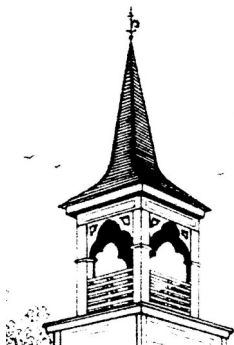


# The Open Door

## BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DECEMBER 2010



### 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.

#### SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW...

This year we are combining two Bethel traditions into one exciting event. On Sunday, December 5, please join us for the combined Hanging of the Greens and distribution of Christmas Baskets and Angel Tree gifts.

We'll begin at 4 PM — in the Gathering Area, we'll be helping families from the community to select items for their Christmas Food Baskets. In the Fellowship Hall, children and youth from both Bethel and the community will be invited to create crafts and Chrismon ornaments for the tree in the Gathering Area, and also to bake cupcakes for dessert.

At 5:30 we'll take a break and transform the Fellowship Hall into a dining hall, followed by a dinner of soup and sandwiches for Bethel folks and all our guests. At 7:00 we'll end the day in worship, as we ponder the meaning of all these symbols and ornaments, and look ahead to the awe and joy of the birth of our Savior.

*As always, the calendar for the month of December is full of the events of the season. Inside the pages of this newsletter you'll find many opportunities for worship, service, and fellowship. We hope that you will enjoy as many as possible, and above all, we pray that you will be filled with the awe, and blessing, and peace, that God extends to us now and always.*

*"This will be a sign for you:  
you will find a child  
wrapped in bands of cloth  
and lying in a manger."*



Luke 2:12, NRSV

Bethel  
Presbyterian  
Church —

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



**FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP TEAM**

Our Fellowship Supper will be celebrated December 15 in the Fellowship Hall. This is always a special time as we enjoy a holiday meal, receive blessings with our unique Christmas Pageant, and return to the Fellowship hall for dessert and visiting. We ask that you bring a dish to share for dinner and an easy to eat dessert such as cookies, candies, sweet breads, or brownies for dessert.

Faith and Fellowship invites all members of Bethel to join us on December 19 for Christmas caroling. Share the blessings of the holiday with members and friends who will enjoy your gift of song at Christmas. You need not be an experienced singer to join us; your enthusiasm is all that is required!

We will meet in the Bethel parking lot on Sunday afternoon, December 19 at 4:00 and carpool to homes where we will sing. After caroling, we will gather at the home of Dick and Marge Hettrick for food and fellowship. Please bring an appetizer or goodie to share.

Your Faith and Fellowship Team needs your help. Would you be willing to host a Fellowship Supper? A sign up sheet will be placed on the kiosk in the Gathering Area. Please help by providing this gift to Bethel. Your family might want to team up with another family to be host. Perhaps your Sunday School class or other church group would take on this task. If you have questions please call any Faith and Fellowship Team member or the church office for help.

Remember that there is no Fun Lunch until the spring. Also, the committee will not meet in December.

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

All wrapped presents should be at the church by Tuesday, November 30.

Christmas Basket set up will begin after a quick lunch Sunday, December 5. Recipients should start arriving at 4:00 p.m. We would like for Bethel members to interact with the recipients as much as possible and encourage them to stay for soup and sandwiches and the evening events.

The Service Team would like to thank everyone who has sponsored an "angel" and who has contributed to the Christmas Baskets. We are very excited about interacting with our recipients and including them with our Hanging of the Greens. We need everyone's help to make December 5 successful.

**CHRISMON TREE**

This has been a fun project for several of us. I do want to thank Jan Rybka, Chelsea Richmond, Teresa Hettrick, Jan Parker, Joni Morgan and Karen Schall for the Chrismons they made. Special thanks go to Nancy Braski, Nancy Maynard and our friend Marie Maxon for the many trips to the Walsh house and the many enjoyable hours working on Chrismons. This is probably going to be a work in progress so there will be plenty of opportunity for others to get involved if they desire.

**LADIES NIGHT**

Monday, December 13, 6:00 P.M.  
for  
Dinner and Fellowship  
at  
Carol Brown's home  
1146 Circle Drive, Kingston

Join the party. You can sign up in the gathering area or call the church office. Please bring a potluck goody to share. The dress is casual. If you have difficulty driving at night and would like transportation, call Carol Brown, 376-7171. We hope to make *Ladies Night Out* a monthly event and will be talking about what to do in January.

