

The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / SEPT. 2010

Greetings!



Bethel Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours: 9-3:00 M-F

Sunday Schedule:

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

10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Youth

Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.



Bethel
Presbyterian
Church —

a community of faith, fellowship, study and service ... seeking God's peace, justice and love.

Studies indicate that those folks who visit a church once, 10 percent may become members. If folks visit three times, they are nearly as likely to become members as they are to move on to another church. This indicates that we have three opportunities to bond with them. So, we have to shorten the odds.

Drexel Rankin*, a Disciples of Christ minister, provides these suggestions for providing a positive and inviting environment. The first is to create an attractive introduction to the church. This can be through advertising, the internet, and word of mouth.

A second suggestion is make the first impressions the best impressions. Most members don't notice what visitors notice. The surroundings, style of worship, how people relate to each other, and the condition of the facility have become too familiar with long-time members. But for first time visitors, everything makes an impression. Sometimes, when first impressions and encounters are not inviting, visitors decide to move on. Studies indicate that couples with small children pay attention to two things: clean restrooms and a clean, staffed nursery.

Visitors generally come expecting something positive. They will notice if the congregation takes pride in its place of worship. A good impression, even on such a superficial basis, invites the visitor to take a closer look. If the building and grounds communicate "we care," the visitor can assume that these people are proud of their congregation, and therefore are enthusiastic about their shared spiritual life.

A third suggestion is to make sure that visitors are recognized and appreciated. When visitors

enter the building, the members of the church make the most important impression. At this point, people really decide whether or not to return again. Drexel recalls going to a church for the first time and being greeted at the door by a deacon. He introduced himself and asked Drexel's name. He thanked Drexel for coming to their church that morning, then introduced him to another member. Another person introduced himself and walked with him into the sanctuary, introduced him to more people and sat with him during the service. After the service, he took Drexel to the fellowship hall for coffee where he introduced him to the pastor. Drexel recounts that by the time he left, he felt wanted.

A fourth suggestion is to make your visitors feel that they are wanted. People will search for a place where they have a sense of belonging. Every visitor is looking for his or her place. It's essential to have official greeters, but it's also important that others make the effort to make visitors feel welcome and comfortable.

A fifth suggestion is to be hospitable. Jesus calls us to hospitality: we should greet visitors in a warm, friendly, and generous manner. Jesus didn't wait for people to come to Him. He made every effort to go out, meet them, and take care of their needs. The New Testament is full of Jesus' hospitality. If we want to share our faith and ministry we need to provide an inviting atmosphere, recognize and appreciate visitors, and treat them with Christian love and grace.

**Drexel Rankin, DMin, Welcoming and Retaining Your Visitors, Ministry Magazine, November 2009.*

School days
School days,
Dear old Golden
Rule days

Are you back in school? Do you remember your past school days? Come and celebrate the new school year by attending the Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, September 15.

Bring a favorite dish to share as we honor students and educators. As always, we appreciate your recycling efforts so be sure to bring your own dinnerware. The Christian Education Committee is in charge of the dinner and rumor has it that ice cream is on the menu!

September Fun Lunch will be on September 8 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The Fun Lunch has been on a 2-month hiatus. Please join us as we begin our lunchtime meals again.

Looking for an afternoon of fun and fellowship with Bethel folks? Attend the Annual Bethel Church Picnic. This year we will meet on September 19, from 3-6 p.m. at Roane County Park in Shelter #1. Parish Life Committee will furnish hot dogs and hamburgers plus all the fix-ins! Please join us for a fun filled afternoon. Bring an easy to eat dessert, drinks, dinnerware, a chair and insect spray. A bag or two of chips would also be welcomed. Do you have a fun outdoor game to share? Would you bring a musical instrument to play? We look forward to great food, fellowship, sport, and talent.

The Parish Life Committee will gather for its regular meeting on September 21, at 6:00 in the Senior Pastor's office.

