

The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / APRIL 2011

Dear Friends,

How exciting it is for me to write to you as your pastor. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you and to serving with you in Kingston. My family is also excited to make this transition – in fact Isaac asks each day now when we will be going to our new church. On our last Sunday at Highland, he asked everyone to pray for him as he went to a new church and told them he would tell his new friends at Bethel about them. I know he will enjoy being in your midst as much as Brian, Rebecca and I will.

It seems to me that Bethel is a warm community of God's people who care about the world, about sharing the good news of the gospel, about working in partnership with our ecumenical brothers and sisters and about living out the greatest commandment to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. That is exactly what I feel God is calling me to be about in my own faith so I am thrilled to be journeying with you.

I am very impressed with the level of lay leadership at Bethel. It is truly wonderful the extent to which you the members have carried out the ministries and mission at Bethel. I am excited to work with you, to encourage you and to grow with you in the years to come.

I plan to visit with all of you as well as friends of the congregation within my first year as your pastor. For me ministry is relational, and so building those relationships from the very beginning is important. I will be calling you all to arrange a visit, but feel free to call or email me as well if you would like a visit earlier rather than later in this first year. I will work hard to match names with faces but ask your forgiveness ahead of time if I make a few mistakes.

Until we sell our house in Maryville, I will be commuting. I plan to have office hours Mon., Wed., and Thur. mornings and be visiting, studying and planning for worship during the other times. I will take Friday off and spend Sunday in Kingston for worship in the morning and visiting or attending committee or other meetings in the afternoon. Of course, if there is an emergency, I will be there regardless of the day.

I thank God for this journey we are beginning and look forward to our ministry together. Brian, Isaac, Rebecca and I can hardly wait to be with you in worship on April 3.

Grace and peace, Wendy

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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.*

**One Great Hour
of Sharing**

Sharing resources, changing lives



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Where does the money go?

The [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#) receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the [Self-Development of People](#) and [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) each receive 32 percent.

Watch your Sunday bulletin inserts in April for stories of how One Great Hour of Sharing is at work in the world. Special offering envelopes will also be available in the pew racks. Bethel will receive the offering on Easter Sunday and pass it along to the PCUSA’s General Assembly Mission Council.

Lenten Series Continues

The Faith Team would like to invite you to participate in a gifts discernment process during Lent. We are meeting on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 in the Fellowship Hall for a time of sharing a light meal (potluck) and discussing our time, talents, and resources. The theme for our conversations, “Giving Is...” will allow each person to reflect on how we can contribute to the mission and goals of our church.

On Palm Sunday, April 17th, the Faith Team will distribute forms for members and friends to officially let our ministry teams know who would like to be involved and how they would like to contribute. We will collect the forms on Easter Sunday - beginning a new tradition at Bethel of using our time for spiritual renewal during Lent to focus on how we can each better use our gifts for the glory of God.

Everyone has a gift – they are not the same, but all are necessary to the work of God in and through the church. No gift is better than any other. All gifts are precious and all are needed in the life and ministry of the church!

This ‘n That...

Palm Sunday afternoon sing at Bethel: The Harriman Music Club sponsors the community choirs in a community sing each year. Bethel will be hosting this year.

The Roane Choral Society spring concert will take place at Bethel Sunday afternoon, May 1. Many Bethel choir members are in this group.

Bethel will be hosting the Love Kitchen at Rockwood Pres. on April 9th. Linda Choate will be coordinating.

Coming...Tennessee Valley Opera Company (formerly Monroe Area Opera Company) presents Gilbert & Sullivan's comic opera, Iolanthe, on Saturday, April 30th at 7:30 at the Athens Arts Center; on Sunday, May 1st at 3:00 at the Sweetwater Elementary School Auditorium; and on Saturday, May 7th at 7:30 at the Sweetwater Elementary School. (This is not the same school where last year's Mikado was presented.)

Dianne Griffith will appear as the Queen of the Fairies.

The story concerns a band of immortal fairies <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairy>> who find themselves at odds with the House of Peers <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/House of Lords](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/House_of_Lords)> . The opera satirizes many aspects of British government and law. The House of Lords is lampooned as a bastion of the ineffective, privileged and dim-witted. The political party system and other institutions also come in for a dose of satire. But love wins in the end as the peers and fairies come together in peace and harmony.

