

The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / MARCH 2013

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,

We are well into the Season of Lent, that time of self reflection and examination. Lent is not an easy time nor is it a short examination of our hearts. It is 40 days long! Nearly twice as long as Advent and more than three times as long as Christmas.

Yet Lent is a very important church season for us all. Now I didn't grow up observing Lent, as far as I knew only Catholics did that. And the only thing I remembered from their observance of Lent was giving something up, mostly chocolate or cokes.

Then at some point we Presbyterians realized that recognizing church seasons was an important and helpful practice in our faith and so we brought them back, so to speak. As a teenager I don't remember much about Lent either, except that we Protestants weren't giving anything up. We had weekly noon lunches and worship instead. But then along the way the Presbyterians did join the throng of those giving up for Lent. Today people not only give up chocolate and cokes but also Facebook and Twitter. The intent of giving something up for Lent is found in Lent being a penitent season. We be

gin the season with the mark of ashes on our heads reminding us of our dependence on God as well as our failure to trust God with all of our lives. As we spend time examining our own hearts in light of God's call to us in scripture, we give something up so that each time we think about that thing, we can be mindful of our dependence on God for all that we have. Giving something up is to make us more aware of God's generosity to us, of our dependence on God, as well as how we can be channels of God's grace and love to others.

If you are one of the ones who has given something up for Lent, I pray you will remember what that means and that your faith formation will be strengthened this Lent. At Bethel we have the opportunity to both give something up and take something on in our Save Our Saturdays mission projects this month. I especially encourage families to choose a couple of these if not all four to do together as a way to journey through Lent mindfully with one another.

*Grace and peace,
Wendy*



For Seniors and their Families:

Connect to Help

We are writing to let you know of a service available to assist the elderly in our community through the Mid-East Community Action Agency.

The program is called "Connect to Help" and is a personal emergency response system installed in the client's home. You may remember the commercials on TV where an elderly individual has stated "I've fallen and I can't get up!" This program provides the individual with the monitoring system and pendant to use in the event of a fall. Additionally, it can be used if there is a fear of a home invasion, or if the individual needs to walk to their mailbox and is fearful of a potential fall - the care center can check on them in a designated amount of time to ensure safety.

Jo Westmoreland at our office is the contact, and she would be the one working directly with the seniors to complete the application and install the unit in their home. She has a great passion for this program and is very thorough with the senior ensuring they feel comfortable with their unit and know how to use it most effectively. Mid-East purchases the unit, and installs it in the clients home. The client is responsible for the \$10.00 monthly monitoring fee, which is greatly reduced from other monitoring systems you might see advertised on the market.

Mid-East Community Action Agency

P.O. Box 790, Kingston, TN 37763

865-354-0450

Jo Westmoreland can be contacted directly at ext. 227

Session Meeting

Highlights

from Jan. & Feb. 2013
Cathy McDowell, Clerk

1. The session had a five-hour **meeting/retreat** at Bethel on January 19th.

2. Elders Celia Simon and Liz Singley were elected as the two elders for the 2013 **Nominating Committee**, with Elder Simon being the Chair.

3. Linda Brown was elected as the **Disbursements Treasurer** for 2013.

4. Bethel's three new successful **existing ministries** were discussed; a) **English as a Second Language (ESL)** - this was a new ministry idea from 2012, Elder Choate is offering individual tutoring for two children and two adults; b) **Spanish Class** - Elder Vanegas continues to have adult and children's classes; c) **Bethel Arts Ministry (BAM)** is doing great and expanding.

5. A lengthy discussion was held about ideas for possible **new ministries** - eight different ideas were discussed.

6. **Manual of Operations** - the new Form of Government became effective on July 10, 2011. Everything in the former Book of Order is still represented except for Chapter 7. Each church session had to de-

velop/adopt something that would guide the work of the church. Rev. Neff and various Bethel people spent many hours developing the manual. The manual is over 100 pages and has been approved by the session. A hard copy will be available in the church office.

7. **2018 Vision** - The six bullets of Bethel's vision were reviewed and discussed:

- * We have a faithful, diverse, growing, and active membership
- * We have varied and dynamic programs to meet the needs of all ages
- * Our involvement in local and global mission makes a difference
- * We have inspired pastoral leadership that challenges the congregation to discern the will of God
- * We are generous and financially responsible
- * Bethel's facilities are well maintained, current, and support the vision

8. Several ideas about how Bethel could be **debt free** by 2018 were discussed.

9. The session will continue to meet the third Sunday of each month following the Worship Service.

10. In February, the session began another Study Time. The title of the book is "Spiritual Leadership for Church Leaders" by Joan Gray.

Complete Session Minutes are available in the church office.