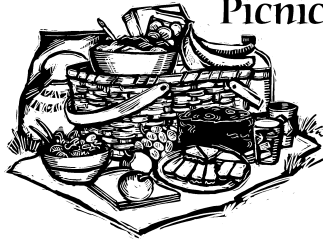
The Avery Trace Chapter, DAR asks us to remember these dates in September:

September 11 is Patriot Day and 18-24 is National Constitution Week.

As we honor in our own way the impact this document has had and the men who gave it to us, let us remember that Freedom of Speech and of Religion were non-existent in most, if not all, countries in the world at that time. Our country was established by persons seeking those very freedoms.

As we think of the importance of our vote this Fall, remember it is that document which gives us the opportunity to choose.

Annual Picnic



Happenings
This Month

50th Anniversary Celebration at John Knox Center

Celebrate 50 Years of ministry at John Knox Center with your congregation! You have made it possible for thousands of children, youth and adults to experience God's love in a Christian atmosphere over the last five decades! Celebrate this life changing place September 17-19, 2010. This will be a weekend of celebration, reflection, fellowship and story telling. There is something for everyone from water skiing, high ropes, and swimming to tailgating the telecast UT/Florida game projected in the pavilion! Registration is now available at www.johnknoxcenter.org. This is more than just a picnic, registration required.

Bethel's congregation is asked to join the celebration. Please plan to attend the September 19, 10:00 outdoor worship service and 12:00 meal at John Knox. Bethel is also planning to have an 8:30 worship service that day for those with mobility issues. The Daily Fees have been covered for the John Knox Center 50th Anniversary event. Therefore, people may attend the wor-



Outdoor Worship Service

ship service (and all activities) without paying any fees unless they want to eat. We still need a record of those attending, and we ask that those staying for lunch register ahead so we have a count for food. If a few change their minds and want to stay, they can purchase a ticket there.

To register or get more information, please contact the church office (376-6340), Amy Coen, Barbara Flowers at John Knox, (865/376-2236), or www.johnknoxcenter.org/page.asp?p=50th%20Anniversary%20Celebration

Morrison Hill Christian Church will be hosting the Dave Ramsey's FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY this fall as a community service. This course was offered to the Morrison Hill congregation last fall, and they found that the course had a favorable impact on the lives of the members who attended and put the Dave Ramsey principles into practice.

Please see the flyer posted on the kiosk in the Gathering Area for additional information.

Mark your calendars! Bethel will hold its first Fall Festival fund raising event on Saturday, October 2nd from 10am-7pm. The festival will be open to the community and will include games, music and dance groups, arts & crafts, homemade items for sale,

a silent auction, a snack booth, and a dinner with musical entertainment. The proceeds of the Fall Festival will go toward CASA and Hands of Mercy. Committees have been formed to organize this event, and we are asking that we get 100% participation from the congregation, either through signing up for one of the various committees for the festival, or donating an item for the Silent Auction or the Marketplace. We have signup sheets in the gathering area to help you best decide how you can participate. Please don't miss out on the fun!

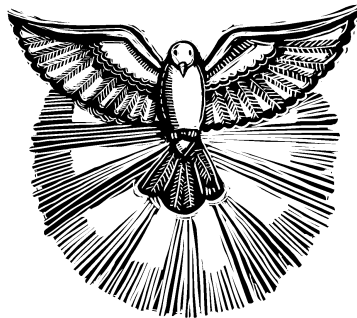


Bethel Marketplace is coming soon! Attention all cooks, crafters, builders, hobby enthusiasts and more. The Bethel Marketplace will be a part of Bethel's Fall Festival on October 2 and hopefully it will be a good place to start Christmas shopping. We are searching for anyone who would like to contribute talents and/or time to this project. You may also know someone who would like to participate – it's a great way to know about each others' gifts. You can sign up on the signup sheet in the gathering area or contact one of the co-chairs: Joan Davis at 376-7970 or email jmdavis@pstcc.edu or Nancy King at 376-9951 or email nancykpt@comcast.net. Thanks – we will be in touch.

