



# The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / FEBRUARY 2012

## 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,

Ready or not, Lent is upon us. "Though the earliest traditions are unclear, Lent apparently evolved as a time for training, particularly as a time of final preparations of candidates for baptism at Easter. Lent also became a time for the renewal of the faithful. By the fourth century, Lent had developed from a two-day fast, through a week – long fast, to a biblical 'forty days'. Originally, though Lent contained elements of penitence, it was primarily a time devoted to preparing those who were to be baptized. The Lenten season seems to have developed as a period of learning with a focus on what it means to be a follower of Christ. Those preparing for baptism learned the Creed, the teachings of Jesus (perhaps the Sermon on the Mount), and the disciplines of the Christian faith. The period of Lent had and still has an emphasis on reaffirming baptismal identity, of knowing and living the faith. During Lent, we have the opportunity to reaffirm who we are and always will be, in anticipation of Easter." (taken from *Liturgical Year: Supplemental Liturgical Resource* 7).

This year we will begin Lent with a celebratory Shrove Tuesday dinner – a pancake dinner before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday when we will have an imposition of the ashes service reminding us of our mortality and the need to die to our old life in order to be a new creation in Christ. Each Wednesday of Lent (minus March 21) we will meet together for a study called "Just Eating: Practicing our

Faith at the Table." During Holy Week we will worship together on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. All of the Lenten opportunities for food, study and worship will be offered jointly with KUMC. A calendar of these events along with times and dates is included in the newsletter.

Make time this Lent to pray, to study, to reaffirm your baptismal promises and faithfully live the calling God has given you. People often give things up during Lent, but give thought this year to taking up a spiritual discipline instead. It could be more frequent daily devotion and prayer; it could be the studies on Wednesday nights; it could be service in the community. Whatever it is, be intentional so that what you take up might help to strengthen your faith and enrich your life.

Grace and peace to you on this  
Lenten journey,

Wendy

### Lenten Calendar:

Tues, Feb 21 6pm Shrove  
Tuesday Pancake Dinner at  
Bethel Fellowship Hall  
Wed, Feb 22 7pm Ash Wednesday  
Service at Bethel Sanctuary  
Wed, Feb 29 6pm Lenten Study-  
Bethel Fellowship Hall  
Wed, Mar 7 6pm Lenten Study –  
Bethel Fellowship Hall  
Wed, Mar 14 6pm Lenten Study –  
Bethel Fellowship Hall  
Wed, Mar 28 6pm Lenten Study –  
Bethel Fellowship Hall  
Thur, April 5 7pm Maundy Thursday  
Service – Bethel Sanctuary  
Fri, April 6 7pm Good Friday Service –  
Bethel Sanctuary

## ***Bethel Ministry Teams***

Remember the old children's song: "I am the church, you are the church, WE are the church together?" How true! WE are all called to be the church, to do God's work in our corner of the world. Here at Bethel, the work of the church is divided among seven teams. We have listed the teams and their leaders below. (We apologize that the lists are incomplete – we'll try to update them later.) If you feel called to help with the work of one or more of these teams, please talk to one of the team leaders or any of the members. Together, we can BE the church that God calls us to be!

### **Family and Fellowship**

Laura Dailey, Session Team Chairman, Viviana Venegas, Session Member, Marilyn Harris, Mary B. Hines, Ruth Ann Ludwig, Joni Morgan, Jane Pickel, Marianne Shadden, Liz Singley, Nelda Toon

### **Study**

Mark Banker, Study Team Leader, Linda Choate, Session Member, Jan Rybka, Marge Hettrick, Chelsea Richmond, Linda Gerth, Margaret Murr, Carol Brown, Amy Coen, Amber Jacks, Wendy Neff

**Faith:** Nancy King, Faith Team Leader, Celia Simon, Session Member (a complete listing of members was not available at press time)

### **Property:**

Jim Schall, Property Team Chairman, Andy Avel, Session Member, Frank Harris, Gary Griffith, Jim Hines, Gary LeMasters, George McGill, Dick Maynard, Jack McNew

### **Personnel:**

Chair – Frank Harris  
Standing members are Andy Avel and Nancy King. We recruit other members to assist with annual staff evaluations

### **Finance:**

Team Leader: Andy Avel, Larry Strickling, Session Member, Chris Badger, Carol Brown - Receipts Treasurer, Linda Brown - Disbursements Treasurer, Susan Cutts, Vic King, Wendy Neff

### **Service**

Roger Richmond, Session Team Chairman, Dan Hyder, Session Member (a complete listing of members was not available at press time)

## ***Souper Bowl of Caring***

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 5, 2012. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2011, over \$10 million was collected by Souper Bowl of Caring participants for local charities. All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant - none of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$71 million has gone to help people in need. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 5th.

