

Bethany United Methodist Church

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11:00 a.m.

March 28, 2010
Palm Sunday

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

Variations on the Passion Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Rudy Shackelford

- In Memory of Warren Belvin -

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

UMH, No. 63

**Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
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Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 19:29-30,32,35-38

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying: Go into the village ahead of you and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.**

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road, and the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying:

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

vs. 1,3,4,5,UMH,No. 280

*THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (with response)

UMH, No. 83

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

Lamentations 3:1-6

Pew Bible OT, page 725

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:5-8

Pew Bible, NT, page 185

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

The LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No.895

YOUTH WITNESS

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Lament, from "Dido and Aeneas"

Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

arr. Rudy Shackelford

When I am laid in earth,

May my wrongs create

No trouble in thy breast.

Remember me, but ah! forget my fate.

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

Song of the Shadows

A Lenten Cantata by Joseph M. Martin

Presented by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Sandra Fox

The Shadow of Contemplation: *Song of the Shadows*

The Shadow of Turning: *On the Road to Jerusalem*

The Shadow of Betrayal: *Lord, Is It I?*

The Shadow of Sacrifice: *Given for You*

The Shadow of Loneliness: *And It Was Night*

The Shadow of Suffering: *In Pilate's Court the Savior Stands*

The Shadow of the Cross: *Agnus Dei*

*CLOSING HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

UMH, No. 297

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL 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.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,**

till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river!

POSTLUDE

Chorale Fantasy on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (BWV 736)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*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.

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.

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.

Attendance:

Worship:		204
8:30	46	
11:00	158	
Sunday School		70
Adults	47	
Children	10	
Youth	13	

Counting Teams Schedule

March 28 Bernard Robins, Vicki Williams, Sandra Harvey

April 4 Judy Burner, Al Burner, Teresa Sullivan

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:	11:00 Kaiten Cooper
Lay Reader:	11:00 Ashley Jo Kelley
Greeters:	Bethany Youth
Altar Guild for March:	Pat Hasty, Peggy Burton, Irene Hogge
Altar Guild for April:	Alice Northam and Carolyn Davis

This Week at Bethany

Today	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	11:00	Choir Cantata – <i>Song of the Shadows</i>
Monday	12:15	Sr. MYF/Bible Buddies
	7:00	Administrative Board meeting
	5:00	Weight Watchers
Tuesday	7:00	Men’s/Women’s Bible Study
	7:00	Stephen Ministry
	10:00	ETC Workshop
Wednesday	6:30	UMM Dinner meeting at Nick’s Restaurant–Gloucester Point
	6:30	Tiger Cubs use educational classroom
	11:00-5:00	AARP Tax Help
Thursday	6:30	Focused Prayer: The Grace to follow in our Lord’s steps
	7:00	Chancel Choir
	9:00	The Main Event
Friday	6:30	Lenten Bible Study: God’s Renewed Creation
	6:30	Emmaus
	7:30	Holy Thursday Service of Foot Washing & Holy Communion
Saturday	9:00	Prayer vigil
	12:00	Good Friday service
	10:00	Easter Egg Hunt – WBFH
Next Sunday	6:30	Sunrise Service at VIMS
	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages

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.

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!

Notes of Appreciation

I want to thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to me during my stay at Sanders. Your prayers, visits and thoughts mean more than words can say. A special thanks to Rev. young and Susan for their weekly visits! Sorry, I’m so late writing this. May God richly bless each of you. - Lorraine Johnson

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Words can never fully express my deep appreciation for the love and concern shown to Warren and I during the past several weeks and since his passing. The prayers, phone calls, visits, food, cards, and other acts of support have been above and beyond what one could expect. To those of you who gave your time to watch over Warren at night, I extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude. God bless each of you.

–Iva Belvin

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I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the many prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and food during my recent surgery and recovery time at home. You can't possible know how much they meant to Carroll and I, again thanks to all of you.

- Jennie Lipscomb

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The Bethany United Methodist Men want to thank you for your support of the clam chowder/beef stew sale on March 14th. We realized a profit of \$315.00. A special thank you to Gerry and Billy Davis who donated the 400 clams.

Also a big thank you to Charla Barnard and Ruth Wallace who provided much needed help during the clean up. Hopefully we'll do it again next Feb./March.

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 **tomorrow, March 29th**. 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

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 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 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.

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 24th)

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

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First Annual Helping Hands Festival

April 17, 2010, 8am to 4pm

(Rain Date: April 24, 2010, 8 to 4)

Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church

3900 George Washington Memorial Highway

Route 17 South, Ordinary

Tired of the dreary winter weather?

We invite the community to come join us for a family friendly day of fun, food, crafts, children's amusements and Car Wash., Coca Cola Case Sales.

Helping Hands Mission Camp is a Christ centered, youth focused, multi-denominational community service mission

for rising 7th graders through recent high school graduates.

Campers are divided into work teams with adult mentors. Our teams complete home maintenance, home repairs and small construction projects for those in Gloucester County who are not able to do these repairs themselves.

We work hard during the day and play hard at night with lively worship services and a variety of evening activities. All meals, accommodations, activities and a camp T-shirt are included in the fee.

Local Mission Project Volunteers Needed

The Bethany Missions Committee will be working with the Gloucester Housing Partnership to build and install a handicap ramp at a home in Gloucester County on Thursday, April 22 through Friday, April 23. If you like swinging a hammer, sawing a board, or digging a hole, or would like to learn how, this is a great opportunity to pitch in and help a less fortunate neighbor, plus have a lot of fun and fellowship with fellow volunteers.

GHP provides the tools, materials, design, supervision, and lunch, snacks, and drinks. I think I speak for all our "BUMC deck volunteers that we had a wonderful time last spring and fall, installing back and front porch decks at Mrs. Diane Shackelford's house. She was such a joy to work with and help. I'm sure that this year's ramp volunteers will have a similar experience. If you are interested in volunteering for one or two days or have any questions, please contact Ed Conner (connered@gmail.com, 693-3522) or Kevin Kiley (kileys@cox.net, 642-6047).