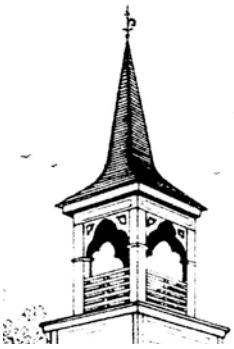
The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / JUNE 2009



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Sunday Schedule:
9:30 a.m. Combined Bethel/ KUMC Youth SS
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
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, fellowship, study and service … seeking God's peace, justice and love.

From the Pastor...

This is mostly just "catch-up" on personal news, since it feels like so much has happened just in the last week, much less since the last newsletter! Each of you has been so, so supportive of my family, especially with two graduations (Hannah from Maryville with a major in religion and Eden from Roane County High with highest honors). I had the privilege of preaching at Hannah's Baccalaureate service (I think I exhausted my adrenaline for the next year!) and that was an honor I had been hoping for for a number of years. In between the two graduations, Eden and her doubles tennis partner got to compete at the TSSAA high school tennis tournament. Although our team didn't win, they played extremely well and it was one of the happiest moments I've had in the last couple of years as Eden and her partner really played their hearts out.

We somehow managed to arrange it for Melanie's side of the family plus several boyfriends to take a week off this week and go to Edisto Island, a place I've never visited. I have been able to finagle my chemotherapy treatments so that my next one isn't until May 27. I have so many blessings, including each of you with your smiles, your many cards and prayers, and all the gestures of love and support you've sent my way.

I'm also excited that we have two more young people doing the Covenant Partner Program at John Knox Center – Jared McGill and Diego Vanegas – to add to our two from last year, Orlando Vanegas and Treavor Cribbs. I feel so blessed that you support our combination of the two youth groups and look forward to a rousing auction this Sunday.

Words escape me to describe the extent to which I have felt your patience and love for me over the ordeal of the last three years. I can't imagine a church being any more supportive or sacrificial, especially during such a critical time of change and moving into the future. The session, D&D, Pat and so many others have done far more than your fair share. Thanks beyond what my feeble words can express!

A Note from Pat...

Dear Bethel Family,

In the middle of the many "new things" God is doing in our midst – one of the most exciting things is how leadership is springing forth from young and old alike! This summer, Orlando Vanegas will be on staff at John Knox Camp and Bethel Presbyterian Church has other three young men (Treavor Cribbs, Diego Vanegas and Jared McGill) who have applied to participate in the Covenant Partner Program at John Knox Camp for 2009! Last year Orlando and Treavor were Covenant Partners. Covenant Partners take an active role in their church congregation after spending time at summer camp in intense training. During their training time, C.P.'s learn leadership skills, develop individual talents and gifts, and become familiar with a variety of educational resources. They also focus on personal growth by challenging themselves mentally, physically, and spiritually. This summer they will have the opportunity to put those skills into action working with John Knox Camps Day Camp Program. Covenant Partners join the Camp John Knox staff in many training exercises and educational experiences. Covenant Partners spend three weeks at camp (excluding weekends). This is an incredible opportunity for our youth to work and serve in the camp environment. This is done in partnership with support of the session and congregation. Because we have a large number of Covenant Partners and campers this year – any donation to camp scholarships would be greatly appreciated! Covenant Partners for 2009 are: Jared McGill, Treavor Cribbs and Diego Vanegas. How blessed John Knox Camp is to have these young men as a part of their ministry team! In addition, JNC is asking pastors to participate in leading worship…I hope to be a part of that ministry as well!

Another exciting opportunity for the training of God's people has been going on since early February. I have joined with Sue Lynn Johnson and Holley Lopater is training a team of KUMC and Bethel Stephen Ministers. We will be having a joint worship service with KUMC on May 31st at 11:00 AM. (here at Bethel). That is PENTECOST Sunday… and what an appropriate time to commission our newly trained Stephen Ministers!