Healing and Wholeness Service March 10

During Lent, you have the opportunity to attend the Healing and Wholeness service on Sunday, Mar 10 at 5pm in the Sanctuary. During this season where we become aware of our own brokenness and that of the world, this service of prayer creates a space to offer prayers for the healing of that brokenness, seeking the wholeness that God gives. There will be an opportunity for those who wish to come forward and have a moment of individual prayer with the pastor as well as receiving the anointing of oil that represents God's faithfulness and hope. More than anything, though, this service is an opportunity to come together in intentional prayer for ourselves and the world. Everyone is welcome.

S.O.S.

(Save our Saturdays)

SOS started years ago at Bethel during Lent, then lapsed for years, but was revived in 2012. The idea was that giving up our weekend time for community service during Lent was more meaningful than giving up chocolate, sugar, or fat. Following is a list of our planned events. We (Faith Team) hope that you will be able to participate in at least one event, but you are encouraged to participate in several or all. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy King or Celia Simon.



March 2, 2013:

Michael Dunn Center 9am - 2pm. We will be painting common areas of 1 or 2 group homes (depending upon how many folks come). MDC will be providing paint and equipment, people need to bring rollers (not covers), extension poles, brushes, drop cloths and step ladders in case they are needed. We will begin by taping and then painting. MDC is providing coffee, lunch from Subway. Parking is available but people can carpool from Bethel leaving around 8:50 or so. The homes are located next door to one another in Center Farm, 104 Village Trace, Kingston. Enter main entrance and turn left from the round-about.

March 9, 2013:

John Knox Center. Main job is shoreline clean-up. Please bring your own beverages, snacks, and lunches. They want us to start on Second Peninsula as it gets the worst of it. If our group is large enough to split, some of us could work the main side. There will be coffee on at the dining hall. If our group is small, we could switch to the main side if time allows. JKC will have a youth group there and a meeting in B Lodge while we are there. Rakes would be good to rake the shoreline. A pickup would be good to get

the debris to the burn circle on Second Peninsula. It would not hurt to have a chain saw in case someone wants to cut fallen trees. They will have someone at our disposal for the day, probably Gary.

March 16, 2013:

Love Kitchen at First Presbyterian Church, Harriman, with the Transitions Ministry folks. We will meet at Bethel around 2 pm for food preparation, leave for Harriman around 4:00, serve dinner at 5. If you cannot help serve, please help us prepare the food from 2-4 pm.

March 23, 2013:

Get together at Bethel for games and lunch with Christmas basket recipients. Games/activities from 11am to 12 followed by lunch. Should be concluded by 1pm. Soup, sandwiches, and cookies are needed from Bethel folks. Please email Celia (celiatn@gmail.com) to volunteer.

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." – 2 Corinthians 9:8

Each Easter since 1949, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has participated with millions of other Christians in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This year, our offering will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and our Self-Development of People program.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program's recent efforts have included outreach to Newtown, Connecticut; assistance to 200,000 Syrian refugees both in and outside of the country; support of our Food Resources Bank, rebuilding assistance in Haiti, and food and shelter assistance to African regions ravaged by drought; and the program is lining up to provide assistance to Presbyterian churches in Mississippi and Texas destroyed by tornado and lightning fire.



The Hunger Program works worldwide on issues of food availability, poverty, social justice, and the effects of globalization, trade, and land use, seeking "justice and the restoration of the earth, and the rights of people to claim the life abundant promised by God."

The Self-Development of People program affirms God's concern for the poor by partnering with low-income community groups in the U.S. and abroad to improve food security, build and strengthen community-based organizations including local church councils, and facilitate sustainable, enduring self-development.

On Easter Sunday, please give generously.

Opportunities for Service

Do you have flowers to share?

Any flowers that members wish to share can be brought to the church and our talented crew of floral arrangers will use them to God's glory! They can email Joan Davis or call 376-7970 to let us know how and when to find them. We usually arrange them at 10:00 on Saturday.

Do you have old cell phones or old printer cartridges sitting around your house? Bring them by Will's office at Bethel to help fund the Ignite/Fusion Student Ministry. We cannot accept mobile and home chargers. Contact Will at the church office for more information.

Wish List for Travelers Bags

The Ignite/Fusion Kingston Student Ministry is collecting supplies for Traveler's bags. The bags are distributed to people passing through our community who have fallen on hard times and to children whose parents are in the Roane County Detention Center.

Adult bags

- Cereal bars
- Bottled Water
- Crackers
- Beanie Weenies or Vienna Sausages (with a pop top)
- Plastic ware to eat canned goods
- Fruit cups

Kids Bags

- Fruit Roll ups or fruit snacks
- Crayons
- Bottled Water
- Juice packs

Cards and Letters

I would like to thank all of you for the cards and well wishes, but most of all for your prayers. You are all my family and during my illness and surgeries you have reminded me of what God's love really is. I'm glad to be feeling well enough to be back at church with you all again. God is good!

