

The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / MAY 2010



Greetings!

As Christians, we are called to make a difference. This past Sunday's service was all about how an individual's witness can impact the lives of countless people. Marc's life and ministry made a difference, and Bethel is making a difference. For this month's article, I thought I would use a simple poem I heard many years ago. I'm sure many of you are familiar with it. It reflects the changes that can take place in a person's life through God's love.

The Touch of the Master's Hand

"Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
But he held it up with a smile.
"What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,
"Who'll start bidding for me?
A dollar, a dollar - now who'll make it two _
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?"

"Three dollars once, three dollars twice,
Going for three". . . but no!
From the room far back a gray-haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow;
Then wiping the dust from the old violin,
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody, pure and sweet,
As sweet as an angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said: "What am I bidden for the old violin?"
And he held it up with the bow;
"A thousand dollars - and who'll make it two?
Two thousand - and who'll make it three?
Three thousand once, three thousand twice
And going - and gone," said he.
The people cheered, but some of them cried,
"We do not quite understand -
What changed its worth?" The man replied:
"The touch of the masters hand."
And many a man with life out of tune,
And battered and torn with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd.
Much like the old violin.
A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine,
A game and he travels on,
He's going once, and going twice -
He's going - and almost gone!
But the MASTER comes, and the foolish crowd,
Never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul, and the change that's wrought
By the touch of the MASTER'S hand.

~Myra B. Welch

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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, fellowship,
study and service ...
seeking God's peace,
justice and love.*

We are called as Christians to make a difference in life and in lives. Each of us has been touched by the Master's hand. Remember, we are God's ambassadors. We have work to do.
Blessings! Craig

From the Parish Nurse

Late-onset Alzheimer's affects people that are 60 years old and older. According to the World Health Organization, Alzheimer's is expected to

nearly double from 18 million worldwide to 34 million by the year 2025. Scientists have been hunting for genes that play a role in the formation of Alzheimer's. Of course, with more understanding come better treatments that are now sorely lacking. According to the National Institute on Aging, the primary known genetic contributor to late-onset Alzheimer's is a variant of the gene APOE found on Chromosome 19. This gene is the leading risk factor found in the hippocampus part of the brain. The hippocampus is a small region of the brain critical for memory formation and memory retention. From analysis of the disease by researchers it has been found that this region is affected very early during the course of the disease.

Recently, researchers found that another gene variation called MTHFD1L is very important. This gene is involved with the metabolism of folate (iron), which in turn can influence levels of homocysteine. The principal investigator, Margaret Pericak-Vance, director of the University Of Miami, Miller School Of Medicine's John P. Hussman Institute for Human Genomics, believes that this gene variant might be associated with changes in blood vessel function in the brain that affect the disease. Elevated homocysteine, which is often tied to folic acid deficiencies in the diet, have been show to be a risk factor for coronary artery disease and late-onset Alzheimer's. It is widely believed that identifying

people who are at risk may help them take steps to prevent or delay the disease, such as exercising and eating a diet low in saturated fat.

Now, does this mean we should all run out and be tested for these genes? The experts say "No" at least for now. Since there is no preventive or curative treatment right now the results would only worry those who have this gene but not ever exhibit disease characteristics.

To your health.....Deb

Here's some follow-up information from Deb:

We collected materials and made 11 baby kits and 24 hygiene kits for Haitian Disaster Relief. Many thanks to all that contributed. A special thanks to the Girl Scouts who collected \$50.00 that was put to use making hygiene kits.

Bitsy Keko came by the church office and received the \$258.00 that was collected for her and Peter after their recent house fire. Bitsy said the fire started in the kitchen and was ruled "electrical". She was extremely thankful for our love offering.

The April 2010 issue of Presbyterians Today features an insightful article on parish nursing. I won't quote the whole article here, but it can be accessed online at www.pcusa.org/today/cover.htm. Our own Deb Hyder is mentioned in the article:

"Deb Hyder, parish nurse at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Kingston, Tenn., since 1999, feels the position gives her a unique opportunity.

"The world can be a real uncaring, unfriendly place sometimes," says Hyder. "The love of Christ needs to be spread to as many folks as can be, and this is one way to do it."

Mission Outreach

A Sunset Gap trip is being planned for late May, date not yet scheduled with the Mission



Committee. This is a good time for housecleaning and donating usable items that you no longer need. The ladies at Sunset Gap Thrift Store have expanded their spaces and upgraded their ability to serve the local population; you're invited to come along on the delivery trip and see what's happening in this very special place. Items to be donated can be brought to the church and left on the third floor, first classroom on the left (right before the senior high room).



As the time draws closer for our Mission Trip to Ganado in June, Jim Schall passes along this thought: One of the projects of the mission team will be to build bunk beds for a dormitory area. The beds will be constructed of lumber bought locally, and the cost per bed will be about \$80. If you would like to support this effort, but you can't make the trip and don't have a young person who will be going, you might consider making a donation to cover the cost of building a bed. All donations will be gratefully accepted.