Ministry Support Team

Financial Data

General Fund – Jan 1, 2011 – Mar 20, 2011:

Offering received:	\$48,467
Less Expenses	<u>43,430</u>
= Net Increase	\$ 5,037

Mortgage paid- Jan 1, 2011 – Feb 28, 2011:

Offering received	\$11,552
Mtg Payments Made	<u>16,699</u>
= Shortfall	-\$ 5,147

Debt Free Campaign to date:

Add'l Principal Pymts	\$50,200
Est. Interest avoided	\$90,158
Est. Mortgage payoff 20 months early	

Mother-Daughter Luncheon

ALL ladies of Bethel and KUMC are invited to our annual Mother/Daughter Luncheon on Saturday, May 7th, noon, at The Rockwood Street Grill. Sign-up sheets are in both church offices. Please make your reservations by Monday, May 2nd.

We can order from the regular menu or chose one of 3 specials the restaurant offers. The specials consist of chicken strips, catfish and a surprise special..

Entree and two sides, a roll or cornbread is \$6.99

Entree and three sides, a roll or cornbread is \$7.99

The cost does not include drinks, desserts and tips.

We will meet at Bethel at 11:15 to carpool to the restaurant.

Transitions Fellowship

Are you looking for something fun to do in the Kingston area? Come join the Transitions Fellowship! The Transitions name came about because we are always in transition in our late teens to 30's. We enjoy food and fellowship together. We meet in the Bethel Fellowship Hall for dinner or fellowship members home every other Tuesday. We have added a new activity for the summer! Join us for Ultimate Frisbee on the Sunday afternoons listed on page 6. Are you interested in mission opportunities? We will start to get out of our comfort zones and into mission projects in the near future. Contact Will at 376-6340, or by email at willpuru@comcast.net for meeting places, times and other information. You can always find the basics at Facebook: Bethel/KUMC young adult ministry.



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Kingston United Methodist Church
Saturday April 23,
9 AM-10:30 AM

Pancake Breakfast
Egg Hunt
Reading of the Easter Story
Photos with the Easter Bunny
(made by the Bethel Photography Club)

All funds raised support the Ignite/Fusion Kingston Student Ministry (Bethel/KUMC youth group)

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be Saturday April 23 from 9 AM until 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall at Kingston United Methodist Church. Breakfast will be served between 9:00 and 10:00AM. Photos with the Easter Bunny will start at 9:30 AM, the Easter Story will be read at 9:50 and the egg hunt will begin close to 10:00 AM. Please

bring a container for the egg hunt.

The cost for a child's breakfast will be \$8. The child's breakfast cost includes

- Pancakes
- Bacon and or sausage
- Milk or juice
- A picture with the Easter Bunny
- Favor
- Egg Hunt

The cost for an adult breakfast will be \$3.

A reservation is required for the breakfast. The deadline is Tuesday April 19th. Reservation forms can be picked from Will in the church office. If you have questions email Will at willpuru@comcast.net or call the church office at 376-6340.



Team Works...

Service Team

The Service Team had a very good potluck and discussion during the Lenten Study. Each attendee received a handout explaining each of our 26 projects and containing a contact person in case they are interested in getting involved with a particular project.

These handouts are available in the gathering area for those interested but were unable to attend this particular Lenten Study. No committee work is involved. Each person can be as involved as they wish in any of our ongoing projects.

Sunset Gap Mission

Thanks to everyone who has been contributing items and transportation for the Sunset Gap Thrift Store. We made a trip in March; the next trip will probably be sometime in June. Please continue collecting things at home for the Mission, but DO NOT bring Mission items to the church for storage yet. The Youth have asked to use the storage space for their upcoming auction items. We appreciate your help in keeping these two efforts uncomplicated until after the Youth Auction!

Green Team

Remember: The recycling center at Midtown will now take green and clear glass. Michael

Dunn Center will take junk mail, newspapers, cardboard, all plastics with the recycling logo number 1- 7, aluminum cans.

Spring planting season results in a lot of plastic entering the landfill. Michael Dunn will take plastic pots numbering 1 – 7. Lowe's at Midtown will take flats, pots, etc. to be recycled. Brown's and William's will take flats to be reused. Please support these businesses trying to be good neighbors.

Flower Ministry

There has been an explosion of color in the sanctuary during the month of March. Joan, Nancy and Jane provided daffodils, Mary Page (our KUMC friend) provided the beautiful forsythia, Bonnie Anderson provided the star magnolia branches, the bridal veil spirea is from the plant which was moved before construction. The pussy willow is from the newly planted cutting border on the south side of the church.

We are asking that each member of the congregation bring a flower or flowering branch from their landscape to the church Easter Sunday. Why? Join us Easter Sunday and find out.

Family and Fellowship

Mark your calendar for April 3 as we welcome Reverend Wendy Neff with a reception after church. Donations of finger foods are still being accepted so please let the church office know what you are bringing.

The F&F team will have its regular meeting at 5:30 on April 20.

