

THE OPEN DOOR

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Bethel,

This letter is an attempt to update you on what has been going on at the Bethel Church site in 2008!

First of all – as of January 6th, we have combined all aspects of ministry with Kingston United Methodist Church! They have given us office space, meeting room space, opened their fellowship hall, sanctuary and hearts to us! For this – we should be forever grateful!

We enjoyed celebrating a blessed Holy Week and Easter with our Methodist family! There has been a Bethel wedding and memorial service in the Methodist sanctuary since the beginning of the year. Each week we exchange the pulpit and liturgy to emphasize the strong ecumenical ties we have binding us together!

The ministry at Bethel Presbyterian Church has continued to thrive and be a blessing to our community and world. In fact, our mission emphasis to the Wambugu's in Kenya and Grace School multiplied ten fold this February.

The combining of our Adult and Children's Choirs and Bell Choir has brought a rich depth of joy to those participating and those of us who are the recipients of the beautiful music!

I have included a timeline that helps you see the forward movement Bethel is making as we have partnered with Rick Cox Construction on this huge project! How blessed we are to have Dick Maynard as our "Construction Foreman"... and his dear wife Nancy as our "Official Photographer"... (you can view dozens of pictures she has taken on our web site!). Dick has given us almost daily updates on the progress of the project – and his attention to detail and calm and professional manner is such a blessing!

The Session and Design and Development Team has continued to be diligent in their work as we move forward. Many decisions are made daily – and with much prayer this expansion is going along incredibly well!

Please continue to pray for what God is doing in our midst!

Love in Christ,
Pat Harvey-Parish Associate



BETHEL BUILDING PROJECT TIMELINE 2008

LOOKING BACK	
✓	1/3/08 Historical Society Meeting at Bethel
✓	1/6/08 Began Joint Worship, Fellowship KUMC
✓	1/10/08 Variance Board Meeting
✓	1/08 Pews removed for refinishing and storage
✓	1/08 Organ stored at Pickel Partners
✓	1/15/08 City Council Meeting
✓	1/16/08 Water lines capped
✓	1/17/08 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
✓	1/17/08 Planning Commission Meeting
✓	1/17/08 Road Entrance Permit Application/DOT
✓	1/23/08 Rental House removed
✓	1/24/08 Clearing of trees and brush
✓	2/13/08 D & D Monthly Construction Meeting
	March-April Excavation of site
✓	3/23/08 Three Combined Easter Sunday Services
✓	3/23/08 Church Tour of Construction site
	March-April Plumbing work
✓	4/3-4/5 Back fill of flood control channel
✓	4/3/08 OK of Kitchen wiring/plumbing
✓	4/13/08 D & D Monthly Construction Meeting
	April D & D decision on Keying/Security system
	April D & D decision on bathroom accessories
<i>JUST A NOTE: (There are MANY more decisions being made each day!)</i>	

LOOKING AHEAD	
	5/21 Fellowship Supper: Update from Design and Development Team (This is also the occasion to recognize graduates)
	May (end of month): Move the Sanctuary over new basement!!
<i>(More Looking Ahead on page 2)</i>	

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

LOOKING AHEAD *(continued from page 1)*

First Sunday of each month-After 10:30 Worship: Sunday Tours of Bethel by D & D Team
June 15 (Sunday): Congregational Gathering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Memorials Committee • Tour(s) of "new" spaces • Discussion of particular spaces and how they will be furnished/arranged
August: Work Party on Educational Wing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September: • Work Party on Educational Wing • Forum to discuss experiences from our time with Kingston United Methodist that Bethel should consider including into our "new" future(e.g. starting time for Worship and Sunday School, ways to continue to share worship experiences such as a joint 5th Sunday, etc.) • Discuss Ministry Initiatives adopted several years ago with an eye for how these could be revitalized as we move into our new space
October 5 (Sunday): World Communion Sunday and joint (Bethel and KUMC) outdoor worship at John Knox Center with lunch following hosted by Bethel; activities in the afternoon (e.g. canoeing, zip line, hiking etc). This will be a time to express our gratitude to KUMC for their hospitality!
October (end of month): Completion of building project
November: Move back into Bethel
November (end of month): Thanksgiving and Dedication of New Building!!!

