

# THE OPEN DOOR

VOLUME 5, ISSUE 6 JUNE 2008

## FROM THE PASTOR

It's hard for me to believe that we are already about half way through our time with the Kingston United Methodist Church, as we anticipate moving back into Bethel's new building in November. What blessings we have received from one another in this unique time of hospitality and partnership in gospel ministry! At the same time, I know we all are getting anxious to enjoy our new facility and all the pleasures of re-entering that familiar, yet improved, space. I continue to be amazed at how thoroughly we have been able to sustain all of our ongoing ministries while, simultaneously, adjusting to being "away from home" and raising/pledging a good portion of the 1.7 million cost of the new facility! On June 8 at our two worship services, we will recognize Bethel's 190<sup>th</sup> birthday – and be challenged to set our sights on retiring the mortgage by our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018!

As preparations are being made for the move of the sanctuary structure over the new basement foundation during the last two weeks of June, I want to invite every member and friend of Bethel to make plans to stop by the construction site and help us celebrate this exciting moment in our congregation's history and life together. We anticipate many curious visitors from the community dropping by, and we need your help! We need folks to staff an information booth and to help us sell arts and crafts items, T-shirts, note cards and other items commemorative of Bethel. Please feel free to donate your own handcrafted items to benefit the building fund. We'll also be glad to speak with you about your car, boat, or piece of property you'd like to donate to the building fund. The Parish Life committee will sponsor a bake sale on Sunday, June 22, following the 10:30 worship service; members of the committee will welcome your donation of homemade sweets and goodies. One member has taken upon herself to order some wonderful, magic cleaning cloths, and just by word of mouth and having cloths for sale in the church office, she has been able to donate over \$500 to the building fund. Just think if each of our over 200 members would do something similar by taking the initiative and coming up with your own creative fund raising idea!

And continue to pray that out of the abundance with which God has blessed each



one of us that we, in turn, will respond with glad and generous hearts to this opportunity to renew the life and ministry and our congregation.

In Christian Fellowship,  
Marc Sherrod, Minister

## *Vacation Bible School is coming up!*

"Beach Party VBS 2008" will be a blast! Your kids will visit an exciting beach where they will learn the basics of surfing, ride the wave of God's love, and go home with a new "Beach Be-Attitude." **Be** obedient, **Be** kind, **Be** forgiving, and **Believe** are the essential "Beach Be-Attitudes" that, through Surfin' Scripture teachings, will be the basis for your kids VBS beach outing. Circle June 9-12 on your calendars!

Can you help? We need teaching assistants, crafts leaders, folks to help with meals, and "lifeguards" (folks to help kids get from class to class). We also need some simple supplies from your recycle pile: empty toilet and paper towel tubes, small seashells, and assorted beach props. There's a box in the Narthex for dropping off supplies. If you can help out, please call Marilyn Harris at 539-4779 or Karen Schall at 423-369-2955.

## *VBS – Adult Study*

Reverend Sherrod will lead an adult study the four nights of Vacation Bible School, June 9-12. What is the most revered, yet the least studied book in western culture? That would, undoubtedly, have to be the Bible! We will try to de-mystify this sacred book by looking at questions such as: "How did the Canon of Scripture get formed?" "Who wrote the Bible?" "How should I read the Bible?" "What were some of the early Christian documents that got left out?" and assorted other questions that class members might raise about this holy book – devotional companion, word of God, literary classic, and cultural icon.

*Bethel Presbyterian Church — a community of faith,  
fellowship, study and service...seeking God's peace, justice, and love.*

## FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Summer is here, and with it comes outdoor activities. I am glad to shed my long sleeves and get ready to enjoy the weather. This month my husband, Danny, provided me fodder for my column. If you have not already heard of this malady, I hope to bring you “up to speed” on MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) infection that has been very prevalent in the news.