The Caregiver's Compass is a symbol that summarizes the most important characteristics of a Stephen Minister. It guides Stephen Ministers in their care giving and their learning. Stephen Ministers are compassionate caregivers; they share their care receiver's pain and help them bear it. They embody Jesus' promise to never let us suffer alone.

Stephen Ministers commit to 50 hours of training and ongoing care of people in need…meeting twice a month (after the initial training) for continuing education and peer supervision We are planning another series of Stephen Ministry Training at the end of the summer. Circle August 25th as the beginning of another class! Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to be a part of this wonderful ministry of caring! Those being commissioned on Pentecost are: Cookie Beaver, Glenda Scott, Marlene Raustler, David Lopater, Kyle Little, Teresa Hettrick, Donna Rae King, Les Beaver and Wally Moore. It has been a joy to assist in the training of this wonderful team of people…!
God is on the move…!
In Christ's Love, Pat Harvey

Christ caring for people through people . . .

Stephen Ministry is…

a ministry of Kingston United Methodist Church and Bethel Presbyterian Church that equips lay persons to provide Christian one-to-one care for those who are going through difficult times;

designed to provide care for those who are experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances, both in our congregation and community.

Stephen Ministers working together with our pastors to reach more people with Christian care than pastors can reach by themselves.

Trained lay members of the congregation offer Christian love and support on a one-on-one basis to those who are experiencing a loss, grief, or crisis in their lives. Stephen Ministers initially undertake 50 hours of training and continue to learn and grow through continuing education and supervision. Those who may benefit from a caring relationship with a Stephen Minister include those who are ill, facing surgery, unemployed, having marital difficulties, experiencing loneliness or depression, adjusting to the loss of loved one, job or location change, and many other situations where individual support is needed. Consider how you can serve in this exciting way!

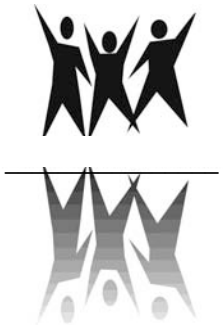
From the Parish Nurse

Some of you will remember that I offered the new Advance Directives (previously called "Living Wills") and Appointment of Healthcare Agent (previously called Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare) here at Bethel. In 2004 the laws in Tennessee changed and the forms had to be updated. I have those forms here in my office for you in both English and Spanish. Please take time out of your busy schedule to take care of this important task if you haven't already. Both of these forms have areas to be notarized or witnessed. You may bring the forms by the church and I will notarize them for free. If you need the forms notarized or you have any questions, my hours are Tuesday- Thursday 9 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

While we are on the subject of forms, there is a form that I have formulated to hopefully make funeral/ memorial service planning simpler. I know as the only surviving child in my family that had to plan the funerals of both of my parents it was very hard. This form walks you through funeral planning as well as important information for next of kin that may be coming in from out of town. The forms are available Monday through Friday 9 A.M.-3 P.M. from Susan Cutts, our new administrative assistant. The funeral/ memorial forms will be secured in the Pastor/Parish Nurse's office.

Thanks to everyone who has supported our Bethel/ KUMC Relay for Life team "Choppin Down Cancer". The "Choppin Down Cancer" team won the most laps walked award. It was storming all around us Friday night May 15th. However, right after the opening ceremonies our team got down to some "serious" grilling. Many thanks to Jack McNew and Dan Hyder our grill chiefs. Our team raised $1,954.00!

As always, to your health……Deb



Parish Life

Parish Life will host the return of our Fellowship Sunday on July 12th. We will be asking Sunday School classes and other groups within the church to sponsor this special time of fellowship for all ages. The June Fun Lunch is on Tuesday the 9th at 12 noon. Attendance was up in May, please plan to attend in June and bring a friend! Fun Lunch will be hosted by Mary B. Hines.

June 17th is the Fellowship Supper at 6:30 P.M. We look forward to seeing you there!

