

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SUNDAY  
BLACKSTONE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Sunday, October 9, 2011, 10:00 AM**

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*Our mission is to change people's lives  
through a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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**~WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE~**

**Greeting of Peace**

**Opening Song** "Saints of God" **Insert**

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**Call to Worship**

**L:** We gather here with songs on our lips and expectations  
in our hearts.

**P:** *Let us not look to things that are seen, but to realities that  
are unseen.*

**L:** For things that are seen are transient, but things that are  
unseen are eternal.

**All:** *Let us give thanks and praise to God, for God's  
steadfast love and faithfulness lifts us up and saves us!*

**Hymn** "Holy Ground" **#2272**

**Opening Prayer**

Our souls wait for you, O God, and our ears are attentive to  
your word. Let this time of worship and praise draw us together as a  
faith community, and give us a sense of direction and purpose for our  
church and our individual lives. Renew us within so that nothing we  
face around us can undermine our faith or cause us to despair. Claim  
us all as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, and help us to reflect this  
kinship in all we do or say. Amen.

**This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church**

**A Time for the Child in All of Us** *Ingrid Murphy*  
*(Children may be dismissed for Sunday School)*

**Offertory** "In His Time" **#2203**

**Doxology** **#95**

**Offertory Prayer**

Thank you God for your faithfulness. We offer ourselves and  
our gifts to praise you. May our gifts enable us to do the work you call  
us to do. May your purpose for this church be fulfilled as you enlist our  
offerings and our lives. In awe of the work of your hands, we reach out  
our hands to help others and invite them to join us. In our labors for  
you, we will not lose heart. Help us to do your will. Amen.

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**~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~**

**Anthem** "Worthy Is The Lamb/Crown Him With Many Crowns"  
*By Darlene Zschech*

**Reading of the Word**

**Epistle** *2 Corinthians 4: 16-18*

**Hymn** "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" **#3104**

**Message** "Things That Will Last" *Rev. Rene Perez*

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**~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~**

**A Time for Prayer** *Barbara Fortin*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory, forever. Amen.*

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn	<i>"A Dedication Hymn"</i>	Insert
	<i>Lyrics by Rev. Edward S. Best</i>	
Celebrating 100 Years of Ministry		Insert
Closing Song	<i>"Freely, Freely"</i>	#389

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Bringing the Light into the World

Call to Worship: From *Whispers of God* by Lavon Bayler.  
Opening Prayer and Offertory Prayer: From *Led By Love* by Lavon Bayler

# Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

## Church Building Centennial Celebration

Sunday, October 9, 2011

### 1911 + 2011



## Celebrating Our Next 100 Years!