Happenings
Next Month

**2010 PEACEMAKING OFFERING
WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY, OCT. 3RD**

Are you aware of the enormous work done by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program to eradicate racism, promote non-violence, support social justice, and encourage good stewardship of the earth? The program has projects in Columbia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Korea, Myanmar, Northern Ireland, the Philippines, and Sudan. They educate PC (U.S.A.) congregations through the use of seminars, training, and liturgical materials for worship and prayer. There is also a Presbyterian Office at the United Nations. Learn more about the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program at <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/peacemaking/>.



When you give to the Peacemaking Offering, half of your gift goes to support the national Peacemaking Program, a quarter goes to support programs in our synod and presbytery, and a quarter remains with us to use to support peacemaking programs of our choice. Bethel will be receiving the Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3rd.

“Peace be with you,” said Jesus to his disciples after the resurrection (John 20:19). As His disciples, let us share this peace with others as we grow Christ’s church deep and wide.

News from the 219th General Assembly (2010)

Check out the on-line letter to congregations from our newly elected moderator, Cynthia Bolbach at <http://ga219.pcusa.org/news/2010/7/10/post-general-assembly-pastoral-letter-moderator-an/>. Included are links to issues of civil union and marriage, our form of government, Middle East peacemaking, the Middle Governing Body Commission, and ordination standards.

The General Assembly voted to send constitutional changes to the presbyteries for vote. These changes include the proposed form of government and the adoption of the Belhar Confession. The documents can be viewed at <http://oga.pcusa.org/formofgovernment/> and <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/belhar-confession/> respectively.

Note from the PNC

We continue to review and examine candidates for Bethel's next minister. Please continue to hold up the PNC in your thoughts and prayers as we seek to discern God's will for pastoral leadership.

Session Highlights from July and August

Cathy McDowell, Clerk

1. The focus of the July 24 Session Retreat was Bethel's Vision for 2018 - a Vision was outlined, and there was much discussion about how to implement the Vision. Work is underway, and the Vision 2018 with plans for accomplishment will be presented to the Congregation in several months. There will be a restructuring of session committees, etc.
2. A revised version of Bethel's Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual and Sexual Misconduct Policy were approved on August 15th.
3. A retractable projection screen will be installed in the sanctuary ceiling behind one of the wooden beams.
4. Teresa Hettrick and Alf Rybka have volunteered to update/find a way to preserve the Bethel scrapbooks.
5. The Parish Care list had been updated, and there are some Roll changes that occurred from the update. Diligent effort was made to contact folks before any changes were made.

Complete session minutes are available in the Bethel Office and are available for anyone to read - Please do not remove the Session Book from the office.

Mission Outreach

The mission focus for September will be the Peacemaking Offering. The Minute for Mission for Peacemaking Offering will be September 26 with the collection

October 3.

Hands of Mercy: Dolores and Teresa tell us that Hands of Mercy has sufficient food the first of the month to meet their needs. However, toward the end of the month, their supplies are very low. We felt that it would be more useful to them if we collected our canned goods, etc. on the third Sunday rather than the first Sunday of each month. Please keep this in mind as you prepare to help this very needy cause.

Committee News

Stewardship & Finance

General Fund through July 2010:

Offering received:	\$115,438
+Funds Transferred	\$7,372
- Expenses:	\$140,544
= Net Decrease:	-\$ 17,734

Mortgage through July 2010:

Planned payments	\$58,440
Extra principal paid	\$30,000
Interest avoided	\$56,660
Mortgage payoff 12 months early	

Property

From August 13 through September 13, the property committee will be monitoring the church's usage of electricity and the indoor temperature and humidity of Bethel's facilities.

Electric utilities set the rates for energy usage by measuring the amount (demand) of electricity being used at any one time. For instance, early Sunday

mornings, all of our air conditioning units are turned on. When all of our units are on, our usage of electricity is at its highest, and our rate for the entire year is established. If we can reduce our demand, we can substantially reduce our rate and therefore, reduce our overall electricity bill.

