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# The Open Door

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## Dear Friends,

Well, another school year is winding down, baseball is in full swing, and the birds have once again come to play in the flower bed outside my office window. Before we know it, summer will be upon us, which is why I want to spread the news now about an exciting celebration at Bethel in June.

Maybe you are already aware of this, but June 6, 2013 is the 195<sup>th</sup> birthday of Bethel Presbyterian Church, and we are going to celebrate! Providentially June is also the month of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rev. Dr. Dick Hettrick's ordination to the office of pastor, so we are going to celebrate that too! Mark your calendars now – Sunday, June 9 – worship, lunch and a great birthday/anniversary celebration.

During this celebration we will recognize and honor Dick's ministry throughout his career as well as the impact his leadership had on Bethel's ministry. We will take a look back

at the beginning of the church's life in Kingston and meander through history to the present day. And we will begin to imagine and dream about what God has in store for us into the future.

But here is the best part of it all – the celebration on June 9, 2013 will inaugurate a yearly observance and celebration culminating in the BIG birthday party in June of 2018 – our 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. One of the things we hope to do is present "A Church Called Bethel" again. For those of you who don't know, "A Church Called Bethel" is a play that was written to tell the church's story. It has been presented by church members several times in the past, but not for a while, so it's time to do it again.

It is an amazing privilege to be able to celebrate so many years witnessing to God's love for us in this place. It is exciting to learn more about our

history and peek into the future. As Presbyterians, we know that we don't do things by coincidence but that God guides us in all that we do – including becoming part of the community at Bethel. So if God has called you here and blessed you with the warmth of fellowship, the care of community and the sustenance of worship, God has also given you gifts to be used in this community's witness. Now is a great time to begin to discern what those are and how you can contribute your gifts of time, talent and treasure to further the witness of Bethel in this place here and now.

I look forward to celebrating with you all on June 9 as we remember the past and imagine the future.

**Grace and peace,  
Wendy**

## In the Merry Month of May...

### Spring into Action

Informational Series Continues

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, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Operation Save

Saving Appalachian Veterans Effectively

Speaker: Housing Retention Specialist

TN Valley Coalition to End Homelessness

### Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Senior Personal Safety

Roane County Sheriff's Department

Speaker: Lt. Rick Baker, RCSO Training Unit

Sessions are held at Kingston United Methodist Church  
212 W. Church Street  
Kingston, TN 37763

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



## Inquirers' Class

For anyone who is interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as for those who are interested in becoming a member of Bethel, Rev. Neff

will instruct a **one day Inquirer's Class Sunday, May 5 at 3 PM in the Library.** Everyone is welcome to attend the classes for a refresher on Presbyterian history & the ministry of Bethel or to learn for the first time.

## Ash Spill Recovery Update

For those of you interested/concerned about the Kingston Ash Recovery Project (aka "Ash Spill") – there is now an overlook with explanatory graphics in place, just across Swan Pond Road from the entrance to the Power Plant. It is open during daylight hours. Public tours of the Project will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, from 10 – 11 am. Next tour will be May 28. Tours begin at the overlook. If you would like to attend please contact Bob Pullen at [rppullen@tva.gov](mailto:rppullen@tva.gov) so there will be sufficient transportation.

## Tai Chi Beginners Class Forming

Learn or renew your interest in Taoist Tai Chi. A beginners class starts Tuesday 7 May, 6:00-7:30 pm in Bethel's Fellowship

Hall. Movements can be adapted to any age, level of fitness, or state of health. Improve circulation and balance; increase strength and flexibility; reduce tension; have fun. For more information phone 865-394-0033 or 865-482-7761 or visit [www.taoist.org](http://www.taoist.org); Classes are free; if after some introductory weeks you decide to continue there is a recommended donation. Tai Chi is great conditioning for men and women. Come and give it a try. See <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10151600100600985> for a video of the exercises you will learn and a commentary on Tai Chi's benefits.



## HOME Food Collection

For the month of May our focus food will be canned meat e.g. tuna, chicken, Spam.

Additional food items can also be brought in throughout the month and placed in the HOME collection basket in the Gathering Area.

Thank you for supporting our local food pantry and helping feed hungry folks in our community.



