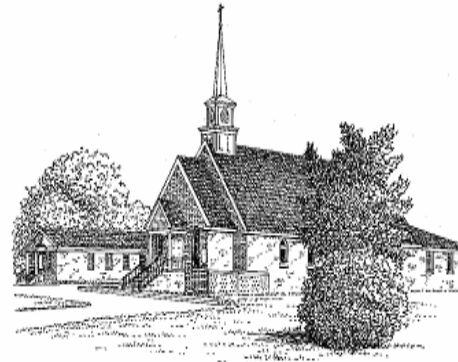


Bethany United Methodist Church

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

July 18, 2010

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Let the chiming of the hour be a call to silent prayer and meditation.

PRELUDE *Grand March, from "Aida"* Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

*OPENING CHORUS UMH, No. 342

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of his glory and grace.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord Jesus help us to hear your message today.

People: We need to be ready to sit and be still.

Leader: Holy Spirit come and open our hearts,

People: So we will become doers of your Word.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* UMH, No. 358

*PRAYER OF DIRECTION UMH, No. 704

**Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favor,
and further us with your continual help, that in all our works,
begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name,
and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*CHORAL RESPONSE TFWS, No. 2176

Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

ANTHEM 11:00 *Standing and Learning* Anna Laura Page
and Jean Shafferman

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children pre-school through third grade are dismissed to go to children's church (11:00)

PRAYERS FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God may your Word, read and proclaimed reach our hearts, so that we will become more like you. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 1:15-20

Pew Bible, NT, page 188

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

Pew Bible, NT, page 68

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

Chose the Better Part

Pastor Art

Response to the Word

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CONSECRATION OF PRAYER SHAWLS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

It Is Well with My Soul

UMH, No. 377

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: Deborah West, Sid Dixon, Jack Kaylor; Baby Quilt: Josiah Thomas Minor

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Heavenly Aida, from "Aida"

Giuseppe Verdi

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

UMH, No. 885

*CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH, No. 381

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2176

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.**

POSTLUDE

Turkish Rondo, from "Sonata in A Major," K. 331

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

*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, two classes 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 Tom and Charla Barnard in honor of Charla's mother, Ellen Purcell, on her 99th birthday today.

NOTE ON "AIDA," VERDI'S EGYPTIAN OPERA

Our Prelude and Offertory are selections for *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi, the preeminent composer of Italian opera in the second half of the 19th century. To celebrate the openings in November 1869 of both the Suez Canal and the Italian Theatre in Cairo, the Khedive of Egypt (Turkish viceroy) commissioned Verdi to compose a grand opera on the story of Aida, written by the great Egyptologist Mariette Bey.

The setting is Memphis and Thebes in the epoch of the Pharaohs. Egypt has invaded Ethiopia and taken captive Aida, the daughter of King Amonasro. She is now a slave of the Egyptian Princess Amneris. Both women are in love with Radames, the handsome captain of the guard, but *he* only has eyes for beautiful Aida. When she realizes this, the haughty Amneris becomes insanely jealous – a jealousy that forms the mainspring of the drama and leads to his tragic dénouement. "Ah! Never was a heart on earth overcome by such cruel anguish," sings Aida, forced to choose between her lover and her native country. But as always with Verdi, the music is magnificent and sublime! -Rudy Shackelford

Bishop:		Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer	
District Superintendent:		Reverend Joseph D. Carson	
Minister:		Reverend Art Wolz	
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	
Children's Ministry:		Kris Kent	
Director of Music:		Sandra Fox	
Organist		Rudy Shackelford	
Acolytes:	8:30	Hunter Tipton	11:00 Joel Kidd
Lay Readers:	8:30	Martin Breen	11:00 Loretta Leigh
Greeters:	11:00	Linda Hall	
Altar Guild for July:		Nan Leigh and Nancy Cooper	

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School
	12:15	Covered dish luncheon for Pastor Art and Vicki Set up WBFH for VBS following luncheon
	6:00	Finance Committee meeting
Monday-Fri	9:00-11:30	Vacation Bible School
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00	Missions Committee meeting
Wednesday	7:30	Chancel Choir
Friday	12:00	VBS Clean-up and Pizza party
	7:00	Relay for Life – Christmas in July Event - WBFH
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School
	12:15	VBS Wrap-up and Ice Cream Social
	7:00	Administrative Board meeting
Sunday-Fri		Helping Hands Mission Camp – Susanna Wesley UMC

Needed

Greeters are needed for the 11 o'clock service. The sign up chart is in the back entry hallway across from the bulletin board.

We also need one or two people to co-ordinate the greeters. Please see Paul Kendall if you are interested.

