

# The Open Door

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## Dear Friends,

September was a full and fulfilling month at Bethel. The Church picnic was a delightful time of fellowship and good food. The Fall Festival was a lot of work but also a lot of fun as we welcomed the community, enjoyed a beautiful day together and raised money for community ministries. The last Sunday of the month we learned from the International Peacemaker and her ministry at Frontera de Cristo on the border between the USA and Mexico and we dedicated 50 school kits and 50 hygiene kits that will help the migrant children on the border. Your generosity in giving to the kits allowed us to surpass our goal of 20 each and have about \$700 left to send to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the ministry with children on the border. THANK YOU!

October will not be quite as full as September but we do

look forward to World Communion Sunday, October 5 and the Peacemaking Offering the same Sunday. We will round out the month with Reformation Sunday On Oct 26 when we celebrate our Reformed Faith Heritage.

As we approach World Communion Sunday and the Peacemaking Offering it is a good time to reflect on the needs of peace in the world and our back yard. Racial tension and unrest, religious extremism and violence, abuse and neglect of children, raging disease and unceasing conflict and war all point to the great need for peace and peacemakers in our day. We follow the Prince of Peace who said blessed are the peacemakers. May we not only pray for all of this situations here and far away but also discern how our living may model peace and indeed

bring peace to the peoples and places we can. And may we continue to pray for the mission co-workers who seek to bring peace in the places they serve, the pastors and church workers who serve in the cities of our country where unrest is present, and those charged with keeping the peace all over the world.

As the Psalmist says, "Seek peace and pursue it." May that guide our thoughts and prayers this month.

*Grace and peace,*  
Wendy

**WORD  
FAITH**  
*Grace*



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## Fair Trade Your Halloween



The church will make a special Halloween Fair Trade order for Chocolate Minis. We will order at the wholesale price of \$24, (savings \$11 off retail). The minis are available in bags of 150 in dark or milk chocolate and come with 150 Halloween themed info cards about choosing Fair Trade. If you want to place an order, contact the office or put a check with Dark or Milk Minis marked in the memo in the offering plate. **Orders will be taken thru Sunday, Oct. 5.**

### Save the Date!!



Sunday, October 19th, is Pastor Appreciation Day! Please plan to stay after Sunday worship for a special potato bar lunch to express our love for her and our appreciation for her ministry to Bethel.

### Online giving is now available!

If you have visited our website recently, you will notice that we have a new option that allows for online giving. Thanks to the hard work of Dan McDowell, we have established the Bethel Giving Center. The Bethel Giving Center provides information about our online giving options, as well as giving the visitor the information from our time and talent catalogue. There is even a section with answers to "frequently asked questions" to help guide you through the process. You may gift to our general fund, the debt reduction fund and to the denominational mission funds. It's easy and secure – we hope you will find this convenient for your occasional or recurring giving. Visit [www.bethelusa.org](http://www.bethelusa.org) and choose "Give Online".

## Family Promise



Family Promise of Roane County will hold their first event on Saturday, October 25 from 4-7pm at the Harriman Church of God on Roane State Highway. This event will feature graduates of the Family Promise program sharing their story of what Family Promise meant to them and their families. There will also be a silent auction that will raise funds for the ministry.

This is an exciting time for Family Promise of Roane County as it continues to secure host churches and raises the funds needed to begin the program and serve families in our community. Bethel's session has approved for us to be a host church so this event on Oct 25 is a great opportunity to support the organization and learn more.

## Trip to Sunset Gap

### Mission:

Our collection of useful but no longer wanted items has grown until it is overflowing our storage room. We'll caravan to the Cosby area on Thursday, October 30th to deliver these things to the Sunset Gap Mission Thrift Store. If you are able to help, please contact Joni Morgan



(865-617-4353 or [jpmorgan06@comcast.net](mailto:jpmorgan06@comcast.net)). We need vehicles to carry things down there, and people to help load said vehicles. If weather is gloomy, make sure to bring a tarp to cover open trucks. Meet at the church at 8 am to load. (Please eat breakfast beforehand or eat on the road - and be sure to gas up!) It's about a 2-hour drive to the Mission. After we unload, and tour the facility, we'll stop for lunch at Carver's Apple Restaurant on the way home. Arrival time back in Kingston expected to be around 2:30 pm.

## RCCM service opportunities

Roane County Cooperative Ministries has been providing aid to families living in poverty since its inception in 1991. Our own Rev. Dick Hettrick was instrumental in its formation and many Bethel members are still involved as volunteers. RCCM Director, John Leitnaker, is spearheading efforts to move beyond helping families survive in poverty to assisting them with tools needed to move out of poverty.

John sums it up by saying, "We have been doing the same thing for a long time and we are still getting the same poor results. Now there are new methods to use in the fight on poverty. These methods have been used elsewhere with success and we need to implement them here". Programs like *Bridges Out Of Poverty* and *Circles* are proving highly successful nationwide; *Circles* was recently featured on NPR

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of October "Bridges Out Of Poverty" training will be offered. This course has been highly praised by pastors, social workers, teachers, medical personnel, and church members. They find a methodology that helps them understand how we can have substantially greater impact. Even if you are not from a "helping profession", there are many ways you can help. To register, contact John at [rccm.john@gmail.com](mailto:rccm.john@gmail.com) or 865-399-4726.

