



The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / NOVEMBER 2012

Bethel Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours: 9-3:00 M-F

Sunday Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
for all ages

10:30 a.m. Fellowship/
Coffee

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Youth

Sacrament of Holy

Communion is celebrated

On the first Sunday of each
month.

*Bethel
Presbyterian
Church ~ a
community*

*of faith coming together,
for fellowship, study and
service...seeking God's
peace, justice and love ~*



Dear Friends,

I love Fall. I love watching the leaves change to red, orange and yellow. I love driving by the lake each morning with the mist rising and the sun shining on the trees. It is magnificent and reminds me daily of God's great gifts to us – to all of us. That scene evokes praise for my Maker and thanksgiving for the reminders of God's generosity to us in creation, in beautiful moments, in life itself.

Indeed we worship and follow a Generous God. From the abundant gift of creation to manna in the wilderness, to hope in exile, to the gift of the incarnation itself, God is generous to us and all creation. The world and all that is in it belongs to God, says the psalmist and God graciously shares the world and all that is in it with us. As we give thanks in this month and season, we reflect on the goodness and blessings we have. We think more often this time of year about how much we do in fact have and offer gratitude to God. All that we have comes from God – there is no question about it.

So what do we do in the face of such amazing generosity – how do we respond to the gifts we are given? In answering that question, it serves us well to reflect on the meaning of generosity. Many of us may think simply about money – generous people are those who give of their financial resources. That is true and certainly a component of generosity. But it is more than that as well. Being generous is not just something we do it is something we are – a way of life. Being generous is a recognition that we have

all that we need for the life abundant and we can do nothing but share our gifts – be they gifts of money, of time, of talents, of attitude and spirit.

Indeed I have experienced great generosity from people who on the face had nothing. I took several groups to the border between Mexico and Texas to build cinder block houses for people who were living in cardboard and aluminum shacks. The Mexican folks knew how to mix mortar, how much to load on the tool and then put on the block. They knew how to measure for the window and the door. They knew how to install the rebar and even how to put that together. We knew practically nothing. And I quickly realized that though they could not build their houses without our money, they certainly could have built them more efficiently and more securely if they could have done it without us. Yet we would not have been changed nearly as much if we had not been there working across language barriers and skill barriers to help them build their houses. Those people had a generosity of spirit that was amazing and infectious.

Bethel Presbyterian Church too has a generous spirit. We recognize that we are able to do far more through God than we could ever imagine. As a whole, we know that being generous requires all of us: our time, talent and treasure. May we continue to cultivate and nurture a spirit of generosity among all of us so that we may continue to faithfully go where God leads and truly make a difference in our community and around the world.

Grace and peace, *Wendy*



Alternative Giving

Alternative Christmas Market

Sunday, Nov 11 from 12:15 -3pm
in the Fellowship Hall

The Alternative Christmas Market, is back. If you have forgotten what makes it alternative, well, the alternative piece is that all of the items for sale at this Christmas Market will be fairly traded, The coffee is grown and processed by a cooperative of farmers and marketed through churches, including the Presbyterian Church (USA) Coffee project. The olive wood hand-crafts are made by Palestinian artists who are paid a fair wage for their product and marketed through PalCraft Aid, an organization of Christians dedicated to helping artisans make a living wage. So, the alternative piece is that everything for sale is made by a person who is paid fairly and given a stake in the business.

We have the opportunity at this market to buy beautiful and tasty Christmas gifts for our friends and family and to do so knowing that our purchases are contributing to a just and sustainable future for the artisans and farmers who made/grew the products. As Christians, we are called to seek justice for all people. Using our purchasing power at Christmas is a great way to do so - and it is a great opportunity to share the good news with others that we can buy fairly traded items and make the world a better place.

There will be something for everyone at this market so invite your friends and bring your checkbooks!



Last Call for Coat Donations!