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

"All Creatures of Our God and King" was written in 1225 just one year before the death of its author, St. Francis of Assisi. He was born Giovanni Bernardino, in 1182, into a wealthy merchant family. After a scanty education he joined the army and enjoyed the indulgent life of a soldier of that time.

He was captured in war and after his release he chose, at the age of 25, to serve God by imitating the selfless life of Christ in all that he did.

He was always a lover of nature, seeing the hand of God in all creation. He wrote the prayer, "Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love ..." early in his life.

In the last year of his life, his eyesight was failing, and the story goes that when hiking through Italy's Spoleto Valley he came upon a flock of birds. They did not immediately fly away so he preached them a little sermon stating all creation should worship God. This later became the poem, "Song of Brother Sun" which in later years was paraphrased by William Draper to be used in a children's choir festival

sometime between the years 1899-1919. The tune first appeared in a Roman Catholic hymnal in Cologne, Germany in 1623.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

If you have been to my office lately you will have noticed that I have a proclivity for little yellow and white pieces of paper that attach to the screen of my computer reminding me NOT to forget things. Sound familiar? Several parishioners have asked me the difference in normal forgetfulness and the beginning stages of Alzheimer's. Here's what I tell them: Everyone loses their car keys- but when you find them you know what they are. A person with Alzheimer's stares at them and doesn't know what they are or how to use them. In this same vein, this month's article is going to be on Alzheimer's and the effect of smoking and drinking on this particular disease process.

In the April 16th, 2008 *USA Today* there was an article called "Study shows Alzheimer's hits earlier in smokers, drinkers" According to this study, done by researcher Ranjan Duara of the Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach and presented at the American Academy of Neurology Meeting in Chicago, heavy drinking and smoking might be accelerating damage to the brain which could lead to Alzheimer's. On a brighter note, if a person cuts back or stops habits such excessive smoking or drinking they can delay struggling with forgetfulness for as much as ten years. Duara did research with 938 Alzheimer's patients. Some of these patients had the APOE4 gene, a gene that increases the risk of developing Alzheimer's late in life. Duara and his team found that patients who had a history of heavy drinking (more than two drinks a day) developed Alzheimer's nearly five years earlier than people who didn't drink that much. Patients who smoked a pack a day or more developed the disease 2.3 years sooner. Patients who had the APOE4 gene developed the disease three years earlier than those who didn't have it.

The message is clear for smokers -- don't cut back --quit. If you must drink alcohol, it is recommended to drink no more than one drink a day.

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

DAYS OF MAY MISSION

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- 5/11 Pentecost Offering / Stewardship & Finance
- 5/19 Angel Food April orders due to United Way / Jane Walsh
- 5/22 MO Committee Meeting / Dolores Sandmel
6:00 pm at KUMC Annex
- 5/31 Angel Food distribution for March / Jane Walsh



NOTE ABOUT 1ST SUNDAY FOOD:

For several years, we have been collecting food for the Hands of Mercy Enterprises (HOME) food bank in our entry way on the 1st Sunday of the month. While we are out of the building, keep those donations going to HOME by dropping them in the collection box at Piggly Wiggly.

PARISH LIFE NEWS

On April 16th, we honored Duie Swicegood for his work in bringing the Veteran's Clinic to Roane County. A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Duie for his work and was presented to him by Ken Yager who was the Mayor of Kingston during this drive for the V. A. clinic. Congratulations Duie!

Our Mother/ Daughter Luncheon will be on May 10th at Roane State Community College at noon. (Meet at church to carpool at 11:30.) Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please make checks out to Bethel Presbyterian Church; earmark Mother/ Daughter Luncheon. Remember this luncheon is for all you ladies -- so bring your niece, granddaughter, sister, or grandmother. Sign up sheet is in the church office. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, May 4th.

Congratulations to our High School and College Seniors! They will be recognized at our May 21st Fellowship Supper. Our High School Seniors are: Rachel Dailey, Adam Gallaher (Rachel's Friend), and Jeremiah Jacks. All will be graduates of Roane County High School.

