

# The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / AUGUST 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 coming together,  
for fellowship, study and  
service...seeking God's  
peace, justice and love ~



Dear Friends,

We have been affirming our faith in worship during the season of Pentecost using a portion of a *Brief Statement of Faith*. Here is an excerpt from that portion: "In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people's long silenced and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace." We were reminded again of the broken and fearful world in which we live when a gunman shot and killed nearly 100 people in Norway last month. May we indeed pray without ceasing that the world may know the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

The World Council of Churches offers the following **prayer for the people of Norway and for all victims of violence and terror**  
God of life, God of love:

In the face of unbearable tragedy we turn to you;  
hear our cry, listen to our prayers, to our words, to our silence ...

God of healing, God of mercy:

Hear our prayers for the people of Norway;  
for all in deep distress, for all who grieve, for the injured and the shocked, for those in despair.

May they be cared for and comforted.

For all in the emergency services working long hours to search, to listen, to care, to protect, to heal.

May they be given strength and also find support.

God of mercy, God of peace:

Hear our prayers for all around the world facing terror and unspeakable violence;

May violence be overcome and the path to peace be found.

All human life is fragile, each of us is precious in your eyes,

Teach us to value one another as you value us.

God of justice, God of courage:

We pray for all leaders in times of crisis,

That they may act for the common good, offering hope and not fear.

God of courage, God of transformation:

We pray for our churches,

That they may be places of openness and forgiveness, planting the values of peace and justice in society.

Transform all fundamentalism and vengeance into attitudes that make for reconciliation.

May we learn to be children of your kingdom of love.

God of all grace and all thankfulness:

In gratitude we pray, giving thanks for the prayers and encouragement which come from so many people and places at this time of suffering, pain and mourning. We learn global solidarity in a time of crisis; may we not forget one another in less stressful times ahead.

These prayers and the heavy silence of our hearts we offer in the name of your son Jesus Christ who trod the path of peace in the face of violence.  
Amen.

May God "guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1:79).

Grace and peace to you all,

Wendy

***This Month:***

***General Assembly  
Conversation***

Join us on **Sunday, August 14 at 4pm** for a conversation led by Elders Corita Swanson and Harvey White, commissioners from the Presbytery of East Tennessee to the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), as we talk about the recent amendments and how they will impact the ministry and mission of local congregations as well as the Denomination as a whole. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for conversation at 4pm followed by a "Baked Potato Bar" dinner at 5:30pm. Child-care will be provided for the conversation. Everyone is welcome.



***In Coming Months:***

***Mt. LeConte Hike  
Reminder***

Hikers, don't forget our planned trip to Mt. LeConte on Saturday, September 17. LeConte is the third highest point in the Smokies at 6593 ft. It will be an all-day event including the drive and the 11-mile round trip walk. There are several different paths to get to the top, but we will take the Alum Cave trail up and back. So, if you think you might not be up to the whole trek, just do as much as you can and wait for the rest of the group to catch you on the way back.

We'll have more information as the date gets closer. For now, plan to meet early that morning at the church to carpool.

***The Bottom Line—***

General Fund –  
Jan 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011:  
Offering received: \$114,778  
Less Expenses -115,675  
= Net Decrease \$ -897

Mortgage paid-  
Jan 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011:  
Offering received \$39,091  
Monthly Mtg Pymts -50,097  
= Shortfall -\$ 11,006

Mortgage reserve:  
Reserve desired (3 mo) \$25,048  
Reserve 6/30/11 14,079  
= Shortfall -\$ 10,969

Debt Free Campaign to date:  
YTD Extra Principal Pymts \$12,000  
Total Extra Principal Pymts \$51,200  
Est. Interest avoided \$91,710  
Est. Mortgage payoff 20 months early

***Prison Ministry***

As many of you know, we are invited once or twice a year to send baked goodies to the Morgan County Complex, to be served at a dinner hosted by the inmates for their families. The inmates provide the meal with their club dues, and Bethel's talented bakers provide the goodies.

This year, the Veterans' Club (comprised of veterans of the US Armed Forces) is holding their dinner on Tuesday, August 16. We are restricted to providing only brownies, so we are challenging everyone who contributes to create their gooiest, richest brownies ever! If you can provide a pan of brownies, please let Karen Schall or Marge Hettrick know and we will arrange to get them to the prison.



***Fall Festival News:***

Love that Market Place! During the last Fall Festival, the Market Place had great success. Everything from plants in the bamboo gazebo to handmade caps to crocheted dish rags to stained glass to jewelry to greeting cards to garden statuary to children's aprons for cooking or painting was offered and sold. This is just a very short list of the beautiful items offered for sale. In making your plans for the Fall Festival, this is just a reminder for you all to include your crafts, your gifts, your plants, and your time to this

wonderful mission support as well as taking an opportunity to spend the day together with each other and with the community. If you have any items or you would like to donate any time to the Market Place, please contact Nancy King or Joan Davis. They can also answer your questions about the other opportunities to help during the Fall Festival. Let's make this an All-Bethel gathering! Every one of you is needed. Thanks in advance for your help.