The property committee is working with TVA and Rockwood Utility Board to identify changes that we can make to our building and to our electric usage. Changes to our building might include: adding ceiling fans in the gathering area, better insulation of doors and windows, caulking in strategic areas, replacing incandescent with fluorescent lights, etc. Changes to our electricity usage may include changing when we turn on our air conditioning units. However, before we can make these changes, we need to understand how our current usage affects the comfort level of the buildings.

From August 13 through August 27, we will operate as usual. However, between August 28 and September 13, we will be making small adjustments to the air conditioning units to help us determine a more efficient pattern of operation. We ask for your help with this project. Please keep exterior doors and windows closed. The doors between the education building and the new area should be kept closed. Also, please do not adjust the thermostats without checking with Andy Avel or Frank Harris before you do.

Our goal with this effort is to reduce Bethel's cost of operation without adversely impacting comfort or safety of the building occupants. With your help, hopefully, we can make a significant reduction in our electricity demand, and substantially reduce our electricity bill.

Amedisys Hospice is in need of volunteers who are willing to provide companionship and support to hospice patients and their caregivers. Volunteers are needed in Knox County and surrounding counties. Training is free and will be provided at your convenience. If you feel this is an area in which you would like to serve, please call Lu Anne Tilson, Volunteer Coordinator - Amedisys Hospice at 865.689.7123

This was in the ORNL CLASSIFIEDS Wanted Section. Dianne Griffith (376-7507) has volunteered to collect supplies if anyone from Bethel is interested in making a donation.

“Sewing fabric/supplies. I traveled to Salina Grandes, Nicaragua in June and started a sewing ministry in a local church there. This program has

exploded and they are in much need for additional supplies. They need ANY type of sewing accessory and fabric. I would very much appreciate any donation and will consider all reasonable offers to purchase.”

Hey Bethel Friends,

I have had several folks interested in the JKC history, property, and past. I think it would be very interesting to know more about the sacred place so many of us have come to love. There are several unique things about the property that truly make it special. First, we are home to 3 marked Native American mounds (one is Vesper Hill with the cross). Also, there is a marked cemetery called the Union Star Cemetery near the wa-

terfront. Martha Burns and others are buried there, but she is the only name we know because of the headstone.

Would anyone in your congregation be interested in doing some "digging" into the history of the mounds and the cemetery? I have spent about 30 minutes on Google searching and I can find the cemetery, coordinates, etc. but no info on the former inhabitants of JKC. It will probably take a trip to the library and possibly the courthouse and more time on the internet.

If you have someone interested in researching this, please give me a call. I will pass on what info I know.

Thanks!

Bri Payne

Executive Director, John Knox Center

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865.466.8527 – Cell /

865.376.1719 – Fax

*Opportunities
for Service*

They're seeking dry ground. Let's help them find hope.

The people of Pakistan have suffered numerous natural and human-caused disasters over the past several years. Presbyterians have been in ministry there since before the nation of Pakistan was formed. We stand with them today in their time of need. The recent floods have brought record-breaking destruction to the country, with more than 1,400 people dead and more than 1.5 million displaced. You can make a difference in bringing God's healing to a nation torn by devastation. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responding through [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) (PDA) and working with our ecumenical partners to help meet emergency needs – providing food packages, shelter

material, and non-food essentials. Emergency health services are also being provided.

How Can We Respond?

Give – Give to support the relief and recovery efforts through PDA. Individuals may give through their local Presbyterian congregation, on the secure [PC \(USA\) Web site](#) or by sending their check to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA
15264-3700

Please include the special designated giving account DR000038 - Pakistan.

You can also make a donation by calling 1-800-728-7228

Act - [Congregations and individuals can put together hygiene kits and baby kits](#) to be distributed through Church World Service.

Pray - Join with others in lifting up the people of Pakistan and those seeking to provide aid in this critical time. As the eyes of the world turn to Pakistan, let us join our hearts in prayer:

God of compassion, please watch over the people of Pakistan, and weave out of these terrible events wonders of goodness and grace. Surround those who have been affected by tragedy with a sense of your present love, and hold them in faith. Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted; guide us as a church to find ways of providing assistance that heals and gives hope. Help us to remember that when one of your children suffers we all suffer. Through Jesus Christ who was dead, but lives and rules this world with you. Amen.