Rebecca Dailey Pierce receives her B.S. degree from Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia. Rebecca will attend Medical School.

Charlie Scoma (Pat and Jerry's son-in-law) received his Master's degree in Social Work from Rutgers University. Pat and Jerry's daughter, Darla Scoma was accepted into a Master's of Divinity program in Seattle, Washington. The couple and their two children are planning on moving to Seattle.

Special thanks go to Celia Simon who made the beautiful invitations for the graduates and chose their gifts.

We found out that Jan Parker (Joni Morgan's) mom is a very talented lady! While visiting, Deb Hyder was loaned some of Jan's gorgeous hand-drawn note cards. Jan has offered to draw pictures of Tennessee flowers and scenery on note cards so that we can sell them for a fundraiser or Christmas project!

MAY ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

A lot is going on in the news media about environmental issues and "living green" as Earth Day comes and goes. It would be nice if this momentum continues.

Microfiber cloths:

To all who have purchased the No Streaks microfiber cloths, THANK YOU! To date we have cleared over \$200 for the Building Fund! Our second 100 cloths have arrived and are on sale now. So, if you have shown the cloths to friends and family and they are enjoying them please encourage them to buy some more. They make great gifts and are helping to save money and reduce pollution. They are on sale in the church office or see Marilyn Harris after church.

Some comments about the cloths from people who have purchased them: "I have the most sparkling windows!"..."I don't know how they work, but they do!"..."I've never had such a clean windshield."..."The cloth has made washing windows so much easier! Stainless steel, too!"..."I'm sending some to my kids!" Thanks to Marilyn and Frank Harris for initiating this project.

Unwanted DVDs and CDs: Thanks to Cathy McDowell for sending along this tip: Finally, something to do with these things besides hanging them in the garden to keep birds out. At present, over 30 BILLION discs are produced each year and many are headed directly to the landfill. Now, we can mail unwanted or damaged discs (no cases) to The Compact Disc Recycling Center of America, 68H Stiles Road, Salem, NH 03079. For more information on this project, call 603-890-8996 or email Info@CDRecyclingCenter.org. These discs can be mailed in any mailing envelope or in special collection boxes supplied by The Compact Disc Recycling Center of America. If there is enough interest, I am sure a spot can be found near the church office to collect these discs.

PENTECOST OFFERING

Dear Bethel members:

It is time once again for the Pentecost Offering. We all know that there is a lot going on within the church during the current renovation. People are busy planning, arranging, and pledging for the renovation. It is a difficult time for our Bethel congregation; but just think, by this time next year, we will be in our beautiful newly renovated sanctuary. Our church will still maintain the charm of its 150 year old history, and we can begin looking forward to another successful 150 years of Bethel's rich heritage of service to its members and to the community. Keep the faith!

As you know, the Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost (May 11, 2008). Our congregation retains 40 percent of the Offering. This special offering provides a direct way to address the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults in our community. What a precious gift young people are. Yet, in today's world, many live without hope for the future or support to meet daily needs. What better place could there be to make spiritual and financial investments than in our children and youth? Bethel's portion of the offering will be sent to Mid-East Head Start, an agency that seldom has any undesignated funds to meet special needs of the program.

The General Assembly's portion (60 percent) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Youth ministries provide opportunities for spiritual growth and leadership development for Presbyterian youth. Young adults explore their call to mission service through the Young Adult Volunteer program. Child advocacy ministries speak and act on behalf of those who cannot protect themselves. All of these ministries act to help bring God's love and care to the younger members of God's family.

What better place could there be to make spiritual and financial investments than in our children and youth? Please become aware of the needs in our community and find ways to show Jesus' love to these "little ones" and give generously to the Pentecost Offering. Let the Holy Spirit who moved the disciples out to the ends of the earth on that first Pentecost move you. [Give generously](#), together we can have a positive impact on the children and youth of our churches and of the world.