The Roane County High School DECA Club is collecting coats of any

size for the homeless served through the Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries (KARM). During the month of October, please bring in your extra coat, sweater, or jacket to the church office. Please include a note indicating that they are a donation for the DECA club. Our DECA Club contact is Julie Coen at 376-9033.

Christmas Food Baskets



Each Christmas our congregation gives Christmas Baskets to families in the community who are in need. We provide 50 baskets at a cost of about \$3000. This program is funded by your generous donations. Just write Xmas Baskets in the check memo area or on the outside of an envelope and drop in the collection plate.

We also support the Angel Tree program where you can be "Santa" for a child who otherwise would receive no gifts. The tree will go up in the Gathering Area on **Nov. 4** and all gifts need to be brought to the church by **Nov. 25**. The baskets and gifts will be distributed on Sun. **Dec. 2** at The Hanging of the Greens celebration here at Bethel.

These gifts give "food for the soul"- the hope of a brighter future and the reassurance that someone does indeed care about them.

Community Forum

The Roane State and Bethel University 2+2 Education program will host a Holocaust Forum on Thursday, November 1 at 4:30 pm at the RSCC Harriman Campus in room O-202.

The forum will include two speakers:

Ron Sternfels, RSCC Professor of Chemistry, will discuss his parents' escape from Nazi Germany. Sternfels' father escaped in 1933 at the establishment of the German fascist state, while his mother left through Italy in 1940 after the war began.

Arthur Pais was born in 1927 in Ukmerge, Lithuania. He and his family were forced to live in the Kovno Ghetto before deportation to Dachau in 1945. Pais endured the forced marching of Dachau victims in the face of the Russian invasion of Germany in February, 1945. Pais is participating in partnership with the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, which is located on the Vanderbilt University campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Goodie Bags

We have been asked to help provide goodie bags for some of the inmates at the Morgan County Regional Facility this Christmas. For some of these men, this will be the only Christmas gifts that they receive. If you can provide any of the following items, please bring them to church before December 2nd. We will assemble them into goodie bags during the Hanging of the Greens on that day.

- Individually-wrapped candy
- Postage stamps
- Bar of soap
- Disposable razors
- Alcohol-free deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush

Christmas cards and envelopes
We will provide a receptacle in the gathering area for your donations.
Thanks!

Fellowship

The Fellowship Team congratulates Hayden and Jessica Jacks as well as Grandparents Steve and Amber and Uncle Jeremiah and welcomes their baby, Samuel Eli, to the Bethel family. To help Hayden and Jessica celebrate their new arrival, we would like to show how we might "wrap" little Samuel Eli in our Christian love by a gift of diapers. Mom and baby prefer the Huggies brand of diapers and would be pleased with an assortment of sizes that may be used as he grows in size as our love for him grows within our hearts. Bethel members and friends may participate in the collection of diapers, baby wipes, and other toiletries for baby by bringing any of these items to the Bethel office until November 18. Thank you for contributing to the growth of our children within the embrace of our Father. The November Fellowship Supper has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30 so not to conflict with family Thanksgiving activities. The Fellowship Team will meet at 5:30, prior to the meal.

Faith Team News

Something exciting happened just this week!

After learning that Chris was retiring from bells, Jackie Brandau stepped forward and volunteered to be Bethel's bell



choir director. We are so happy that this musical ministry will be continuing. The first practice is November 28 at 6:00 pm. Experience and musical ability is not necessary. Jackie will teach you all you need to know. Just bring a willing spirit as Bethel starts a new bell chapter.

Generosity

If you missed the Generosity Retreat, you missed a wonderful experience. A big thank you to Jeff Paris and his wonderful and insightful leadership of the retreat. A discussion of the concept of abundance opened the retreat. God's message is that He will bless us and give us what we need so that we may be a blessing to others. We are blessed so that we may be a blessing. We are the ones missing out when we shun the concept of stewardship. Biblical passages looking into generosity were I Corinthians: 12 and 13 and the story of Dorcas in Acts 9:36-42. Discussion followed of how we live our faith in the community. Generosity is not just something we do - it is something we are.

