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# The Open Door

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## Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but I am not only thrilled to welcome Spring and Easter which bring new life, but I am immensely grateful for this past Lent. From special studies to SOS events to intentional reflection and self examination this Lent proved to be one of Spiritual growth and giving back all at the same time. If you were not able to participate in one of the SOS events, make plans now to do so next Lent. What a great time of service to others, of taking something on during Lent and more than I could have realized a great time of fellowship together as a Bethel community. There is nothing like a muddy river bank to bring people together!

Now we have moved from the Season of Lent to the Season of Easter – and yes it

is a season not just one day. From now until Pentecost we are in the Season of Easter. This season will be full of new life, of redeemed life that has a renewed focus on God's way in the world. I love the Season of Easter because its message is bursting forth all around us in God's creation. God is a God of life, of new life, all the time. As the earth moves from a time of rest and hibernation to a time of buds and green leaves, a time of singing birds and scurrying ground hogs, we literally see God's promise come to fruition.

Just as God's creation experiences new life each year, so we too experience that anew in the Resurrection. Life is not always easy, and as Jesus lived and showed us, we cannot have the Resurrection without the cross.

But we can trust and know that no matter how tough life gets at times, no matter how dark it seems, the Resurrection will come. New life will be given to us. All of us find ourselves at different points on that journey of faith, and many of us will experience the dark moments more than once, but we also experience new life at each turn.

Welcome this new life that is ours. Know and believe that God makes a way where there is no way; God brings life where there was only death; God creates over and over and over and invites us to be creators too – life givers where we are. Enjoy this Season of Easter even as you continue to grow in the grace and love of God.

Blessings to you,

**Wendy**



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## Generosity Presents: Breakfast, Banking, & Books

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Bethel Fellowship Hall

8:30 – 9:30

Mountain Man Breakfast casserole and biscuits & gravy, with sides of fruit. Please give us notice of vegetarian needs.

9:30–10:00

Brent Trentham, Fellow Presbyterian & Financial Advisor at Ameriprise, will talk about the change in rules for charitable contributions from an IRA and take questions on other contribution topics.

10:00-?????

Book swap and fellowship. Bring books to share. Go home with books to read. Any leftover books will be donated to the library for their used book sale.

Reservations aren't required but it would help if you called the office at 376-6340 with the number of people that plan to attend. Free will offering will be received.

Children's program after breakfast



## You're Invited...

The Fellowship Team invites you to participate in a Baby Shower for Will and Manna Purushotham on Sunday, April 14, 1:00-3:00 P.M., as they prepare for their baby girl who is due to arrive in May. Will and Manna have been very supportive to the Bethel and KUMC youth and young adults, and so it is our opportunity to return this love and to supply them with items for their nursery and for their expected daughter. Ladies of Bethel and KUMC, the Ignite/Fusion Youth Group, and the Transition Young Adults are encouraged to gather for this festive occasion, but all members and friends of both congregations are welcome to celebrate the anticipation of baby's arrival! Manna and Will have registered at Target and Bye, Bye Baby.

## April Birthdays

- 2 Alicia Webb
- 4 Marge Maki  
Laura Windhausen
- 6 Charlie Cantrell
- 9 Bill Sides
- 10 Cathy McDowell
- 12 Sophie Simon
- 17 Chuck Brumley
- 19 Clay Landers
- 22 Dick Hettrick  
Dolores Sandmel
- 23 Chad Gaffin
- 27 Joni Morgan  
David Choate  
Sarah Applegate
- 28 Nancy Braski
- 30 Previn Griffith Langham



## Request from the Property Team: "Grasscutters" Needed

Spring is coming and with spring comes grass. Last year we did not hire out grass cutting but did the work ourselves, saving quite a few dollars in the bargain. We would like to continue that practice this year... April-October.

We don't have a huge amount of grass but enough to get decent exercise. It takes about 1.5 hours to do the job. We have a mower and a blower and will keep a supply of gas.

If you are able and feel so inclined we would appreciate your help. Please contact Frank Harris, 539-4779, [wfharris21@comcast.net](mailto:wfharris21@comcast.net), or see me some Sunday, and I will help you find an available week. We try to get each week covered and then when the grass slows down we simply cancel that cutting.

A reminder will be provided when your scheduled time comes up. Thanks for your help in keeping Bethel looking trim!

## Save the Date(s)...

Vacation Bible School will take place from June 17th through the 20th this year.

Once again, we will join with our neighbors at KUMC to provide an exciting learning experience for our children and guests. Stay tuned for details!

## Inquirer's Class

The Spring Inquirer's Class will be a one session course on Sunday, May 5 from 3pm to 5pm in the Church Library. We will cover Presbyterian history, theology, and government as well as Bethel's history and ministry and mission. If you want a refresher on Presbyterianism or want to learn more about the Presbyterian Church and Bethel in particular, plan to join us May 5 at 3pm. If you are interested in becoming a member of Bethel, you are invited to attend the class and talk with Wendy. New members will be received in worship on Sunday, June 9.



