

# The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / MAY 2011

## Bethel Presbyterian Church

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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 com-*

*ing together,  
for fellowship, study and  
service...seeking God's  
peace, justice and love ~*



### Dear Friends,

It is the season of Easter – these 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. We tend not to emphasize this season very much, thinking more of Easter as a solitary day than a whole season. Nevertheless, our liturgical church calendar reminds us that it is Easter from now until June 12 when we will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church on Pentecost.

And really, I am glad we have 50 days and not just one to celebrate Easter, for without Easter there may not be Easter people – those of us who claim the name Christian and follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We are Easter people. We are the people who believe new life is possible. We are Easter people because we believe that God raised Jesus from the dead and by so doing conquered the powers of sin and death once and for all. We are Easter people because we have hope that the life we know today is not the life God desires for us, and that one day all of us will have a healthy, whole life. We are Easter people because even though the world appears otherwise, we know that death has no power over us and so we can choose to live God's way here and now.

We are Easter people because we not only believe these things, we live them. Our words and our deeds witness to our belief in the Resurrection. But it is not always easy to be Easter people and if we only think about it one day of the year, we are bound to forget what it means to be Easter people and begin to live the way of the world again. Thankfully we have 50 days to be reminded each day that we are Easter people – that the world has changed because of the Resurrection and nothing should be the same.

At the end of those 50 days, we will celebrate Pentecost and be shown through the gift of the Holy Spirit what being Easter people really looks like. Which means in the end, it doesn't have to be Easter Sunday or even the season of Easter for us to remember that we are Easter people, for every day in the life of faith is a day to proclaim through word and deed that we are Easter people – those who follow God's way of justice, peace and love because we know God raised Jesus from the dead and conquered the powers of sin and death enabling us to live a life of freedom in God's love.

Enjoy being Easter People and share the good news with those you meet.

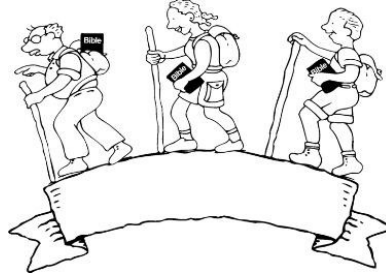
Grace and peace, Wendy

## Family and Fellowship

1. Our "Mothers and Others" ladies luncheon is May 7, at 12:00 noon, at the Rockwood Street Grille in Rockwood. All reservations should be made no later than May 1. Please call the office and save your place for this gathering of the ladies of Bethel and KUMC.

2. Join us for Reverend Wendy Neff's Installation Luncheon on May 15 in the fellowship hall. Faith and Fellowship has planned a meal of beef tips over rice, broccoli salad, green beans, and homemade desserts. Our congregation will also host Presbytery guests and special friends and family of Rev. Neff. We hope to have all of you join in this special meal.

3. May means graduation! Our Fellowship Dinner on May 18 is specially planned to recognize our High School Graduates. We also want to recognize college graduates and those grads of any Bethel family members. Please let the church office know if you have a family member who should be remembered at this celebration. Remember to bring a dish to share.



## Spring Hike to Piney Falls

Everyone is welcome to join us in our Bethel church hike at the Piney Falls State Natural Area just south of us near Spring City. Our trip is planned for after Worship on Mother's Day, May 8. We'll carpool down just after the service, leaving from the upper / south parking lot. We'll wait for you to change clothes at the church, or you can just come dressed for the event that morning. Bring a sack lunch that can be eaten at the trail head, which is about a 45-minute drive from Bethel. As always, bring plenty to drink and appropriate jackets if rain is a possibility. We'll leave from the upper/south parking lot.

About the trail and hike itself: neither Mark nor Joe has been to this one, but that typically does not stop us from offering an opinion (often incorrect!) about the expected scenery, degree of diffi-

culty, etc. This one is a 2.5 mile loop that should be relatively easy. We'll want to stay more together than usual to avoid a portion of the group getting lost (remember the loop hike at Fort Loudoun?) Don't worry if you're not ready for the Olympics just yet – we'll take a leisurely pace. If you get tired, we'll stop awhile. The views should be excellent, with two waterfalls along the way.

For a more accurate and seasoned perspective on this hike, see the article (with photos) by Morgan Simmons from the March 4<sup>th</sup> News Sentinel at <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2011/mar/04/hike-of-the-month-waterfalls-virgin-forest-high/>

It helps with carpooling if you can let Mark (376-2118) or Joe (376-9033) know that you are coming. If for some reason you don't have a chance to notify us, come along anyway. See you on Mother's Day.

## It's that Time:

It's spring and that means it's time to spring clean, spruce up and fix up.