JOIN US IN READING & DISCUSSING *THE SHACK*

This summer our adult Sunday School class will read and discuss William B. Young's provocative novel, *The Shack*. This *New York Times* best seller is described by one reader as "spiritually profound, theologically enlightening, and life impacting." Another observer suggests *The Shack* has the "potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* did for his." Some members of our class have already read *The Shack* several times while others of us are only now reading it. We welcome all comers – including persons already familiar with it and those who would like to learn for themselves why *The Shack* is causing such a buzz.

We meet every Sunday at 9:45 in the first room to the right on the 3rd floor of the Educational Building. The new elevator brings you practically to our door!

See or contact Mark Banker (376-2118) – or other regular attendees of our ongoing discussions - if you have questions.

We Get Letters...

Dear Bethel Family,

First of all, our new church is so beautiful, but what is more beautiful is the people who have stood by me with all my trials. Your prayers, calls, cards, visits, flowers, food and to the Harris's for dinner and the rides to church. Thanks to all.

I hope with God's help I'm going to stay healthy. Thanks again,

Love in Christ, Nelda

Mission Outreach

JUNE MISSION OUTREACH ACTIVITIES
Mission Focus for June: Sunset Gap Community Center (www.sunsetgap.org)

6/11	MO Committee Meeting Joe Coen 6:30 pm Bethel Library
6/12	Angel Food June orders due to United Way Jane Walsh
6/14	Minute-4-Mission: Sunset Gap Community Center Jane Walsh 11am Worship
6/14-6/20	Youth Mission Trip Deb Hyder
6/17	Cents-Ability offering collection Joe Coen Wednesday night fellowship supper
6/20	Angel Food distribution for June Jane Walsh

When we think of Sevier County, TN, we often think of Pigeon Forge and Dollywood, unique craft shops and various children's attractions. We also might assume high employment in this area. While seasonal work might be available to many in Sevier, Cocke and Jefferson Counties, these jobs are usually minimal wage without benefits. This leaves many residents without income for a part of each year.

Sunset Gap began in the early 1900s as a Presbyterian sponsored mission school. Over the years, it served as a school, as the local medical facility and in some cases a home away from home for some of the children in the area. It has evolved into an active community center for the surrounding area with a large Thrift Shop that is kept supplied with toys, book, clothes and small appliances from Presbyterian Churches across the mideast and midwest. This store helps residences of the three county area supplement and, in some cases, carries them over during periods of unemployment or underemployment. Bethel, through coordination of the Mission Outreach Committee, has been an active supplier to the Thrift Shop for several years. The items we donate are sold through the Thrift Store for a small fee or in some cases are given to those in need.

Before our renovation project, Bethel was sending two to three truck and van loads of items to Sunset Gap every six weeks or so. Even this past year during our renovation, several individuals took items.

We are now ready to resume our collection of items that the Mission Outreach Committee hopes have been resting in your basements and closets over the past months and will start making regular trips to Sunset Gap again in the near future. Please watch the bulletin for a drop off place for your items.

Just Google Sunset Gap Community Center, Cosby, TN to learn more about this interesting and historical area.

Landscape Committee

The Landscape Committee has been hard at work. Hopefully, you will be seeing the beginnings of some of our plans within the next few weeks.
The stakes on the slopes indicate areas where larger rocks will be placed. Ted Daily helped us position the canopy trees on the flat, grassy areas where the stakes are located.
Many people wanted to see the sugar maples again and Ted agreed these were ideal trees to shade the patio area and frame the church. We appreciate Ted giving his time and expertise.

The mulch will be covered with black plastic to kill out the weeds that are coming up. This is a temporary measure and will be removed before Sunday services.

We appreciate the input from so many Bethel members and have a working list of suggestions as well as donations of time and plant material. We are now looking for any objects other than plant material that are being stored in various homes and that might be used in the landscape. Danny Holloway has the log church and Linda Brown has many old bricks and posts from the swing.