## Please Stand As You Are Able...

Such a familiar phrase, we hear it several times each Sunday during worship... “please stand as you are able.” I stopped and thought about the larger meaning of these words this week. I was prompted to do so when I heard that the Nominating Committee was beginning its annual work of discernment leading to a slate of church officers for 2012. I was also thinking about our many excellent ministries and the excellent people who guide these ministries. I was brought up short as I reflected further that it was often the same people, year after year, who provided us the leadership for these programs that we all enjoy. Relying on the same folks year in and year out really isn't sustainable. People burn out, and programs can suffer. People need time to recharge, perhaps try something new that they can't undertake because they already are maximally engaged.

Businesses address the need to refresh themselves through something called ‘succession planning’ whereby leaders are training understudies with the intent of the understudy taking over. Educators achieve the same end with sabbaticals where the educator is granted time away from usual responsibilities in order to undertake further study, travel, even move temporarily to another institution, in order to recharge their batteries. Now, I am not saying that a church is a business or a university, but a church has the same need... a means to allow lay leaders to recharge and regroup, but also allow others to take on ministries and in so doing bring their talents to the fore. We end up with new ministries, better ministries and a more robust group of Christian pilgrims who after all are the church.

My wish for us is that as we

move into the new year for church activities after the summer that you “stand as you are able...” and consider carefully and prayerfully where your talents and time can be put to best use. Become a helper, take on a leadership role. Pretend it is Sunday morning and the call goes out, “Please stand as you are able.” And you don't have to wait to be asked. Call or seek out one of the team leaders and ask where you might “stand as you are able.”

--submitted by Frank Harris

Faith Team Leader:  
Julie Bunch Barber  
Family and Fellowship Team  
Leader: Mary B. Hines  
Ministry Support Team :  
Leader, Frank Harris  
Service Team Leader:  
Jane Walsh  
Study Team Leader, :  
Jan Rybka



## Inquirer's Class

For anyone who is interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as for those who are interested in becoming a member of Bethel, we will have an Inquirer's Class beginning **Sunday, August 7 at 4pm** that will meet in the Church Library. This class will cover the history of the Presbyterian Church, particulars of reformed theology and practice as well as the history and ministry and mission of Bethel. **We will meet at 4pm on August 7, 21, 28 and Sept 11.** Childcare will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend all of the classes for a refresher on these topics or to learn for the first time. Anyone wishing to join Bethel as a member will meet with the Session after worship on Sunday, Sept 18 and then be recognized in worship on Sunday, Sept 25.

## *Environmental Opportunity for All*

Many of you already know Melanie Sherrod is riding the 500 mile Tour des Trees with her sister, Beth Buchahan on October 2nd-8th. Beth is in the Arboriculture/Urban Forestry field and rode the Tour last year. Each rider has to raise at least \$3,500 which all goes in the TREE Fund Endowment for research and education grants. The grants are used for tree research – such as: Emerald Ash Borer (that are killing all our ash trees and has arrived in Grainger County), tree biomechanics (how, why, when do trees fail and fall?), root failure, mulching practices, fertilization, and other topics. The endowment also funds college scholarships and tree education grants for K-12. See [www.treefund.org](http://www.treefund.org).

The ride is sponsored by Stihl (chainsaws) and several other companies who pay the direct expenses for the ride (hotels, meals, etc). That means that all donations to riders goes to the tree fund endowment.

This year the ride is in eastern Virginia going from Virginia Beach to Washington, DC. Participants will ride 90 miles, 95 miles and 100 miles on day 4-5-6! If you would like to support Melanie on this adventure, you may donate online with a credit card:

<http://www.active.com/donate/STIHLTourdesTrees11/MSherro32> , or you can send

Melanie a check made out to The TREE Fund c/o Melanie Sherrod, 2667 Lawnville Road, Kingston, TN 37763.

Your donation is TAX DEDUCTIBLE, so be sure to include your address.

Melanie and Beth are training and working hard to be ready for the ride. It will be a physical and mental challenge!

