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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 ~



The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / JUNE 2012

Dear Friends,

Just this week a friend shared a link on FB to a blog entitled: *Ten Reasons Why You Should Be Going to Church*. Intrigued I read it and loved it so much, I shared it. So some of you have already seen this, but for those who haven't it is good food for thought. So here it is again. The blog is by Rev. Anne Russ, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Argenta, North Little Rock, Arkansas, and she has graciously given me permission to share her blog with you.

"I've just seen one too many articles on why people aren't coming to church. Admittedly, there are some good reasons. But I'd like to share my top 10 reasons why you *should* be coming to church. Others will have different reasons and some may disagree with the ones I have listed, but here they are.

10. Coming to church doesn't mean you have no doubts about God or faith or religion. It means you have a place you can share with people who have their own doubts.

9. Bad stuff is going to happen in your life. It just is. A church community cannot be everything to everyone in times of crisis, but when the bottom falls out of your world, it's great to have a community to lift you back up.

8. Bad stuff is going to happen in your life, part two. The time to build a relationship with God is not when life turns ugly, and you've run out of all other options. Attending worship regularly helps build a relationship

with God and others that will give you a solid foundation when the winds blow and the storms come.

7. Not all churches are anti-something. Most of us are for people, for acceptance, for hospitality. Really, we're out there. We just don't get the good press.

6. Any church worth its salt has really good food on a regular basis.

5. Churches offer paint-by-number opportunities to serve. Many people would like to help the poor, the hungry and the homeless, but they don't know how to get involved, how to make the time to be involved, or what they can do to really make a difference. Churches offer you ways to plug in to help those who need it most.

4. You've got a gift. Probably two or 10 of them. Becoming involved in the ministry of a church will help you discover and use gifts you never even knew you had.

3. Not all churches are after your money. Good churches want you have a healthy relationship with money. Sure, churches need to pay the electric bill and the pastor and the youth director, but money and the church is more about you than it is about the church. It's about your own relationship with money. World events have proven that it's much better to put faith in God than in a bank account. Church can help you with that.

2. Taking a break from our hectic lives to come to church is accepting the gift of Sabbath. Wayne Mueller says "(Sabbath) dissolves the artificial urgency of our days, because it liberates us from the

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need to be finished.” We don’t take Sabbath and come to worship because we have time and have finished up everything that needs to be done. We take Sabbath because it is time to stop, and we are designed to stop, rest and reflect. Those don’t are destined to crash and burn.

1. Jesus is really cool. Even if you don’t know if you can believe in the whole Son-of-God thing, even if you refer to the resurrection as the Zombie Jesus event and even though those of us already in church often do a lousy job of following him, come to church to get to know Jesus. The more you get to know him, the more you’ll understand why people call his way The Way.”

Now that you have read Rev. Russ’ top ten reasons to come to church, what would you add to the list? Share your thoughts with me and each other and those you meet during the day. Share the good news of Bethel and the PCUSA everywhere, all the time, because the good news is we are loved by God and we have love to share – and love makes a difference in people’s lives.

Grace and peace, Wendy

VBS is just around the corner!

Bethel and Kingston United Methodist Church will be joining forces again this summer to present “Operation Overboard”. Bethel will be the host location this year.

VBS will run Monday through Thursday, June 18 - 21, with classes for children ages 4 through rising grade 6 and adults. Youth are invited to be assistants. (Nursery provided for VBS workers only.) The children will be grouped by age and have a Bible story lesson each night, with crafts/science activities, music and recreation time that supports the lesson. Students and volunteers can register online at: overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/ BethelKUMC by following the instructions.



The schedule for each night will look like this:

5:30 Registration and dinner
6:00 Assembly on the patio with Wendy and Amy
6:15 Classes/Activities
8:00 Dismissal from the Gathering Area

See you on June 18th!

You're invited to a Play

Day! With VBS just around the corner, we've got lots to do to get ready. Those of us who can't be here to teach can help out in many other ways, including: Spending a morning transforming recyclables into wonderful props for our underwater adventure. We'll be creating fish, coral reefs, and other underwater surprises out of old soda bottles, pool noodles, duct tape, and other "treasures". Come, celebrate your inner child, and help us create an underwater wonderland!
When: Saturday, June 9 from 11 until?

Where: Bethel's Resource Room and the BAM workspace on the second floor.