Thank you for your love,
Greg Murr

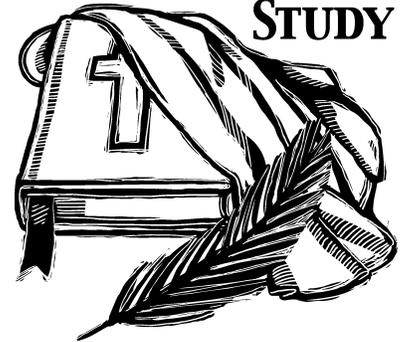
March Birthdays

- 2 Dianne Griffith
- Bina Kirby
- Ginny Warlick
- Jean Young
- 3 Duie Swicegood
- 5 Vic King
- Dan McDowell
- Robert Winsbro
- 8 Charlie Coen
- 9 Kathy Banker
- 11 Margaret True
- 13 Linda Choate
- Gary Griffith
- 14 Travis Brown
- Shawn Hart
- 17 Hayden Jacks
- Paul Pearman
- 19 Marge Hettrick
- 20 Janet Gasparetti
- 26 Justin Murr
- 27 Greg Murr
- 28 Peggy Sheppard
- 29 Nancy King
- 30 Viviana Vanegas
- Sherry Paris

Trustees' Note:

As the result of a generous gift from church members, the Trustees now have deeds to two cemetery plots at the Oak Ridge Memorial Garden. In the upcoming weeks, the Trustees will explore ways to convert this real property to a more liquid investment in support of Bethel's mission. Prior to our going beyond Bethel Church, we invite anyone in the congregation who is interested in more information about acquiring these cemetery plots, to contact one of the Trustees -- Jill McMaster, Jack McNew or Anne Sides.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



Tues. March 5 /6pm

Lenten Study--3rd Floor Classroom

Tues. March 12/ 6pm

Lenten Study - 3rd Floor Classroom

Tues. March 19/ 6pm

Lenten Study - 3rd Floor Classroom



Thur, March 28/7pm

Maundy Thursday Service - Bethel Sanctuary

Fri, March 29 /7pm

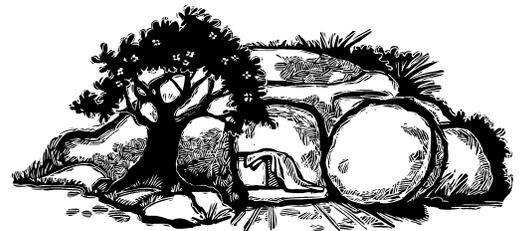
Good Friday Service - KUMC Sanctuary

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

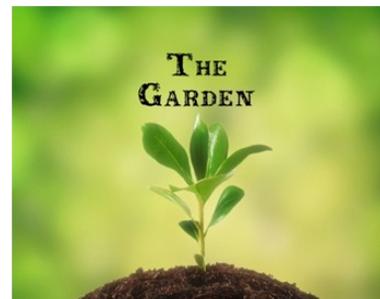
Sunrise service 7:15 on the lake-shore with breakfast following.

Regular worship at 11 a.m.



The Lord is Risen!

igniteFUSION KINGSTON



March madness is here! Everything is super busy as we move through Lent and into Easter. Come join us at Ignite/Fusion Kingston for WordSearch and Ignition on Sunday nights and several Spring Break activities. See you soon!

Remember the following:

Word Search on Sunday, March 10th, 17th & 24th..



We will be starting to work on The Garden and we will need your help!

April 21- Youth Sunday!!! It is that time of year for you the youth to lead our congregations in worship. (More details coming soon!)

Don't forget to check out our youth blog, Twitter, Facebook, text messages and email to learn about upcoming activities. The blog will be updated every other week with a new study. Take your time and leave your thoughts, prayer requests and more on the site.

www.ignitefusionkingston.wordpress.com/

Dinner in the KUMC Fellowship Hall and fellowship in the Youth Suite at Bethel at 6:30 PM (unless otherwise noted.)

March 1-3- Senior High Youth Summit. No Ignition

March 10

4:00 PM-Crafting in the Youth Suite

5:00 PM-WordSearch in the Youth Suite

6:00 PM-We are having a bonfire & playing a huge game of hide and seek. Sturdy shoes and long pants are required to play. You will need to bring a flashlight as well.

March 17- We need everyone's help with this great fundraiser! We will have a fundraising dinner starting at 11:30 AM after the KUMC service. We will have a second seating after the Bethel service. This will be a buffet style meal but we will need **youth and parent's** help to clear tables, serve drinks and desserts and assist our "guests". This fundraiser will take the place of our Night of Elegance dinner. You can still wear your black pants, white shirt and tie.

5:00 PM- Word Search in the Youth Suite

6:00 PM- Dinner in the KUMC Fellowship Hall.