## *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.

Transitions Calendar:

**August 2-** Fellowship at Bethel; 7 PM.

**August 7-** Rafting (Watch for more information on Facebook and email.)

**August 16-**Fellowship at Bethel; 7 PM.

**August 21-** Lunch!!! We will leave at 12:15 after church and return around 3 PM.

**August 26-27-** Mission trip to Tuscaloosa. Watch Facebook and email for more details.

## *Flower Ministry*

Joan, Nancy and I would like to thank Virginia Fowler for sharing her beautiful hydrangeas and Deb Hyder for sharing her beautiful gladiolus with us. Everyone should thank the talented ladies who make these arrangements week after week using their own flowers, donated flowers and the flowers from the church landscape.

--Submitted by Jane Walsh



*Flower*  
MINISTRY

## *Service Team*

The mission focus for the month of August is Imagination Library. Jill McMaster had an article in the Open Door a couple of months ago about this worthwhile project.

The Service Team would like to thank everyone who has participated in the Produce Table either donating or purchasing items. Not only do we have a variety of produce to offer but also plants and peanut brittle (thanks Jack). Hopefully, we will continue to offer produce, etc. through the fall.

## *Zucchini Fest*

Last month we suggested that those of you with an abundance of zucchini might want to shred it and freeze it, and then get together in August for a day of baking zucchini bread. If any of you have been faithfully hoarding your zucchini, please talk to Karen Schall – we'll set a date to get together and bake!

## *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 bags have been distributed to the following agencies; Roane County Sheriff's Department, Kingston Police Department, and our churches. Please consider donating the following items for the traveler's bags.

The contents are listed below.

**Adult bags:** Cans of Tuna or Beanie Weenies with a pop top, Crackers, Granola bars, Fruit Cups, Cereal bars, Bottled Water, Plastic spoons

**Kids Bags:** Fruit Roll ups, Bottled Water, Crayons, Coloring books with tearable pages

# igniteFUSION KINGSTON

**What is Ignite/Fusion Kingston?** 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

School is back in session! Where did the summer go? There are plenty of activities going on at Ignite/Fusion Kingston. Starting August 10<sup>th</sup> we will kick off WordSearch at 7 PM. We will play trivia and talk about interesting Bible topics! On August 21<sup>st</sup> we will kick off our Sunday night program Ignition. You don't want to miss our small group program. We eat great food, fellowship, learn and have fun! Join us for any of the great activities listed below! Don't forget to bring \$2 or \$3 to every youth event for our WorldVision child, Charity who lives in Uganda!

**August 3-** No BASE

**August 6-**Senior Day at Camp P! Seniors, come to Will's house for a day of relaxation and fun. There will be basketball, tennis, volleyball, lake time, burgers and more! The fun starts at 1 PM and runs until 7 PM.

**August 10-**  
We will kick off Word-Search 7 PM - 8:30 PM  
Location TBA. Watch Facebook,

email and the Bethel webpage for more information on this great program!



**August 12-13-** SEVEN HOUR SLAM

What is the Seven Hour Slam? It is the new and improved Lock-In! You get the choice of two different tracks. Do you want to relax? The relaxed track is for you! You can enjoy time with your friends and Linda Choate!

Is adventure more your style? How does ice-skating and Laser Tag sound?

We will have a worship service, go bowling, eat pizza, eat ice cream and watch a drive in movie on the church grounds! The fun starts at 7 PM and lasts until 2 AM. Transportation will be provided home to all students unless arranged otherwise. **You must fill out a new health form for this event! The old health forms have expired.** Watch Facebook, email and the website for prices and updates on the event.

**August 14-**Lake Day at the Preston's house. We will leave the church at 3:45 and return at 8:30.

Guys-Bring chips and snacks  
Girls-Bring 2-liter drinks

**August 17-** WordSearch 7 PM

**August 24-** WordSearch 7 PM

**August 20-** Dolly Water!!!

(Dolly's Splash Country) Check Facebook, the Bethel web page and email for more information.

**August 21-** 5 PM-Parents Meet-

ing- Please join us for this very important meeting regarding the 2011/2012 activities calendar, an update on the ministry, meeting the youth volunteers and more.

6 PM-Sunday nights are back

with a new name, Ignition. We will start with THE FEAST play games, and enjoy great food. The fun starts at 6 PM and will finish at 7:30. Bring a friend!



**August 24-** WordSearch 7 PM

**August 28-** Ignition 7 PM

**August 31-** WordSearch 7 PM

**Coming Soon in September:**

**The official Ignite/Fusion Kingston 2011-2012 activities calendar**

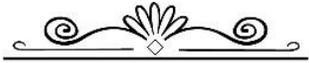
**September 11-**

Rafting on the Ocoee \$32  
**September 24- Fall Festival!**

We need your help with this great event! We will need help selling breakfast items, lunch and dinner. The money raised from the yard sale portion of the festival will go to the youth program.

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.