If your "inner child" has gone on vacation, you can still help out! Get in touch with your inner pack-rat, and check your closets/garage for:
Clear plastic soda bottles, 1- and 2-liters
Old cds
Old pool noodles
Old dust mop heads
Cellophane
Silk greenery – the more it looks like seaweed, the better!
Nylon fishing line

Funky-colored duct tape (don't need the silver kind)
Glitter stickers – spots, stars and shapes especially
Anything else you can think of that looks like it belongs in an ocean scene!

All treasures can be dropped off in the Resource Room, or you can give them to Karen Schall on Sunday mornings. Questions? Contact Karen at schallk@highland.net or 423-369-2955 – and remember, we need these items before June 9th.
Thanks!

Opportunities for Service

Orphan Keys Needed

Dear Everyone,

Your Bethel Directory Committee needs your help. We need volunteers to sign up folks for their sitting appointments on these Sundays:

- Sunday, June 10
- Sunday, June 17
- Sunday, June 24

If you can spare a few minutes after church on these Sundays, we really would appreciate it. Any Sunday would be good, two Sundays better and three Sundays terrific. We know that you may not be able to "work" all three Sundays due to summer vacations and other obligations, but hopefully, you can squeeze in at least one Sunday.

Thank you very, very much.

—Marianne Shadden



Love Kitchens

Young Adults 18 - 35 and their families will host the Love Kitchen of Harriman on Saturday, June 16th, 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM, at the First Presbyterian Church of Harriman, 601 Clinch Street. Call Lauren Shell, 804-0711, for more information.

Bethel folks of all ages will host the Love Kitchen of Rockwood on Saturday, July 14th, from 4:00 until closing, at the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwood, 429 West Rockwood Street. Food providers, food preparers, food servers, dining companions and game players of all ages are needed. This is a great family activity and you also get fed! Call Marge Hettrick, 882-6513, for additional information.

Have you found yourself with a collection of keys that don't seem to have a purpose anymore? Instead of throwing those keys away think about collecting them and donating them to Camp John Knox. This year's summer camp curriculum is **Keys of the Kingdom**. There is a team of pastors and Christian educators from the Presbytery who are working with John Knox staff to develop Bible studies centered on Matthew 16:15-19. Campers will discover together the Kingdom of God and the keys to being disciples of Christ in our world today. In order to help them remember what they learned at camp, they want **each camper to leave camp with 5 keys. This means over 1000 keys must be collected!** Camp John Knox needs our help. Once you find the keys, **please bring them to the Bethel office and we will arrange to get them to Camp John Knox.** Keys can be dropped off in the office on Sunday mornings or Monday – Friday from 9 am to 3:30; or after hours you can drop them in the (paint) can located at the base of the church mailbox. The deadline for dropping them off is Sunday, June 3. Thank you for your love and support of this ministry. With your help it promises to be a great summer!

Become a Disaster Screener

A common problem among disaster relief agencies is making sure that potential relief workers are adequately screened to ensure that they are capable of performing the necessary tasks and that victims as well as other relief workers are safe and secure. Our Presbytery's Disaster Relief

Network is asking Bethel to assist in the process of screening individuals who wish to help in disaster relief efforts. The Presbytery will provide training to anyone wishing to serve as a screener during sessions tentatively scheduled for September. The screeners would then be contacted when a disaster response becomes necessary. If you are willing to participate as a screener, please contact Dan Hyder at 376-1685 or hyderhr755@aol.com

Have rug – will travel?

The Ladies' Bible Study class has moved to the vacant office across the hall from their old location and would like to make the room a bit more inviting. They are looking for an area rug 8x10 feet or 10x12 feet. If you have a gently-used rug to donate, let Jim Schall (423-369-2955 or schallj@highland.net) know and we'll pick it up. Thank you!

You Are Invited

Brenda and Larry Strickling will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 9, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Kingston Community Center. They were married in Fostoria, OH at the First Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Glen Ogden. After a honeymoon in northern Michigan, they settled in their apartment in Lewiston, NY. Larry's first job was with Union Carbide Corp. in Niagara Falls, NY. They have two children, Cynthia Cortesio (husband, Michael Sr.) who live locally and Allen who lives in Parker, CO. They have two grandchildren, Christa and Michael Jr. both residing in northern Iowa.

We request your attendance but please NO GIFTS. As a final enticement, Nelda Toon will be handling the refreshments!