Your friend in Christ,
Billie Stooksbury

BETHEL YOUTH NEWS for MAY

Sunday Nights - Combined Bethel & KUMC Youth Groups
To Plan Youth Sunday!

April 27 - 6:00 KUMC Ministry Center

May 4 - 6:00 KUMC Ministry Center

May 11 - 6:00 KUMC Ministry Center

Sunday-May 18th Combined Youth Sunday Worship

8:30 AM-Worship

10:30 AM-Worship

6:00 PM Combined Youth Groups Bowling – Tri-Lanes in Harriman (Meet at KUMC Ministry Center at 5:30 to Car Pool to Bowling Alley) RSVP at Youth Group!

Wednesday Night May 21- 6:30 PM-Bethel Fellowship Dinner

Plan to Be There To Honor Our Graduates!



Looking Ahead – Mark your calendars now and keep these dates open – July 13-19 has been tentatively set as the date for our Youth Mission Trip. Denise Martin has the details and will be coordinating the trip.

Faithful Church Membership is...

Proclaiming the Good News...

Taking part in the life of the church...

Praying and studying...

Supporting the work of the church...

Participating and being responsible...

Demonstrating a new life within and through the church...

Serving God and others...

Living responsibly in my family, church and community...

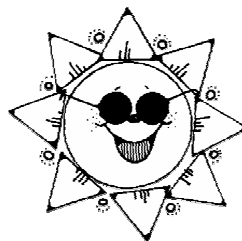
Working for peace, justice, freedom and human dignity.

A note from Pat: *(This was the outline of our youth Confirmation class...may the children lead us!)*

It is with grateful hearts that we thank Greg Murr for his leadership of our youth. Greg is taking a well-earned sabbatical to care for members of his extended family. May we all serve as faithful members of Bethel!

YOUTH SUNDAY

Please join us for an exciting worship experience on Youth Sunday, May 18, as the young people from Bethel and Kingston United Methodist join together to lead both the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services. We will begin planning and rehearsals this Sunday, April 27, at 6:00 pm at the Methodist Ministry Center, and we will continue our preparations on Sundays May 4 and 11, same time and place. All of our middle and high school aged youth are warmly encouraged to participate, either with a speaking role, as an usher, bulletin cover art provider, etc. Orlando Vanegas has agreed to deliver Bethel's "half" of the sermon, so let's be especially supportive of him as he prepares his message for this special Sunday! Mark your calendars now for this special Sunday!



Vacation

Bible School

June 9-12, 2008

“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. If you can help out, please call Chief List Keeper Marilyn Harris at 539-4779 or Karen Schall at 423-369-2955.

CAMP JOHN KNOX

Summer camp at the John Knox Center has been a favorite of kids all over the Southeast for more than 40 years...and many of our children have taken part as campers, staff, Camp Nurse...in fact, one of our members is the Director! The John Knox Center provides a safe, fun environment for campers of all ages to grow in faith, develop a positive self-image, and create relationships that last forever. The John Knox Center is proud to be accredited by the American Camping Association whose intense standards ensure each camper’s safety is of the highest priority. To find out more, go to our website at www.johnknoxcenter.org.

LETTERS AND NOTES

I find words are inadequate to express the love and gratitude I and my family feel towards this church. You have shown us God's love and care through your hugs, tears, cards, food and flowering plants. May God bless you all for your outpouring of love to us.

Yours in Christ,
Laura Walker

Thank you so much for keeping my son (stepson) Ryan in your thoughts and prayers after he was struck by a vehicle on Feb 5th. I just wanted to give you an update and express my gratitude to you all.

Ryan is still in a wheelchair due to his left pelvic fracture and right tib-fib and femur fractures. He has had physical therapy at home but will soon be venturing out to physical therapy, where we are sure he will continue to improve. He is out of school for the rest of the year, but is doing homebound studies so he will not get behind. We still have no idea how long it will be before he can walk but his next follow up appt with the orthopedic doctor is 4-3, so we will know more then. His dentist says he can do something temporary (where he lost his 3 front teeth) for senior picture this summer but it will be some time before there can be a permanent fix.

