

The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / JULY 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,

There are a lot of things going on this summer and so my letter to you this month is about bits and pieces. First as you know KUMC is in the process of rebuilding their sanctuary following the fire on April 30. They have gone through many possibilities for worship during this time of transition. Currently, they will be having their 8:30am worship service in our sanctuary. Their 10:30am service will be in their ministry building. They have done some minor renovations to make the space usable for worship. We continue to offer them hospitality on Sunday mornings and other times during the week as needs arise. And of course we hold them in prayer as they journey through rebuilding.

Plans are in the works for an **Inquirer's Class** that will begin **Sunday, Aug 7 at 4pm** in the Church Library. Everyone is welcome to attend the class, though we especially invite those folks who are visiting, have become regulars, or who have been here for a long time without joining the church. In this class, we will learn a bit about the history of the Presbyterian Church, what it means to be Reformed, what is special about the connectional church as well as specifics about Bethel's history, ministries and mission. The Inquirer's class will be Aug 7, Aug 21, Aug 28 and Sep 11. At the end of the class those persons interested in joining Bethel will meet with the session after worship on Sept 18 and then be introduced in worship on Sept 25. Watch for further an-

nouncements and let Wendy or Susan in the church office know if you plan to attend.

Last summer, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met and approved several amendments to the Book of Order, including a reworking of the Book of Order itself. During the past year, all of the presbyteries have been considering those amendments and voting. By July all of the Presbyteries will have voted and we will know which amendments will be added. The Session has planned a **Conversation and Dinner for Aug 14 at 4pm** in the Church Fellowship Hall to learn about these amendments and their implications for the church. Corita Swanson, elder at Highland Presbyterian in Maryville and Harvey White, elder at Sequoyah Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, both commissioners from the Presbytery of East Tennessee to the General Assembly, will be with us to lead the discussion and share their thoughts. After the conversation, the Family and Fellowship Team will provide a baked potato bar for dinner. Child care will be provided. Mark your calendars and plan to come join the conversation and enjoy the fellowship and dinner.

As we are all going in different directions this summer visiting family, enjoying vacations, or simply watching the ducks on the lake, may God keep us safe in our travels, renew our bodies and spirits with rest, and be with us whenever we gather for worship, fellowship, study and service.

Grace and peace, Wendy

Mission Focus for July
Presbyterian Disaster Relief fund.



At the request of the Presbytery, Bethel session has approved a special offering to help offset the expenses of our own volunteers from the Presbytery of East Tennessee as they respond to emergencies. This offering will be held in a special account at Presbytery designated to cover expenses associated with disaster or relief work of this Presbytery and will be controlled by the Disaster Response Committee. Local teams including people from Bethel have responded to needs in Bradley County and other places due to the weather-related disasters that have occurred recently. If you have further questions, please contact Deb Hyder our liaison response person or James Woodard of the Service Team.

Flower Ministry

As always, we are thankful for the talents of Joan and Nancy. In addition to supplying their own flowers for our church arrangements, we have enjoyed hydrangeas from Nancy Maynard's garden as well as those from her neighbor. Jeanette McElhinney has shared her black-eyed Susan's with us for several Sundays. We are also using plant material from the church landscape. If anyone needs fresh herbs, please help yourself to the rosemary, sage, thyme and lavender outside the minister's office.

Ministry Support
Summer Giving

It is hard to believe that June is almost over. It seems like school just let out. As I look around church on Sundays, I realize that the faces change each week more than usual. Vacation time is here and everyone is coming and going. As I was planning our vacation, I made myself a note not to forget to write extra checks for my contribution for the Sundays I won't be there. The only problem is, I tend to forget where I put the notes to myself (my memory just isn't what it used to be). Well – I've discovered a solution. I went on line with my credit union and set up automatic payments to Bethel. This is great! I can put a memo on the payment to have the gift split however I want it to be and go in and make changes if there is a special offering. Now I don't have to worry about not having my checkbook on Sunday mornings or forgetting to put more checks in it. I also don't have to worry that I will forget to "make up" for when I'm not at church. This doesn't mean I don't think about my gift, because each month as I look at my budget, I ask myself if I'm doing all I can. This plan may or may not work for you, but please remember that even though we are not attending every Sunday, the expenses of the church continue all year long. Summer tends to be the time when contributions drop off, but expenses stay the same. You are a wonderful, loving, caring and giving family at Bethel and each of you have special gifts to offer. I am always amazed at the talent, skills and creativity of the people of all ages at Bethel. Thank you for all you do for God and for each other. God bless each of you!
 Linda Brown