A Bethel Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 from 8:30 am until we get done, probably early afternoon or earlier if a lot of folks come and pitch in. Below are several work areas identifying the person in charge of each area. Please feel free to call that person with any suggestions, needs or concerns in that particular area. Bring your gloves, rags, any supplies or tools, and check in with the person when you come on the 14<sup>th</sup> to help in the building or outside.

## An opportunity for fellowship and service...

A new ministry is beginning in May... that of baking freezable cookies and breads for our pastor and members to take on home visits in the community. Bethel will provide the flour, oil, salt, and baking soda. You provide your recipe and any other ingredients you need. If you don't have a recipe, come anyway to help. We will bake, wrap, freeze and socialize until the work is done.

The first baking night is Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4 P.M. until 9 P.M. This is a come-and-go affair so that choir members and handbell members can stop in and participate. Bring your dinner and stay the evening or stop in whenever it best fits your schedule. The last batch of cookies goes in the oven at 8:30 P.M. Baking cookies is a fellowship event that will support the Visitor and Nurture Visitation Programs of the Faith Team and the Family & Fellowship Team.

## Serve Team

Mission Focus for May:

Roane Imagination Library

“Dream more.

Learn more.

Care more.

Be more.”

— inspirational words from Dolly Parton.

In May, we will have a Minute for Mission about Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library and how its local affiliate has contributed to Roane County’s children. Imagine a quality age-appropriate book delivered directly to a preschool child for less money than it costs to send a birthday card. Imagine more than 115,000 books given to area children, no strings attached, no income disclosures. Imagine a family struggling to buy food being able to snuggle up together to read a bedtime story. Imagine a child tucking her very own book under her pillow at night. No need to imagine, this is real.

Surveys have shown that children who participate in Imagination Library, when compared with non-participants, have better reading skills, speaking skills, thinking skills and social skills. Dolly Parton lends her name to this international literacy program and funds the logistics that make the program possible. However, all of the books distributed in Roane County are purchased with local contributions supplemented by matching funds from the Tennessee Books From Birth Foundation.

As Presbyterians, we have a long tradition of supporting education missions as well as colleges and universities. Anyone who has watched a baby grow knows that learning starts at birth. Imagination Library enrollment also starts when the child is born. As Presbyterians,

we are proud of our Scots ancestry — even the stereotype of appreciating value for money spent. Imagination Library provides enormous value when a child may receive a quality book in the mail every month for only \$14 a year. For more information about Roane County’s program see: [www.RoaneImaginationLibrary.org](http://www.RoaneImaginationLibrary.org) or contact Jill McMaster

## Flower Ministry

Many thanks for those who continue to create the sanctuary and gathering area arrangements. We appreciate all the nice comments. Special thanks to Jane Pickel for the lilacs used during April. Also, special thanks to Dave and Nancy Braski for the flower cross used Easter Sunday. We thank Mike and Jeanette McElhinney for the use of their ferns Easter Sunday morning.

And special thanks to everyone who made our cross possible by bringing in flowers.

## Landscape Committee

—from Cathy McDowell

1. Nancy Braski has joined our Landscape Committee - THANKS NANCY!! Nancy will be working around the Bethel sign and several other areas at the front of the church. Jane will assist Nancy. We have such a wonderful Landscape Committee - we all have that common landscape interest and it is such fun to go to plant sales and get excited over what we find to plant. 2. Treavor Cribbs helped me repair the brick sidewalk at the labyrinth. Treavor is a hard and conscientious worker and I am so grateful that he came by and offered to help me. Treavor also wheelbarrowed some crushed gravel around the labyrinth seating wall. Treavor, thanks so much.

3. Thanks to Gary and Dianne for the additional large rocks and to Gary and Sam for hauling them to the labyrinth area. Thanks also to Danny Holloway for weeding around the labyrinth.

4. Thanks to Micki and Andy for taking the labyrinth stone and the Pet Memorial Garden stone to Clinton to be engraved, and to Andy, Frank, Gary and Johnny for lifting the large stone.

5. Phil Walsh did a great job helping me put up the arbor and additional birdhouses and concreting the Pet Memorial Garden stone in place.

## Green Team

Our local post office is getting involved with the green movement by offering “go green” stamps. If interested, ask for these the next time you need to purchase a book or sheet of stamps.

The produce table is off to a good start. Many thanks to everyone who brought in potted plants and mixed greens during April. We may have a few weeks with very little or no produce until the late spring and summer gardens begin to be productive.

Rosemary, sage and thyme as well as lavender are all abundant in the herb garden. Please help yourself.

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.