Thanks for all your loving cards, thoughts and prayers. I know there was some mix up with the mail address so any cards can be sent to Ryan Montgomery 1378 Byrd Circle Kingston, TN 37763. Please don't forget our family as we continue to struggle and grow through these experiences. Thanks so much, Sabrina, Roy & Ryan Montgomery

Dear Friends and Co-workers in the Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank you so much for giving me and my wife an opportunity to share in your Churches, groups and on personal level of what the Lord is accomplishing through us. We were very humbled by the great honor that you men and women of God extended to us.

The greatest joy was the enthusiasm and interest that you took in watching the DVD and asking very pertinent questions concerning our ministry. I am convinced that this was not in vain and it is the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We thank God for the many people that we were able to reach and hope that the seed that we planted will be His prerogative in the way he will make it grow.

We were able to raise substantial amount of cash and promises that will be able to meet the on going costs of the School as well as roof the Dining Hall.

We are overjoyed to know that God has people outside there who are eager to partner with like minded folks to do his work in Africa. Many approached us privately and gave words of encouragements.

I am willing to give more details to any of you who is willing to know where we are and what our felt needs are.

The Lord be with you and bless you.
Samuel.

The Book Discussion group will meet on Friday, May 30 at 9:30 a.m., at the Kingston Library. We'll discuss *The Tortilla Curtain*, by T.C. Boyle.

PRAYER REMINDERS

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

Baptist Healthcare

700 Willaims Ferry Rd 45 Lenior 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

Tom Roostee Room 509A

NHC Oakridge

300 Laboratory Rd Oak Ridge 37830

Wanda Carter Room 212

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, Helen Roostee at *Kenneth's home in GA.*

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Catherine Hines

from Gary and Dianne Griffith

In memory of Bob Ludwig

from Gary and Dianne Griffith

In memory of Bryan Walker

from Dick Evans and Celia Simon

from Ruth Ann Ludwig

SPECIAL NEEDS

Opportunities:

A back-up Accounts Payable clerk is needed at Bethel. This is a volunteer position to ensure we can pay our bills should the full time volunteer be unavailable. The job requires being comfortable working on computers and using accounting software. If you are interested, please call Carol Brown at 376-7171.

Videographer Needed

We are looking for someone with a digital video camera who can take some video clips of our contractor picking up and moving Bethel's sanctuary. We would like to put those video clips on Bethel's web site, so that everyone who can't be present to watch the process will still be able to see what takes place. If you can be Bethel's videographer for this historic move, please contact Cathy McDowell at 376-7616.

Swap Shop:

FREE: HP 78 (large) Tri-color ink cartridge. "Install by Nov 2007" This cartridge is sealed and in its original packaging. I bet it's still good. It was for my HP DeskJet 935C printer that is dead and replaced. I forgot I had the extra cartridge. Approximately \$30 value (check Internet for list of compatible printers.) —Jill McMaster

Bethel's Parish Life Committee invites both of our combined churches to attend the Mother/ Daughter Banquet. Mothers, daughters, nieces, granddaughters, friends, etc, are invited for a great time on May 10th. Plan to meet and carpool from church at 11:30 A.M. The banquet will be held at 12:00 at the Roane State Community College Student Lounge on the ground floor next to the cafeteria. The cost will be \$10.00 each and deadline for reservations will be Sunday, May 4th. Each Sunday a form will be available in your bulletin for you to fill out and place in the offering plate or if you would rather you may call Deb Hyder Tuesday through Wednesday 9 A.M.-3:30 P.M. at 376-6340 to reserve your spot. Roane State Community College is located at 276 Patton Lane in Harriman across from Marshall C. Voss Nursing Home. Please plan today to attend!

Liturgists Needed for Pentecost

On Sunday, May 11th we celebrate the Day of Pentecost. We are planning a special reading of the Word to commemorate this day and we need your help! On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles and gave them the ability to speak in multiple tongues to the large and diverse crowd gathered in Jerusalem for the special feast. Can you speak in a different tongue? Polish, Spanish, German, French? If you can, please con-

sider sharing your gift of "speaking in tongues" with us! The Liturgists will read the same passage of scripture in multiple languages SIMULTANEOUSLY. No one will be asked to speak alone. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested.