## STUDY TEAM

Adult Sunday School  
Opportunity

Our adult Sunday School class welcomes all who would like to join us during the Sundays of December and January as we watch and discuss the PBS series *God in America*. The six parts of this acclaimed documentary explore American religious history from pre-Columbian times to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. (More information about the series is available at: [www.pbs.org/godinamerica](http://www.pbs.org/godinamerica).)

We will meet in the Barber Library at 9:30 each Sunday during December and January ... and perhaps beyond – subject to the discussions the series may stir among our free-wheeling group!. For more details, see Mark Banker in person, or contact him either by phone (376-2118)

or e-mail:

([Mark\\_Banker@Webbschool.org](mailto:Mark_Banker@Webbschool.org)).

[NOTE that Mark's Webb e-mail address has a \_ (underscore) between his first and last names.]

## A MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

Mac Robbins is celebrating her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on Dec. 1. She enjoys good health and is in good spirits. Let's join together in wishing her a very happy birthday.

If you would like to send her a card, her address is:

Mac Robbins  
Jamestown Assisted Living  
851 Lawnville Road - Room 305  
Kingston, TN 37763



*Christmas Eve  
Worship Service*

*7:00 p.m.  
December 24th*

## WELCOME ABOARD, WILL

For over a year now, we have partnered with the Methodists in youth ministry, and shared the part-time services of Will Purushotham as our Director of Student Ministries. Now both congregations are delighted to welcome Will on a full-time basis as Director of Student and Young Adult Ministries. Here's a brief biographical sketch:

Will was born in Huntsville, Alabama. His father was originally from India, which is why his last name is so unusual. He grew up in the church and remained active in the church through youth group and the youth choir. While a member of these groups, he went on several mission trips and choir tour. During his senior year in high school, he felt called into full time ministry, specifically youth ministry.

He attended Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, Tennessee and majored in Church

Vocations with an emphasis in Church Camps and Recreation and Church School Education and graduated in 2003. Two of his former professors attend this church today; Dr. and Mrs. Phil Walsh.

He has served in various roles in youth and young adult ministry over the past 12 years as an intern, volunteer, Sunday School teacher, and youth director at churches in Alabama and Tennessee. In his spare time, you can find Will reading or watching movies (when it is cold) and on the lake and outdoors (when it is warm).

He married an amazing woman, the former Amanda Myers on October 22, 2010. Amanda serves as one of the youth pastors at Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville. Will is very excited to be serving the warm and vibrant congregations of Bethel Presbyterian and Kingston UMC. His office is located in the office suite at Bethel.

## NEW MINISTRY

Are you between the ages of 18-35? Come join us for our new young adult ministry! We are meeting December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Puleos near West Town Mall in Knoxville. Bring a friend to dinner and enjoy food, fellowship and discussing this new ministry at Bethel! For more information follow the young adult ministry on Twitter at #bpckumcyoungadu or on Facebook at Bethel/KUMC Young Adults.

## AND AN OPPORTUNITY...

Are you looking for a way to minister to your church family? The young adult ministry is looking for mentors to assist in our young adult ministry. The time commitment is minimal! Contact Will at 376-6340 or by email at [willpuru@comcast.net](mailto:willpuru@comcast.net).

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Cathy McDowell, Clerk

1. A letter was received from First United Methodist Church of Titusville, Florida - Carolyn Tully requested that her membership be transferred to this church. A motion carried to transfer Carolyn's membership and to wish her continued health and happiness in Florida.
2. Rev. Hendrix participated in the Ordination Service at Powell Presbyterian for Jennifer Jarvis. Jennifer was a youth leader at Bethel a few years ago.
3. The new Bethel Website was launched on October 13, 2010. Thanks to Dan McDowell, web designer/programmer and Karen Schall, web editor.
4. The session supports the idea of an amphitheater being constructed on the bank behind Bethel. Significant additional action depends on the City's approval of the amphitheater concept. Frank Harris has agreed to chair a Task Force to seek outside sources of funding.
5. Approval was given for a Pet Memorial Garden to be located in the planter area at the end of the educational building - more details about this in another issue.
6. Bethel has hired Will Purushotham for the position of Director of the Bethel and KUMC Joint Youth and Young Adults Program. Bethel and KUMC are each paying half of Will's salary. Will occupies the office next to the Senior Pastor's office.

## STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

### General Fund through Nov 14:

Offering received:	\$176,383
+Funds Transferred	\$7,372
- Expenses:	\$200,637
= Net Decrease:	-\$ 16,882

### Mortgage through Oct 2010:

Planned payments	\$83,495
Extra principal paid	\$31,700
Interest avoided	\$59,621
Mortgage payoff 13 months early	

## 2010 CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH



### What Is the Christmas Joy Offering?

For more than 70 years, Presbyterians have given generously at Christmas to support the unmet needs of families who have devoted their lives to the mission of the PC (USA). Today this Offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which provides critical assistance to Presbyterian church workers and their families, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling.