Volunteer opportunities with RCCM include:

- Crisis support – Rent and utility

assistance provided at RCCM Network building

- Support Action Team – Finding solutions to unmet needs and verification of needs; maintaining benefactor contacts
- Development Team – Developing and implementing fundraising plans
- Administrative Support- Many types of administrative support are needed, including call-backs, database updates, managing the phones, typing, and record keeping



- Education – Teaching classes and class support activities
- Circles Team and Circles "Allys" – Support Circles participants in overcoming obstacles as they move out of poverty
- Data base management – Fostering collaboration through maintenance of the network communication tool, collecting data, producing reports/metrics that will help us move forward
- Communications- Offer support with website/electronic media, brochures, etc.
- Benefactors – Can provide gifts to particular categories or can be "on call" for help

RCCM has relocated to 733 East Race Street, in Kingston. Your support is needed now more than ever to help realize the vision of eliminating poverty in our community.

**The bell choir** will be playing the prelude for services on the fourth Sunday of every month. While saddened that some are unable to participate this Fall due to busy schedules, we are blessed to have new faces join us. We are open to more ringers because of the way the music is arranged. We are so fortunate Chris Badger blessed us with 4 cases of bells and a file full of good music. Come and join in the fun. ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

We meet in the music room every Wednesday evening from 6-7 except on the 3rd Wednesday dinner nights when we begin @ 5:30 so we can join in the fellowship!

**Who loves** Sunday morning's Children's Moment? EVERYBODY!!! You can get to know these darlings better and fulfill your baptismal vows to them by volunteering to be a Children's Church Leader for one month.

Bethel provides Children's Church for children ages 4 - 6 during our regular worship time. Volunteer leaders enjoy them from the period after Children's Moment until the end of worship hour (apx. 30 - 40 minutes). Teaching materials are provided or you may create your own. Jan Rybka will teach the lesson with you the first week if you wish. A youth volunteer is available to assist every week.

Please contact Jan Rybka at 882-8836, 310-8836 or [jrybka@hotmail.com](mailto:jrybka@hotmail.com) if you are interested.



The young adult ministry is changing and transforming. Read the information below to find out more.

## What is changing?

We will not gather for our monthly gatherings, outings or mission projects.

## What will stay the same?

You can still expect to hear from me (Will) on a monthly basis via phone, email, text and the hand written note.

I will be contacting young adults individually to get lunch, dinner, coffee or deliver ice cream.

You can contact me with any need you might have. You can always contact Wendy.

Thank you for your support of Transitions Fellowship over the past several years. I know that our young adults have grown in their faith and will remain active in the life of the church for years to come!

## Transitions Fellowship



What a great time of year! The leaves are changing colors, football games and cooler weather. Life is good! Come join us for all of the great activities that are happening at Bethel Youth Ministries.

## the calendar.....

### October 5 World Communion Sunday

We will join with other Christians from around the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday. During the Sunday School hour we will have a discussion about race with a panel from the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People)

**6 PM** You wanted and here it is! We will be discussing denominations for our Sunday night youth programs when we meet. We will eat dinner in the Fellowship Hall and then head up to the Youth Suite for our program.

**October 6** Breakfast Club/Midway -Meet at 6:45 AM at Handee Burger

**October 7** Breakfast Club/RCHS! RCHS students join me for breakfast at Handee Burger at 7:30 AM.

**October 12** The always-famous Corn maze, Bonfire, and Beef Stew event! **1 PM-8 PM**

We will leave Kingston at 1 PM and head down to Athens, TN to the Mayfield Farm & Nursery. After the maze we will head to the

Brown's house for the bonfire and beef stew and s'mores. We will return to KUMC and Bethel at 8 PM. The cost is \$10. Bring extra cash if you want to play any of the games at the maze. Contact Will for scholarship information.

### October 14-17 Fall Break!!!!

**October 19** Denominations #2 Dinner at 6 PM in the Fellowship and the program will follow.

**October 22** Bethel Family Dinner at 6:30 PM

**October 26 @ 6 PM** Halloween Party-Food, games and more. The fun starts at 6 PM and ends at 8 PM. Wear your favorite costume!