In a May 4<sup>th</sup> *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* article entitled “Drug-resistant, sometimes lethal infections rising” it chronicles the story of a twenty-eight year old Marietta, Georgia man who thought he had been bitten by a spider. As the spider bite on his stomach became painful, he went to a local emergency room where the doctor drained the swollen wound and sent him home on a prescription for antibiotics. No tests were done on the wound to determine the cause of the wound. No blood tests were done. Darriel Fleming took the Bactrim that he was prescribed. Mr. Fleming had a history of heart disease and diabetes, which put him at risk for skin problems. About three weeks later, on July 5<sup>th</sup>, Fleming developed a fever of 104 degrees. The next day, he went back to the hospital. A chest X-ray was done. Again, no blood tests were done and he was sent home with instructions to take Tylenol and drink fluids. Less than 24 hours later, Fleming was extremely ill and back at the emergency room. Despite being put on powerful, intravenous antibiotics, including vacomycin, Fleming’s condition declined rapidly. He was put on a ventilator in the hospital’s intensive care unit, but died at 3:14 a.m. on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Final blood cultures that came back after Darriel died showed that his bloodstream infection was caused by MRSA.

85% of life-threatening MRSA infections happen in hospitals or nursing homes. Only 15% of MRSA cases happen in community settings and usually tend to cause skin infections—pus-filled pimples and boils. Of these cases, early dosing of antibiotics can easily cure most of these cases. Mr. Fleming’s case is an extraordinary one that still has doctors baffled. I urge you if you have a boil that comes up suddenly, please have it checked out immediately by a physician.

As always, to your health.....Deb Hyder

## COVENANT PARTNERS

Congratulations and thanks go out to Orlando Vanegas, who has recently entered into the Covenant Partners program sponsored by the John Knox Center. Orlando will work with Bethel’s session and John Knox Center to develop his leadership skills and assist in Bethel’s youth ministry. Please keep Orlando in your prayers as he begins this important part of his faith journey.

## NEWS FROM PARISH LIFE :

Fellowship Breakfast (KUM and Bethel)  
This event will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30 A.M. There will be lots of food and fellowship! Many thanks to Nelda Toon and Beth Mitchel for coordinating this.

The June FUN LUNCH will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> at Phil and Jane Walsh’s at 1 P.M. This will be a fruit and dessert fun time. The Walsh’s will also be sharing a slide show of their travels to Europe (Holland, Germany, Austria). If you would like to carpool out to the fun luncheon site, please meet at the church at 12:45 P.M.

Fellowship supper June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.—  
Hosts: Jim and Mary B. Hines.

Fellowship Supper for July 16<sup>th</sup>- hosts: Jim and Karen Schall

NO Fellowship Supper in August

Day Trip- FLAT ROCK PLAYHOUSE near Hendersonville, North Carolina is showing “All Shook Up”, a love story set in the Mid-west utilizing Elvis music. The show runs from July 23-August 17, Wednesday-Sunday with 2:15 and 8:15 performances; tickets are \$34.00 each with a 10% discount and one complimentary ticket for each 13-30 tickets purchased. Caleb Sherrod will play in the small orchestra accompanying the actors. If there is enough interest, Parish Life will check with Earl Thacker for bus transportation. Please contact Phil Walsh if you are interested at 376-5250 or email: [pwalsh8372@bellsouth.net](mailto:pwalsh8372@bellsouth.net).

NOTE CARDS OF ROANE COUNTY- Joni Morgan’s mom, Jan Parker is a phenomenal artist. We hope some of her beautiful ink renditions “of all things Roane County” note cards will be ready when we set up concessions when the church moves. If not, these note cards will be a treasure anytime!

## BUILDING FUND TIDBITS:

A total of 71 people have made 94 pledges to contribute to the building fund or to help with the monthly mortgage payments. Some folks have said they are unsure how much of their pledge they have paid. Currently we have 20 monthly mortgage pledges totaling \$3,197 and :

21 building fund pledges that are 100% paid,  
11 building fund pledges that are between 76% to 99% paid,  
15 building fund pledges that are between 51% to 75% paid,  
11 building fund pledges that are between 26% to 50% paid,  
and 16 building fund pledges that are between 0 to 25% paid.

If you aren’t sure of the balance of your pledge payments, or if you just want to check to make sure your offerings have been recorded as you intended, please contact Larry Strickling, Treasurer, at 376-2880.