## Session Highlights

February, March, and April  
Cathy McDowell, Clerk

1. With regrets, the Session passed a motion to approve Denise Martin's request that her name be removed from all membership rolls at Bethel.
2. Dave and Nancy Braski were received into formal membership by Certificate of Transfer.
3. Mark Banker is writing a history of our recent "church move project."
4. Bethel member, Betty Foy, moved to Cookeville, TN several years ago. Betty has joined the One Eleven Fellowship - Freewill Baptist Church in Cookeville.
5. Chief Washman, from the Kingston Police Department, spoke with the session concerning a seminar that he could present at Bethel. The seminar would be on "how to deal with a crisis in a place of Worship." The seminar has been tentatively scheduled for May 24, 2011.
6. The next presbytery meeting is on May 3 at John Knox Center - James Woodard is the Commissioner.
7. Last July, the 218th General Assembly took action to study the role and future of presbyteries and synods in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) by establishing a 21-person Commission on Middle Governing Bodies. The Commission is asking that each session complete a survey - this is being done. Church members are also invited to be a part of this information gathering process. You can complete a survey form at [www.pcusa.org/mgbchurchwidesurvey](http://www.pcusa.org/mgbchurchwidesurvey). The deadline for responding to this survey is June 1, 2011.

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

## Congratulations, Jordan Sherrod

At an awards ceremony held at Maryville College on April 16th, Jordan Sherrod received two awards for exceptional academic achievement. The first was the Outstanding Senior Award in Sociology, given to a Sociology major who excelled in the classroom, in comprehensive exams, and in his/her senior thesis. Jordan was also named the Maryville College 2011 Outstanding Senior. Language written about this award reads as follows: "The Outstanding Senior Award was established in 1974 by the Maryville College Alumni Association with the first award presented in 1975. A committee that includes student, faculty and staff representation selects from a list of graduating seniors with a 3.20 GPA or above and those students whose overall record of academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities stand out as most exemplary." Although five finalists were chosen, she alone received this great honor.

## Ministry Support Team

### Financial Data

#### General Fund

##### Jan 1, 2011 – Mar 31, 2011:

Offering received:	\$51,022
Less Expenses	<u>-57,713</u>
= Net Decrease	-\$ 6,691

#### Mortgage paid-

##### Jan 1, 2011 – Mar 31, 2011:

Offering received	\$18,449
Mtg Payments Made	<u>-36,048</u>
= Shortfall	-\$ 17,599

#### Debt Free Campaign to date:

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

## Transitions Fellowship

The Young Adult Fellowship is open to anyone ages 18-?. Join us for food, fellowship and fun!

**May 1**-Lunch after church. We will leave the KUMC parking lot at 12:15 and head to lunch.

**May 7**-Serve lunch at the Volunteer Ministry Center. We will leave Bethel at 10:30 AM and serve lunch at noon.

**May 10**-Fellowship 7 PM

**May 15**-Ultimate Frisbee at Fort Southwest Point 4 PM-?

**May 22**-Ultimate Frisbee at Fort Southwest Point 4 PM-?

**May 24**-Fellowship 7 PM

We will discuss summer plans at our May Fellowships. Bring your ideas for activities!



To all of the musicians, liturgists, vocalists, bell-ringers, and directors who made this past Lenten season so beautiful and meaningful — Thank You! Your combined efforts made the invitation to "Walk With Me" so vivid, and really helped us to focus on the meaning of this season. To Wendy, Mary, Laura, and Chris — many thanks for your excellent leadership. And to all who shared their time and talents, many, many thanks. You have been a blessing to us all.

## Youth Ministry

School is almost out and summertime is here. Check out what is going on this month at Ignite/Fusion Kingston.

**May 1-** Parents & Students- The Joint Committee wants to meet you! The Joint Committee is made up of two leaders each from Bethel and KUMC, Wendy Neff; the pastor from Bethel and John Anderson; the pastor from KUMC. We want you to hear:

-What are we doing?

-What goals we have set and allow you to ask any questions or share any comments with us.

-Who is the Joint Committee?

We will meet at 4 PM in the KUMC youth room.

6 PM-THE FEAST & BIG ?'s

**May 4-** Bible Study at the Browns 7 PM

**May 8-** No Youth (Celebrate Mother's Day with a woman you admire and look up to.)

**May 11-** Bible Study at the Browns. 7 PM

**May 15-** THE FEAST & BIG ?'s 7 PM in the KUMC youth room.

**May 18-** Fellowship Dinner at Bethel at 6:30 PM. Bible study afterwards.

**May 20** -Roane County High School Graduation!

**May 22-** Senior Breakfast 9 AM in the KUMC Fellowship Hall.

Senior Recognition Sunday at KUMC and Bethel services

**No Youth**

**May 25-** BASE 7 PM at the KUMC youth room.

**May 29-** No youth. Spend this day with your family. You can go to the Bethel website to learn more about mission activities and plans for summer activities. The summer calendar will be published soon.