4.....The Open Door

Bethel welcomes the following new members who joined with us on Pentecost Sunday, May 27th.



Lyric Rivera and Maria Vanegas were part of the communicant's class of 2012. We have watched them grow from beautiful little girls into beautiful young women, and we rejoice as they have taken this next step in their faith journeys.



Chuck Brumley is a longtime resident of our area. We hope to have a biographical sketch in time for next month's Open Door.



Joan Pharis is a new member of Bethel and a six month resident of Roane County. She grew up in Royal Oak, Michigan, and worked for General Motors in Detroit for 32 years. When she retired, she wanted to come to a warmer climate and to live on the lake. She and her husband were looking for a place and found Grande Vista Bay in Rockwood, where they built a house and have moved into it. Her favorite activities are reading, counted cross stitch, traveling, and gardening. Joan found Bethel through Orlando Vanegas, who suggested that she come to Bethel and check us out. She started attending services in January, and she found that Bethel reminds her of her church back in Michigan.

Please be sure to say hello and welcome to all of our new members!

Fellowship Team

Bethel graduates were honored at the Fellowship Supper on May 18. Jared McGill graduated from Roane County High School. Jon King earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Belhaven University in Chattanooga, Tennessee in Organization Management. Rachel Dailey also earned a Bachelor of Science in Special Education with a concentration in Communication Disorder from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Congratulations for your accomplishments!

The Fellowship Supper in June has been re-scheduled for June 13 at 6:30 to accommodate the VBS schedule. The Fellowship Team will meet prior to the supper at 5:30.

Taoist Tai Chi

A beginners Taoist Tai Chi class began on Tuesday, May 15th at 6:00 pm -- Bethel Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, even a little bit, please come. Have a look and learn more about it.

Remember: If you want to receive your Open Door via email (you get it sooner, you save a few trees, and it's more colorful!) -- send an email to schallk@highland.net and let us know. Thanks!

We have all heard about the issues that our community has dealt with — addiction issues including but not limited to drugs and alcohol. Celebrate Recovery is a Biblically based program of recovery for individuals and/or their family members suffering from addictions and/or emotional distress. The program works through eight recovery principles based on the Beatitudes. Individuals have come together from our community to begin the process of starting a Celebrate Recovery ministry in Kingston. Plans are still being made for meeting space and times. You can contact Will Purushotham in the church office to get more information and find out how you can help with the new Celebrate Recovery program in Kingston.

Team Reports

Service Team

Why Grace School???

Why should we support Grace School Ministries in Limuru, Kenya? If you are not familiar with Grace School you can go to their website at

www.graceministries-limuru.org

to learn more. In a nutshell, Grace School is a ministry to give children in Limuru a quality education. These children typically have parents who are ill or have no resources to provide an education for their children. Monica Wambugu is the current director of the school. Monica and her recently deceased husband, Samuel, created the school and advocated for support of this ministry by visiting many East Tennessee Presbyterian Churches.

One important goal of the Church and its leaders should be to concentrate on specific parts of the world that are in need of special care and organize ways to give the people of those places protection, health care, and especially education. The Church should focus its care-giving on places that will continue to have little or even nothing if we do not minister to their needs. The lack of education is the greatest disability that can be placed upon a child. Education allows both this generation and generations to come to reap the benefits of the knowledge gained. The Church was charged by Jesus Christ to help people 'of all nations'. Grace School is much more than an educational facility. It provides food, clothing and a sanitary environment for children who live in poverty. The ability to minister to the people of underdeveloped countries is a powerful asset the body of Christ has in this day and age. God has given us uncountable gifts, and we should, in turn, share these gifts with those who are not as fortunate.

Grace School held a special place in Marc's (Sherrod) heart as well. When the Wambugu's visited East Tennessee, Marc missed Hannah's first band competition as drum major in order to meet Samuel for the first time. Samuel later had some personal struggles that compromised the financial donations from some donor churches. One of Marc's best qualities was his wisdom. He knew God to be a forgiving and loving God, and he saw the greater purpose and mission of Grace School. Marc designated Grace School as the sole, outside-Bethel charity for his memorial.

