of the joy that was set before him,**  
endured the cross, disregarding its shame,  
**and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

UMH, No. 295

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

Book of Worship

**Holy and compassionate God, your dear Son went not up to joy**

**before he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified. Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross may find it the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 301

**Near the cross—O Lamb of God  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me.**

ANTHEM

*The Old Rugged Cross*

George Bennard  
arr. Vicki Wright

## *Proclamation of the Word*

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF MEMBERS (11:00)

UMH, Pages 34-35,37-38

*Bonnie Ruth Reynolds*

*Shirley Mae Tinker*

*Kristee West Georgiou*

*Christina Doyle Mahoney*

*Michael David Harrison*

*Polly Ann Harrison*

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

Psalm 73:1-2,21-26

Pew Bible, OT, page 514

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3:4-14

Pew Bible, NT, page 186

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

WITNESS TO THE WORD

*The Best Is Yet to Come*

Rev. Steve Young

## *Response to the Word*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*Be Still, My Soul*

UMH, No. 534

*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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*Fugue No. 3 on the Name BACH*

Robert Schumann  
(1810-1856)

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH, No. 95

\*HYMN OF THE MONTH

*Lamb of God*

TFWS, No. 2113

\*BENEDICTION

\*DISMISSAL CHORUS

refrain, No. 301

**In the cross, in the cross,  
be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**

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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!

### 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 by Bob and Sandy Wharen.

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 Kennedy Wilburn	11:00 Will Neikirk
Lay Reader:	8:30 George Neal	11:00 Rick Koenig
Greeters:	Narthex: Carol and Don Schultz Side: Martin Breen	
Altar Guild for March:	Pat Hasty, Peggy Burton, Irene Hogge	

### This Week at Bethany

Today	9:45	Sunday school for all ages
	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	12:15	Jr. MYF/ 12:15 Youth council
	4:00	Elisabeth von Trapp Concert
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
	7:30	Hospitality committee meeting – Mary Lotsey Classroom
Tuesday	10:00	ETC Workshop
	6:30	Tiger Cubs use educational classroom
Wednesday	11:00-5:00	AARP Tax Help
	1:00	Quilters meet at the home of Alice Doggett
	6:30	Focused Prayer: The prayer ministry of Bethany Church
	7:00	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	10:30	Easter Egg Stuffing – WBFH
	7:00	Lenten Bible Study: "God's Renewed Creation"
Friday	6:00-9:00	Scout Pack meeting in WBFH
Saturday	9:00-12:00	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Next Sun.	9:45	Sunday School for ages

8:25 & 10:55 Prayer Time – Mary Lotsey Classroom  
 11:00 Lenten Cantata – *Song of the Shadows* by Joseph Martin  
 12:15 Sr. MYF  
 7:00 Administrative Board meeting

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Breakfast goodies will be served.

### Attendance:

Worship:		180
8:30	53	
11:00	127	
Sunday School:		64
Adults	55	
Youth	0	
Children	9	
Nursery: 8:30	0	
11:00	8	
Children's Church	14	

### Counting Teams Schedule

March 21 Peggy Burton, Clyde Burton, Pat Hasty  
 March 28 Bernard Robins, Vicki Williams, Sandra Harvey

### NOTE ON THE ORGAN SELECTIONS

"A musical Bible, unrivaled and inimitable" is how Samuel Wesley described the work of Johann Sebastian Bach.

In 1808, when these words were penned by the son of the Methodist hymn-writer Charles Wesley, Bach's compositions were performed and appreciated only by a small circle of connoisseurs. With his revival of the choral masterpiece *Saint Matthew Passion* in 1829, a century after its première, Felix Mendelssohn began to reveal the towering stature of Bach to a wider audience.

Today, on the 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, we stand amazed in the presence of this mortal who created a musical universe dedicated *S.D.G — soli Deo gloria* ("to the glory of God alone") — as Bach initialed thousands of manuscripts! Is it mere coincidence that the birthday of God's chief musician occurs on the first day of Spring, this season of rebirth and renewal! To celebrate, we have selected works of uncompromising artistic and spiritual gravity that reflect the somber mood of the Lenten season.

