



The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / JUNE 2011

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



Dear Friends,

Pentecost comes late this year, just like Easter did. Normally it comes near the end of May but we are two weeks into June before Pentecost Sunday this year. One of the added benefits of a late Pentecost is two more weeks of choir anthems before they take a deserved summer break.

Pentecost is most often thought of as the church's birthday, and rightly so.

On Pentecost Sunday we normally read chapter two in Acts. It is the story of the Holy Spirit bursting open the windows to the disciples' retreat and causing flames of fire to dance about their heads while they all miraculously speak and understand other languages spoken by the visitors to Jerusalem. It is the moment when the disciples are pushed out of hiding and grieving what might have been and into the world to share the good news of the gospel. And just like the multiplying of the fish and loaves, the abundance of God is apparent in the thousands that receive the good news and are baptized at the end of that first Pentecost.

We wear red on Pentecost as a reminder of the Holy

Spirit – that gift of fire and flame. Yet we also think of the Spirit as a dove or mighty wind – the *Ruach* in Hebrew. The Holy Spirit is a comforter and disturber all in one. The Spirit or *Pneuma* in Greek is both praying on our behalf and calling us to hear the voices of those long silenced.

We haven't spent much time in the Presbyterian Church at least, talking about the Holy Spirit – my guess is because the Spirit makes us a little nervous blowing open windows, lighting fires, messing up language expectations. And Pentecost is a day on the liturgical calendar, not a season. Nevertheless, there is a footnote of sorts that says Pentecost can be celebrated as a season and it might not be such a bad idea to do so. So we will. We will celebrate Pentecost, the Holy Spirit and the gift of the church from June 12 through the end of July. During this time of Pentecost, the Spirit may surprise us in worship, may gift us with language we didn't know we knew, may even burst open the windows. Come prepared to experience the Holy Spirit!

As a P.S. of sorts, thank you to all of you for a wonderful Installation Service on May 15. Worship was wonderful, lunch was delicious, your hospitality was outstanding. It is indeed a gift to serve among you.

Grace and peace, Wendy



Serve Team

MISSION FOCUS FOR JUNE – GRACE SCHOOL

One of our standing mission commitments at Bethel is our relationship with Grace School in Limuru, Kenya. It is a private school serving over 100 children in a less-than-ideal area not far from the capital in Nairobi. Many of the students are impoverished, even by their local standards, and the school attempts to address far-reaching issues involving student nutrition, health, and welfare beyond the academic curriculum. The school is owned and operated by Monica and Rev. Samuel Wambugu, both native Kenyans and long time friends and partners of Bethel. The school's website was developed and is maintained by Dan McDowell of our congregation. See the site at <http://www.graceministries-limuru.org/>.

As most of Bethel knows, Samuel has ties to the Knoxville area from his time in a graduate program at the UT Medical Center, Knoxville (UTMCK). Rev. George Doebler, the retired director of Pastoral Care at UTMCK, traveled from Knoxville to the school in March for a two week stay along with his wife, Nancy. The Doeblers will worship with us on Sunday, June 26, with George bringing greetings from and news of the school in a minute for mission.

Join us on the 26th to hear an update on the school. Keep the school and Samuel and Monica in your thoughts throughout the month.

Contact Joe Coen or another member of the SERVE team for more information about the school and Bethel's connection.

Landscaping and Flower Ministry

Jane Walsh and the Landscape Committee would like to thank everyone who helped moved the four big piles of mulch during the work Saturday on May 14.. A lot of people got together and did a tremendous job.

Flower Ministry: We would like to thank Nelda Toon and Virginia Fowler for sharing their flowers with us during May.

Family and Fellowship

Our June Fellowship Supper will be June 15.

Family and Fellowship appreciates all of you who have donated time and food for our recent Bethel gatherings. With your help, we hosted luncheons, graduation dinner, and Wendy's installation luncheon. Thanks -- we couldn't do it without you.

We are now accepting volunteers to host the June, July, and August Fellowship Dinners. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Gathering Area.

Ministry Support Team

General Fund – Jan 1, 2011 – Apr 30, 2011:

Offering received:	\$79,719
Less Expenses	<u>-77,182</u>
= Net Increase	\$ 2,537

Mortgage paid- Jan 1, 2011 – Apr 30, 2011:

Offering received	\$26,446
Monthly Mtg Pymts	<u>-33,398</u>
= Shortfall	-\$ 6,952

Mortgage reserve:

Reserve desired (3 mo)	\$25,048
Reserve 4/30/11	<u>18,133</u>
= Shortfall	-\$ 6,915

Debt Free Campaign to date:

YTD Extra Principal Pymts	\$11,000
Total Extra Principal Pymts	\$50,200
Est. Interest avoided	\$90,158
Est. Mortgage payoff 20 months early	

Celebrating



In June

June Birthdays

- 2 Carol Brown
- 4 Louise Pickel
Marci Smith
- 9 Kelly Maddux
Tauno Maki
Susannah Morgan
- 10 Danny Holloway
- 12 Doug Brown
George Warlick
- 14 Mike McElhinney
- 15 Ellen Dailey
Jesse Richmond
Jordan Sherrod
Nelda Toon
- 17 Max LaDue
- 18 Linda Jones
- 19 Linda Brown
- 20 Simon Barrett
- 21 Teresa Hettrick
- 22 Willie Mae Meers
John Parkinson
Tim Smith
- 24 John Richmond
- 25 Dave Braski
- 28 Marilyn Harris
- 27 Micki Anderson
- 29 Kerry Hyder



Journey Back to when Jesus was a kid... Just Like You!