It is hard for us to imagine the living conditions for the children in Limuru, Kenya. We at Bethel have the opportunity to support their education, health and spiritual needs through prayer and financial support. In the most recent newsletter from Monica, the school is hoping to send every child on a fieldtrip which costs \$20.00 per child during the next semester. Their current budget was \$1,566 in the red. We can help. Please consider giving your support in any way you can. In my opinion this is what 'living your faith' is all about. Melanie Sherrod on behalf of the Service Team

Membership update:

Some of you may be aware that changes were made to our Book of Order that eliminate an "inactive member" category. After much discussion in the Session, we have decided to move those folks who were on the "inactive" list to the "active member" category. We will continue to discern ways to reach out to those folks as well as others who may not be as active as they once were. In all that we do, we seek to be pastorally sensitive and supportive of everyone at Bethel regardless of membership status.

Finance Team

We would like our report this month to focus on saying thank you to some people who work behind the scenes to make sure that the finances of the church run smoothly. We'll focus on some other people next month.

SUSAN CUTTS – Susan has taken on more and more bookkeeping responsibilities for Bethel over the past few months. She currently enters financial data, processes checks and runs financial reports for session and the different teams. She is very diligent in making sure that all of the "green sheets" are filled out correctly and have receipts attached. This is very important when the financial records are reviewed. THANK YOU Susan for adding bookkeeping to all the other things you do.

GARY LEMASTERS – Gary has been the main "second counter" after church every Sunday for several years. He has worked with the Receipts Treasurer to ensure that the contributions get counted, recorded and deposited with the bank in a timely manner. This year he has agreed to assume the role of Coordinator for the weekly counters. This removes that responsibility from the Receipts Treasurer. THANK YOU Gary for taking on this new duty in addition to teaching the Senior High Sunday School class.

DICK EVANS AND VIC KING – Last month we asked for volunteers to help with the financial review of the church records and we now have two volunteers who will complete this important function for the church. This review can be used to show that Bethel is following accounting procedures and can be given to insurance companies, financial institutions and the Presbytery. THANK YOU Dick and Vic for

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agreeing to complete this review for the church.

The review and update of the Policies and Procedures Manual will be completed soon and we hope to be able to present it to Session in June.

Just a little WOW for you – this month for the first time, we paid more on principle than on interest for our \$100,000 note to Presbytery. From this point on, the principal amount paid will continue to increase.

Remember that every day is an opportunity to share God's gift of love and make a difference in the lives of people we know and those that we will never know. Thank you all for your love and support of one another.

Generosity Team

What Happened to Stewardship and Where Is It Now?

Stewardship has been a part of several committees over the years at Bethel. For a while it found a home with the Finance Committee where we learned of various stewardship opportunities at the Stewardship Fair and participated in the Time and Talent surveys headed by yet another committee. Stewardship was moved again to the Faith Team and we heard sermons in November preached on stewardship. Recently, Wendy suggested to Session that stewardship become a separate team. At its February, 2012 meeting, Session approved the formation of the Stewardship Team with Andy Avel and Nancy King serving as co-chairs.

Since that time the team has been very active in studying stewardship and generosity. In March, Carol Brown attended PCUSA Stewardship Conference in Charlotte, NC, in March and returned to join the team full of

ideas and enthusiasm. Since then the team has read books, studied Bible references, looked at other church stewardship/generosity programs and has worked on relating these concepts within the life, culture and worship of Bethel.

As a result of this initial study, the team, along with Wendy, developed two documents. The first, *How to Create a Spiritual Culture of Generosity in Your Church*, is primarily an educational, how-to document defining generosity, identifying necessary components required to create a culture of generosity, and noting what the Bible says about generosity and stewardship. The Bible is full of talk about money and stewardship, and Jesus tells many stories of the affects of generosity and how lives could be changed. It is not just money, but also the spirit of generosity within us all the time – a way to live and serve every day. Anthony Robinson writes, "The point is that money and faith, finances and spirituality are integrally related—they are not in separate compartments. So . . . generosity (is) a sign and expression of our faith."

The second document is entitled *The Generosity Team Charter*. This document not only changes the name of the team from Stewardship to Generosity, but it also outlines the purpose of the team – ". . . creating and nurturing a culture of generosity at Bethel. . . the plan will provide individuals the opportunity to invest resources in the life and mission of Bethel." Goals, duties and responsibilities, and structure of the team is included in the charter. Both documents were approved by Session at its April meeting.

