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# The Open Door

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## Dear Friends,

As we approach Bethel's 195<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on Sunday, June 9 we have begun to remember the ministry and mission that this congregation has engaged in to these many years. And we have remembered the pastors who have so faithfully led this congregation. Of course our celebration will include a particular moment of gratitude to God for the ministry Dick Hettrick shared at Bethel as we celebrate his 50 years of ordained ministry on June 9 as well.

In all this remembering – that Bethel was instrumental in education in Kingston in its early years, that Michael Dunn Center got its start in our Education Building - we are keenly aware that Bethel's ministry and mission has been born out of our understanding of our call to take care of the least of these as commanded in the Gospel of Matthew. So it is appropriate that as

we remember we also look forward to continue ministries of justice and compassion.

The session at its meeting on May 19, Pentecost Sunday, approved a recommendation for Bethel to start an Equal Exchange Buying Club where members and friends of Bethel can sign up to purchase fairly traded coffee, tea, olive oil, chocolate, nuts and more. Equal Exchange is an organization committed to paying growers a fair wage for their product that enables the growers and farmers to provide education, clothing and medicines for their families while at the same time strengthening communities. In addition the Session approved for Bethel to join the Presbyterian Coffee Project and serve only fair trade coffee at church events. Buying our coffee through Equal Exchange as part of the coffee project means not only buying a fairly traded product but also a percentage of each pound of coffee we buy

goes back to the PCUSA Hunger program grant monies.

The Session decision for fair trade is a commitment for justice and sustainability for farmers and growers around the world. This decision continues the tradition of ministry and mission with and for the least of these as we move into the third century of Bethel's witness here in this place. So watch for more details about the Buying Club and go to [www.pcusa.org/enough](http://www.pcusa.org/enough) to learn more about Equal Exchange and the Presbyterian Coffee Project. If you are anxious to get involved, be in touch with the Service Team leaders Roger Richmond and Dan Hyder. The team is specifically looking for a coordinator for the buying club and would love to hear from you.

I am grateful to God to continue this journey of ministry with you all, may we do so faithfully as our forebears have done before us.

*Grace and peace, Wendy*

## Hello!

Kalyani Raye Purushotham was born Friday (May 24) at 4:11 PM. She weighs 6 lbs. and 12 oz. She is 20 in. long and is happy and healthy. Mom and baby are doing well and resting!



**Welcome, Kaly Raye!**

## Directories!

Black and white copies of the directory are available now. If you would like to receive the directory by email, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area or let Susan know. These are temporary copies until the color copies can be made in August. If you notice any corrections, please get those to the office so we can make changes before the final color directory is printed.

## Thanks

to those who keep our grounds looking good... We get comments, from our congregation and in the community, about how well our grounds look—a kaleidoscope of colors and shapes throughout the year. This does not happen by accident, but through the dedicated work of several volunteers. They deserve our THANKS! So, Cathy McDowell, Jane Walsh, Nancy Braski, Joan Davis, Karen Schall, Kirk and Elaine Steele, and Micki Anderson, please take a bow with profound thanks for your dedication and hard work. If anyone would like to help, please contact any of these folks and I am sure they can find a job for you.

Also, thank you to the “grass crew”—Jim Schall, Frank Harris, Brian Shelby and the Boy Scouts of Troop 101 (including for May our own Jon Dailey). While we have each week covered, we do take vacations and have other interruptions, so if you like to cut grass, see one of us and we will find a way to plug you in.

## HOME Food Collection

For the month of June our focus foods will be soup & crackers.

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.



**June 17-20, 20013  
(5:30 - 8:00 PM)**

## Following in Jesus' Footsteps

Children from Bethel, KUMC, and guests are invited to experience Marketplace 29 A.D. in the KUMC Fellowship Hall. Experience events from Bibles times such as occupations and relationships through stories, music, games and activities.

Contacts are 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.

## Eine Kleine Nachtmusik

On Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in Bethel's sanctuary, Dianne Griffith and accompanist Mary Hook, will present a vocal concert of varied styles and composers ranging from early Italian arias to German lieder, to tunes by American composers such as George Gershwin and Cole Porter. The common thematic thread is that all of the texts focus on the subject of romantic love with all of its accompanying emotional states—excitement, ecstasy, heart-break, regret, and grief. The program will offer something for every musical taste, so please plan to attend this special summer music program. We'd love to see you there!