Our Youth Group has selected Hands of Mercy Enterprises (HOME) of Roane County to receive our donation.

## ***Souper Bowl Sunday***



## ***Hands of Mercy serves:***

- Elderly persons in the county who must try to live off \$600 a month in Social Security plus perhaps \$10 in Food Stamps
- Single mothers with children who receive little or no child support from their children's father.
- Families whose breadwinner is out of work due to unemployment or illness.
- Those underemployed in our community who work, but whose job cannot support their families.

***Suggestion Received*** - "I would like to sing more songs - Especially *I Come to the Garden* and *Old Rugged Cross*."

***Response*** - there will be an old fashion Hymn Sing on February 12 .

*On Feb 12 at the worship service we will have an old fashion Hymn Sing. You are invited to send in your hymn requests by Jan 30 to the church office. We will try to include all that we receive.*



## Session Highlights

from January 21, 2012

From Cathy McDowell, Clerk

1) Annual reports are due in the church office by February 8. An electronic version of the annual booklet will be sent via e-mail before the Annual Congregational/Corporate meeting which is on February 26. A few hard copies will be available for pickup.

2) Nancy King and Celia Simon were elected as the two elders for the 2012 Nominating Committee. Three members of the congregation will be elected to the 2012 Nominating Committee at the February 26 Annual meeting.

3) The session meetings for 2012 will be 12:15 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month.

4) Frank Harris will be the elder commissioner to 2012 Presbytery meetings.

5) Elder Harris gave an update on the amphitheater project. For those of you who may not be familiar with this project, the location would be in the bowl area behind our church. Several Bethel people have spent many months working on the project and will oversee the construction. In early January an architectural drawing showing the proposed design, a brochure providing an overview of the project, and a brief set of construction specifications were given to the City of Kingston for approval. If the City approves the amphitheater, the

City will submit an application to TVA asking for approval for construction (TVA owns the majority of the land on which the amphitheater would be built). Funding will come from donations, grants, etc., but NOT from Bethel church funds. Once completed, the amphitheater would be a gift to Kingston, with the Parks and Recreation Department being responsible for the scheduling of community events. To view or print a copy of the amphitheater brochure go to:

[www.kingstonamphitheater.org](http://www.kingstonamphitheater.org)

6) As of January 2012 there are seven Session Teams:

**Service:** Chair – Roger Richmond; other elder – Dan Hyder

**Study:** Chair – Mark Banker; other elder – Linda Choate

**Faith:** Chair – Nancy King; other elder – Celia Simon

**Family and Fellowship:** Chair – Laura Dailey; other elder – Viviana Vanegas; this Team especially needs help with various church activities - please volunteer if you can.

**Property:** Chair – Jim Schall; other elder – Andy Avel

**Personnel:** Chair – Frank Harris

**Finance:** Chair – Andy Avel; other elder – Larry Strickling

7) Cathy McDowell was elected as the Clerk of Session for 2012.

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

## Family and Fellowship

Thank you to those humble servants of the church, both F & F Team Members and for all other contributors, who routinely volunteer to set-up, serve, and /or clean-up for Sunday morning coffee/fellowship and for monthly fellowship suppers, and to the many hands which contribute to these communal meals. Your hospitality gives to Bethel members and friends opportunities to converse and share in common concerns and care.

Thank you too, to those generous servants of the church who routinely volunteer to serve meals at Love Kitchen and who prepare delicious dinners for receptions, for family meals during time of bereavement, for gatherings after memorial services, and for special events of the church calendar.

You feed us with scrumptious treats, and with your donation of time in planning and preparation, you share the love of Jesus that feeds the hungry soul.

## Prison Ministry

If you have been involved in Bethel's Prison Ministry over the years, it is time to be re-certified. All volunteers need to be re-certified and receive new photo ID badges. Photo/Training events will be held at the Morgan County Regional Prison on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m.-noon. Please contact Karen Schall and we will set a date to attend.

If you have not been involved in prison ministry, but want to become a volunteer, or would simply like to learn more before making a commitment, now is the time! You are invited to attend the training event with other Bethel folk – you do not need to be registered in the prison computer system to attend one of these training events.