Our April Fellowship potluck dinner will be at 6:30 on April 20. Ladies, be sure to mark your

calendars for the Mother Daughter Luncheon which will be held at the Rockwood Street Grill on May 7 at noon. Sign up sheet will be in the church office. Our KUMC sisters are also invited to share this meal with us.

Do you have extra flatware that could be donated to our church kitchen? Halleluia! We need extras to serve our people at meals.

Family and Fellowship will see that appropriate greeting cards are sent to Bethel family and extended family members in time of illness or bereavement. Please contact Marilyn Harris with the names and addresses of those who need a Bethel remembrance.

Study Team

Now that spring is here, summer camping season is not far behind. Brochures for Camp John Knox are available now—check with Will or the church office. This year, there is a change in our scholarship policy. We will no longer paying half of the tuition for all campers, but scholarships are still available if you have a need. A scholarship application form is available on our website — www.bethelpcusa.org . Just click on the Youth tab and look for "A Few Handy Links" and click on the link marked Scholarship Application Form.

The Study team will not meet on its regularly scheduled date, which falls on Easter Sunday this month. Please watch your Sunday bulletins for the new date.

Please plan to attend the Lenten series meeting on April 10th to hear what the Study team is doing, to let us know what you'd like to be doing, and to consider ways that you might like to help out.

Youth Ministry

#1-Do you want to attend camp this summer? Contact Will for information about summer camp at John Knox.

#2- Senior Sunday is May 22nd!! We will be recognizing our senior high students with a special breakfast during the Sunday School hour. Watch your mailbox for a letter from Will!

#3 - Spring is in the air! It is getting warmer and there is a lot going at Ignite/Fusion Kingston. Join us for all of the great activities happening this month. The Brown House Coffee Company is moving outdoors. We will enjoy delicious Italian Ice drinks, and a Bible study. Remember you can always find Will at services at Bethel or KUMC Sunday mornings and don't forget about Sunday school at Bethel at 9:30 AM. Always remember to invite a friend! Go to www.bethelpcusa.org, then the youth page to find more information on activities, links to forms, and our monthly calendar.

#4- The Text Tree is back in business! Email your cell phone number, name and cell phone carrier (i.e.; Verizon, AT&T, Sprint) to Will at willpuru@comcast.net

Youth Calendar

April 1-3-Spin Cycle Middle School Advance (Retreat) to Beer-sheba Springs, TN. We will leave the church at 5:00 PM and return Sunday at 12:30 PM. Music, games, worship and fun will make this a memorable event. Go to www.bethelpcusa.org for more information under the Spin Cycle link.

April 3- Watch for messages via Facebook and the text tree to find out if we will have youth

April 6-Brown House Coffee Company 7 PM

April 10-BINGO at Wellington Place 6 PM

April 12- What are you doing after school? Join Will for ice cream at Market Street Fountain from 3:40-?

April 13- Brown House Coffee Company 7 PM (Contact Will for directions.)

April 15-17- Spin Cycle Senior High Advance (Retreat) to Lake Frances in Crossville, TN. We will have music, games, a gymnastics area with huge trampolines, foam pit, spring board floors, as well as an outdoor high ropes courses, volleyball... phew...and time by the lake (maybe in the lake if it's warm)!

Deadline for Sign up is April 10. The cost is \$95. Go to www.bethelpcusa.org for more information. Scholarships are always available!

April 17-Watch Facebook, email and the text tree to find out if we are having youth.

April 20- Brown House Coffee Company 7 PM (Contact Will for directions.)

April 23- Breakfast with the Easter bunny!

We need your help for this great fundraiser! We will need breakfast prep help, a reader for the Easter story, hiding eggs and more. The schedule is listed below:

- 8:00-9:00-Setup
- 9:00-Pancake Breakfast
- 9:30 Photos with the Easter Bunny
- 9:50 Easter Story/Music
- 10:00 Egg Hunt

We will be finished by 11:00

April 24- EASTER SUNDAY!!! No Youth

April 26-What are you doing after school? Join Will for ice cream at Market Street Fountain from 3:40-?

April 27-Brown House Coffee Company 7 PM (Contact Will for directions.)



What is Ignite/Fusion? We have partnered with Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville to create the Ignite/Fusion Student ministry network. Our student ministry will be known as Ignite/Fusion Kingston.

Ignite=High School Ministry
Fusion=Middle School Ministry

We will continue to **Serve** our community and world through missions

We will **Embrace** each other in Christian love.