Green Team

Many thanks to Joan Davis for the following tips:

1. Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.
2. When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter, and then pull it off. Scotch tape removes most splinters painlessly and easily.
3. Now look what you can do with Alka Seltzer:

Clean a toilet: Drop in two Alka Seltzer tablets, wait twenty minutes, brush and flush. The citric acid and effervescent action clean vitreous China.

Clean a vase: for stains, fill with water and drop in two Alka Seltzer tablets.

Michael Dunn Shredding Program

After removing important documents, we took Bethel's 1965 through 1999 financial records to the Michael Dunn Work Center for shredding. Watching the work of Tom Roostee, Tom Pickel, Bob Ludwig, and Nancy Landers disappear beneath the blades brought prayers of gratitude for their service as treasurer of the church. Then we learned that our paper would be baled and sold to a company who produces paper towels and Kleenex. (Using recycled church financial records to blow my nose brought a smile to my face!)

Please consider using Michael Dunn for your shredding needs. You don't need an appointment and you can watch as your documents are processed. A full grocery sack costs \$3.00 and a banker box costs \$5.00. Best of all, you will help employ folks who have a hard time finding jobs.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the way the Church has kept us up-dated through the Church Magazine. It is a great joy to read the Church news and this makes us feel like part of the Bethel Church fraternity.

I want to seek the church support in coming up with a way that can financially mitigate the trauma that we have been through for the last two years. What we have in mind is as follows:

The School has two more weeks before it goes for break. We have totally exhausted any means to pay the teachers come end of the month. This requires \$1500. We prayerfully request the church to consider how it can assist. We are by no means not appreciating what you have been doing monthly. This period has posed extraordinary challenge to keep the school financially running. Grace School has however remained one of the competitive schools both in academics and discipline and this has raised our faith and that of teachers in the mercies and provision of God.

We are contemplating that I make a two week visit to Knoxville to talk to people about Grace School. We are requesting the Church to extend its supporting hand as it has always done in the past. I (Samuel) will be alone because Monica will be left taking care of the home, the farm and the animals as well as giving overall leadership at Grace School. She will then take a six month visit to Kansas after I return to go and stay with our grand son. Some of you might know that we had a son in Knoxville who went to Kansas, got married and they have a baby boy.

I am doing this visit with the help of Rev. George Doebler who was my Director at UT Hospital

when I was doing CPE in 99/2000. He has remained a dear friend just like Bethel Church and has been of great support emotionally and financially. You can get in touch with him and I am sure he will appreciate your input.

The tentative date is the 1st two weeks of November.

Hope to hear from you and God bless — Samuel

Our Clerk of Session, Cathy McDowell, asks, "Does anyone remember what we charged for "A Church Called Bethel" and what the proceeds were used for?" We will have a limited number of copies available soon and would like to make sure that the money we collect will go to the proper place. (For those of you who may be new to Bethel, this little book was compiled by the late Katy Banker and contains an excellent history of the early life of Bethel.)

A huge THANK YOU to Andy Avel for the gorgeous maple butcher block table that he made for the center of Bethel's kitchen. Please stop by and "feel" the quality of the table. The table is a wonderful compliment to the other kitchen furnishings that were donated by Vernon Law and Family.

"Thanks so much to Micki Anderson for teaching the Bethel Arts Ministry (BAM) classes. We are so fortunate to have a certified art teacher as part of our Bethel family. I just completed Micki's Stained Glass course and truly enjoyed the classes. Micki is a wonderful instructor - she gives lots of personal attention and spends an incredible amount of time making sure that things are ready for each of her classes. BAM is a true Blessing."
--Cathy McDowell

Calendar for late August/
September:

August 29-Lake Day at the Preston's house - 6 PM. (Watch your email and Facebook for more details)

September 5- NO YOUTH
(Spend time with your families)

September 12- "Mission Possible" We will be going to Wellington Place to play BINGO and spend time with the residents. We will leave the youth room at 6:00 and return at 7:30. Come join us for a great time!