### The Assistance Program

At some point in their lives, many ministers, other church workers,

and their families need help beyond what the Benefits Plan and personal resources can provide. Some need relatively limited, yet critical, assistance—to afford a hearing aid, for instance, to continue a ministry. Others may need more substantial, ongoing support—to help make ends meet during retirement, for example, after a lifetime of ministering for modest pay. The Christmas Joy Offering recognizes the faithfulness of current and retired church workers through its gifts to the Assistance Program, which in turn helps these individuals and families through difficult times by providing shared, emergency, and other types of grants. The Assistance Program depends entirely on gifts and bequests, including half of the Christmas Joy Offering. Last year, the Offering funded more than 800 grants to individuals and families.

### Furthering Racial Ethnic Education

The Presbyterian Church has long promoted education by establishing and supporting racial ethnic schools and colleges. Christmas Joy Offering funds provide scholarships to deserving students as well as help with basic operating costs. These institutions develop leaders in the church and in society, and they enable students to discover and pursue their professional goals.

Please give as you can to the PC (U.S.A) Christmas Joy Offering.



## FLOWER MINISTRY

We are now moving from fresh, live flowers into the dried flower arrangement period. Many of us have spent the summer collecting and drying plant material for these arrangements. Sometimes, they are messy but that can be easily cleaned up. Once these arrangements are finished, they can stay in place and be reused with tweaking for the rest of the winter. That gives the people involved in the flower ministry a much needed break. We are so blessed to live in East Tennessee where nature has given us an abundance of plant and animal life to be enjoyed year round.

In November, Joan Davis, Nancy Braski and Nelda Toon have been involved in our ar-

rangements as well as supplying much of the live and dried material. We are always appreciative of Nancy Maynard sharing her hydrangeas with us both fresh and dried. The fun part of having several people working on arrangements is watching the different styles. Bethel is wonderfully blessed to have these talented people sharing with us.

Amy Harmon at the Interagency Council (United Way) needs financial instructors for monthly classes they are conducting through RAFI (Roane Alliance Financial Independence). These classes are for individuals and families who are having a diffi-

cult time managing their finances. Anyone interested can contact Amy at 882-7711 or [rcu-way.ah@comcast.net](mailto:rcu-way.ah@comcast.net).

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Marc Sherrod from

Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Joyce Law from  
Vernon Law

In memory of Doris and John  
Barber from

James and Mary Barber

In memory of Gene Pierce from

Tom and Jane Pickel

George and Ginny Warlick

Ruby Luckey Fielden

Engert Heating and Plumbing,  
Inc.

Dick Evans and Celia Simon

Keith Leamon and Family

Joe and Amy Coen

## THIS 'N THAT...

The Woodard family is sharing this recipe for the Easy Goopy Butter Cake that they shared at our October Fellowship Supper:

Easy Goopy Butter Cake  
(printed from Cooks.com)

1 pkg. yellow cake mix

½ c. butter

1 egg

Goopy Butter:

1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened

2 eggs

1 lb. box confectioners' sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

Mix together cake mix (just the mix, not the other ingredients called for on the box) with butter and 1 egg. Pat into an ungreased 9x13 inch cake pan. Cream together cream cheese, 2 eggs, powdered sugar and vanilla. Pour over cake mixture, spreading to the edges. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

Variations at right:



## Prayer Reminders: 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

### Victorian Square

241 S. Chamberlain Ave. Rockwood 37854

Marge Maki ..... Room 114

### 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

Margaret True ..... Room 349

### NHC Healthcare Oak Ridge

300 Laboratory Rd Oak Ridge 37830

Wanda Carter ..... Room 212A

In Need of Prayer: Justin Trivette, Marci Smith, Charles W. Pickel, Debby Buuck (Jane Pickel's niece), Dianne Swinler (Brenda Strickling's sister), Helene Ricker.

This is the basic recipe – you can use different flavors of cake mix. Also, adding a small amount of liquid to cake mix will make the base more “cake like” instead of dense. For chocolate – use chocolate cake mix. You can also add melted chocolate to the cream cheese mixture for extra chocolatey taste.)