The Bottom Line

General Fund –
Jan 1, 2011 – May 31, 2011:
 Offering received: \$98,821
 Less Expenses -96,629
 = Net Increase \$ 2,192

Mortgage paid-
Jan 1, 2011 – May 31, 2011:
 Offering received \$33,672
 Monthly Mtg Pymts -41,747
 = Shortfall -\$ 8,075

Mortgage reserve:
 Reserve desired (3 mo) \$25,048
 Reserve 5/31/11 17,010
 = Shortfall -\$ 8,038

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

Wish List for Travelers Bags

Our community has individuals passing through who have fallen on hard times. They usually are looking for food that will 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

In Coming Months:

Ladies' Day Out

Here's a thought – Have you been “blessed” with an abundance of zucchini in your garden this year? There are several ways of dealing with the surplus: (1) you can look for creative ways to “share” your bounty – preferably without the recipient knowing where it came from!; (2) you can bring your extras to the produce table and let a non-gardener take it home, or (3) you can grate it up and store it in 2-cup portions in ziplock bags in your freezer. What then? Watch your August Open Door for an announcement about the Great Zucchini Bread Bake In! We'll gather for a fun day of baking bread to share with visitors, friends, and folks who stop by Hands of Mercy. (If you don't have any zucchini, we'll also need other ingredients, so don't feel left out!)

Hikers: Hold the Date:

9/1/17

Block off Saturday, September 17 on your calendar and join us for a hike to Mt. LeConte via the Alum Cave Bluffs trail. It will be an all day, 11-mile round trip hike, with carpooling from the church early that morning. More information will follow in the months to come. See or contact Mark Banker (376-2118) or Joe Coen (376-9033) for more information.

Just for fun...

The Editor retains the right to edit submissions for grammar, spelling, space & content. It is also our policy to include something for everyone. Since some people like to find errors, we occasionally include a few in our publication to meet this need.

Fall Festival

Mark your calendars! Bethel will hold our 2nd annual Fall Festival fund raising event on Saturday, September 24th from 9am-7pm. The festival will be open to the community and will include music and dance groups, arts & crafts, homemade items for sale, a silent auction, a snack booth, and a dinner with musical entertainment. A new addition to our festival this year will be a yard sale run by the youth with proceeds going toward their mission trips. The other proceeds of the Fall Festival will go toward CASA, Hands of Mercy, and the Presbytery Disaster Assistance. We are asking that we get 100% participation from the congregation by helping on the day of the festival, or through donating an item for the Silent Auction or the Marketplace, or by bringing in items for the yard sale. Items for the yard sale, Silent Auction, and the Marketplace can be brought to the Church starting this month, and may be delivered to the Fellowship Hall to be stored temporarily. 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!

Cards and Letters

Dear Bethel Family,
Thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls, visits, words of encouragement and prayers sent my way during my recent surgery and continuing rehabilitation. It is truly a privilege to be part of such a loving and caring church family and I know that your love and support has helped me in my recovery. I am not quite ready to run a marathon yet, but who knows what may happen in the future!
-Marilyn Harris

Just for Kids...

PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

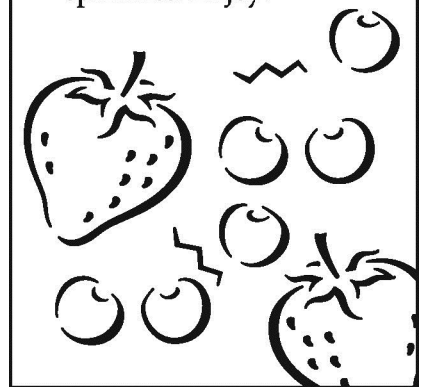
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

What you need:

- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



Transitions Fellowship

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.

July 5- Fellowship at Bethel 7 PM

July 9- Lunch at the VMC plus a swim party. Help us prepare a lunch for our friends at the VMC. We will leave at 10 AM. We will return home at 2 PM and head over to Brooke Sheldon's house for a pool party.

July 17- Lunch after church!!! We will meet at 12:15 and head to Knoxville for lunch.

July 19- Fellowship at Bethel at 7 PM.

July 23- Bowling for Soup (Dinner & Bowling). We will leave the church at 5:30 and return around 10:30



Transitions Fellowship!!!