September 19-Youth at 6 PM at the KUMC youth room

September 26- Eat Out Night with your small groups

Wednesday Nights at 7

PM. Bible Study at the Brown's house. Contact Will for directions! We will be starting our new study on the book of Eze-

kiel! Come join us for free food and great conversation!

Sunday School- Sundays (obviously) on the third floor at Bethel at 9:30.



(A repeat of a recent conversation with Will:)

YOU: Will! How will I afford Resurrection and other youth activities?!

ME: We have a fundraiser coming up September 11.

YOU: Tell me more....

ME: September 11 we will have a car wash, bake sale and sell hamburgers at Browders' Ace Hardware at Ladd Landing from 10 AM until 2 PM. Save the

Date!!! Watch for more fundraisers in the near future!

Thought for the week:

"Real smarts comes from obeying God. If you're going to be obedient, you have to know what is right and wrong. So read God's Word- then you will be wise and will grow wise and will grow wiser everyday."

"Wisdom begins with respect for the Lord; those who obey His orders have good understanding. He should be praised forever."

Psalms 111:10

Please let me know if you want to be added to our text tree to receive up to the minute updates on youth activities. Text your name to (423) 506-9584. Please forward this email to anyone that could use the information!

Peace, Will

Thanks to Rev. Hendrix for making the kiosk for the Gathering Area and for giving the kiosk to Bethel as a gift.

Thank you to the congregation and our Bethel Family for your thoughts and prayers during Jack's recent illness and his passing. Your support in our time of loss was greatly appreciated. Sincerely,
Fern Stackpole and family

Thanks....

"I walked into a very big surprise on the Sunday morning of August 8th. Thank you everyone who helped plan and carry out the reception for me. I was very touched. Thank you all for your support of the Parish Nurse Ministry through out my eleven years. A big thanks goes out for the generous "love offering" that I recieved. You have been more than my parishioners, you are my family." --Deb Hyder

Editor's note: Bethel now has a beautiful rustic bench just inside the doors on the ground floor entrance. Here are a few notes on the history of the timber that made up this bench.

Historic Bench:

Bethel was organized in 1818, and the congregation met in several buildings before they built the white frame church on the hill in 1858. Between 1883 and 1886 the church on the hill was dismantled piece by piece and the notches and adjoining timbers were carefully marked and then reassembled at the corner of Kentucky and Church Streets. I spoke with several of our long time members about the timbers that were removed from Bethel's foundation during the 2008 renovation, and they feel pretty sure that all the timbers were part of Bethel since 1858. The bench that now sits in our lower entry way is one of those foundation

timbers.

So as you look at the bench please remember that the oak tree from which the timber was made was probably 200+ years old when it was cut down and the hand-hewed timber was part of Bethel's foundation from 1858 until 2008. The huge timber lay out in the weather from 2008 until 2010. One day I asked Andy Avel if he could make a bench from the old timber, and he said "maybe." This was several months ago and on August 15, 2010 Andy surprised me by saying he had made the bench; he delivered it to Bethel on August 18. I am so thrilled that we can preserve this portion of our history. Several people suggested placing the bench on the patio, but time and weather would eventually destroy the timber. Thank you, Andy, for making it possible for us to preserve this piece of our past.

--Cathy McDowell

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.

ANDY AVEL (2012) 292.4284

Micki

Banker, Mark & Kathy non-member

~Banker, Tollie (out of state) ^shut-in

Buttram (Everett), Glenda +inactive

Cuneo, Libby (out of state) ~baptized

Griffith, Gary & Dianne roll

+Griffith, Joanna

*Pearman, Paul

*Skinner, Mike & Sharon

+Thomas, Laura (out of state)

^True, Margaret

^Vandever, Jennifer

Warlick, George & Ginny

September Birthdays

1 Elaine Parker

2 Evelyn Waldrup

3 Tammy Holloway

Lily Lowery

4 Lisa Pickel

Shara Cross

Ron Rossi

6 Betty Foy

Kathy Francis

7 Laura Thomas

10 Bobbie Martin

12 Marilyn Gaffin

Jacob Murr

Amber Jacks

14 Laura Dailey

15 Sue Jones

18 Jerry Morris

Betty Ulrich

Corey Preston

20 Pat Harvey

25 Frank Kornegay

27 Frank Harris

Dianne Russell

Bill Shenk

29 Jeanette McElhinney

Chris Guy

30 Marianne Shadden

Have a
Happy
Birthday!