The preceding lets you know some of what happened to stewardship and where it is now. The Generosity Team views steward-

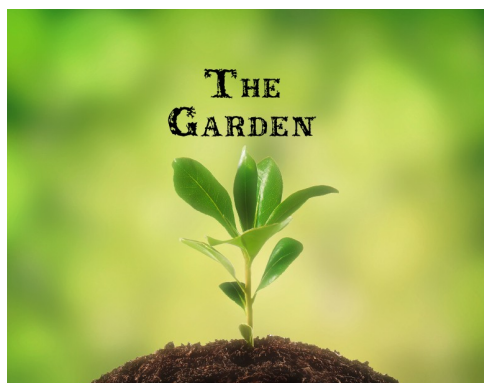
ship and its twin, generosity, as active, viable, living entities within our church and within ourselves. Every day there are opportunities for us to be generous with our resources, time, and talent for the missions and operations of Bethel.

The team is working on opportunities to recognize and share the stories we often hear of the effects of Bethel generosity and how lives have been positively impacted by the generosity of Bethel and its members. We want to hear your stories of how Bethel activities, mission, and worship have changed your life as well as those of others. We are also working on a catalog of opportunities listing Bethel's missions and needs as well as describing how we can apply our time, offerings, tithes, and talent to strengthen Bethel's impact on changing lives. The team is developing a generosity calendar which focuses on worship, minutes for mission, educational opportunities and studies, capital campaigns, planned giving opportunities, coordination with other teams, and bringing together the culture of generosity in relation to Bethel's 2018 vision and goals. A narrative budget will more accurately define how your offerings and tithes are positively affecting missions.

All the information above is our great Presbyterian way of doing things, and you will be hearing more and more from the Generosity Team. But . . . this idea of generosity is not just all about documents, schedules, responsibilities, capital campaigns and meetings. Generosity is an act of knowing, an act of worship, and an act of understanding that we are blessed with everything coming from God and the blessing continues when we serve God by giving back that which He has so generously given us.

igniteFUSION KINGSTON

Summer is here! We have a lot going on at Ignite/Fusion Kingston this summer. We hope you can join us in serving, embracing and remaining anchored. Check below for all of the great activities and bring a friend this summer! Don't forget that Sunday night Ignition is cancelled for the summer but will be back this fall.



Watch for information about The Garden on Facebook and email. We will send out a sign up sheet to let everyone have a chance to sign up for watering, weeding, harvesting and more.

What is the Garden?

The Garden is located behind Bethel. We will be growing different vegetables that will go directly to Hands of Mercy after they are harvested.

Remember to save your coins and dollars for your Rice Bowl and World Vision. Contact Will for a Rice Bowl. We will break open our Rice Bowls with Will's truck on June 27th. Don't forget to bring your money for Charity to any youth event!



RICE BOWLS

FILL BOWL > FIGHT HUNGER

June Calendar:

June 4- Mission Monday! We will be heading to John Knox to help prepare camp for the summer. We will leave the church at 9 AM and return at 2 PM. Can you stay awhile longer? We need to start preparing The Garden for planting. Bring water, a sack lunch, work gloves, wear work clothes, and sturdy shoes.

June 6- Word & Water!!! We will head to the Seeley's house for an evening of water fun! We will leave the church at 6 PM and return at 8:30 PM. Bring a friend!

June 10- Middle School students!! Are you going on REACH, the middle school mission experience? Join us for a commissioning service to send us out at the 11 AM Bethel service.

June 11- Mission Monday! We will head to First Presbyterian Church Harriman to help tidy up their grounds. We will leave the church at 9 AM and return at 2 PM. Can't make it that early? Will take a break at noon for Monday Munchies at a fast food restaurant in Harriman.

June 13- Word Search: We will have an evening of fun with Ultimate Frisbee, pizza and a movie. The fun starts at 4 PM at Fort Southwest Point and will move to the Bethel Youth Room for the movie.

REACH Lucky #13 **Middle School Mission**
JUNE 14-16

June 14-June 16- REACH: We will be heading to Downtown Knoxville to work for the Knoxville Leadership Foundation. Go to the Bethel website and watch your emails and Facebook for sign up information. We will be staying in the Cokesbury Center at Cokesbury UMC. The cost is \$70 and scholarships are available!

June 18- Mission Monday and Monday Munchies! We will help KUMC clean after their construction project and work in The Garden! We will meet at 10 AM and finish around 3 PM. Wear work clothes, sturdy shoes and bring water. We will head out for lunch at noon.