## MISSION OUTREACH

### IN JUNE

- 6/6 Angel Food April orders due to United Way / Jane Walsh
- 6/18 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering collection at Family Night Supper / Dolores Sandmel
- 6/19 MO Committee Meeting  
6:00 pm at KUMC Annex / Joe Coen
- 6/21 Angel Food distribution for June / Jane Walsh
- 6/22 Special Offering for Living Waters for the World / Laura Dailey
- 6/28 Love Kitchen / 5:00 pm,  
First Presbyterian, Rockwood / Marge Hettrick
- 6/29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship Service at Morgan County Regional Correctional Facility / Karen Schall

## DISASTER RELIEF

Disasters have been in the news often in the past few weeks – the cyclone in Myanmar, earthquake in China, and tornadoes in the US, to name a few. Presbyterians are joining with folks from all over the globe asking “How can I help?” Here are three things you can do:

- Pray for all those whose lives have been affected directly and indirectly, and for those working with them toward recovery.
- Give through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Your generous contributions will help the PC(USA) work through PDA to be a witness to Christ’s healing love. Donations can be made online by credit card or by calling PresbyTel at 1-800-872-3283. Checks may be sent directly to PC(USA) Individual Remittance Processing, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700, or you can give through Bethel’s normal giving channels.
- Stay informed through reading regular Web updates at [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda) or by calling PresbyTel at 1-800-872-3283.

## THANK YOU, BETHEL!

The sale of the microfiber cloths has been a HUGE success! Not only have we cleared (so far) \$550 for the building fund, but we are reducing our use of paper towels and cleaning solutions, thus being good stewards of our precious earth. There are about 2 dozen cloths left that may be purchased in the church office or from Marilyn Harris. Thanks again for all the support of this fundraising project!

## PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL

It was brought to our attention last month that one way we can help with the building effort, and help to keep costs down at the same time, would be to volunteer to help with cleanup around the building site. This would primarily involve sweeping up construction debris, putting trash in the dumpster, etc. Danny Holloway has agreed to coordinate volunteers. If you have some free time and would like to help out, please contact Danny.

## SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Plans are underway for five youth and three adults to head to Nashville to experience inner city ministry through the Student Center for Mission, July 13-18 (Sunday-Friday). Participating youth are: Jacob Murr, Ellen Dailey, Orlando and Diego Vanegas, and Eden Sherrod; adults are: Jim Schall, Denise Martin, and Marc Sherrod. Thanks to the generosity of the Bethel community for making this trip possible. And pray that the faith of all will be enriched as we reach out to others with God’s love.

## COLLEGE NEWS

Hannah Sherrod was one of 50 undergraduate students and 200 seminarians nationwide chosen to receive a \$2000 scholarship from the Fund on Theological Education, which is an ecumenical ministry supported by gifts from the PCUSA and a line item in Bethel’s budget. She will participate in a conference at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, June 11-15. Hannah, a rising senior, holds the Isaac Anderson Fellowship in Church Leadership at Maryville College. This scholarship and her fellowship will help fund a trip to Europe this summer, a pilgrimage to visit various holy sites in the Christian tradition. Her senior thesis on Christian pilgrimage will benefit from her planned visits to Chartres Cathedral and the Lourdes Healing Shrine, both in France, as well as taking in similar experiences in Italy, Spain, and Austria. She will be accompanied by her sister, Jordan, and several friends from Maryville College. Hannah was also recently named a Bradford Scholar at Maryville, one of five students recognized by this award for exemplary volunteerism. She tutors in an English as a Second Language program in Maryville, working primarily with Sudanese women.



**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE - CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES****April 2008**

	General Fund - Undesignated*	Designated Fund	Building Fund**	Total Funds
Beginning Fund Balance 4/1/08	\$68,482	\$179,659	\$1,825,463	\$2,073,604
April Income	\$14,388	\$1,150	\$3,538	\$19,076
April Expense	(\$14,734)	(\$5,265)	(\$47,165)	(\$67,164)
Ending Fund Balance 4/30/08	\$68,136	\$175,544	\$1,781,836	\$2,025,516

**Year to Date**

	General Fund - Undesignated*	Designated Fund	Building Fund**	Total Funds
Beginning Fund Balance 1/1/08	\$72,578	\$178,705	\$1,862,514	\$2,113,797
YTD Income	\$59,208	\$9,306	\$53,013	\$121,527
YTD Expense	(\$63,650)	(\$12,467)	(\$133,691)	(\$209,808)
Ending Fund Balance 4/30/08	\$68,136	\$175,544	\$1,781,836	\$2,025,516

\* Includes reserve of \$40,000

\*\* The building fund now includes value of buildings based on insurance appraisal (\$1,339,000).