Prayers and Concerns

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Betty Shirk from:

George and Ginny Warlick

Cynthia and George Warlick III

Ruth Ann Ludwig

In memory of Marc Sherrod from:

Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Jack Stackpole from:

Betty Ulrich

In memory of Christine Woods from:

Leonard and Bina Kirby

In Memoriam:

Dan Francis, son of Dartis and Kathy Francis, passed away on August 13, 2010. Kathy was Bethel's secretary for many years. Dan was the nephew of Bethel member David Standridge. Memorial donations may be made to Dartis, Kathy, and Dan's church - Grace Community Church, 438 W. Race Street, Kingston, TN 37763 or The Gideons International, P.O. Box 476, Kingston, TN 37763.

It is with regret and deepest Christian sympathy that we share this news: Long time Bethel member David Cuneo passed away on Wed. Aug. 18 in Fort Myers, FL. If you would like to send a condolence card to his wife, Libby, her address is:

Mrs. Elizabeth Cuneo
c/o Legacy Foundation
15010 Shellpoint Blvd.
Ft. Myers, FL 33908

"Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:15-16)

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 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 349

NHC Healthcare Oak Ridge

300 Laboratory Rd Oak Ridge
37830

Wanda Carter Room 212A

(Note: Wanda Carter has a new phone #: (865) 813-1823)

In Need of Prayer: Ron Rossi, Justin Trivette, Tom Pickel III, Marci Smith, Helene Ricker, Lauren Deal (George McGill's granddaughter), Lauren Fouts (Rev. Bill Shenk's daughter), Margaret True, and Barbara Baird.

On July 23-24, the session held a retreat, the purpose of which was to set goals and aspirations for the future. We chose as the 200th anniversary of Bethel, June 2018, as the endpoint of our visioning process. A vision is a brief statement or set of statements about what Bethel might look like in 2018. Once agreed upon, the vision statements become a yardstick with which we can organize our efforts, evaluate progress, and assist in how we allocate resources of effort and treasure in the future.



VISION 2018

- We have a faithful, diverse, growing and active membership.
- We have varied and dynamic programs to meet the needs of all ages.
- Our involvement in local and global missions makes a difference.
- We have inspired pastoral leadership that challenges the congregation to discern the will of God.
- We are generous and financially responsible.
- Bethel's facilities are well maintained, current and support the vision.

As we began to align these vision goals with our current committee organization, we quickly saw that our current structure, while it has served us well, needed some adjustments. We hope you have seen the 4-sided kiosk in the Gathering Area, a hand-made gift from Rev. Hendrix. Thanks, Craig! The purpose of the kiosk is to present the activities of the session in a single, coordinated location. Its mobility allows us to move it about as functions dictate.

Rather than continue in our current 'committee' structure we are working on transitioning to a "team" approach. Using a team concept allows more elders to work together and hopefully allows all members to plug in activity-by-activity, perhaps moving among the teams according to their interests.

The "teams" and old committee structure are shown below:

1. Faith Team

- Evangelism and Community Outreach
- Worship
- Stewardship

2. Study Team

- Christian Education

3. Service Team

- Mission Outreach

4. Family and Fellowship Team

- Parish Life
- Parish Care

5. Ministry Support Team

- Facilities
- Personnel
- Finance

Presently, the teams are meeting to draw up their specific goals and plans that address the Vision 2018. These will be discussed at upcoming session meetings and presented fully to the congregation later this fall. You may be contacted for your input to a team activity or goal. We are hopeful that this new structure will provide you with ample and diverse opportunities to serve God's will through Bethel's ministries. **And begin checking the kiosk for the latest opportunities to serve!**