June 18-21- We need your help at VBS!! We need assistants and shepherds to help with all aspects of VBS. You can contact Susan Garbett at sgarbett24@yahoo.com for more information.

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June 20- No Word Search but join us for a movie in the Bethel for a movie after VBS.

June 24-High School Students! Join us for a commissioning service at the 11 AM Bethel service as we prepare to leave for our mission trip.

June 25- Monday Munchies- We will be heading to Harriman for some great Mexican food. We will meet at the church at 11:30 and return at 1:30. Can you come early to help work in The Garden?

June 27- Word Search: Another fine afternoon of Ultimate Frisbee...We will meet at Fort Southwest Point at 4 PM. We will break open our Rice Bowls at the church after Ultimate Frisbee. We will finish our evening at 5:45 PM.

We need your help to sell donuts this month. All of the money we raise with donut sales help to support REACH, GO 2.0 and Ground Zero. The more money we raise the lower the cost of our trips.

*Upcoming Ignite/
Fusion Kingston
activities*

Throughout July-Even more Monday Munchies and Mission Mondays!!!

Word and Water
Messy Games Night
July 12- Dollywater!!! (Dolly's Splash Country)
July 26-30-Ground Zero



HIGH SCHOOL MISSION JUNE 28-30



June 28-30- GO 2.0. We will be heading to Huntsville, AL and getting our hands dirty by assisting with cleaning up a school that the ministry has acquired, landscaping several different properties (i.e. mulching, cutting grass, weed eating, gardening), painting houses, working in a community garden and having fun! The cost is \$70. Scholarships are available!

More information can be found on the Bethel website.

Do you have old cell phones, printer cartridges, gps systems or ipods sitting around your house? Bring them to the church and help fund the Ignite/Fusion Kingston (formerly Bethel/KUMC Student Ministry). The collection boxes are located in the church office. Contact Will at the church office for more information.

Remember to always check Facebook, the Bethel website, email and texting for up to date information on activities.

Transitions Fellowship

June 5- Big Bang Theory Marathon!!! We will meet at 7 PM for dinner and an awesome TV show! Bring a friend!

June 16-Love Kitchen at First Presbyterian Harriman. Watch for more information coming soon!

June 17-Join us for Smokies Baseball. Watch for information coming soon!

June 19- Fellowship at KUMC at 7 PM.

Upcoming Activities

Dinner & a movie

Take Time Worship (unplugged)

Our Transitions Ministry has multiple opportunities to serve our community. Please consider helping us with this ministry.

Check them out!

Love Kitchen at First Presbyterian Church in Harriman

Provide a meal once a quarter to less fortunate residents in Harriman. We can use assistance with funds for purchasing food, side dishes and dessert.

Shoes and Socks for Kids (Drop off location is in Will's office.)

We are looking for **NEW** shoes and socks to donate to local schools for children who do not have adequate shoes and socks

News and Notes

A note from Melanie Sherrod:
Belated Thank You and Another
Environmental Opportunity

Last summer many of you financially supported urban tree research and education by making a donation to the Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund on my behalf. My sister, Beth, and I rode our bicycles 500 miles in 6 days with a group of 64 cyclists in the Tour de Trees. The Tour des Trees 2011 raised over \$500,000 for our environment!!! My personal goals were met as well: I raised the necessary funds to participate; I did not cause anyone to wreck; I did not get run over by a car and I did not fall off my bike! Without your financial support, I would have written a very large check to the TREE Fund as each participant had to raise \$3,500.00. It was a wonderful ride from Virginia Beach to Washington, DC and an experience I will never forget. This year's Tour will be in Oregon but Beth and I are taking a year off. Thanks to each of you for being so environmentally friendly!! If you are inclined to support the TREE Fund this year, please support Team Ohio - <http://www.active.com/donate/STIHLTourdesTrees12/TeamOhio>. Beth is helping Team Ohio raise \$25,000 for Tree Research and Education. Thank you again for supporting tree research and education. I can't imagine our landscape without healthy trees.

From the

Property Team:

Thanks to the anonymous donor who purchased a new lawnmower for the church. Now, we're looking for a few good volunteers to mow the lawn each week! If you can help out, please contact Jim Schall (423-369-2955 or schallj@highland.net.)