Looking for information on how to prepare for your retirement? Does the issue of identity theft worry you? Are you looking for some later life educational experiences? All of these questions and much, much more can be answered at the **Regional Senior Summit '08: Empowering Seniors to Take Charge and Live Better**. The Summit will take place on May 15, 2008 at the Knoxville Expo Center located at 5441 Clinton Hwy. Contact person is Amber Jacks, Senior Services Director, Mid-East Community Action Agency, at 865-354-0450 ext. 239.

Presbytery's Older Adult Ministry Group will have their spring event on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church in Athens. The program, featuring children's author Roxie Gibson, promises to be enjoyable, entertaining, and informative. The day will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. The fee, which includes lunch, is \$10 per person. The event will close at 1:30 p.m. Seating is limited, so early registration is advised. Brochures are available in the church office.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE (S&F) 1ST QUARTER REPORT

Your gracious support continues to be a blessing to Bethel. Thank you. The first three months of 2008 have been economically rocky for everyone and, in the midst of all the financial ups and downs, we continue to be able to fund all of Bethel's ministries.

We had a 1st quarter loss of \$4,000 in our Undesignated General Fund, the fund that pays for our budgeted expenses, including mission and ministry pledges we have made to others. The deficit is covered by prior year offerings. S&F is hopeful that this loss will be wiped out as people settle in to our new worship arrangements.

Designated Funds received offerings of \$8,000 so far this year. Of that amount, \$7,000 has been sent to the organizations designated by you to receive the offering.

Our Building Fund projections continue to show we can cover the bills for our \$1.7 million dollar renovation through our pledges and loans. Our loan repayments are estimated at \$6,500 a month. We have \$3,200 committed so far to meet that obligation. If you were giving monthly toward our original building campaign, we ask you consider continuing that monthly gift toward our mortgage repayment.

As a congregation that budgets by faith, we entrust your tithes and offerings to Bethel to be a matter between you and God. Please know that every dollar counts and, as you prayerfully consider your part in Bethel's on-going work, know that you make a difference.

In Christ's love, Carol Brown, S&F Chairman

Stewardship and Finance Committee Report Changes in Fund Balance

March 2008

	Undesignated General Fund*	Special Desig- nated Funds	Building Fund**	Total Funds
Beginning Fund Balance, 3/1/08	\$ 65,145	\$ 182,771	\$ 524,898	\$ 772,814
March Income	19,101	-	6,584	25,685
March Expenses	(15,871)	(3,311)	(45,380)	(64,562)
Ending Fund Balance, 3/31/08	\$ 68,375	\$ 179,460	\$ 486,102	\$ 733,937

*Includes Reserve of \$40,000

**Includes 2nd Century & Mansell Funds

Year to Date

	Undesignated General Fund*	Special Desig- nated Funds	Building Fund**	Total Funds
Beginning Fund Balance, 3/1/08	\$ 72,578	\$ 178,705	\$ 523,514	\$ 774,797
Income	\$ 44,818	\$ 7,957	\$ 49,114	\$ 101,889
Expenses	\$ (49,021)	\$ (7,202)	\$ (86,526)	\$ (142,749)
Ending Fund Balance, 3/31/08	\$ 68,375	\$ 179,460	\$ 486,102	\$ 733,937

*Includes Reserve of \$40,000

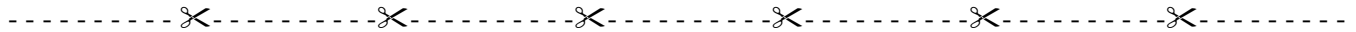
**Includes 2nd Century & Mansell Funds

How do you want to keep in touch with your church and its members? Do you consider yourself a dyed-in-the-wood email junkie, or do you prefer to get your news in the form of a letter, or better yet, in a phone call? If you or someone in your family has an illness, who would you like to be contacted? If there is a death or crisis in the congregation, how do you want to get the word?