We are also looking for large rocks and pine straw. If you have large rocks you would like to donate to the landscape, please contact Cathy or Jane. Pine straw is a marvelous mulch. If you have a supply of pine straw or know you will have a supply later this year, please contact us.

Please contact Cathy McDowell at 376-7616 or Jane Walsh at 376-5250 if you have anything that we might use.

Youth Calendar

Youth Sunday School
3rd Floor Bethel Youth Room
Monday-Thursday June 8-11
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Sunday- Saturday June 14-20
YOUTH MISSION TRIP
Sunday June 21
FATHER'S DAY ~ SPEND TIME WITH DAD
Sunday June 28
June Youth Gathering – TBA
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Monday-Friday July 6-10
Holston Youth Assembly
Thursday-Saturday July 9-11
JESUS RALLY AT RIVERBEND
Sunday July 26
July Youth Gathering ~ Pool Party
Time and Place to be announced

Jesus Rally 2009

July 9-11 ~ Riverbend Campground
The Jesus Rally has been ministering to youth of The Smoky Mountain region for a decade. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God and that is why the Jesus Rally's mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, drama and preaching. Admission is free, no offering is collected and camping along with full hook ups is provided without charge.
Want to go?? Contact Regina or Hannah.

Riverbend Campground is located just 1/2 mile off the parkway in Pigeon Forge, TN. Walk the short distance to the parkway and ride the trolley that runs from Sevierville all the way thru Gatlinburg for less than $1.00. We offer shady sites, concrete pads and drives with full hook-ups, large clean campsites, bathhouse, laundrymat, cable TV, high-speed internet connections, tubing in the mountain stream, (bring your own tube).
BROCHURES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JUNE

Save the dates: June 8th-11th for our 2009 Joint Evening Vacation Bible School with KUMC!

VBS will begin at 5:30 with supper in the Bethel Fellowship Hall followed by the Welcome & Group Music. Each night the children will visit a different story site. Story, Music, Crafts and games will be part of the site visit.

Grandparents: If your grandchildren will be attending VBS please contact Jan Rybka with their age/grade.
Volunteers are still needed, contact Jan Rybka if you can help!

Mission Work-Camp June 14-20

Smyrna Mission Work Camp is a six-day camp where you will help disadvantaged, elderly and disabled people by working on construction projects.The cost is $155 per person and includes all meals, lodging and construction materials.

Dates for the New School Year

August 7 & 8 – Lock-In to welcome new youth
August 9 - 1st youth gathering of the new school year
August 10 – School begins

This Month's Events:

Please join us June 4th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Area to celebrate the anticipated arrival of Kaylee Elizabeth Brown. Josh, Linsey and big brother Bryson are expecting her at the end of June.

BOOK SWAP

The Issues class is sponsoring the first annual Get Rid of Books, Return Books to Their Rightful Owner, and Get Different Books Book Exchange. We hope to accomplish at least 4 things:

- Get rid of some clutter by getting rid of college textbooks, books we read once and can't imagine ever reading again, and books we never made it through and never intend to start again.
- While going through bookshelves you will no doubt find some books someone has loaned you. Lay these aside and return them to their owner.
- Get new or different books from other people's surplus.
- Help the Kingston City Library, since Steve Jacks has agreed to take whatever is left at the end of the evening.
- Have fun talking about books.

We are planning this event for Friday, June 12 from about 6:00 to 8:30 in the evening in Bethel fellowship hall. We'll make a pot of coffee and might even have snacks. This is open to anyone who wants to come, and you don't have to bring books to take books home.

Broader Contexts

Historical Perspectives on the Kingston/TVA Coal Ash Spill
Mark T. Banker, Ph.D.

Bethel Presbyterian Church – Kingston, TN
Wednesday June 17. 2009

In this presentation teacher-historian Mark Banker will explore broader historical contours that will help listeners better understand the Kingston/TVA coal ash spill, its causes, consequences, and controversies Recent Appalachian studies scholarship and new insights into regional development will inform his remarks. He will emphasize, in particular, salient themes from his manuscript *Appalachian All: East Tennesseans & the Elusive History of an American Region* scheduled for release by the University of Tennessee Press in February-March 2010.