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
Renaissance Terrace / 257 Patton Lane, Harriman 37748
Marge Maki, Room 108A
The Bridge at Rockwood / 5580 Roane State Hwy Rockwood 37854
Margaret True, Room 349
NHC Healthcare Oak Ridge / 300 Laboratory Rd Oak Ridge 37830
Wanda Carter, Room 212A
Brakebill Nursing Home / 5837 Lyons View Pike Knoxville 37919
Anne Smith, Room 416-B

In Need of Prayer: Sue & Bob Jones, Jan & Don Gasparetti,

James & Marlene Woodard, Gil & Julie Barber,
Mariana Oonk, Anneka Oonk, Jean & Don Dice, Helene Ricker,
Justus Baird (brother of Barbara Baird),
Dianne Swinler (Brenda Strickling's sister).

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dorothy (Dot) Davis, who joined the Church Triumphant on Tuesday May 15. A graveside service was held Friday May 18, 10 AM at Roane Memorial Gardens.

June Birthdays

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| 2 Carol Brown | 22 Willie Mae Meers |
| 3 Maria Gasparetti | John Parkinson |
| 4 Louise Pickel | Tim Smith |
| 5 Dick Maynard | 24 John Richmond |
| 9 Kelly Maddux | 25 Dave Braski |
| Tauno Maki | 28 Marilyn Harris |
| Susannah Morgan | 27 Micki Anderson |
| 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 | |



Celebrating a



Fellowship Team Time and Talent Survey

So much of what the Fellowship Team at Bethel does is facilitate relationships. We sit at table together because Jesus did that and lives were changed—remember Zaccheus? We care for one another because that is who we like the early Christians are—remember Dorcas? We have fun together because laughter in good relationships is good for our soul too—remember the Wedding Feast? So here is our opportunity to participate in the life of Bethel through some of Fellowship Team’s activities. Simply check the spot where you want to contribute and someone from the team will contact you when opportunities arise. You may place the completed survey in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thank you in advance for sharing of yourself and your gifts as together we seek in the name of Jesus the Christ to create life-changing community at Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Member Support

- ☐ Provide food for bereaved families
- ☐ Provide transportation to members in need
- ☐ Visit sick and shut-ins in nursing homes and assisted living facilities
- ☐ Send get well and sympathy cards

Kitchen Maintenance

- ☐ Maintain pantry supplies, inventory list
- ☐ Clean refrigerator and freezer
- ☐ Supervise kitchen organization and cleanliness

Monthly Events

- ☐ Take a turn hosting Fellowship Supper
- ☐ Take turn hosting Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship time
- ☐ Work in kitchen for regular and special events

Fellowship Publicity

- ☐ Write articles for Open Door
- ☐ Keep scrapbook/photo albums
- ☐ Help with photography
- ☐ Kiosk ideas

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Wedding liaison
- ☐ Coordinate church directory updates
- ☐ Provide technical assistance for church directory

Special Events Planning/Execution

- ☐ Mother/daughter luncheon
- ☐ Wedding reception
- ☐ Showers
- ☐ Dinners
- ☐ Church picnic
- ☐ Trips to community activities
- ☐ Shrove Tuesday
- ☐ Prepare graduating senior tributes
- ☐ Host visiting ministers
- ☐ Host the caroling party

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Weekly Events:					1	2
Bethel Arts Ministry: Mondays, 10-Noon; 6:30-8:30 PM (Adults) Taoist Tai Chi: Tues. 6-7:30 PM, Sat. 9-10:30 AM Beginning Spanish: Tuesdays 6:30-7:00 PM Advanced Spanish: Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30 PM Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM Ignite/Fusion: Mondays and Wednesdays; check page 7-8 for times						
3 Communion Sunday Faith Team 12:30 p.m.	4	5 Transitions Fellowship 7 p.m.	6	7	8	9 Photo Group 10 a.m. VBS Play Day 11 a.m. Strickling Anniversary 2 p.m.
10 Signups for Directory Photos Stated Session 12:15 p.m.	11 Finance Team 6:15 p.m.	12	13	14 <div>Middle School Youth: Operation Reach</div>	15	16 Transitions Fellowship: Love Kitchen @ Harriman
17 Signups for Directory Photos Transitions: Smokies' Baseball	18 <div>Operation Overboard VBS each night from 5:30—8 p.m.</div>	19 Transitions Fellowship @ KUMC 7 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24 Signups for Directory Photos Service Team 12:30 p.m. Study Team 12:30 p.m.	25	26	27 Fellowship Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	28 <div>High School Youth: GO 2.0</div>	29	30