## 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.

\*non-member

^shut-in

+inactive

~baptized roll

### MARY B. HINES (2011) 376.6956

Jim, Matt [college]  
+Fletcher, Sara  
Hart, Julie  
Hart, Karen  
Hart, Shawn  
Harvey, Jerry & \*Pat  
Jones, Bob & Sue  
Jones, Frank & Linda (out of state)  
McMaster, Jill  
Parkinson, Doris Ann  
Schall, Jim & Karen  
Standridge, David & \*Debbie  
^+Willmarth, Phyllis  
+Woodall, Don

### STEVE JACKS (2010) 717.6756

Amber, Hayden, Jeremiah  
Brown, Linda & \*Travis  
+Browning, Cody  
Choate, David & \*Jessica, \*Eyan,  
\*Hailey  
+Choate, Doug  
Choate, Jennifer  
Choate, Linda  
Keko, \*Peter & \* Bitsy  
Lemasters, Gary  
+Lowery, Lily  
Russell, Dianne  
Stooksbury, Billie  
Young, Jean  
+Young, Scott

# DECEMBER

## YOUTH NEWS

December is here! This is a busy season of family, exams, Christmas, Advent and life in general. Take time to enjoy this season at Youth.

**December 1-** Bible Study at the Browns 7 PM

**December 5-** 3 PM-Pageant Practice.

4 PM-9 PM-Hanging of the Greens -Come out for tree decorating, food, and fun with our church family.

**December 8-** Shopping for Kairos Christmas Party 5 PM-8PM

We will be shopping for the children whose parents are incarcerated. We will head to Wal-Mart in Rockwood to shop and then to dinner at McDonalds so bring money!

**December 12-** 2 PM- I will be going to the RCHS band concert.

4:30-6 PM- Practice for the Pageant in the Bethel Sanctuary

7 PM-8 PM Kairos Christmas Party at the KUMC youth room

**December 15-**6:30 PM- Fellowship Dinner

7:30-Christmas Pageant in the Bethel Sanctuary

**December 16-**Christmas Basket setup at KUMC (Watch Facebook and email for more details)

**December 17-** SCHOOL IS OUT!!!

**December 18-** 2 PM-6 PM-Ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Food City at Ladd Landing.

**December 19-** 6 PM-Kids Musical at KUMC

7 PM- Christmas Party (Location to TBA, watch Facebook and email for more information)

**December 23-** Caroling at Jamestowne and Wellington Place. We will leave KUMC @ 5:30 PM and return @ 7 PM

**December 24-**7 PM-Christmas Eve Service

December 25-MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

**December 26-** 7 PM- Movie Night in the Bethel Youth Room

**December 29-**LOCK-IN (Watch Facebook and Email for more information)





# December 2010

<b>Important Note:</b> Many of Bethel's Committees and Service teams will not have regular meetings in December. Please check your Sunday bulletin or committee chairman to be sure.				<b>1</b> Deadline for Angel Tree Gifts	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Pageant Practice 3 PM Hanging of the Greens/Basket Distribution 4 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Young Adults Dinner @ Puleo's 7 PM	<b>8</b> Youth: Shop for Kairos Gifts 5-8 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>12</b> RCHS Band-Concert 2 PM Pageant Practice 4:30-6 PM Youth: Kairos Party @KUMC 7-8PM	<b>13</b> Girls' Night Out @ Carol Brown's 6 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Fellowship Supper 6:30 Pageant 7:30	<b>16</b> Stated Session 5:30 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Youth: Bell Ringing for Salvation Army @ Ladd Landing 2-6 PM	
<b>19</b> Christmas Joy Offering Caroling begins @ 4 PM Youth: KUMC Pageant 6 PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Youth: Caroling @ Jamestowne & Wellington Place 5:30 PM	<b>24</b> Candlelight Service 7 PM	<b>25</b> Christmas	
<b>26</b> Youth: Movie Night @ Bethel 7 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Youth Lock-In	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

## EACH WEEK:

Seniorcize: M/W/F 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall / Taoist Tai Chi: Tues.,Thur. 6 PM/Sat. 9 AM, Beginners 10 AM  
Youth: 6 PM Sundays; Bible Study 7 PM Wed.

## MUSIC SCHEDULE:

Children's Choir: 8:45 in KUMC Annex; Sunday Mornings / Handbell Choir Practice: Wed. @ 5:30 PM  
Adult Choir Practice: Wed. @ 7 PM

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Mac Robbins; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chuck Allen; 12<sup>th</sup>: John Walker; 13<sup>th</sup>: Orlando Vanegas, Jr.; 14<sup>th</sup>: Bob Jones; 16<sup>th</sup>: Ted Dailey; 22<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Pickel, III; 23<sup>rd</sup>: Madge Mounger; 28<sup>th</sup>: David Standridge; 29<sup>th</sup>: Jim Schall