For more details, contact Bethel Presbyterian Church [376-6340] or Mark at Mark_Banker@Webbschool.org.

Green Team/ Environmental Stewardship Report

Beginning in June, watch for the fresh produce table in the greeting area. If you have extra fresh produce from your garden, please leave it on this table Sunday mornings. If you need fresh produce, check this table out and take what you need. Donations can be left for the hunger fund. Please contact Jane B. Walsh, 376-5250, if you have any questions.

Prayer Request

Those of you who have been in the Bethel family for a while remember our good friends, Kathy and Dartis Francis. They have given permission to ask for your prayers. Their son, Dan, has gone to the Men's home at the Heritage Family Fellowship for in-house rehabilitation and counseling. He will remain there for 1 year. If you would like to write to Dan, his address is:
Dan Francis
812 West Orange
El Centro, California 92243

Opportunities–all kinds

C.E. is looking for a woodworker to make a small children's sink/ cabinet. Call Marge Hettrick

The church needs someone to cut and lay new baseboards in many Sunday School rooms. Contact the office.

Free window sashes (the part that slides up and down) Maybe you want to build a cold frame or something. There 20 or 30 of them, some wood and some aluminum, and they are about 3 feet by 3 feet. Also about 8 or 10 wooden shutters about 4 feet tall. Call Gary Griffith if interested and save them from the dump.

Needed:
The "kitchen crew" would like to have some small Kool-Whip tubs with lids to use for storing leftovers – the idea being that if we had containers with lids in one size, they would be easy to store, and a convenient way of packaging leftovers to take home or to pass along to a friend.

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.

STEVE JACKS (2010) 717.6756
Amber, Hayden
Brown, Linda & *Travis
Browning, Cody
Choate, David & Jessica, *Eyan, *Hailey
+Choate, Doug
Choate, Jennifer
Choate, Linda
Keko, *Peter & * Bitsy
Lemasters, Gary
+Lowery, Lily
Pemberton, Joan
Russell, Dianne
Stooksbury, Billie
Young, Jean
+Young, Scott

BOBBIE MARTIN (2010) 376.6840
Bill
Backus, *Eric & +Christine
Clouse, *Emily
Coleman, *Vee
^Daniel, Neva (out of state)
+Gasque, Julia
+Halsey, Margaret
Hensley, Dana
+Horton, Stacy
Hyder, Dan & Debbie, Bram & Kerry
+Lefler, Robin Evans
Reynolds, Bill
Robertson, +James
+Scott, Gloria
*Singley, Liz
Swicegood, Duie
^Waldrup, Evelyn
Wall, Jan
*Wheeler, Dorothy
+Wilson, Clayton
Winsbro, Bob

*non-member
^shut-in
+inactive

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Jamestowne 851 Lawnville Road, Kingston 37763
Nelle Griffith Room 206
Louise Pickel Room 209
Mac Robbins Room 305
Sophie Simon Room 203
Anne Smith Room 312
Wellington Place 1098 Bradford Way, Kingston 37763
Jan Parker Room 107
Arbor Terrace 9051 Cross Park Drive, Knoxville 37923
Marge Maki Room 312L
Baptist Healthcare 700 Williams Ferry Rd 45 Lenior City 37771
Evelyn Waldrup Room 42A
The Bridge at Rockwood 5580 Roane State Hwy Rockwood 37854
Roberta Cash Room 201B
Gene Pierce Room 209
Margaret True Room 212B
Harriman Healthcare 240 Hannah Rd Harriman 37748
Ruby Hunter Room 305A
Joan Pemberton Room 205B
NHC Healthcare Oak Ridge 300 Laboratory Rd Oak Ridge 37830
Wanda Carter Room 212A
Doris Barber Room 114
NHC Farragut 120 Cavett Hill Lane, Knoxville 37934
Elizabeth Mohr Room 377

Please Remember

Diane Russell, Ron Rossi, Helene Ricker, Dot and Al Davis, Fern Stackpole, Lucy Webb, Bonnie Anderson, Kay Michener, Henry Tulley, Doris Ann Parkinson, Rev. David Craig, Jay Guarino, Madeline Houston, Rev. Marc Sherrod, Betty Foy's family – Kimberly Waters/ Lynda Ryswicke/ Rhonda Williams.