Parish Life

There will be NO May Fun Lunch. Instead we hope that the women of the church enjoy the Mother Daughter luncheon on May 8 at Roane State.

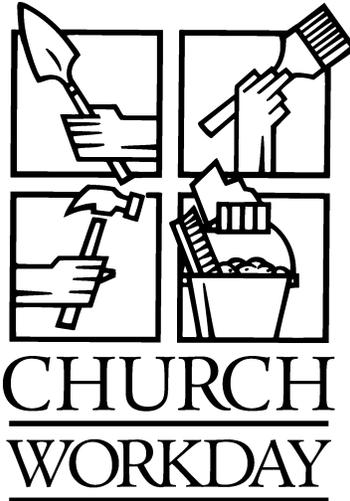
Please join us on May 9 for our monthly Fellowship Breakfast held in the Gathering Area. Chat with friends and visitors from 10:30 to 11:00 and enjoy some coffee and a snack.

On Wednesday, May 19 please join us to honor our Bethel graduates at our monthly Fellowship dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Capital Campaign Committee....

May 2nd is Wills Emphasis Sunday in the Presbyterian Church. Endowments and bequests make a significant contribution to Bethel's everyday life. The Mansell Endowment helps with the Parish Nurse program. The Banker Endowment helps with the Youth Minister and Grace School in Kenya. The Pierce and Henley bequests created our Memorial Garden. If you want to make a will, plan your estate, or create a legacy, check out the Presbyterian Foundation literature in the gathering area on May 2nd or you can learn more at <http://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/>

And also... **you don't have to spend a dime to reduce our interest rate.** Start saving with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program and check that you support Bethel's mortgage. You can start with as little as \$500. You get all you money back, plus interest. Information will be available on May 9th or you can visit <http://www.pcusa.org/pilp/>



Property

It's that time of year, time for spring-cleaning and fix up. Therefore, the property committee is having a workday on Saturday, May 15, beginning at 9am. We will be working on several projects that need to be completed and we need your help to get them done:

- Drywall and paint touch-ups
- Dusting
- Window washing (inside and outside)
- Bathroom and kitchen cleaning
- General carpentry work
- Plumbing

The members of the Property Committee will be leading workgroups to address the spring-cleaning needs.

- Andy Avel – Superintendent
- Jack McNew – HVAC issues
- Gary LeMasters – Plumbing issues
- Gary Griffith – Swing & outdoor work
- Frank Harris – Window cleaning & Sanctuary needs
- George McGill – Kitchen
- Jim Hines – Carpentry work
- Jim Schall – Everything else
- Nancy King – Bathrooms and Kitchen

Bring your energy. Many hands make light work. Contact a member of the Property Committee if you have any questions. Thanks.

Landscape Committee

Thanks to Carrie and Jim Miller for donating a white dogwood for the labyrinth area in memory of Rev. Marc Sherrod. This tree will be planted after some of the work is done behind our church. Thanks to Chris Badger for donating a dogwood tree in memory of former member Jessie Zerkle. Thanks to Phil Walsh for planting the tree at the entrance to the south side parking lot. Thanks to Danny Holloway for digging the hole for our Purple Martin House that the McDowells donated. The Landscape Committee and the Memorial Garden Committee are now separate committees under the Property Committee. Thanks to those on the Landscape and Memorial Garden Committees for your continued work and donation of plants to make our landscape beautiful.

This 'n That:

An antique meal chest will be auctioned off at the youth auction on Sunday, May 2. When the rental house was being cleaned out Gary Griffith found an old meal chest in the crawl space. Things were pretty hectic at that time so he brought it home and put it in the shed. Greg has agreed to auction it off and let the proceeds go to the building fund. The chest is 32 inches high, 41 inches long, and 22 inches deep front to back. It is made of yellow poplar boards about 22 inches wide. The top opens and there is a divider in the center. They were used to store flour and meal. Unfortunately someone thought it would look better with a coat of black paint. It sells as-is. Call Gary Griffith if you have any questions or would like to see the chest.

Pastor Nominating Committee News and Notes

Our Church Information Form was approved by Session and subsequently by the Presbytery's committee on ministry. This approval allowed us to enter Bethel's data into the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) where our desired qualities are matched with the same for ministers seeking new positions. Our first collection of data from CLC yielded some 50 candidates to review. The review is a multiple step process where the PNC reads and prayerfully considers each person. We begin to winnow the candidates down to a few that we will explore in increasing detail. Our work has only just begun! In addition to computer matches, ministers can "self-refer" themselves to us and a few have. In addition, one member had someone referred to them asking that the name be passed on to us. It was and that person looked at our CIF and website and added their name to the list. Quite frankly, the referrals may lead us to the very best candidates more quickly than any other means. Please, please, please, if you know of someone who you think is exemplary and fits Bethel, or if someone contacts you about someone they know, yes, we are very interested in exploring them further. Finding a minister, like many things in life, is a "contact sport." We all in our individual ways need to participate, so keep your eyes and ears open to names. Please continue to be in prayer for our work.