**October 30** Take Time Worship in the KUMC sanctuary at 7 PM with Terrie Winkle.

### Coming in November

**November 27** Turkey Day!!!

**November 30** Advent begins

## memorials & gifts

In memory of Mac Robbins  
from:

- Ruth Ann Ludwig
- Merlyn Beecy
- Bill and Betty Ulrich
- Gary and Dianne Griffith

In memory of Anne Smith from  
Bill and Betty Ulrich

In memory of Dot Pierce from  
Ruby Fielden

In memory of Marnie Shields  
from  
Gary and Dianne Griffith

In honor of Frank and Marilyn  
Harris from  
Jim and Karen Schall

## Birthdays for October

- 2 Don Pierce
- 3 Chris Badger  
Linda Preston  
Jamie Woodard
- 4 Hannah Sherrod
- 5 Gisela Condon  
Eden Sherrod
- 10 Adam Gallaher
- 13 Gary Lemasters  
Tom Pickel, Jr.
- 15 Carrie Vickers
- 16 Mike Cutts
- 17 Jared McGill
- 19 Andy Holloway  
Scott McGill  
Jill McMaster
- 20 Eddie Kirby  
Caleb Sherrod
- 24 Yvonne Rossi
- 25 Eric Windhausen
- 29 Rebecca Dailey Pierce  
Will Purushotham
- 31 Julie McGill  
Roger Richmond

## Will Workshop

For many us of, making a will seems overwhelming and procrastination often takes over. Our interactions with the Presbyterian Foundation have given us some great resource materials about developing personal wills. The Generosity Team would like to share with you some of the tools that are available to help you get started. If you would like to participate, please let us know that you want to participate by completing the form below and dropping it into the offering plate. You may also drop by or call the office to sign up. Your information on availability will help us schedule appropriate times for the workshop. Please circle those that are best for you.

### Will Workshop

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best option(s) for me to meet:

Day:  
 M T W Th F Sa Su

Times: Morning Evening

Beginning at: \_\_\_\_\_

## Prayer Reminders

### Assisted Living and Nursing Homes:

- Jamestowne**  
**851 Lawnville Road, Kingston 37763**  
 Dick Hettrick Room 102  
 Ruth Ann Ludwig Room 308  
 Louise Pickel Room 209  
 Sophie Simon Room 302  
 George Warlick Room 313
- Wellington Place**  
**1098 Bradford Way, Kingston 37763**  
 Jack & Sue Muecke Room 206
- Atchley TN State Veterans' Home**  
**1 Veterans Way, Knoxville 37931**  
 Jan Parker



**In need of prayer:**  
 Jan Parker, Jim & Mary B Hines, Molly Cooper (Chris Badger's daughter), Dianne Swinler (Brenda Strickling's sister) Harold and Martha Underwood - (Anita Richmond's parents).

**FREE CLASS!**

## Alzheimer's 101

### Tuesday, October 28

**Roane Medical Center Community Room**  
 8045 Roane Medical Center Drive  
 Harriman, TN 37748

Join Alzheimer's Tennessee for a FREE morning informational session to better understand Alzheimer's and dementia, learn a few caregiving skills and what you need to know about legal issues.

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| Registration         | 8:15—8:30   |   |
| Alzheimer's Overview | 8:30—9:30   | Dr. James Lynch, Cumberland Neurology   |
| Caregiving Tips      | 9:45—10:45  | Cheryl Blanchard, Lifepoints Consulting |
| Legal Issues         | 11:00—12:00 | Kelly Frere, CELA, Guyton & Frere       |

**Register Online at [www.alzTennessee.org](http://www.alzTennessee.org)**  
**Or complete & send in information below.**  
**Questions? Call 865.544.6288**

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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| Sun  | Mon | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat   |
|--|-----|---|--|---|-----|---|
| <b>Weekly Events:</b><br>Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club—Adults: Mon. 10-Noon & Mon 6:30-8:30 PM<br>Taoist Tai Chi: Tues. 6-7:30 PM, Sat. 9-10:30 AM<br>Kids Spanish Tues. 5-5:45 Beg. Spanish: Tues. 6-6:45 PM<br>Advanced Spanish: Tuesdays: 6:30-7:20 PM<br>Bell Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:00 PM<br>Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM<br>Bethel Youth Ministry: Sundays and Wednesdays; check page 4 for times |     |   | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| <b>5</b><br><i>World Communion Sunday/<br/>           Peace-making Offering<br/>           Deadline for Fair Trade Items<br/>           Faith Team<br/>           12:15</i>  | 6   | 7   | <b>8</b><br><i>RCCM Bridges Out Of Poverty Training</i>  | 9   | 10  | 11  |
| 12   | 13  | 14  | <b>15</b><br><i>(Note that normal 3rd Wed. meetings have changed this month.)</i>                                | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| <b>19</b><br><i>Pastor Appreciation Sunday w/Lunch after Worship</i>   | 20  | 21  | <b>22</b><br><i>Fellowship Team 5:30<br/>           Property Team 5:30<br/>           Fellowship Supper 6:30</i> | 23  | 24  | <b>25</b><br><i>Family Promise Event 4-7 PM</i> |
| <b>26</b><br><i>Reformation Sunday<br/>           Serve Team 12:15<br/>           Study Team 12:15</i>   | 27  | <b>28</b><br><i>Alzheimer's Workshop @ Roane Medical Ctr.</i> | 29   | <b>30</b><br><i>Sunset Gap Trip 8:00 AM</i> | 31  |   |