An Invitation to Commissioning

On Sunday, May 31, our congregations will commission our first class of Stephen Ministers in the 8:30 worship at KUMC and at the Joint Worship at Bethel at 11:00AM. Throughout history, when God has called people to special ministry, members of their community have commissioned them for the important new work they are taking on. Now we invite you to help carry on that biblical tradition by being a part of commissioning those who have responded to God's call to be part of our congregation's Stephen Ministry.

Our Stephen Ministers have already completed substantial training to equip them for their task. We now lay hands on them, pray for them, and send them out to minister, asking for God's blessing and the Spirit's wisdom and power.

This commissioning service offers an opportunity to show our support for this ministry. Our Stephen Ministers will be depending on our support in the time ahead as they assume the duties of their ministry. How can we help?

First of all, we can pray for our Stephen Leaders, our Stephen Ministers, and their care receivers. This ministry calls for both time and effort. At times they may feel tired, discouraged, or convinced that they are not accomplishing anything. The assurance of our prayers and appreciation will help them keep moving forward.

We can also affirm and show our appreciation for this valuable ministry. We can tell them how much their hard work means to us, tell others how much we value our Stephen Ministry, and focus attention on our Stephen Ministers to bless and affirm them in special ways—as we do with our commissioning services.

We can become involved in this ministry in many ways. Some of us may recognize a call to use our special gifts in this ministry and may apply to be a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. Others may accept the care of a Stephen Minister. We can be ministers of referral, watching for people in need and suggesting a Stephen Minister's care. We all can give our enthusiastic support by keeping Stephen Ministry always before us and by praying for and affirming those who have answered God's call to serve in this way.

As we commission our newly trained Stephen Ministers, let us thank God for all that they will bring to our congregations in providing care to others, and let us promise them our daily prayer and support as we send them out to minister among us.

Those being commissioned as Stephen Ministers are:

Cookie Beaver	*David Lopater*	*Donna Rae Tower-King*
Glenda Scott	*Kyle Little*	*Les Beaver*
Marlene Raustler	*Teresa Hettrick*	*Wally Moore*

Stephen Ministry Leaders: Rev. Pat Harvey (Bethel); Rev. Sue Lynn Johnson (KUMC; and Holley Lopater (KUMC).
We are planning to have another Training to begin in August. If you are interested in serving as a Stephen Minister – please contact one of our Stephen Ministers!

June 2009

	1	**2**	**3**	**4** Evangelism Comm. 7:00	**5**	**6**
7	**8**	**9** Fun Lunch 12:00	**10**	**11** Mission Outreach Comm. 6:30	**12** Angel Food Orders due @ United Way Book Swap 6:00-8:00	**13**
	VBS — Canyon Adventure — Joint w/KUMC @5:30 each evening					
14	**15**	**16** Parish Life Comm. 7:00	**17** Property Comm. 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	**18**	**19**	**20** Angel Food Distribution For June
Youth Mission Trip to Smyrna Mission Work Camp						
21 Session meets Following worship	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**
28	**29**	**30**				

Weekly Happenings

Seniorcize
(Low-impact exercise class for seniors)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.

Taoist Tai Chi
Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
(both exercise classes in Fellowship Hall)

Beginning Spanish
Monday & Wednesday
5:00-6:00 p.m. in the library

Advanced Spanish
Monday & Wednesday
6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Library

Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

June Birthdays

2 Carol Brown
4 Louise Pickel
Marci 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