We are **Anchored** in Jesus Christ

**Transitions Ministry
Calendar**

- (continuation of article on page 2)
April 3- Ultimate Frisbee 4 PM-?
 (Location TBA)
April 8- *Tear through Market Square:* We will leave KUMC at 6 PM and head to Knoxville for a night at Market Square. Food, fun and friends will make an awesome evening. We will return around 11:30 PM.
April 12- Fellowship at Bethel 7 PM
April 17- Ultimate Frisbee 4 PM -? (Location TBA)
April 26- Fellowship at Bethel 7 PM
May 1- Lunch after church. We will leave the KUMC parking lot at 12:15 and head to lunch.

Notes and Letters

To My Bethel Family:
 I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, calls, visits, flowers and cards during my brief stay at Mercy West. I am feeling so much better after this last stent procedure. I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness very much.

In Christian Love,
 Bill Shadden

Opportunities:

Do you have old cell phones or old printer cartridges sitting around your house? Bring them to the church and help fund the Ignite/Fusion Kingston (formerly Bethel/KUMC Student Ministry). The collection boxes are located in the church office. Contact Will at the church office for more information.

Wish List for Travelers Bags
 Our community has individuals passing through who have fallen on hard times. They usually are

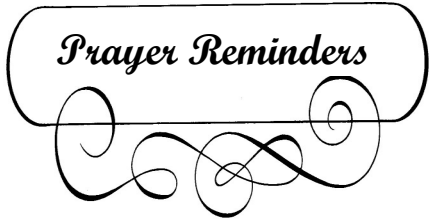
looking for food that help them get to their destination. We can fulfill this need by creating a travelers bag. The Ignite/Fusion Kingston Student ministry (Bethel/KUMC youth) is seeking donations for the traveler's bags. The contents are: **Adult bags:** cereal bars, bottled water, crackers, Beanie Weenies or Vienna Sausages (with a pop top), plastic ware to eat canned goods, fruit cups. **Kids Bags:** fruit roll ups or fruit snacks, crayons, bottled water, juice packs.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Ignite/Fusion Student Ministry. We are still in need of several items for the program: projector, video games for Wii, PS 3 and Xbox 360, Xbox 360, Sony Play Station 3, flat screen tv, mounting hardware for flat screen tv, DVD player, locking entertainment center, home audio speakers.

Just Reduced!!! God's Creation 2011 calendars have been reduced to \$4!!! Buy yours today! All funds help support the Ignite/Fusion Student Ministry (Bethel/KUMC student ministry)



- 4 Marge Maki
- 6 Charlie Cantrell
- 9 Bill Sides
- 10 Cathy McDowell
- 12 Sophie Simon
- 19 Clay Landers
- 22 Dick Hettrick
Dolores Sandmel
- 23 Chad Gaffin
- 27 Joni Morgan
David Choate
Sarah Applegate
- 30 Previn Griffith Langham



**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
 Renaissance Terrace
 257 Patton Lane,
 Harriman 37748
 Marge Maki Room 108A
 Baptist Healthcare 700 Wil-
 liams 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
 Harriman Care & Rehab Center
 240 Hannah Rd Harriman 37748
 Sue Muecke

In Need of Prayer:

Teresa Hettrick, Justin Trivette, Marci Smith, Pat Hale, Sue Muecke, Helene Ricker, Elizabeth Walker, Charles W. Pickel, Denys Stutesman (Carol Brown's sister), Lloyd Wattenbarger (friend of Jane Pickel), Dianne Swinler (Brenda Strickling's sister), Melvin Hayes (friend of the Shadden's).

April 2011



	<i>Welcome, Wendy and family!!</i>				1	2
3 Reception for Wendy Neff Lenten Study: Ministry Support 6:00	4	5	6	7	8	9 Love Kitchen @ Rockwood Presbyterian
10 Faith Team 12:30 Lenten Study: Study Team 6:00	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Palm Sunday Session 12:30 Harriman Music Club community sing @Bethel	18	19	20 Family & Fellowship 5:30 Ministry Support Team 5:30 Fellowship Dinner 6:30	21	22	23 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny @KUMC 9:00 a.m.
24 Easter Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	25	26	27	28	29	30 TN Valley Opera 7:30 in Athens

Weekly Schedules:

Rehearsals:

Children's Choir:
Sun., 8:45 a.m., KUMC Annes
Handbell Choir:
Wednesdays, 5:30

Physical Fitness:

Seniorize: M/W/F 9:00 a.m.
Taoist Tai-Chi: Tues., Thur., 6 p.m.
Sat: 9 a.m.; Beginners 10 a.m.

Classes:

BAM for Kids:
Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m.
BAM Stained Glass for Adults
Mondays 4-6 p.m.
Spanish: Tuesdays 6:30 p.m