Mark your calendars: Friday August 26- Saturday August 27 we will head to Tuscaloosa, AL to assist with cleanup from the tornadoes that devastated West Alabama in April. More information will be coming soon.



Are you busy this summer? Things are always busy at Ignite/Fusion Kingston! The Senior High mission trip is coming, THE biggest summer event known as Ground Zero, mission activities, and BASE. Information and a summer calendar are all located on the Bethel website. Email Will at willpuru@comcast.net or call him at 679-7070 to be added to our email list or to receive text messages via our texting tree.

July 4-No Monday Munchies

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

July 11- Mission Monday: John Knox 8 AM-3 PM (Wear work clothes and bring a swimsuit)

July 13- BASE at the KUMC youth room 7 PM- 8:30 PM

July 14-16- GO Senior High mission trip to Huntsville, AL \$60. Go to the www.bethelpcusa.org website and click on the GO mission trip logo for more information.

July 18-Monday Munchies/ Mission Monday (Meet at the church and head to lunch at 12 PM. We will return at 1:30 to clean and straighten up our room at KUMC and wash and clean the church van.

July 20- Hebrews Coffee House at Cokesbury (We will leave for Cokesbury at 6 PM and return at 8:30. Bring \$

July 25- Monday Munchies (Meet at the church and head to lunch; 12 PM-1: 30)

July 27- BASE at the KUMC

youth room 7 PM- 8:30 PM

July 31-August 3-Ground Zero! You don't want to miss this event at Hiwassee College. There will be music, a speaker, games and more! (Go to www.bethelpcusa.org and click on the Ground Zero logo for more information.) Cost \$70 if you sign up before July 1.

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); 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!

Session Members

Several folks have asked for a list of current session members. We've printed it below, along with phone numbers and email addresses. Please feel free to contact a member of session if you have concerns or prayer requests.

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July Birthdays

- 1 William B. Patton
- 2 Doug Choate
Anneke Oonk
- 5 Fern Stackpole
Paul Wayne Jackson, Jr.
- 6 Amy Evans
Ellen Evans Kellogg
- 9 Erma Shesler
- 11 Bill Martin
Susan Cutts
Orlando Vanegas, Sr.
- 12 Helene Ricker
- 16 Jack Muecke
- 17 Edith Miles
- 18 Charles Pickel
- 19 Wendy Neff
- 20 Veronica Kirby
Darrell Guy
- 21 Dan Hyder
Janet Kornegay
- 22 Anne Sides
- 27 Mandy Knies
- 28 Jonathan Dailey
- 29 Lisa Rusher
- 31 Cathy Allen

Please Remember...

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

- Jamestowne** 851 Lawnville Road, Kingston 37763
 - Nelle Griffith Room 206
 - Dick Hettrick Room 102
 - 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
- 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: The Hettrick family, Marci Smith, Pat Hale, Helene Ricker, Justin Trivette, Denys Stutesman (Carol Brown's sister), Dianne Swinler (Brenda Strickling's sister), John Buttram (Pat Hale's brother).

July 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 Art Club: Mondays at 10 AM or 6 PM in the 2nd Floor Art Room					1	2
3 Communion Sunday Guest Minister Rev. Ann Myers	4 Holiday No Monday Munchies	5 Transitions Fellowship 7:00	6 Youth: HeBrews Coffee House 6 PM	7	8	9 Photography Group 10:00 Transitions: Lunch @ VMC
10 Faith Team 12:30	11 Youth: Mission Monday 8 AM	12	13 Youth: BASE @ KUMC	14	15	16
				Youth: GO Sr. Hi Mission Trip @ Huntsville, AL		
17 MFM: Pres. Disaster Relief Session 12:30 Transitions: Lunch	18 Youth: Monday Munchies & Mission 12 :00	19 Transitions Fellowship 7:00	20 Fam. & Fellow- ship Team 5:30 Ministry Sup- port Team 5:30 Fellowship Dinner 6:30	21 No Service Team Meeting	22	23 Transitions: Bowling 5:30
24 Study Team Meets 12:30	25 Youth: Monday Munchies 12:00	26	27 Youth: BASE @ KUMC	28	29	30
31 5th Sunday Worship Services	<i>Choir practice and Bell Choir practices have adjourned for the summer months</i>					
Youth: Ground Zero July 31-Aug. 3 @ Hiwassee College						