Parsonage Phone Number

The phone number for the parsonage has been changed to 804-684-5779 please update your records. Pastor Art's email address is: arthur.wolz@gmail.com

Covered-dish Luncheon for new Minister and Family

Please join us today for a welcoming luncheon for Pastor Art and Vicki. It will be immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. We hope you will join us!

Helping Hands Volunteers Needed

Adult volunteers are needed for Helping Hands Mission Camp - Once again, the Helping Hands Mission Camp is in need of adult volunteers for this summer's camp, help Sunday, July 25th - Friday, July 30th. This is a wonderful experience and a great opportunity to help our youth as they help deserving members of our community. You will be amazed at what our youth and you can do, as part of a well organized and supported, Christ focused, mission team. Requirements: Big heart, good listener, sense of humor - all other necessary skills can be learned at the pre-camp training session and on the job. Please contact: Ed Conner - 693-3522, Dawn Cluts - 684-5340, or Kevin Kiley - 642-6047, if you are interested or have questions or suggestions.

Volunteers Needed

Helping Hands Mission Camp is looking for home fix-it, maintenance, yard work, or improvement projects. Helping Hands would be especially interested in helping senior, widowed, single parent, or disabled members of our congregation with light maintenance, yard work, or improvement projects, appropriate for middle and high school youth. They could be one day to one-week projects. This will give our youth an opportunity to give back to members of our church, and our members an opportunity to be blessed with the happy enthusiasm and spirit of our youth as they go about their mission work.

Bakers Needed

A Relay for Life "Christmas in July" event will be held at Bethany Church on Friday, July 23rd. Bethany's youth will host the concession stand for this event. All proceeds from the concession will benefit Bethany's Youth Ministry. We are asking for donations of baked goods such as cakes, cookies, cup cakes, and brownies. The youth will gladly accept donations at Bethany from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on July 22nd, or 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on July 23rd. Your support would be greatly appreciated! Please contact me if you have any further questions concerning this event.

Thank you, Sondra

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Red Cross Bloodmobile at Bethany Church

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Bethany on Tuesday, July 27 between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Bethany congregation has a long track record in being generous in giving the "gift that keeps on giving". In addition to those who donate blood, volunteers are needed to bring food and to man the registration tables. Please get in touch with Sandy Riggin (642-9481) and let her know if you can help.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

We will be preparing and delivering meals to the Shut-ins on Monday, July 26 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.

Church Picnic

Bethany UMC Church-wide picnic will be here before you know it! The date is **AUGUST 14 from 11am-4pm** at Smith Shelter/Beaverdam Park. Please come out and enjoy food and fellowship with your Bethany friends! Meat and drinks will be provided so please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you can let us know your plans on attending, it will help us to plan.

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Hope to see you there! Sponsored by Family Ministries Committee

**No OCEAN can hold it back.
No river can overtake it;
No whirlwind can go faster.
No army can defeat it.
No law can stop it.
No DISTANCE can slow it.
No disease can cripple it.
No force on EARTH is more powerful or effective
than the power of PRAYER**

When the church is open feel free to come in and pray.

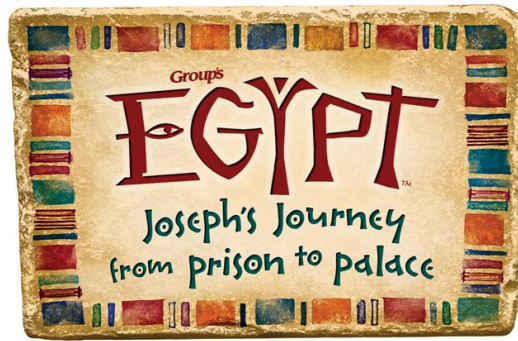
Attendance:

Worship:		234
8:30	61	
11:00	173	
Sunday School		80
Adults	62	
Children	5	
Youth	13	

Counting Teams Schedule

July 18 Jackie Hampton, Jean Heywood, Charlotte Cecil
July 25 Clyde Burton, Peggy Burton, Mary Kaylor

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Get on your camels and take an unforgettable ride
July 19th thru 23rd from 9:00 am to 11:30 am
at Bethany United Methodist Church, Gloucester Point.
Visit us in Egypt this week – no passport required!

*You are cordially invited to attend a church-wide
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
following the 11:00 AM Worship Service
next Sunday, July 25, 2010.*

We will be hosting all of the VBS attendees and their families within our church
and the community.

You'll be able to see what the children experienced during the

Egyptian Vacation Bible School!

After such an important week in the life of our church, we'd love to have everyone come share some fun, fellowship
and smiles!

~Hosted by the Children's Ministries Committee~