## **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

Marilyn Harris reports that over \$550 has been cleared for the building fund from the sale of the microfiber wipes. These wipes will continue to be available for the next several months. Many people are finding that these wipes make excellent gifts. In some cases, these gifts have generated more orders. Great idea, Marilyn

The Wednesday night suppers continue to be a great success. Many thanks to everyone who brings their own reusable plates and utensils. Marge Hettrick reports that our trash has been reduced from a 55 gallon bag at the March supper to a 35 gallon bag in April and finally a 30 gallon container at the May supper. Our goal is to get down to a 5 gallon container for out waste material from the Wednesday night suppers. By bringing reusable plates, glasses and utensils from home not only saves oil products (Styrofoam and disposable plastic) and wood (paper products) but also helps the kitchen clean up crew get through faster if they don't have to wash your eating implements. Diane Griffin is also collecting vegetative scraps (no animal products) for her chickens. Many of us are enjoying fresh eggs from these happy, healthy, cage free chickens. Many thanks to both Marge and Diane.

Over the past months, this section of the newsletter has contained many ways to recycle (even on a small scale we can all make a difference). If you have lost some of this information, please contact Jane B. Walsh 376-5250 or [pwalsh8372@bellsouth.net](mailto:pwalsh8372@bellsouth.net).

## **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:**

### **Assisted Living and Nursing Homes**

Jamestown 851 Lawnville Road,  
Kingston 37763

Nelle Griffith Room 206  
Louise Pickel Room 209  
Mac Robbins Room 305  
Anne Smith Room 313

Wellington Place 1098 Bradford Way,  
Kingston 37763

Joan Pemberton Room 306B  
Jan Parker Room 107  
Helen Roostee Room 206A

Baptist Healthcare 700 Williams Ferry Rd  
Lenoir City 37771

Evelyn Waldrup Room 42A

Rockwood Healthcare 5580 Roane State Hwy  
Harriman 37748

Roberta Cash Room 132B  
Margaret True Room 212B  
Gene Pierce Room 356A

Harriman Healthcare 240 Hannah Rd  
Harriman 37748

Ruby Hunter Room 305A  
Shirley Lumpkins Room 602

NHC Oakridge 300 Laboratory Rd  
Oak Ridge 37830

Wanda Carter Room 212

Methodist Medical Center

Glenda True Everett

Harriman Hospital

Tom Roostee

### **Home**

Doris Barber, Dot and Al Davis, Anne Robertson, Marci Smith, Marnie Shields, Edith Miles, Nelda Toon, Henry & Carolyn Tulley, Bitsy Keko, Lucy Webb, Anneka Oonk, Madge Benfield, Cecil Murr, Jane Pickel.

# June 2008

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Communion Sunday Joint Youth Group 6:00					Angel Food orders due	
8 Bethel's 190th Birthday!  Joint Youth Group 6:00	9 VBS 5:45-8:30 Worship Comm. 4:30 S&F 7:00 Evangelism 7:00	10  Fun Lunch 1:00 VBS 5:45-8:30 Parish Life 6:00	11  VBS 5:45-8:30	12  VBS 5:45-8:30	13	14
15 Fellowship Breakfast 9:30-10:30 Joint Youth Group 6:00	16	17	18 P&P 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30 2 Cents a Meal Offering	19  MO Committee 6:00	20	21  Angel Food Distribution
22 Special Offering Living Waters Bake Sale after worship Joint Youth Group 6:00	23 CE Comm. 5:00	24	25	26	27 Book Group 9:30	28 Love Kitchen 5:00
29 Joint Youth Group 6:00 5th Sunday Worship @ MCRGX 6:30	30	<b>EACH WEEK:</b> Seniorcize: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 AM Spanish Class: Monday & Wednesday, 5 PM				