## Prison Ministry Volunteers:

A Volunteer Certification Class is scheduled for May 13th at 6 PM at MCCX. If you need re-certification or are interested in becoming a new volunteer, please plan to attend this class. Contact Karen Schall for more details.

## Service Team Supports Equal Exchange Fair Trade

Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers and to demonstrate the contribution of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade products to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world.

The Service Team plans to propose a Bethel Buyers' Club, in which members could purchase Free Trade items, such as coffee, tea, chocolate and cocoa, at wholesale prices, allowing members to support the farmers who produce the products and save money in the process. Membership will be made up of anyone who wishes to join and support the program, whether members of the Bethel congregation, or not. We will propose that Bethel join and purchase the coffee we routinely use from Equal Exchange. Save money, save the environment, save the farmer.

## Study Team Marketplace 29 A.D. Vacation Bible School for KUMC and Bethel and friends

Coming June 17<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup>, Marketplace 29 A.D. in the KUMC Fellowship Hall. Experience events from Bibletimes such as occupations and relationships through stories, music, games and activities.

Do you have a special gift or talent? We're looking for many volunteers and helpers for our Bibletimes Marketplace: such as, baker, rope maker, carpenter, metal workers, musicians, potter, storyteller and many others. A planning / informational meeting was held on April 29th. If you have questions or comments but couldn't make the meeting please feel free to contact Myrna Foley at [my\\_hall@hotmail.com](mailto:my_hall@hotmail.com) or (865)256-1635 or Jan Rybka at [jgrybka@hotmail.com](mailto:jgrybka@hotmail.com) or 310-8836.



Mark your  
calendars!  
June 17-20  
VBS @  
Marketplace  
A.D. 29



## Save the Date!

Sunday, June 9, 2013  
Reflection of history and anticipation of the future

*Let's all join together to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
Rev. Dick Hettrick's ordination and  
Bethel's 195<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

More details to follow via Open Door, Bulletins and email!



**Woot, woot!!** School is almost out! We have a lot of great things happening at Ignite/Fusion Kingston this summer! Everyone did an awesome job at Youth Sunday! Now that summer is almost here, think about where God is being revealed to you. Where do you see him? What does your faith mean to you? We will discuss these questions and more during our May series called ELEVATE. See you soon!

## May Calendar:

### May 5

**5:00 PM-7: 30 PM-** Ignition ELEVATE SERIES #3 & #4 (Dinner break between sessions)

### May 12 (Mother's Day) No Activities

### May 19 (Confirmation Sunday)

### May 19<sup>th</sup>

**6:00 PM -7:30 PM-** Ignition ELEVATE SERIES #5 (Final segment) (Dinner will be at 6 PM in the KUMC Fellowship Hall and the video and discussion will be held in the Bethel Youth Suite.)

May 19<sup>th</sup> will conclude our Sunday Ignition Meetings. We will be back in the fall for Sunday night Ignition. On another note, I will be out of the office for a few weeks helping Kaly Raye get settled into the world but contact me if you need anything.

### May 26- No Ignition (Memorial Day weekend)

## Coming in June:

**June-Monday Munchies & hangout time in the Youth Suite**

**June 13-15-REACH** Middle School Mission Experience (\$100)

**June 27-29-GO 2.0** Senior High Mission Experience (\$80)

Remember to fill your rice bowls every day with loose change. We will collect the rice bowls and smash them open at Ignition on May 19th!



**RICE BOWLS**

FILL BOWL > FIGHT HUNGER

**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.

## Wish List for Travelers Bags

Our community has individuals passing through who have fallen on hard times. They usually are looking for food that help them get to their destination. We can fulfill this need by creating a travelers bag. The Ignite/Fusion Kingston Student ministry (Bethel/KUMC youth) are seeking donations for the travelers bags. The contents are listed below:

### Adult bags

Cans of Tuna or Beanie Weenies with a pop top  
Crackers  
Fruit Cups  
Cereal bars  
Bottled Water

### Kids Bags

Fruit Roll ups  
Bottled Water

## Opportunities for Service: BAM volunteers needed.

One volunteer needed per day:  
Monday or Wednesday  
4 - 6 pm.  
See Nancy King or the sign-up sheet posted on the kiosk for dates and details.