Session is trying to make a list of the preferences of our members, so that we can make certain that our lines of communication are kept open and that each member is contacted in the way that works best for them. We have come up with two forms to help us with this – one is a registration form, listing contact information and preferences, and the other is a HIPA (Health Information Privacy Act) form to let us know what sort of health information you would/would not like to have shared with other Bethel members.

Please take a few minutes to fill out these forms and return them to the church office.

—Thank you.



Bethel Info - Registration Form

Name (s) _____ DOB _____

Address _____

Current email(s) _____ (home) _____ (work)

Phone numbers:

(home): _____ (work): _____ (cell): _____

Who lives with you in your home?

<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>DOB</i>

We'd also like to know the names of all your children no longer living at home with you. This information will be included in your Bethel family record for future reference.

To receive "News from Bethel" (e.g. prayer concerns, announcements, etc)

I/my family would like (choose one)

_____ an email from the church office

_____ automated phone call from the church office

To receive notice of a death or crisis situation at Bethel,

I/my family would like (choose one)

_____ an email from the church office

_____ an automated phone call from the church office

_____ a phone call from my care elder

To continue to receive the monthly Open Door Newsletter

I/my family would like (choose one)

_____ go to Bethel website via a Bethel email with postal link

_____ paper version via U.S. postal service

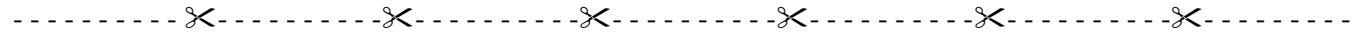
[Currently, we mail 225 copies of the *Open Door* via U.S. postal service at a bulk rate/reduced cost. The bulk rate requires at least 200 pieces, so in order to reduce the overall cost, we would have to weigh the cost of first class postage versus the number of households willing to receive it electronically]

If you did not do so in 2006 or wish to make changes to the HIPA (Health Information Privacy Act) form for Bethel, please fill out the reverse side with the appropriate information

We ask that you keep the plans Kingston United Methodist Church has to begin a Stephen Ministry Program in your prayers. We currently have two trained Stephen Ministers at KUMC and Bethel. Both are eager to share their training and passion for loving and caring for people! In addition, Sue Lynn Johnson is waiting to take the next available training in St. Louis. KUMC hopes to have a new Stephen’s Ministry Team together to be trained in the next several months. If there are those at Bethel who would like to take the training – we have permission to join KUMC from the Stephen Ministry Organization in St. Louis. Although, this ministry is sponsored by KUMC, and participation as a Stephen Minister would be part of the KUMC ministry after the initial training.

The Stephen Series is a complete system for training and organizing laypersons for caring ministry in and around the congregation. The Stephen Series provides congregations with the structure, training, and resources to set up and administer a complete system for lay caring ministry in the congregation.

We ask that you do two things: 1) Pray for this important KUMC ministry, and 2) Pray for those leading the training and those individuals God is calling into this ministry. If you’d like to know more, call Rev. Sue Lynn Johnson at KUMC or Rev. Pat Harvey at Bethel



**HIPA (Health Information Privacy Act) Form
Bethel Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
Kingston, TN**

This form is designed to protect your privacy regarding any health problem or hospitalization. As you know, this is a VERY caring church and all of our congregation calls here to the office to obtain information. Sandy, Marc and I need to be informed of your preferences in giving out information about you. In light of federal/state requirements, we now need this “permission” form to be filled out and returned to *Deb Hyder* at Bethel Presbyterian Church, 203 South Kentucky Street, Kingston, TN 37763 OR you may leave the completed form in the “Parish Nurse” box in the church office.

Family Name _____

Members of Family:

Please check the box beside your answer

- Yes No In case of hospitalization, I give permission to provide congregation members with information regarding my room number, diagnosis and current condition.
- Yes No In case of illness, I want my name to be mentioned in the prayer concerns.
- Yes No It is all right to put my name on the Prayer Tree if I am ill?
- Yes No It is all right if my name is put on the list of those who are sick in the Sunday bulletin or *Open Door*?
- Yes No If you are sick at home, may we tell a care elder or congregation member the name of your illness?