## Property Committee

A clean up day is being planned for February 25. This will be for tasks not taken care of during the normal weekly clean ups. There will be maintenance issues, painting, the "dreaded" bathrooms and more to do. A sign up sheet will be posted on the kiosk outlining our service needs the Sunday prior to cleanup day so you can come prepared. Please put this on your calendar.



# igniteFUSION KINGSTON

Get ready for February! We have alot going on so watch email and Facebook for more information. Please note that activities and times are subject to change. It is a new year so check below for the new schedule changes

Remember the following:



Word Search on  
Wednesdays starting at a  
new time! Be at the  
KUMC youth room at 6  
PM!



**February 1- NEW TIME!!!** Join us for Word Search in the KUMC youth room at 6 PM for this great time to fellowship and study the Bible together.

**February 5-Souper Bowl Day of Caring**

Help us help our neighbors in need. We will be collecting money that will go to Hands of Mercy after the service.

**Super Bowl Party!!** Bring a friend to this awesome event. We will leave KUMC at 5 PM to go to the Brown's house and return after the half time show. Check below to find out what you need to bring.

**Guys-**Bring drinks

**Girls-** Bring snacks

**Everyone:** Bring a hearty appetite for Delbert Aycocock's hearty chili!

**February 8-**Word Search at the KUMC youth room at 6 PM.

**February 9-**Girls breakfast at Mc Donald's. Meet Carol, Rachel, Brooke, Linda and Patti at 7:15 AM for breakfast. Will will have the church van if you need a ride to school.

**February 10-11-** Senior High Sexuality Seminary

**February 12-** NEW TIMES FOR IGNITION!!! We will continue our Drugs, Sex, and Rock & Roll discussion with a guest speaker.

**Junior High** -5:00 PM-6:00 PM

**THE FEAST**-6:00 PM-6:30 PM

**Senior High**- 6:30-7:30 PM

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## IGNITION

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**February 14-** Happy Valentines Day!!!

**February 15-** Word Search at 6 PM in the KUMC youth room

**February 19-** Junior High Ignition 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

THE FEAST-6:00 PM-6:30 PM

Senior High Ignition 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

**February 21-** Shrove Tuesday Service at Bethel

**February 22-** Ash Wednesday service at Bethel: 6:30 PM

**February 26-** Junior High Ignition 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

THE FEAST-6:00 PM-6:30 PM

Senior High Ignition 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

**February 29-** Word Search at 6 PM in the KUMC youth room

**February 10-11-** Senior High Sexuality Seminar

**Friday 5 PM-11 PM**

**Saturday 9 AM-6 PM**

We will explore the truth about sexuality based on what God has to say about it, as well as what research reveals.

We will have open and honest discussion covering several topics.

- Sexual Identity
- Sexual Messages in our society
- Intimacy
- Desire
- Boundaries
- Responsibility
- Do-Overs

Our leaders will be:

Will Purushotham

Deb Hyder

Nathan Shell & Lauren Shell

We will have food, games and more as we grow in our knowledge of human sexuality.

Watch your email and Facebook to sign up. You can contact Will at [willpuru@comcast.net](mailto:willpuru@comcast.net) if you have questions.

### Upcoming Activities:

#### **YOUTH SUMMIT 2012** (March 2-4)

Gatlinburg, TN

Details will be coming soon! The cost is \$80 and scholarships are available.

**OCCUPY**

### Ignite/Fusion Network Spring Retreat

**High School-** March 30- April 1

Location:TBA

**Middle School-** April 20-22

Location: Camp John Knox

What is your favorite reality show? Is it Pawn Stars, Storage Wars, or American Pickers? We will combine reality tv and the Bible for a great retreat!

The cost is \$100 but scholarships are available! Check the facebook page and the bethel website for more details.





# Transitions Fellowship

Are you looking for something fun to do in the Kingston area? Come join the Transitions Fellowship! We meet at Bethel, KUMC or a fellowship members' home every other Tuesday for dinner and a study. You can always find the basics on Facebook at Bethel/KUMC young adult ministry. **February 14**-Fellowship at the KUMC Annex at 7 PM. We will continue our study of Economy of Love.