*We're on the move!...Projected moving date: all week long!*

## June Birthdays

- 2 Carol Brown
- 4 Louise Pickel  
Marcy Smith
- 9 Kelly Maddux  
Tauno Maki  
Susannah Morgan  
Charlie Mounger
- 10 Danny Holloway
- 12 Doug Brown  
George Warlick
- 14 Mike McElhinney
- 15 Ellen Dailey  
Jesse Richmond  
Jordan Sherrod  
Nelda Toon
- 17 Max LaDue
- 18 Linda Jones
- 19 Linda Brown
- 20 Simon Barrett
- 21 Teresa Hettrick
- 22 Willie Mae Meers  
John Parkinson  
Tim Smith
- 24 John Richmond
- 28 Marilyn Harris
- 29 Kerry Hyder

## Prayer Reminders

The members and regularly attending friends of Bethel are assigned to elder care groups. Each month, we publish the list of one or more elder care groups in the newsletter for your prayers. The elder's name and phone at the top of the list are listed as a reminder of their role in nurturing and supporting those who belong to Bethel. You should feel free to contact your elder or the pastor if you have a particular spiritual need or other matter that needs to be brought to our attention.

### PHIL WALSH (10) 376-5250

(Jane)  
Carter, Wanda  
^Cash, Roberta  
Evans, Amy  
Evans, Dick & Celia Simon  
Foy, Betty  
Kellogg, \*Matthew & Ellen Evans  
King, Nancy & Vic  
Kornegay, Frank & Janet  
LaDue, Max  
+Loden, Jon & Vicki  
+Loden, Jonathon  
Martin, Denise & \*Bob  
McNew, Jack  
Meers, Willie Mae  
Muecke, Jack & Sue  
\*Muecke, Natwilai  
\*Nestor, Bill & Sibyl  
Sherrod, \*Marc & Melanie  
Sherrod, Caleb  
Sherrod, Eden  
Sherrod, Hannah  
Sherrod, Jordan  
Stooksbury, Billie  
Walker, Jim & \*Cindy, ~John,  
\*Elizabeth, \*Briana  
Walker, Jimmy  
Wolburg, \*Julio & Melissa Foy,  
~Brennan, ~Hannah

### ANITA RICHMOND (08) 376-1437

(Roger, Jesse, John, Chelsea)  
Allen, \*Chuck & Cathy  
Dice, Don & Jean  
Hayes, John  
+Kehrer, Laura  
Knies, Amanda Phillips & \*Adam  
Maddux, \*Aaron & +Kelly Shadden  
McElhinney, Mike & Jeanette  
McMaster, Jill  
Michener, Kay  
\*Nippert, Dave  
\*Phillips, Bonnie  
Pickel, Tom Jr. & Jane  
+Pierce, Kathy  
Preston, Mark & Linda, ~Corey  
Preston, Ryan  
Shadden, Bill & Marianne  
Smith, Anne  
Stevenson, Dave & Helen

\*non-member  
^shut-in  
+inactive  
~baptized roll

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
203 South Kentucky St.  
Kingston, TN 37763

U.S. Postage Paid  
Non-Profit Organization  
Permit #2  
Kingston, Tennessee

**To Reach Us:**

Phone: (865) 376-6340

Fax: (865) 376-6390

On the Web: [www.bethelpcusa.org](http://www.bethelpcusa.org)

**Staff**

Minister: Rev. Marc Sherrod, ThD

Pastor Emeritus: Dr. Richard Hettrick

Parish Associate:

Rev. Pat Harvey

Administrative Assistant: Sandra R. Tallant

Parish Nurse: Debbie Hyder

Youth Group Director: Greg Murr

Choir Director: Laura Walker

Bell Choir Director: Chris Badger

Treasurers:

Disbursement: Linda Brown

Receipts: Larry Strickling

Nursery Worker: Linda Gerth

Custodian: John Carter

**Session**

**2008**

Julie Bunch

Danny Holloway

Anita Richmond

Karen Schall

**2009**

Carol Brown

Joe Coen

Gary Griffith

Dolores Sandmel

**2010**

Steve Jacks

Bobbie Martin

Margaret Murr

Phil Walsh

**Clerk:** Cathy McDowell

**Sign Up  
for  
VBS!**

**June 9-12, 2008**

**5:45 Dinner; Classes 'til 8:30**

**Ages Preschool — Adult**