## Look at what is coming this summer:

**BASE-** An examination of our Christian beliefs and why we believe what we believe. We will meet on Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the KUMC youth room.

We will learn about;

-Worship

-Prayer

-Bible study

And so much more. We will learn and do things that are different and similar to what you have done in the past. This study will put a brand new spin on your faith!

**Monday Munchies & Mission Mondays-** We will eat lunch at a local fast food restaurant and work with a local mission project within a day's drive of home.



## June 16-18-Middle Schoolers!

Do you want to make an impact? Join us for REACH! This a great time to get out of your comfort for an awesome mission experience. We will be teaming up with Cokesbury to do mission work in downtown Knoxville. The cost is \$40 for the first 6 students that sign up.

**GO-** A short-term mission experience for Senior High Students; July 14-16. We will be heading to Huntsville, AL to perform home improvement. The cost will be \$60.



Did you join us at Hebrews Coffee house last summer? It is back and better than ever! Join us for coffee, music, and friends at Cokesbury in Knoxville for the following dates on Wednesday nights in June and July:

June 8, June 29, July 6, July 20

## Also:

Ground Zero at Hiawasse College July 31-August 3



## 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 **Serve** our community and world through missions

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

We are **Anchored** in Jesus Christ

**Air Conditioners :** The property subcommittee of Ministry Support is working on the development of a schedule for the running of the air conditioners of the entire complex. Did you know that there were nine air conditioners now? Also, did you know that if all nine air conditioners came on at the same time, even for a minute, that our electric rates are charged at a much higher commercial rate for an entire year or more? So, in order to keep our electricity bill at a much more affordable monthly total, we definitely want to avoid all of those air conditioners coming on at once.

**Tennessee Valley Opera** Company (formerly Monroe Area Opera Company) presents Gilbert & Sullivan's comic opera, *Iolanthe*, 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. Dianne Griffith will appear as the Queen of the Fairies.

### **Memorials**

In memory of Hugh Webb from:  
Lake View neighbors  
Philip D. Goldstine  
Bill and Marianne Shadden  
Lucy Webb

In memory of Marc Sherrod from:  
Chris Lowry  
Mark and Kathy Banker  
Elizabeth Buchanan

In memory of Kay Michener from:  
Martha M. Chandler

### **Youth Ministries — Can You Help?**

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). Contact Will at the church office for more information.

Our youth program is evolving, growing and always moving. We have many needs within our youth ministry and you can help! We have an ongoing wish list of items for the youth program:

-Storage items i.e. Rubbermaid containers, mesh ball bags, etc.

#### **Technology Equipment:**

Projector, portable PA system (6/8 channel system), flip cams (small video cameras that can be used for audio visual production), videogames for our new Wii system, flat screen tv, mounting hardware for flat screen tv, dvd player, locking entertainment center, multi disc CD changer, home audio speakers. Contact Will 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) are seeking donations for the travelers bags. The contents are listed below.

**Adult bag:** Cans of tuna or Beanie Weenies with a pop top; crackers; fruit cups, cereal bar, bottled water

**Kids Bag:** fruit roll ups; bottled water

### **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 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  
Sue Muecke  
P.O. Box 156  
Kingston, TN 37763

### **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), Dianne Swinler (Brenda Strickling's sister)



# May 2011

## Rehearsals:

**Children's Choir:** Sun., 8:45 a.m. , KUMC Annes

**Handbell Choir:** Wednesdays, 5:30

**Adult Choir:** Wednesdays, 7:P00

**Transitions and Ignite/Fusion Calendars on p. 4 & 5**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Roane Choral Concert 3:00 @Bethel  TN Valley Opera 3:00 @ Sweet- water	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Visitation Cookie Baking 4:00 Until...	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> "Mothers & Others: 12:— @Rockwood St. Grill TN Valley Op- era 7:30 @ Sweetwater
<b>8</b>  Church Hike to Piney Falls  No Faith Team meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>     Work/Cleanup Day 8:30 AM
<b>15</b>  Installation of Rev. Wendy Neff  Luncheon af- ter worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Family & Fellowship Team 5:30 Min. Support Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	<b>19</b>   No Serve Team Meeting	<b>20</b>   RCHS Graduation	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Breakfast for graduating Srs. @KUMC 9 AM  Session 12:30 No Study Team	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Physical Fitness:</b> Seniorcize: M/W/F 9:00 a.m. Taoist Tai-Chi: Tues., Thur., 6 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m.; Beginners 10 a.m.		<b>Classes:</b> <b>BAM for Kids:</b> Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. <b>BAM Stained Glass for Adults</b> Mondays 4-6 p.m. <b>Spanish:</b> Tuesdays 6:30 p.m	

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