## A Look at Our Debt

At our Annual Meeting, it was requested that we keep folks updated on our mortgage debt. The Finance Team will be including this table on a quarterly basis. However, this table includes payments through February 28, 2013. Help us stay on track by marking your donation "Building Debt".

|                        |         |         | YTD through<br>2/28/13 |
|------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| Gifts & Pledges        |         |         | <b>24,419</b>          |
| Monthly Payments       |         |         |                        |
| PILP                   | 5700.87 |         | 11,401.68              |
| PET Loan               | 450.00  |         | 900.00                 |
| Other Building<br>Loan | 833.33  |         | 16,666.66              |
|                        |         | 6984.17 |                        |
| Income less Mtg Pmts   |         |         | <b>10,550.66</b>       |
| Mortgage Balance       |         |         |                        |
| PILP                   |         |         | 844,531                |
| PET Loan               |         |         | 86,414                 |
| Other Building<br>Loan |         |         | 57,230                 |
| Total Building Debt    |         |         | 988,175                |
|                        |         |         |                        |

## Fellowship Team

Please mark your calendars for our Ladies' Luncheon on Saturday, May 11, noon, at The Rockwood Street Grill to honor and pay tribute to Mothers. ALL women/girls of Bethel Presbyterian Church and Kingston United Methodist Church and their friends are invited to attend. Although we will order from the menu, we still need an estimate of how many people plan to attend. Please call your church office by Tuesday, May 7th, for reservations.

## Summer Camp

It's not too soon to plan for summer camp and John Knox Center – the Presbyterian Church camp just down the road from us – is the place to go. There are day camps for elementary children, mini overnight camps for older elementary, week-long over night camps for middle and high



school, adventure camps and more! Check out the flyer on the kiosk in the Gathering Area and go to

[www.johnknoxcenter.org](http://www.johnknoxcenter.org) for more information and to register on-line.

# igniteFUSION KINGSTON

Remember the following:



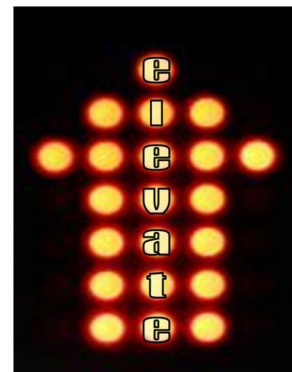
**WordSearch** on  
Sunday, April 14th and 17th.

**Spring is in the air!** We only have nine weeks until school gets out! It is getting warmer and there is a lot going at Ignite/Fusion Kingston. Join us for all of the great activities happening this month. We have Easter, a retreat, Ignition, Word Search and more happening! Information is always available by text message, on our Facebook page, email, Instagram, Twitter and our blog. 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/](http://www.ignitefusionkingston.wordpress.com/)

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

Are you bored of having a "sea level" faith? Do you want to



see your faith in a new way? At the end of April and early May we will compare our faith life to climbing Mt. Everest and getting back down. We will watch videos, talk and play

games. You don't want to miss it!"

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

## IGNITION

**March 31-** Happy Easter (No Ignition)

**April 7-**

4:00 PM- Scrapbooking in the Bethel Youth Suite

5:00 PM- WordSearch in the Bethel Youth Suite

6:00 PM- Dinner in the KUMC Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM- Practice for Youth Sunday & Play

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**April 21**

7:30 AM- Breakfast and

Practice for Youth Sunday (KUMC Sanctuary)

8:30 AM-11:30 AM-Youth Sunday Services (KUMC)

No evening activities

**April 28**

5:00 PM-7:30 PM- Ignition ELEVATE SERIES #1 & #2 (Dinner break between sessions)

**COMING IN MAY**

**Completion of Elevate**

**May 19** (Confirmation Sunday)

May 19<sup>th</sup> will conclude our Sunday Ignition Meetings. Watch for information regarding Wednesday activities for the summer break!

**Ultimate Frisbee!!!**



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## Transitions Fellowship

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

**April 9**- Fellowship at 7 PM in the KUMC Fellowship Hall. Special Guest!

**April 12**-Reverse the Fade This is a young adult event that will be held at Concord UMC in Knoxville. There will be a great speaker, bands, and more! The event starts at 7 PM and it is free. We can leave from KUMC at 5:00 and head to dinner in Knoxville. Contact Will for details.

**April 16**- Take Time Worship in the KUMC sanctuary at 7 PM.

**April 20**- We need your help to prep The Garden for the season. We will meet at 9 AM and finish work in time for lunch at noon.

**April 21**- Lunch after church. We will meet at 12 PM in the KUMC parking lot and head out to lunch.

**April 23**- Banned Questions and Pizza at 7 PM in the KUMC Fellowship Hall.

How is your reading of *Neighbors and Wisemen: Sacred Encounters in a Portland Pub and Other Unexpected Places* going? I will have my thoughts on each chapter on the Transitions Fellowship blog as well as thoughts from other bloggers.