## Benefit Trees

July 28 – Aug. 3

Melanie Sherrod is cycling in the STIHL Tour des Trees, a weeklong, 500-mile cycling event to benefit the Tree Fund. The sponsorship funds raised support tree research and education programs.

To sponsor Melanie use this link:  
<http://stihltourdestrees.gorun.org/2013-stihl-tour-des-trees/MelanieSherrod>



## Liturgist Sign Ups

If you want to serve as a liturgist, please sign up in the white binder outside the sanctuary in the Gathering Area on the date that best works for you. Signing up in advance is welcomed and encouraged. Thanks for sharing your gifts in this way.

## Help Wanted:

Spring is upon us and the mowing season has begun. Frank Harris has put together a roster and is looking for volunteers to help in maintaining Bethel's lawn. It typically takes about two hours to mow, trim and blow off the sidewalks. Bethel has the equipment to do the job so you don't have to load up any equipment - just bring your water bottle and sun hat! See Frank for further information and a time slot.

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## Transitions Fellowship

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**May 3-** 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. We will always need help watering, weeding and more. Contact Will for more information.

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

**May 21-** Banned Questions at 7 PM in the KUMC Fellowship Hall.

*May 21 will be our last regular program for the summer. Bring your ideas for summer activities to our May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will have the following this summer:*

Ultimate Frisbee

Lake Days

& more

How is your reading of Neighbors and Wise men: 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 up this week.

Young adults, the milkshake brigade is making its 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/>

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## In the Church Family...



## May Birthdays

- 1 David Wood
- 2 Jennifer Vandever
- 4 Bram Hyder
- 5 Jane Pickel
- 6 Joe Coen
- Denise Martin
- Doris Ann Parkinson
- 7 Thomas Cantrell
- Samantha Rybka
- 9 Rachel Dailey
- 10 Nancy Mynard
- 12 Celia Simon
- 14 Ralph Morgan
- 16 Jim Hines
- 18 Linda Gerth
- 19 Maggie Dungan
- Marnie Shields
- 20 John Carter
- 21 Ron Thompson
- Carolyn Gilliam
- 23 Chuck Bunch
- 24 Ruth Ann Ludwig
- Mariana Oonk
- 26 Jane Walsh
- Larry Strickling
- Mark Patton
- 29 Donald Cross
- 30 Julie Bunch
- Karen Hart
- 31 Vernon Law

## 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
Lill Walton	Room 408

### Wellington Place

**1098 Bradford Way, Kingston 37763**

Jack & Sue Muecke	Room 206
Jan Parker	Room 107

### Renaissance Terrace

**257 Patton Lane, Harriman 37748**

Marge Maki	Room 108-A
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### Harriman Care & Rehab

**240 Hannah Rd. Harriman 37748**

Don Gasparetti

### Brakebill Nursing Home

**5837 Lyons View Pike Knoxville 37919**

Anne Smith	Room 416-B
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### NHC Healthcare

**300 Laboratory Rd. Oak Ridge 37830**

Ginny Warlick	Room 123
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## In Need of Prayer:

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

## In Sympathy:

Justus Baird, III, son of long time Bethel organist, Betty Baird Brown, passed away on April 21.

Cindi Fowler's father passed away Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Our deepest Christian sympathies are extended to Cindi and Ron in this time of sorrow.

May God's love enfold these families during this time and always.

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## 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 4 for times (Note: Practices will soon be going to summer schedules. Check bulletins for times.)			1  Spring Into Action Series 12 PM/ KUMC	2	3	4
5 Communion Faith Team 12:15 Inquirer's Class 3 PM in the Library	6 Finance Team 6:15	7 Presbytery Meeting at John Knox Beginner's Tai Chi 6 PM	8 Spring Into Action Series 12 PM/ KUMC	9	10	11 Digital Photo Group 10 AM Ladies' Lunch- eon 12 PM, Rockwood
12	13 Prison Volun- teer Certifica- tion 6 PM	14	15 Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	16	17	18
19 H.O.M.E. Food Offering Session 12:15 Pentecost Party for Kids 3-6 PM	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Serve Team 12:15  Study Team 12:15	27	28	29	30	31	

**Save the Date: Special Celebration on June 9th!!**