The prelude is based upon *O Lamm Gottes*, a German paraphrase of the Latin *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God"), derived from *John* 1:29. Bach composed three variations corresponding to the three stanzas of the hymn. A burst of musical sunlight illuminates the last line: "Grant us thy peace, O Jesus!" Here, as Dr. Albert Schweitzer remarks, "*O Lamm Gottes* concludes with an ascending cadence, as if the heavenly messengers, after bringing the prayed-for peace, were returning to their own kingdom."

The Postlude is the *Tocatta in D Minor*, nicknamed "*Dorian*" to distinguish it from the more famous *Tocatta* ("touch piece") in the same key. The relentless "galloping" momentum of this music conjures up the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse in the book of *Revelation*.

Our offertory is an homage to Bach composed by the 19<sup>th</sup> century Romantic Robert Schumann, whose 200<sup>th</sup> birthday will be celebrated in June. Schumann was deeply moved by a concert of Bach's organ works which his friend Mendelssohn presented in 1840. The program ended with an improvisation on the four musical notes that correspond to the letters *B-A-C-H* (*B*-flat, *A*, *C*, *B*-natural), a symbol that Bach himself encoded in *The Art of*

*Fugue*, left unfinished at his death. In 1845 Schumann completed *Six Fugues on the Name BACH*, Opus 60, from which we shall hear the gentle, lyrical *Fugue No. 3* in G Minor. - Rudy Shackelford

### **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 25, at 7:00 p.m.

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.

**TEDDY BEAR PROJECT** - We've exceeded our goal and have 209 adorable stuffed animals. We appreciate all the animals that have been donated. We will be dedicating the stuffed animals on April 18 so we still have time to collect more. There are three baskets located throughout the church for you to leave your bears - narthex, church office, and fellowship hall. The Friendship Class thanks you for your donations.

### **Free Extras From Directory Publisher**

As part of our deal with LIFE TOUCH, the company that will produce our directory, they offered us several "freebies": 1000 free post cards, 1000 free tri-fold brochures, 500 free 5 X 7 calendar cards with the church picture on the front, and three free Montage posters using the individual family portraits arranged to form a beautiful picture.

The Directory Committee would like to have different church organizations or Ministries Teams handle the design and completion of each of those items as may interest them. Let Rey Morales know about it by phone (642-4112) or email ([reymorales33@cox.net](mailto:reymorales33@cox.net)).

*Elisabeth von Trapp in Concert*

*Today - March 21, 2010*

*4:00 p.m.*

For Elisabeth von Trapp, "the sounds of music" are memories. Born and raised in Vermont, Elisabeth of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose *Sound of Music*. Singing professionally since has enthralled audiences from European cathedrals Kennedy Center.

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

Elisabeth has created her own artistic style, at once delicate and powerful. Listeners have likened her Loreena McKennitt. Critics have called her clear", "joyfully expressive" and "simply beautiful."

Elisabeth's concert repertoire ranges from Bach to Sting. With equal ease and eloquence she sings Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Favorite Things* and

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.



part of her earliest is the granddaughter story inspired *The* childhood, Elisabeth to Washington D.C.'s

playing and singing, internationally piano lessons when playing guitar and performing with her halls.

ethereal and earthy, to Judy Collins and voice..."hauntingly

Broadway. . Schubert timeless wonders like *Edelweiss*.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 our UMYF



**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 worshipers.

### *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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 TALENT SHOW! – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Calling everyone! Young and old (and in between)! ANY talent (and everyone has something), storytelling, magic, comedy, karaoke, singing, dancing, prose, writing; you name it, we're looking for it. Come and join us! The Family Ministries Committee is sponsoring a church wide Talent Show on Saturday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall.

Sandy Fox is spearheading this event so please see her to sign up with your talent. I'm sure she may be recruiting some people for skits as well. So if asked, please consider saying yes. We will also be having a baked goods contest so please consider baking your best recipe & bring it out for all to try. Popcorn and drinks will be served!

For additional information, please contact Steve & Dawn McDade at 804-693-7920.

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I will participate in the talent show:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

My Talent \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to rehearse before the talent show call Sandy Fox at 642-5091 to set up a time.

