

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Jn. 20: 24-26

Welcome to... **Nichols-Bethel**

United Methodist Church

Visit us any time at www.nicholsbethel.org.

April 19, 2009

8:00 & 11 AM

Easter II

The Lord Has Risen, Risen Indeed

**Standing, as you are able.*

Medley for Gathering

Words of Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Majesty **No. 176**

*Greetings

Have you not seen, have you not heard?

The Lord our God has raised up Jesus from the dead.

All Singing: He Is Lord, He Is Lord **No. 177**

And he shall reign forever and ever.

And of his Kingdom on earth as in heaven, there shall be no end.

All Singing: He Rose, He Rose (Verses. 1, 4) **No. 316**
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Saying: AMEN!

*Hymn: Easter People, Raise Your Voices **No. 304**

Easter Lessons with the Little Ones

Gathering and Growing in the Glory of the Lord

Call to Prayer

Draw near with faith, and take the Savior to your comfort!

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of Confession (All)

O God, in the risen power of Jesus Christ, come to us again. Come when fear or shame make us shrink from what You made us to be...

and we wish we were. Come to us when the news we await is good and make us thankful. Come to us when the news is not good, and keep us faithful. Come to us when we claim to wait for you but wander from the body of Believers. In this is sin. Help us to repent of it. Forgive us. Pardon our pretensions, doubts, denials and despairs. In the Risen Christ, help us to see and celebrate that there is no hiding from you. Alleluia! Amen!

Words of Pardon and Assurance

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn Response: *Christ Is Risen*

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone.

Anthem "At the Foot of the Old Rugged Cross" 8 O'Clock Singers

"Honor and Glory" Chancel Choir

*Affirmation (8 AM) "From Paul's Letters" **No. 888**

*Glory Be to the Father **No. 70**

Offering our Gifts...

Presenting our Gifts and Tithes

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Alleluia! **No. 94**

*Hymn: He Lives **No. 310**

Lesson: John 20: 19-31

Hymn Response: Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days. Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Message: **EASTER Alleluias!**

"Where Will YOU Be When He Comes?"

*Hymn: The Day of Resurrection **No. 303**

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction: *May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep You forever; grant You peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up Your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.*

Mary Carol Hawthorne, Organist
Art Foster, Liturgist (8 AM), Bill Oley, Liturgist (11AM)
Wayne Yant, Director, Eight O'clock Singers
Meghan Humbert, Youth Director (410-874-7431)
Linda Coolbaugh, Minister Education/Evangelism
Kenneth Humbert, Pastor

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, May 11, 2009 2-8 PM
Nichols-Bethel UMC
1239 Murray Road
Odenton, MD 21113

Appointments: 1-800-GiveLife (1-800-448-3543)

Coming for Mothers Day

A Book of Testimonies

You are invited to share your stories of *Mother Love* with us...especially in teaching faith. Limit of 120 words. We hope to receive stories of moms, wives, grandmoms, aunts, sisters, etc. who have shown us the many and marvelous faces of "mother love", especially in teaching us God's love in word and example. Please bring, mail or email to the office by April 26 so we can prepare these for print and sharing with one another. Thanks so much!!! (yea, MOM!)

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Dates to Remember

- Today, 4/19** - 8 AM & 11 AM – Traditional Service
9:30 AM – Contemporary Service
9:30 & 11 AM – Sunday School
- Monday, 4/20** - 6:30 PM – Chancel Bells
- Tuesday, 4/21** - 4:00 PM – Tutoring
6:30 PM – Disciple Group
6:45 PM – 8 a.m. Singers
7:30 PM- Building Committee (208)
7:30 PM – Bible Study
- Wednesday, 4/22** – 10:30 AM – Women on Wednesday
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir
- Thursday, 4/23** - 5:00 PM – Choristers

NEW MEMBERS

A new member class is now forming. If you would like to join the church please mark the “Who’s Who,” see Rev. Ken or call the church office 410-674-2272.

Parent’s Night Out

Enjoy a Parent’s night out –May 15th – 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. No fixed charge, donations accepted for Workcamp. Call 410-923-3365 or email brjcoren@verizon.net with questions.

Group Workcamp

We have 2-4 open spaces for Group Workcamp. We are traveling to Oak Hill, WV from Sunday, June 28th until Saturday, July 4th. Students age 14 and up or adults are welcomed. The cost of the trip is \$392.00 (Don't let the cost be a stumbling block if you want to go, talk to Janet).

See Barry or Janet Oren or email brjcoren@verizon.net

NEW NICHOLS-BETHEL UMC SIGN

A new sign has been chosen to replace the one destroyed in January. The keeping with "the best for the best" we chose an electronic sign. That means new messages and graphics may be streamed or replaced entirely at any time since it will be controlled by the office computer. Of course, this design carries a larger price tag, approximately \$10,000. The new sign will be *long lasting, more attractive, more effective in bringing new folks to Christ through our church*, and in combination with insurance reimbursement, *represents the best of stewardship* on our part.

Please accept our invitation to share in this exciting new ministry. You can help offset our cost by making your generous donation via Sunday offering, or direct mail to the church. *Make sure to designate it “Sign Ministry”*. THANK YOU. The NBUMC Trustees.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP FORMING

Feeling In-Between? Too old for the youth group, but wanting to connect to other young people (single or married) while having fun in a Christian setting? Come find out what Nichols-Bethel is planning for you!

When: Sunday, May 17, 12:15 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

What: A light lunch prepared for you

You don’t need to bring anything – just come. Have friends you think may want to hear? Invite them, too!

Reservations are not necessary but appreciated.

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