Also, a big thanks to Carol Brown who provided fruit for breakfast, to Roger Richmond for his amazing French toast, to Frank Harris for doing the Buddy's Barbeque run and to all the others who provided snacks and food.

Property Team

Property team is looking forward to a quiet November after a busy October. Most of us were involved in several different ways with the Fall Festival either in preparation, operation or clean up. It is a cold and rainy Sunday afternoon and I have been thinking maybe the Team has finished one of its many tasks for the year. The Team's efforts to keep the grounds mowed and trimmed has been ongoing over the summer and perhaps Fall has truly arrived and another task has been marked off the to-do list. Thanks for being there!!

If you are in the church area week days between 9:30 and 11:30 you may meet Connie Guinn and several of her students from Roane County High School who are participating in a Work Based Learning program at Bethel. These young people will be helping in clean up, and other chores as needed during the course of the school year. Be sure to say hello!

Anticipating...



In a few short weeks we will enter into the season of Advent - the time when we prepare our hearts and minds for the arrival of God in our midst. Please plan now to join us on December 2, the first Sunday of Advent, as we begin our season of

anticipation. We begin the day in worship, with the lighting of the first candle on the advent wreath. In the afternoon beginning at 3:00, we'll distribute Christmas baskets and gifts to folks in our community, and everyone is invited take part in the annual Hanging of the Greens. We'll spend time decorating the church, of course, and we'll also have craft activities that will help us to focus on this preparation for the coming of Christ. We'll follow up with a simple meal of soup and sandwiches, and end the day in worship. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us on this most meaningful of days.

Study Team News

The adult Sunday



NEW STUDY

School led by Mark Banker will begin a new study in November. The class will be reading and discussing *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, by Marcus Borg. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend; the new class will begin on November 18th, and will meet in the Barber Library on the first floor. Reasonably-priced copies of the book are available through amazon.com.

igniteFUSION KINGSTON

Wow what an incredible October! We had great bonfires, fun at the corn maze and more! Where has the year gone? Can you believe that cooler weather is here, and Thanksgiving is coming! We have a lot going on at Ignite/Fusion Kingston during November. Send me your sports and extra curricular schedules and I will do my best to show up. Don't forget to support our friend Charity in Uganda.

In November:

November 4- Join us for a gathering at the **new** KUMC parsonage. Todd & Liz Chancey want to meet and hang out with you. The church van will leave the KUMC parking lot at 6 PM. We will be back to the church by 8 PM. There will be food and drinks so watch for more information soon!

November 11-NO IGNITION

Buddy's Race for the Cure: The race starts @ 3 pm, however the time for team photos will be announced. Please sign up at www.buddysrace.org and join the team "Band Together for a Cure". Our team captain is Penelope Uselton. You will need to provide your own transportation to Knoxville.

November 13- Breakfast Club for RCHS & Cherokee students. I will have the church van to get you to school. Meet at 7:15 AM at Mc Donald's.

November 18- 12 PM @ KUMC- Join us for a covered dish lunch and an auction for Christmas baskets following the lunch.

We will leave at 2:45 PM for crafting at Wellington Place and return to KUMC at 4:45 PM for a snack and then head back to Wellington Place to play BINGO with the residents.

Registration begins for Resurrection 2013. The cost is \$70. Scholarships and the general deadline is January 20th. Registrations received after January 20th will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

November 22- Happy Turkey Day!!!

November 25- No Ignition

November 27- Breakfast Club for Midway students. We will meet at Waves Café at 7 AM. I will have the church van to get you to school in style!

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER ADVENT STUDY

WE WILL MEET AT MCDONALDS ON MONDAY MORNINGS AT 7 AM FOR RCHS / CHEROKEE STUDENTS. MIDWAY STUDENTS WILL MEET AT WAVES CAFÉ AT 7 AM ON TUESDAY MORNINGS. WE WILL LEARN ABOUT THE SEASON OF ADVENT AS A TIME OF PEACE AND JOY.