Signature

Thank you,

Deb Hyder, Marc Sherrod, Pat Harvey

May 2008

EACH WEEK:				1	2	3
Seniorcize: Mon., Wed., Fri., 9-10 a.m. Rehearsals: Children's Choir: Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Handbell Choir: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Adult Choir: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Youth Group 6:00						Mother/ Daughter Luncheon
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pentecost Sunday Youth Group 6:00	Worship Comm. 4:30 Stewardship & Finance 7:00 Evangelism 7:00	Parish Life 6:30	Presby. Older Adult Event 9:30 @ Mars Hill Church	Regional Sr. Summit @ Knoxville Expo Ctr.		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Youth Sunday Combined Youth: Bowling @5:30	Angel Food Orders due Christian Ed. 5:00		P&P 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	Mission Outreach 6:00		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					Book Group 9:30 @ the library	Angel Food Distribution

May Birthdays

- 1 David Wood
- 2 Jennifer Vandever
- 4 Bram Hyder
- 5 Jane Pickel
- 6 Joe Coen
Denise Martin
Doris Ann Parkinson
- 7 Thomas Cantrell
Samantha Rybka
- 9 Rachel Dailey
- 12 Celia Simon
- 14 Ralph Morgan
- 16 Jim Hines
- 18 Linda Gerth
- 19 Maggie Dungan
Marnie Shields
- 20 John Carter
- 21 Ron Thompson
Carolyn McNew
- 23 Chuck Bunch
- 24 Ruth Ann Ludwig
- 26 Jane Walsh
Larry Strickling
Mark Patton
- 29 Donald Cross
- 30 Julie Bunch
Karen Hart
- 31 Vernon Law

Remember in Prayer

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.

DANNY HOLLOWAY (08) 376-1440

(Tammy, Andy)
Anderson, Bonnie
Davis, *Sam & *Joan
Hettrick, Marge & *Dick
Hines, Jim & Mary B.
Hines, Matthew
^Hunter, Ruby
McDowell, Cathy & *Dan
Morris, Jerry & Jennie
Robbins, Mac
Roostee, Tom & ^Helen
Shesler, Elmer & Erma
+Tipton, Linda Jo Templeton

STEVE JACKS (10) 717-6756

(Amber, Jeremiah, Hayden)
Brown, Linda & *Travis
Browning, Cody
Choate, David & Jessica, *Eyan, *Hailey
Choate, Jennifer
Choate, Linda
Keko, *Peter & * Bitsy
+Lowery, Lily
Morgan, Ralph & Joni
Morgan, Susannah
Morgan, Frederick
Pemberton, Joan
Russell, Dianne
Young, Jean
+Young, Scott

*non-member
^shut-in
+inactive
~college age

Looking ahead to June — Adult CPR will be offered on the afternoon of June 1st from 2-5 P.M. Classes will be held in the Kingston United Methodist Fellowship Hall. Cost for the class will be \$20.00 each which includes your book. Your instructors will be Rick Ross and Deb Hyder. Please call Deb Hyder Tuesday –Thursday 9 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. at 376-6340 to register.

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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

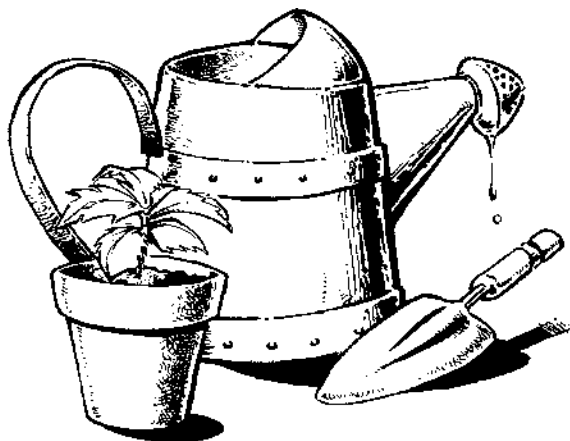
Steve Jacks

Bobbie Martin

Margaret Murr

Phil Walsh

Clerk: Cathy McDowell



MAY