Please turn in what you will be performing for the talent show by Wednesday April 21, to the church office.

I will participate in the bake-off

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO \_\_\_\_\_

(Items are to be delivered no later than Saturday morning, April 24<sup>th</sup>)

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES** - We appreciate everyone who participated in some way with the meal for the shut-ins either by cooking, delivering, or making a donation. We delivered 28 Easter meals with an Easter basket to shut-ins as well as those who had had surgery recently. Thanks to the following people: Billie Edwards, Ellen and Wiley Cross, Teresa Sullivan, Wendy Hogge, Laura Polk, Ellen Leigh, Nina Whitmore, John and Pat Hasty, Sylvia Ransone, Ann Hogge, Jeannie Harrell, Jane Niethamer, Charlotte Cecil, and Al and Judy Burner. This is a monthly project so we'll be cooking again in April. If you'd like to help in any way please contact Teresa Sullivan or Judy Burner.

## **Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic Wish List**

### **Supplies**

Adult and Senior Multi Vitamins with iron- small bottles (capsules best)

Children's vitamins/small bottles (chewable are best)

Omega 3 Fish Oil in individual bottles

Tylenol Arthritis strength in small bottles

Aspirin 81

Benadryl

Glucosamine, especially 1500

We ask for individual sized bottles to prevent over dosages and the need for re-packaging and labeling

Disposable underwear pull-on briefs - all sizes, but especially large, extra large size: Best are Assurance brand from Wal Mat and Depends from grocery stores.

Disposable protective bed pads

Neosporin cream, anti-biotic first aid cream and sprays

Cans of Ensure, chocolate, strawberry and vanilla

Cans of Boost, especially for Diabetics

### **Urgent Needs for the Podiatry Clinic**

Hand lotion

Betadine and triple antibiotic cream

4X4" and 2X2" gauze pads

Stamps (we use a roll a month)

Bottled water: small individual bottles

Small individual bottles of fruit juices

Rolls of paper towels and toilet paper

Cleaning supplies for cleaning building, bathrooms, and windows

Electric light bulbs: 60 watt and 75 watt

Copier paper

Boxes will be in place for any items you may care to donate

### **Bethany Welcomes New Members**

We are delighted to welcome six new members into our church family at the 11 o'clock service. Transferring from Union Baptist Church are **Mike and Polly Harrison**. The Harrisons live at 7494 Camp Okee Dr. in Gloucester Point (642-6295). They have two children Brittany (20) and Aaron (17). Also transferring from Union Baptist is **Kristee Georgiou**. Kristee, her husband George, and her children Alex (17) and Eleni (10) live at 1859 Creekwood Ct. in Hayes (642-3006). **Christina Mahoney** is transferring from Ebenezer Baptist Church in Gloucester. Christina, her husband Brian, and children Delaney (14), Ryan (13), and Connor (10) live at 7910 Founders Mill Way in Gloucester (693-0899). **Shirley Tinker** will receive the sacrament of baptism and join by profession of faith. Shirley lives at 7533 Old Pinetta Road #1 in Gloucester (757-812-0200). **Bonnie Reynolds** will also receive the sacrament of baptism and join by profession of faith. Bonnie lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Bethany members Jennifer and Mike Barber, at 7373 Joseph Lewis Road in Hayes (694-9670).

### **Sunday School Assembly Returns!**

Beginning on Sunday, April 11, and continuing on an experimental basis for three months, Bethany will bring back an old tradition, the Sunday School assembly. At 9:45 a.m. sharp everyone is invited to the church sanctuary for a

welcome, a familiar hymn out of the Cokesbury hymnal, sharing of prayer requests and essential announcements, and opening prayer. The purpose is to begin Sunday School with a brief time of worship before we break to our classes. The assembly will last no longer than 10-12 minutes and will be led by our Sunday School Superintendent, Roy Bauschatz. You are invited to join us!

### **Bethany United Methodist Men**

What do you know about diving? Well - on Tuesday, March 30, 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.

### **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 [llburian@hughes.net](mailto:llburian@hughes.net) to find out.