**February 17**-We will leave the KUMC parking lot at 5 PM for dinner and a movie. We will return around 10:30 PM.

**February 18**- Love Kitchen at First Presbyterian in Harriman. Watch Facebook for details.

**February 21**-Shrove Tuesday worship service.

**February 22**- 6:30 PM-Ash Wednesday service at Bethel

**February 28**- Fellowship at the KUMC Annex at 7 PM.

## Upcoming Events

**March 13**-Take Time Worship at 7 PM in the Bethel Sanctuary

Coming Soon: Spring Retreat

## February Birthdays

2 Rebecca Shelby	17 Mary B. Hines
4 Bonnie Anderson	18 Sara Cantrell
Mark Banker	Sarah Dungan
5 Karen Miller	Liz Singley
Jon Rybka	19 Melanie Sherrod
6 Anne Smith	23 Phil Walsh
8 Brenda Strickling	24 Karen Schall
15 Kathy Pierce	27 Jennifer Choate
	Deb Hyder

## Financial Report

General Fund - Jan 1, 2011 - Dec. 31, 2011

Offering Received	\$	205,033
Investment Income		838
Other Income		
KUMC Shared Youth Program		19,668
Building Use Income		2,550
Total Income	\$	228,089
Less Expenses		239,127
Net Decrease	\$	(11,038)

Mortgage Fund - Jan. 1, 2011—Dec. 31, 2011

Offering Received	\$	87,540
Less Mortgage Payments		100,200
Net Shortage	\$	(12,660)

## Mortgage Balances

	12/31/2010	12/31/2011	Principal Reduction
PILP	\$ 931,621	\$ 885,691	\$ (45,930)
PET	94,967	91,439	( 3,528)
Private	78,897	68,897	(10,000)
	<u>\$ 1,105,485</u>	<u>\$ 1,046,027</u>	<u>\$ (59,458)</u>



## Prayer Reminders

*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

### 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
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Margaret True	Room 349
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### NHC Healthcare Oak Ridge

**300 Laboratory Rd**

**Oak Ridge 37830**

Wanda Carter	Room 212A
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### Brakebill Nursing Home

**5837 Lyons View Pike**

**Knoxville 37919**

Anne Smith	Room 416-B
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**In Need of Prayer:** James & Marlene Woodard, Gil & Julie Barber, Jean & Don Dice, Pat Hale, Helene Ricker, Justus Baird (brother of Barbara Baird), Dianne Swinler (Brenda Strickling's sister).

### Prayer needs in the community (Names known to God):

A woman is battling breast cancer - as she has for the last 7 years. She is the mother of an elementary school student. The cancer is now spreading, she is in pain, and needs prayer.

A dear friend of one of our members has cancer and is receiving hospice care. He is very weak.

# February 2012

<b>EACH WEEK:</b> Bethel Arts Ministry (BAM): Art Club Mondays, 10-noon, 6:30-8:30 PM BAM for Youth Wed. 4:00-6:00PM Taoist Tai Chi Tue. 6-7 PM, Sat. 9-10:30 Beginning Spanish: Tue. 6-7 PM Advanced Spanish: Tue 6:30-7:30 PM Choir Practice: Wed. 7 PM Children's Choir: 8:30 AM Sundays @ KUMC				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  Souper Bowl of Caring  Faith Team 12:30	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Annual Re- ports due in the Church Office	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Photo Group 10 AM	
<b>12</b>  Old Fashioned Hymn Sing during Wor- ship	<b>13</b>  Finance Meeting 5:30	<b>14</b>  Transitions Fellowship 7PM @ KUMC Annex	<b>15</b>  Property Team 5:30 PM Family & Fel- lowship Team 5:30 PM Fellowship Supper 6:30	<b>16</b>  Service Team 6:30 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Transitions Fellowship: Love Kitchen in Harriman	
<b>19</b>  Stated Meeting of Session	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Shrove Tues- day Pancake Dinner 6 PM	<b>22</b>  Ash Weddesday Worship 7 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Cleanup Day 9:00 AM	
<b>26</b>  Congregational Meeting 12:30 Study Team to follow	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Transitions Fellowship 7 M @ KUMC Annex	<b>29</b>  Lenten Bible Study 6 PM	<b>LOOKING AHEAD:</b> <b>Lenten Activities in March and April:</b> <i>(All activities are held jointly with KUMC and will take place in Bethel's Fellowship Hall or in the Sanctuary.)</i> Lenten Bible Study: Wednesdays, March 7, 14, and 28 @ 6 PM Maundy Thursday Service: April 5 @ 7 PM Good Friday Service: April 6 @ 7 PM			

(A separate calendar of Youth Events appears on page 4 of this newsletter)