Bethel Arts Ministry

Jan Parker is one of our very own "artists in residence." Her works will be showcased by the Bethel Arts Ministry during the month of May. She's been part of our church lives for the past 2+ years since she came to live with her daughter, Joni Morgan. We've already seen some of her talents - from the afghans that she lovingly crochets for the Christmas baskets, to the hand drawn sketch of our historic church which has appeared in framed pictures and on note cards. Jan's work will be exhibited May 16th - 23rd. A reception will be held immediately following Sunday's service on May 16.



Another Bethel Artist at work...

The Monroe Area Opera presents Gilbert & Sullivan's famed comic opera, *The Mikado*, starring Bethel's own Dianne Griffith as *Katasha*. Performances are Saturday, May 1 at 7:30 and Sunday, May 2 at 3:00, (423) 745-8781 at the Brown Intermediate School, 135 Starrett St., Sweetwater, TN. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students under 18. Additional information is available at (423) 351-9013 or www.masparts.org. A third performance has been added on Saturday, May 8th, 7:30 p.m. at the Athens Art Center Theater in Athens, TN. The address and phone number for this additional performance are 320 North White Street, Athens, TN 37303-3504, (423) 745-8781.

Youth News

May 1- "Day in the Trees" at Camp John Knox. Come out and enjoy the John Knox Ropes course! The cost is \$10! Departure times will be announced at a later date.

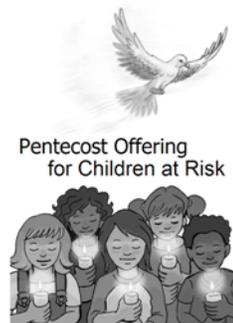
May 2nd- Bethel Presbyterian Church is putting together an Auction and lunch for May 2nd to assist our Mission Trip team. Please bring any items that you may have around your home that are gently used or have never been used to donate for this event. Please go to the Bethel office to be directed to where the items can be dropped off. Remember all funds go to support the Ganado Mission Trip! Please do not donate items that are in poor condition.

May 2nd 6 PM- Youth-Small Group Dinner time. Spend some time to get to know your adult leaders. Meet at the Youth room and bring cash!

If you know anyone who could benefit from our youth calendar, pass it on!! Join the text tree by texting your name to (423) 506-9584.

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering, a special offering of the Presbyterian Church, is received on the day of Pentecost, **May 23rd**. The offering provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Forty percent of the funds will be used locally. The other 60% supports leadership development and child at-risk programs at a national level.



Check out: <http://www.pcusa.org/pentecost/>

In Coming Months:

The issues class will sponsor another book swap on Friday, June 4 at 7:00 pm. Gather up any books you don't want, bring them in, look over what everyone else brings in, and take home what you want. If you don't have any to bring in, come and get some anyway. We'll put on a pot of coffee and talk about books. Any books left over will be donated to the Kingston city library.

Chrismon Project

Several of us at Bethel are interested in making Chrismons for the Sanctuary Christmas Tree. Chrismons are symbolic ornaments representing various important events and tenets in

the history of Christianity and the life of Christ. The Chrismons are made from a variety of materials including stringing beads and pearls on wire, gluing to Styrofoam, using glitter, sequins, net and various types of materials. If you have a collection of very small sea shells, these can be used.

Contact Jane B. Walsh (376-5250 or pwalsh8372@bellsouth.net) if you are interested. We are planning a workshop in May to discuss the project and look at the various Chrismon patterns as well as getting started. Once made, these ornaments will last for years. The samples I have available were made 25 to 30 years ago and most are still in excellent shape.

If you do not have time to participate in the making of these

Chrismons but have unwanted materials you think we might use, please contact Jane. Jewelry wire, various sizes of beads, pearls, sequins, small seashells, mesh, excess ribbon, or just about anything in white, gold and silver can be used. There is a box near the window in the Resource Room to place these items.

A Gardening Opportunity...

Many of you have seen, and been the beneficiaries of, Dick Hettrick's beautiful garden. Dick's recent accident has left him unable to care for his garden this year, and Dick would like to share his space with someone. If you are a frustrated vegetable gardener with a too-small/too-shady/too-rocky garden, please talk to Dick.

A Night or Two of Fun in June

(Specifics to be determined)

Bethel's got talent. So....let's take advantage of this talent to raise some money for the capital campaign. If you sing, play, dance, juggle, etc., or have parents, children or grandchildren who do, would you participate? Solos, duets, etc. are good. We also need talented people to make desserts.