In December:

December 2- 10:30 AM KUMC-Hanging of the Greens

3 PM- 8 PM-Hanging of the Greens festivities at Bethel

December 9-Carolling at Jamestowne and Wellington Place

December 12-Christmas Party: More information to come.

December 16-KUMC Children's Choir Concert and Dinner. No Ignition

December 19- Bethel Family Dinner and Pageant

FIVE BIG THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW!

- 1.) Do you have a 2012-2013 health form on file? Go here to download one: <http://www.bethelpcusa.org/youth.php>. Download the youth consent form.
- 2.) We are on Twitter! Follow us @igfuskingston.
- 3.) Check out our bulletin boards at Bethel and KUMC and find out about upcoming activities
Bethel: Hallway next to the elevator
KUMC: Outside the sanctuary in the breezeway
- 4.) The Ignite/Fusion Kingston Youth Ministry is selling God's creation calendars for 2013. An example of the calendar is located outside the Bethel and KUMC sanctuaries. Pre-orders will be taken and calendars will arrive in December. The cost for the calendars is \$7.
- 5.) Do you have an interest in technology or sound equipment? KUMC needs volunteers to run sound during the service and special events. Training is available. Contact Will for details.



RICE BOWLS
FILL BOWL • FIGHT HUNGER

Remember to save your coins and dollars for your Rice Bowl and World Vision. Contact Will for a Rice Bowl. We will break open our Rice Bowls on November 18th during our snack. Corey Preston will get the t-shirt for September and my sources tell me that Hannah Ross is our winner for October! Don't forget to bring your money for Charity to any youth event!

Transitions Fellowship

Coming in November:

November 6- Fellowship at the KUMC Fellowship Hall at 7 PM

November 11- GET OUT!! Join us for a day in the mountains to relax and hang out! We will leave the church at 1 PM and return around 8 PM. Bring money for dinner.

November 17-We have a workday scheduled to build a ramp for a woman in McMinn County. We will leave KUMC at 9 AM and return at 2 PM. Bring a sack lunch and a hammer.

November 20- Thanksgiving TV Dinner and Blue Like Jazz Study in the KUMC Fellowship Hall at 7 PM.

November 25-Tired of Turkey? We will leave KUMC at 12:15 for lunch after church.

Our blog will be updated every week with a new study. Take your time and leave your thoughts, prayer requests and more on the site.

<http://tfkingston.wordpress.com/>

Upcoming Events

February 1-3- Divine Rhythm- Young Adult Retreat in Gatlinburg, TN. The cost is \$80. The deadline for scholarships and registration will be January 15th. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed for late registrations. Registrations will be open November 5th.



Young Adult Ministry

Check out our bulletin boards at Bethel and KUMC and find out about upcoming activities

Bethel: Hallway next to the elevator

KUMC: Outside the sanctuary in the breezeway

Do you have scrap metal that is taking up space in your home or garage? Donate it to our young adult program! You can get rid of your scrap metal and help the young adult program at the same time!

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Time for a Digital Mammogram?

Call today for an appointment on the UT Medical Center Mobile Mammography Unit

Bethel Presbyterian Church

203 South Kentucky St - Kingston

Thursday, December 6, 9am- 4pm

Insurance is filed for each participant. Women age 40+ without health insurance may call number below for available options.