6:30 PM-7: 30 PM-Ignition:Yellow Night (Everyone wear yellow) & a finger rocket war.

March 18-Breakfast Club with RCHS & CMS students at 7 AM. Meet at Mc Donald's. I will have the church van to take you to school in style!

March 19-Breakfast Club with Midway students. We will meet at the old Waves Café at 6:45 AM and head to Kingston for breakfast. I will have the church van to take you to school.

March 24-

5:00 PM-Word Search in the Youth Suite

6:00 PM- Dinner in the KUMC Fellowship Hall.

6:30 PM-7: 30 PM-Ignition:Movie Night

Will you be staying in town for Spring Break? Join us for several great evening activities!

March 25- Monday Munchies:

Meet at the KUMC parking lot and we will head to lunch at a local fast food restaurant.

March 27- Mini Golf in Knoxville. & Ice Cream break. Cost-TBA the final part of our series and how we can live out our daily lives.

March 29- Good Friday

March 30- Easter Egg Hunt at KUMC 8 AM-10 AM. We need your help to prep breakfast with the Easter Bunny, hide eggs and host an awesome egg hunt this year! (More details coming soon!)

March 31-Easter!!! Our Savior is risen!



RICE BOWLS
FILL BOWL > FIGHT HUNGER

Remember to save your coins and dollars for your Rice Bowl and World Vision. Contact Will for a Rice Bowl.

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.

- March 8-** Ice Bears vs. Louisiana Ice Gators: Dinner at 5 PM and the game starts at 7:30 PM
- March 10-** Lunch after church. We will leave the church parking lot at 12 noon.
- March 12-** Theology on Tap and discussion of Banned Questions about Jesus. (Watch Facebook and email for details)
- March 26-** Dinner and Movie in Knoxville @ 7PM

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/>



Recycling Project:

We have distributed over 60 pairs of shoes to schools in Roane County and Knoxville. The funding for this worthy mission project came from scrap metal donations. All funds that are brought in through this fundraiser fund our mission work to the community and our ministry. Thank you for your help!



We accept:

- Aluminum Cans
- Sheet Metal
- Metal Coat Hangers
- And more!!!

Prayer Reminders

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Jamestowne 851 Lawnville Road, Kingston 37763

Nelle Griffith
 Dick Hettrick
 Louise Pickel
 Mac Robbins
 Sophie Simon
 Lill Walton

Room 206
 Room 102
 Room 209
 Room 305
 Room 302
 Room 408

Wellington Place 1098 Bradford Way, Kingston 37763

Jack & Sue Muecke
 Jan Parker

Room 206
 Room 107

Renaissance Terrace 257 Patton Lane, Harriman 37748

Marge Maki

Room 108-A

Brakebill Nursing Home 5 837 Lyons View Pike Knoxville 37919

Anne Smith

Room 416-B



In Need of Prayer: Greg & Margaret Murr, George & Ginny Warlick, Rev. Dick & Marge Hettrick, Janet & Don Gasparetti, Anneke Oonk, Jean & Don Dice, Bill & Marianne Shadden, Molly Cooper, Helene Ricker, Becky Grant (*Larry Strickling's niece*), Dianne Swinler (*Brenda Strickling's sister*).

MARCH 2013

Weekly Events: Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club—Adults: Mon. 10-Noon & Mon 6:30-8:30 PM Youth Art Mon. 4-5:30 PM Teen Art Wed. 4-6 Taoist Tai Chi: Tues. 6-7:30 PM, Sat. 9-10:30 AM Kids Spanish Tues. 5-5:45 Beg. Spanish: Tues. 6-6:45 PM Advanced Spanish: Tuesdays: 6:30-7:20 PM Bell Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:00 PM Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM Children's Choir Practice: 8:30 AM Sundays in the KUMC Annex Ignite/Fusion: Sundays and Wednesdays; check page 5 for times						1	2
3 Communion Sunday Faith Team 12:15	4	5 Lenten Study 6 PM	6	7	8	9 Digital Photo Club 10 AM SOS: John Knox Center 10 AM Transitions: Dinner & Game 5 PM	
10 Begin Day- light Savings Time Transitions: Lunch after Church Healing & Wholeness Service 5 PM	11 Finance Team 6:15	12 Lenten Study 6 PM Transitions: Theology on Tap	13	14	15	16 SOS: Love Kitchen in Harriman Food Prep@2PM Serving @ 5PM	
17 HOME Food Collection Session 12:15	18	19 Lenten Study 6:00 PM	20 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Team 5:30 Study Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	21	22	23 SOS: Get- together with basket recipients 11 AM	
24 Palm Sunday 12:15 Service 12:30 Study 31 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service @ 7:15 am 11 AM Sanctuary	25	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday Service Bethel 7 PM	29 Good Friday Office Closed Worship Service 7 PM @ KUMC	30	