**Young adults, the milkshake brigade is making it's rounds. Are you fading at 3 PM during class or work? The brigade will bring you a FREE milkshake wherever you are. Contact Will for details.**

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/>

**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.

### 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.



### Coming Soon...

We will be starting to work on the growing and expanding Garden and we need your help with the following items:

Supplies for raised beds  
2x4's cut to the following lengths:

- (4) 4 ft. boards
- (4) 12 ft. boards

Nails

Chicken wire for extra fencing

Metal posts for fencing

Plants

Tomatoes

Marigolds (to keep bugs away)

Basil (to keep bugs away)

Eggplants

Cucumbers

Pepper plants

Blueberry plants,

Topsoil (5 Truckloads of topsoil)

(6) 6 ft. landscaping timbers

Rebar

Tomato cages

Funding (for seeds, plants, topsoil and other gardening materials.)

Help with watering, weeding and harvesting.

Your Sunday school class or family can help as well.

For more information, check the youth activities section at  
[www.bethelpcusa.org](http://www.bethelpcusa.org)

**If you are** 70 1/2 years or older and have an IRA, come to the Spring Fling on April 6th to learn how you can give to your favorite charities directly from your IRA without tax implications. See the complete information in the Generosity Presents: Spring Fling Breakfast, Banking, and Books article.

## Memorials

In memory of Mary Ellis from Jim and Karen Schall

In memory of Larry Pierce from:

Keith and Brenda Leamon

In memory of A.C. and Orpha Koger from:

Jeff and Sherry Paris

In memory of Marc Sherrod from:

Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Helene Ricker from:

Anne Horner

William and Anne Sides

## Prayer Reminders

In Nursing Homes/

Assisted Living:

Nelle Griffith, Dick Hettrick, Louise Pickel, Mac Robbins, Sophie Simon, Lil Walton, Jack & Sue Muecke, Jan Parker, Marge Maki, Anne Smith, Ginny Warlick

Please also pray for:

Dick & Nancy Maynard, Jerry & Jennie Morris, George & Ginny Warlick, Anneke Oonk, Rev. Dick & Marge Hettrick, Janet & Don Gasparetti, Jean & Don Dice, Bill & Marianne Shadden, Molly Cooper, Becky Grant (Larry Strickling's niece), Dianne Swinler (Brenda Strickling's sister)

## Spring into Action

Informational Series

Practical and relevant information on a variety of senior and community focused topics. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Sessions begin at 12:00 Noon.**

Feel free to bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert provided.

Call Mid-East Senior Services at 354-0450, ext. 228 to register.

- **Wednesday, April 3rd – Senior Disaster Preparedness**  
American Red Cross Presentation  
Speaker: Diane Naus,  
Emergency Services Specialist
- **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Mid-East Programs / Services**  
Head Start, Program, and Senior Services Overview  
Speakers, Amber Jacks, Nieves Sosa, Tonya Williams
- **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – TN Regulatory Authority**  
Consumer Education and Outreach  
Speaker: Vivian Wilhoite  
Free cell phone or landline credit with approval  
Do Not Call, ICanConnect, and TDAP Programs
- **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – CHOICES**  
TN Home and Community Based Services  
Speaker, Keith Brown, Care Coordinator
- **Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Operation Save**  
Saving Appalachian Veterans Effectively  
Speaker: Kevin Cole, Housing Retention Specialist  
TN Valley Coalition to End Homelessness
- **Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Senior Personal Safety**  
Roane County Sheriff's Department  
Lt. Rick Baker, RCSO Training Unit

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Please join us for one or  
all of these  
informational sessions!



# April 2013



| Sun   | Mon                    | Tue                                     | Wed   | Thu | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|------------------------|---|---|-----|--|--|
| <b>Spring Into Action Series:</b><br>Wednesdays at noon, at KUMC                    | 1                      | 2                                       | 3   | 4   | 5  | 6<br>Generosity: Breakfast, Banking and Books 8:30 |
| 7<br>Communion Sunday<br>Faith Team 12:15   | 8<br>Finance Team 6:15 | 9<br>Transitions Fellowship 7:00/KUMC   | 10  | 11  | 12<br>Transitions Fellowship 5:00—to Knoxville | 13   |
| 14<br>Baby Shower 1:00  | 15                     | 16<br>Take Time Worship 7:00/ KUMC      | 17<br>Fellowship Team 5:30<br>Property Team 5:30<br>Fellowship Supper 6:30  | 18  | 19   | 20<br>Transitions Fellowship Garden Prep 9 :00     |
| 21<br>Hands of Mercy Food Offering Session 12:15<br>Transitions: Lunch after church | 22                     | 23<br>Transitions Fellowship 7:00 /KUMC | 24  | 25  | 26   | 27   |
| 28<br>Study Team 12:15<br>Serve Team 12:15  | 29                     | 30                                      | <b>Weekly Events:</b><br>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<br>Taoist Tai Chi: Tues. 6-7:30 PM, Sat. 9-10:30 AM<br>Kids Spanish Tues. 5-5:45 Beg. Spanish: Tues. 6-6:45 PM<br>Advanced Spanish: Tuesdays: 6:30-7:20 PM<br>Bell Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:00 PM<br>Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM<br>Children's Choir Practice: 8:30 AM Sundays in the KUMC Annex<br>Ignite/Fusion: Sundays and Wednesdays; check page 4 for times |     |  |  |