



The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / JANUARY 2013

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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,

Amid the darkness of winter, the sadness of shootings and death of children, the rancor of politics and the stymied feeling we have because the problems facing our nation and world seem insurmountable, the light comes. The light of world comes into the darkness bringing hope and joy and new possibilities. As we move into Epiphany, may we follow the guiding star, seek the warmth of the light of God and share the love that came into the world. For it is only through love that we, and the world we are in, will be transformed into a place of shalom for all.

Grace and peace,

Wendy

Bible Basics -

New Testament

The NT Bible Basics will begin on Sunday, Jan 6 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All adults are welcome. This 8 week class will look at the Gospels, the person of Jesus, the letters to the early church and end with a quick look at Revelation. Wendy Neff will lead the class as we discuss and learn together.

Worship Leadership

Training

Anyone who is interested in being a liturgist, usher and/or acolyte is invited to stay after worship on Sunday, Jan 13 for a brief training session. Bring your lunch and we will eat and talk together about the different leadership roles for church members during worship. We will

have a chance to practice speaking into a microphone, passing the offering plate, and lighting candles as we become equipped and confident worship leaders. Older children through adults are welcome.

Faith/Evangelism Team

Advent and Christmas are behind us. Faith/Evangelism is looking forward to the new year. SOS (Save Our Saturdays) will take place during the five Saturdays in Lent, February 23 – March 23 giving us an opportunity to generously serve in our community through various activities. More information to follow in the bulletin, the Open Door, and on the kiosk.

What can a cookie do?

As **Girl Scouting** finishes up celebrating 100 years serving girls, locals troops are gearing up for the **January cookie sale**. Along with past favorites (Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, Dulce de Leche, and Thank U Berry Munch cranberry), the newest cookie, Savannah Smiles, will be available to order starting **January 11**. This year's theme is "What can a cookie do?" as girl scouts in Roane County troops learn how to run a cookie business at the local level. You can also purchase a box of cookies for **residents of Kingston's assisted living facilities or food pantry** as part of the **Gift of Caring** program. The troop is continuing to raise money for a special shopping cart for the food pantry plus a science field trip. Please call Julie at 376-9033 for more details. Holiday thought of the day: "All the cookies freeze well".

Membership

The Generosity Team has been going over our membership rolls. We have made several attempts to find addresses and communicate with members who are no longer active. The following list are names for whom we still have no contact information. It is impossible to provide any kind of care and outreach to people we cannot be in touch with, so please help us if you know anything about any of these folks. The Generosity Team will recommend Session remove them from the rolls if we do not receive any contact information. However, they can be reinstated at any time when new information is received. Thanks for your help.

- Cody Browning
- Mary Elizabeth Clouse
- Ellen Wood Hayes
- Stacy Horton
- Karen Hart
- Max LaDue
- Brenda Long
- Peter Malmquist
- Karen Miller
- Billie Jean Poythress
- Gloria Scott
- Laura Thomas

A note from Morgan County Prison:

The dinner went very well. Your desserts certainly made the difference. Thanks to your efforts and efforts of others who baked goods, We had enough desserts to feed all the men even to seconds and thirds. Most of them got 3-4 desserts. Please let everyone know what a blessing they were to the men.

Steve Cantrell, Chaplain
May the God of peace be with you to strengthen and sustain you.

Transitions Fellowship

Check out these sites for pictures and information regarding up to the minute details for the ministry:

Facebook

Twitter: @bpckumcyoungadu

Our blog at

www.tfkingston.wordpress.com

Text messages

January 1- Happy New Years!!! (No Fellowship)

January 7- Men's Morning Devo. @ 6:30 AM. This is a great way to start off your week with a men's breakfast and devotional. Details coming soon.

January 15- Blue Like Jazz study in the KUMC Fellowship Hall

Deadline for scholarships and

registration for Divine Rhythm will be January 15th. The cost is \$80 and a late fee of \$25 will be assessed for late registrations.

January 29- Blue Like Jazz study in the KUMC Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

February 1-3- Divine Rhythm-Young Adult Retreat in Gatlinburg, TN. The cost is \$80

February 19- Take Time Worship @ 7 PM

Don't forget to check out our young adult blog. It will be updated every other week with a new study. Take your time and leave your thoughts, prayer requests and more on the site.

<http://tfkingston.wordpress.com/>



I hope that we can all take a look at our year of blessings. New Years resolutions are nice but take time to look at your life and see how God has blessed you. Your youth group cares for you, the churches care for you, and I care for you. God Bless and have a great 2013!

Upcoming Events

January 1- Happy New Year!!!

January 3- I will be at the

Cherokee vs. Midway game.

January-February- The Project at Ignition

Check on the Bethel website for a complete calendar for January:

www.bethelpcusa.org.

Registration is open for Resurrection 2013. The cost is \$70. Scholarships and the general deadline is January 20th. Registrations received after January 20th will be assessed a \$25 late fee. There are a limited number of spaces available so sign up soon! Contact Will for registration information.

Check out our youth blog

<http://>

www.ignitefusionkingston.wordpress.com.

It will be updated weekly with thoughts about Advent. Take your time and leave your thoughts, prayer requests and more on the site.

January 2013

		1 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2	3	4	5
6 Bible Basics Class Begins Communion Sunday Faith Team 12:15	7 Transitions: Men's Morning Devo. 6:30 AM	8	9	10	11 Girl Scout Cookie Sales begin	12
13 Worship Leadership Training after Worship	14 Finance Team 6:15	15 Transitions: Study @ KUMC	16 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	17	18	19 Session Retreat & Meeting
20 Deadline for Resurrection Registrations	21 Birthday of M.L. King Jr. Office Closed	22	23	24	25	26
27 Study Team 12:15 Service Team 12:15	28	29 Transitions: Study @ KUMC	30	31		