# Prayer Reminders



## MEMORIALS



### 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
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### Renaissance Terrace

257 Patton Lane  
Harriman 37748

Marge Maki	Room 108A
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### 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
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**In Need of Prayer:** Bill Shadden, James Woodard, Laura Walker, Marci Smith, Pat Hale, Helene Ricker, Justin Trivette, Cheri and Randy Stringer (daughter and son-in-law of Jean Plummer), Carolina Lee Harris (the Harris' newborn granddaughter), Denys Stutesman (Carol Brown's sister), Dianne Swinler (Brenda Strickling's sister), John Buttram (Pat Hale's brother), Deborah Baird & Justice Baird (sister & brother of Barbara Baird).

**THESE DAYS, a daily devotional, for July, Aug. & Sept.** is available on the table in the Gathering Area. Be sure to pick one up today.

*In memory of Teresa  
Hettrick from:*

Greg and Margaret Murr  
Frank and Marilyn Harris  
Bill and Marianne Shadden  
Tom and Jane Pickel  
Jim and Karen Schall  
Dick Evans and Celia Simon  
Bob Winsboro  
George and Ginny Warlick  
Lillian Walton  
McCord Carter and Wanda Carter  
Ruth Ann Ludwig  
Larry and Brenda Strickling  
Joe and Amy Coen

*In memory of Marc Sherrod  
from:*

Mark and Kathy Banker

*In memory of Joyce Law  
from:*

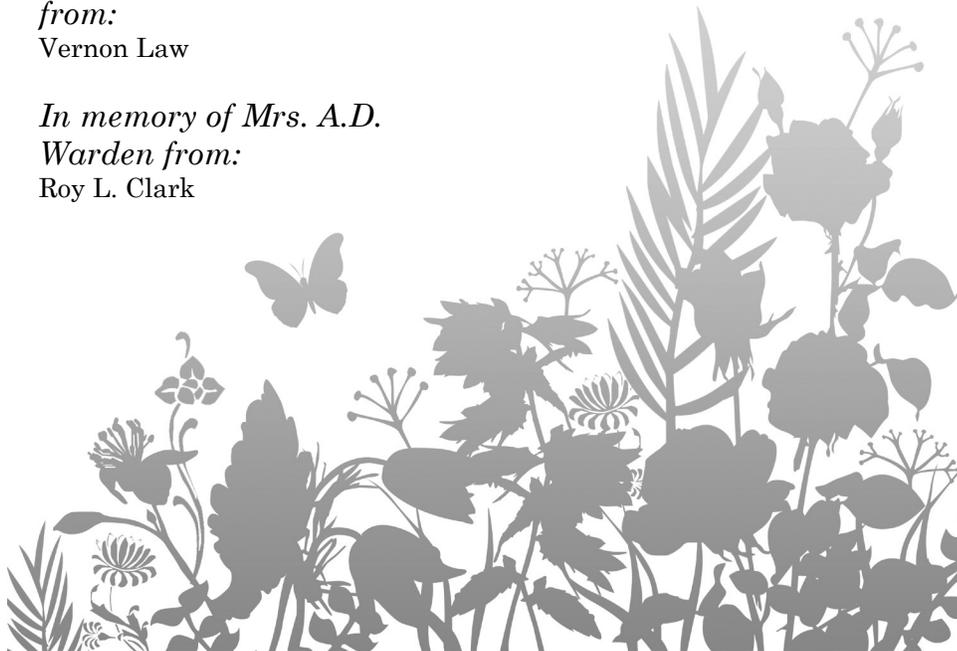
Vernon Law

*In memory of Mrs. A.D.  
Warden from:*

Roy L. Clark

## August Birthdays

4 Steve Jacks  
7 Jeremiah Jacks  
8 Brenda Bunch  
10 Treavor Cribbs  
15 Jason Brown  
17 Adam Brown  
Margaret Murr  
19 Glenna Shields  
Cody Browning  
20 James Condon  
21 Amy Coen  
22 Rachel Cutts  
24 Sue Muecke  
25 Jon King  
Frederick Morgan  
26 Julie Coen  
Jan Parker



# August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Transitions Fellowship 7 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Enquirer's Class 4 PM  Transitions Fellowship: Rafting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Photography Group 10:00
<b>14</b> Faith Team 12:30 General Assembly Conversation 4 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Transitions Fellowship 7 PM  Veteran's Club @MCRCX 5 PM	<b>17</b> Family & Fellowship Team 5:30 Ministry Support 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	<b>18</b> No Service Team Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Session 12:30 Transitions Fellowship: Lunch 12:30 Enquirer's Class 4 PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Transitions Fellowship Mission Trip to Tuscaloosa</div>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Study Team 12:30 Enquirer's Class 4 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: 100%;">Choir practice and Bell Choir practice have adjourned for the summer months. Please watch the Sunday bulletins for news of fall startup dates.</div>		

## 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