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School: June 20-23, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 PM

Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbor's and friends' kids and enjoy four nights filled with music, games, crafts, snacks, and learn all about life in Jesus' time. You can pre-register at the table in the gathering area on Sunday mornings, or sign up online at www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/KUMC2011. Ashley Ledford is the contact person at KUMC; she can be reached at (865) 316-4605.

Speaking of VBS, Ashley can use a lot of help! If you can help with snacks, teach, or lend a hand escorting groups of kids or helping with crafts, please get in touch with Ashley. Also, check your garages and closets – things like old sheets, blankets, washcloths, beach balls, plastic greenery, wicker baskets, terra-cotta pots, etc., are needed for props. There's a complete wish list of items needed at the signup table. Let's all pitch in to make this year's VBS one of the most memorable ever!

Camp John Knox

Summer Sessions at Camp John Knox are just about ready to begin.

The first camp session of the summer begins on June 5 and the center will be filled with the sounds of happy campers all summer long. There are sessions planned for day campers, over-nighters, and adventurers of all age groups from elementary age on through high school. For more information about schedules, or to register for camp, check the John Knox website at www.johnknoxcenter.org.

Congratulations...

Congratulations to all of our recent graduates: High Schoolers Trevor Cribbs, Rachel Cutts, Cody Ledford, Frazier Long, Jacob Murr, Ryan Orick, Ryan Preston, Shelley Starkey, Diego Vanegas, and Chip Wise; from Maryville College, Jordan Sherrod; and also to life-long learner Steve Jacks as he earns a post-graduate degree. May God bless you all as you venture forth into the future.

The Young Adult Fellowship is open to anyone ages 18-?. Join us for food, fellowship and fun! We meet in the Bethel Fellowship Hall or a fellowship member's home for food and study every other Tuesday night and we are always looking for ministry opportunities within our community.



TRANSITIONS FELLOWSHIP

June 5-Bethel will commission the John Knox summer staff at the 11 AM service. We will head to Sitar Indian Cuisine for a buffet lunch at 12:15! The John Knox staff will join us.

June 7- Fellowship 6 PM (We will leave KUMC parking lot at 5:45 and head to Donna Walker's house for a swim party.)

June 11- Lunch at VMC. We will leave at 10:30 from Bethel and serve lunch to the clients at the Volunteer Ministry Center.

June 21-Fellowship 7 PM

Let us know if you have any ideas for activities or mission opportunities! Contact Will at willpuru@comcast.net for more information.



June is here! Are you enjoying your summer? There is a lot going on at Ignite/Fusion Kingston. We have VBS, BASE, Monday Munchies and Mission Monday's and swim parties!

June 1- BASE at the KUMC youth room 7 PM- 8:30 PM

June 6- Mission Monday 8 AM- 3 PM at the Holston Home for Children, Greeneville, TN

June 8- Hebrews Coffee House at Cokesbury (We will leave for Cokesbury at 6 PM and return at 8:30. Bring \$

June 13-Monday Munchies & Swim Party (We will eat at a local fast food restaurant and then head over to the Sheldon's house for a pool party. Bring swim attire that you would wear around Jesus) 12 PM-3: 30 PM

June 15- Fellowship Dinner at Bethel (BASE afterwards) 6:30-8:30

June 16-18- REACH (Middle School Mission Experience- Go to the youth page at www.bethelpcusa.org and click on the REACH logo for more information) Cost-\$40 for the first six that register.

June 20- 12 PM Monday Munchies and then head to the Seeley's house for a swim party. We will return to the church at 3:30 PM.

June 20-24- VBS! Contact Ashley Ledford for more information

June 27- Monday Munchies 12 PM-1: 30

June 27-July 1-Junior High and Senior High Assembly at Tennessee Wesleyan College

June 29- Hebrews Coffee House at Cokesbury (We will leave for Cokesbury at 6 PM and return at 8:30. Bring \$

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

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.

Can You Help?

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), Video Games for our new Wii system, Flat Screen Television, Mounting hardware for flat screen television, 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 bags

Cans of Tuna or Beanie Weenies with a pop top
Crackers

Fruit Cups
Cereal bars
Bottled Water

Kids Bags

Fruit Roll ups
Bottled Water

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EACH WEEK: Seniorcize: M/W/F 9:00 a.m. Taoist Tai Chi: Tues., Thur. 6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m., Beginners 10 a.m. (all exercise classes in the Fellowship Hall) Spanish: Tues. 6:30 p.m. in the Reading Room			1 Choir Practice 7:00	2	3	4
5 Communion Sunday Commissioning of John Knox Summer Staff Transitions Lunch	6	7 Transitions Fellowship 6 :00	8	9	10	11 Transitions Fellowship to VMC 10:30
12 Pentecost Sunday Faith Team 12:30	13	14	15 Ministry Sup- port Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	16 No Serve Team Meeting	17	18
19 Session 12:30	20 VBS 6-8	21 VBS 6-8 Transitions Fellowship 7:00	22 VBS 6-8	23 VBS 6-8	24	25
26 Minute for Mission: Grace School Study Team 12:30	27	28	29	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Calendar can be found on page 4 of this issue. Choir practice and Bell Choir practices have adjourned for the summer months. 	