Those of you who don't claim any talent other than listening to music or the radio, would you attend?

Please respond by May 16.

Participate: Contact Mary Hook at mhook@charter.net or 966-5834 or 256-0829 (cell)

Attend: Contact Phil Walsh pwalsh8372@bellsouth.net or 376-5250

Desserts: Contact Jane Walsh at pwalsh8372@bellsouth.net or 376-5250

Memorial Garden Dedicated

On April 24th, Bethel's beautiful Memorial Garden was dedicated, and the ashes of Rev. Marc Sherrod were interred.

The following comments are excerpted from the meditation of Marc's daughter, Hannah:

"This place, this memorial garden, is symbolic of the cloud of witnesses as it holds the remains of our dear loved ones. Thank you so much for giving us this special place, the sacred ground, to lay Dad, and so many others, down in. What a beautiful place to rest and remember."

(The full text of Hannah's remarks is available in the church office. To request a copy, please stop by the office or call 376-6340.)

Notes and Letters

Dear Bethel, After all these years of service - as organist, elder, deacon, communicant, mom is gone. She would be happy to see the revamped sanctuary and additions. "Keep on keeping on" for there will always be needs for you.

Thanks for caring, Justus Baird and Family

Dear Pastor Hendrix and the Bethel Family,

We are so thankful for the opportunity to have had Mom's Memorial Service at Bethel. It was gracious of you to so widely open the doors to the lovely, renovated sanctuary. Being in the presence of so many of you, whom I remember with a smile from my youth, made the day even more memorable and I appreciate your being there. Blessings on you all and may God richly bless your service to Him.

With an overflowing heart, Judy Zirkle Politzn

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Doris Barber:
 The Barber Family
 Work friends and associates of
 Jim Barber
 In memory of Joyce Law:
 Vernon Law
 In memory of Marc Sherrod:
 Rev. and Mrs. Burton Sherrod
 Mark and Kathy Banker
 Andy Holloway
 Jim and Carrie Miller
 Carolyn Gilliam
 In memory of Al Davis:
 Jerry and Jennie Morris

In memory of Jessie Zirkle:
 Tom and Jane Pickel
 Jana L. Hesser
 Sanctuary Choir of West Hills
 Presbyterian Church
 George and Ginny Warlick
 J. Harvey Smith
 George F. Kersey
 Charles, Cathy and Amy Card-
 well
 Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Whittaker
 Harold and Trina Lloyd
 Chris Badger
 Ms. Mary Gelder Plummer

Also in Need of Prayer:

Bill Martin, Jennifer Choate, Kris-
 tin Wagner, Justin Trivette, Ron
 Rossi, Anneka Oonk, Kay Mich-
 ener, Anne Smith, Pat Hale, Marci
 Smith, Helene Ricker, Doris Ann
 Parkinson, Dot Davis, Madeline
 Houston, Lucy Webb, Barbara
 Baird, Jack Stackpole and Mark
 Morgan's wife.



Prayer Reminders

The members and regularly at-
 tending friends of Bethel are as-
 signed 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 re-
 minder 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.

FRANK HARRIS (2012) 539.4779
 Marilyn
 Coen, Joe & Amy, Julie, Charlie, Henry
 Cribbs, Treavor
 Guy, Darrell & Christine
 *Jackson, April & *Wayne, *Paul & *Will
 McGill, George
 McGill, Scott & Julie, ~Thomas, Jared
 Michener, Kay
 Mounger, Charlie & Madge
 Oonk, Mariana & Lyric Rivera
 Oonk, Anneke
 Ostby, *Brien & +Dee Ann
 *Phillips, Rick & Shane
 Steele, *Kirk & *Elaine, *Jennifer
 +Thornton, Russell
 Walton, Lil

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

**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 302
 Anne Smith Room 304

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 Wil-
liams Ferry Rd 45 Lenior City
37771
 Evelyn Waldrup Room 42A

The Bridge at Rockwood
5580 Roane State Hwy Rock-
wood 37854
 Roberta Cash Room 201B
 Gene Pierce Room 209
 Margaret True Room 110

Harriman Healthcare 240
Hannah Rd Harriman 37748
 Ruby Hunter Room 305A

NHC Healthcare Oak Ridge
300 Laboratory Rd Oak Ridge
37830
 Wanda Carter Room 212A

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 Gilliam
- 23 Chuck Bunch
- 24 Ruth Ann Ludwig
 Mariana Oonk
- 26 Jane Walsh
 Larry Strickling
 Mark Patton
- 29 Donald Cross
- 30 Julie Bunch
 Karen Hart
- 31 Vernon Law

*Marnie Shields will be turning
 94 on the 19th. If you'd like to
 send her a card, her address is:
 1840 James Ferry Road
 Kingston, Tn 37763