Criteria for Mobile Screening Mammogram:

- Age 40+ / No current breast problems
- No personal history of breast cancer / No breast implants
- At least one year since your screening mammogram

**To schedule an appointment, please call the
UT Breast Health Outreach Program**

865-305-9753

This program made possible through support from the Knoxville Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Champions for a Cause, National Breast Cancer Foundation, and the Avon Foundation

Prayer Reminders

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Jamestowne	851 Lawnville Road, Kingston 37763
Nelle Griffith	Room 206
Dick Hettrick	Room 102
Louise Pickel	Room 209
Mac Robbins	Room 305
Sophie Simon	Room 302
Lill Walton	Room 408
Wellington Place	1098 Bradford Way, Kingston 37763
Jan Parker	Room 107
Renaissance Terrace	257 Patton Lane, Harriman 37748
Marge Maki	Room 108A
The Bridge at Rockwood	5580 Roane State Hwy Rockwood 37854
Margaret True	Room 349
Brakebill Nursing Home	5837 Lyons View Pike Knoxville 37919
Anne Smith	Room 416-B

In Need of Prayer:

Anneke Oonk, Amy Coen, Rebecca Shelby, Lucy Webb, Bill & Marianne Shadden, Dick & Nancy Maynard, Tammy and Danny Holloway, Sue & Bob Jones, Jean & Don Dice, Helene Ricker, Mariana Oonk, Molly Collins, Barbara Baird and her brother, Justus Baird, Becky Grant (*Larry Strickling's niece*), Dianne Swinler (*Brenda Strickling's sister*),



November Birthdays

- 1 Josh Brown
Diego Vanegas
- 2 Paul Law
Jack McNew
- 3 Julie Hart
Helen Roostee
- 8 Ellen Wood
- 9 Chelsea Richmond
- 10 Nancy Landers
- 11 Charlie King
Lyric Rivera
- 12 Leonard Kirby
- 19 Hannah Foy
- 20 Bill Shadden
- 21 Brian Shelby
Jason Thompson
- 25 Jimmy Walker
- 28 Andy Avel
- 29 Cyndi Fowler
- 30 Patricia Law Grant
Jerry Harvey



cards and Letters

Dear Bethel Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plate which is such a nice reminder of my days at Bethel. Every time I look at it a lot of warm, pleasant memories come back. We are still 3 generations living together until next week? Each week for a while now we have been thinking my daughter and family (which includes two cats in addition to two toddlers) would be able to move back home but renovating is really difficult to predict a time limit. So many workers are involved. It has definitely kept me busy and from getting lonely. Snow is in the forecast so glad I am in this lovely setting and only have to get out if it is a must.

I think of my Bethel family often and really enjoy the emails which keep me up-to-date.

Much love,
Marilyn Gaffin

Friends,

We would like to thank you for your generous donations to the Harvest Festival this year. The items you brought for the Market Place, the Plant Sale and the Bake Sale provided a wonderful array of choices!!

Your willingness to assist in so many ways made our efforts in mission a tremendous success. Every year it just keeps getting better!!

Blessings,
Nancy King, Joan Davis, and Virginia Fowler
Birthdays

November 2012



Weekly Events: Handbell Choir Practice begins Nov. 28th. Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM Children's Choir Practice: 8:30 AM Sundays in the KUMC Annex Ignite/Fusion Youth: Sundays and Wednesdays; see page 4.				1 Community Forum: Holocaust - RSSC @4:30	2	3
4 Faith Team 12:15	5 Finance Team 6:15	6	7	8	9	10
11 Alternative Christmas Market 12:15-3 PM Transitions Fellowship 1-8	12	13	14 Rescheduled Meetings: Property Team 5:30 Fellowship 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	15	16	17 Transitions Fellowship Workday
18 New Study Begins 9:30 AM Session 12:15	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25 Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15	26	27	28 Handbell Choir Practice 6:00	29	30	

Each Week:

Bethel Arts Ministry: Mondays, 10-Noon; 6:30-8:30 PM (Adults) / Wednesdays 4-6 PM (Youth)

Taoist Tai Chi: Tues. 6-7:30 PM, Sat. 9-10:30 AM

Beginning Spanish: Tuesdays 6:30-7:00 PM / Advanced Spanish: Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30 PM / ESL Tuesdays 6:30

Looking Ahead:

December 2: First Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Greens and Christmas Basket Distribution