Generosity Team

## Spring Fling Report

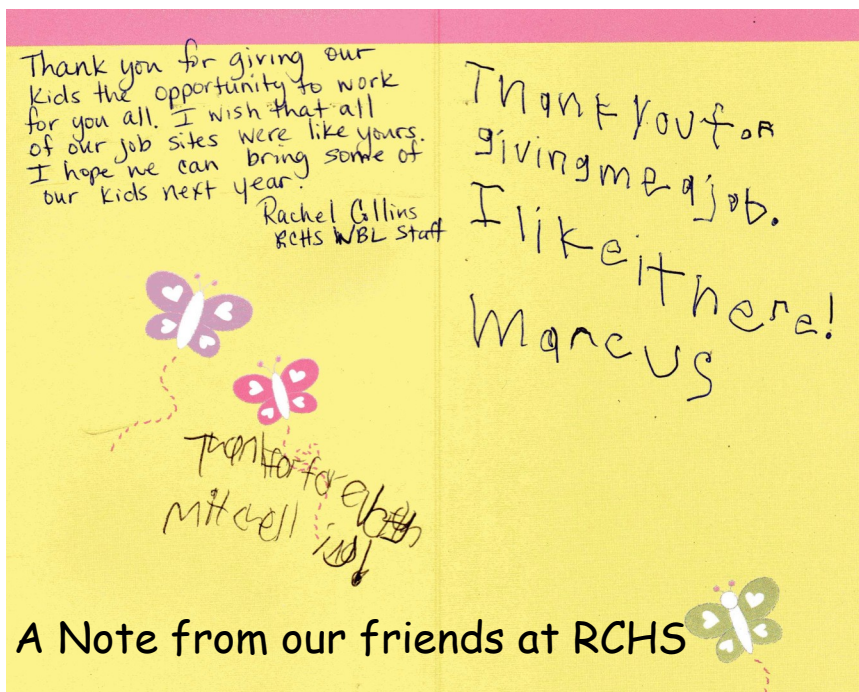
Did you miss the Generosity Team's Spring Fling breakfast, banking, and book swap event? We ate a hearty breakfast and traded lots of books.

Fellow Presbyterian and Ameriprise financial advisor, Brent Trentham, led a discussion on getting the most out of your financial resources, even after death. Some points were:

Talk to your family about money. Tell them what you want done with your money. Talk to the weakest link in your family the most. Money talk is not taboo.

Make sure the beneficiaries on your IRA's and insurance policies are up to date. Do not make your Estate a beneficiary. Your estate has to go through probate. A named beneficiary receives the money directly. Maximize your estate by making sure your family receives your bequest from non-taxable sources and your charitable contributions from sources that could be taxable. A charity can be named as a beneficiary of an IRA and the 2013 tax law makes a charitable contribution non-taxable if you are 70 ½. The same money withdrawn from an IRA by an individual is taxable.

This year if you are 70 ½ and have an IRA, make your regular charitable contributions directly from your IRA to avoid taxes on the withdrawal and meet your required minimum distribution. Hopefully, Congress will extend this tax relief to future years.



A Note from our friends at RCHS

## Handbell Choir:

We are all pleased and thankful for the return of the bell choir. We are taking the summer off and looking forward to bigger and better rehearsals after Labor Day. Our membership is open to any and all who enjoy the fellowship of worship through music.

After Labor Day, please consider joining in the practices from 6-7 pm on Wednesdays in the music room. We will perform each month and for special services. In addition, we would like to add ringing the Westminster bells and chiming of the 11:00 hour for those who may be too young for the regular bell choir. Contact Jackie Rylander Brandau or the church office about details. Have great summer. Hope to see you in the fall!



The Bethel community prays for the family of Ginny Warlick, our sister in Christ, who joined the Church Triumphant on May 17.

A memorial service will be held at Bethel Sunday, June 2 at 3:30 p.m. The family will receive friends following the service. The family suggests memorial donations to the Bethel Building Memorial fund.

The Bethel community mourns the passing of Jerry Morris, who passed away on Thursday, May 23.

The Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Thanksgiving for his life will be held in the Bethel sanctuary on Saturday, June 8 at noon.

Rev. Wendy Neff will officiate. The family will receive friends following the service at the home of Jennie Morris. A light lunch will be provided. Directions will be available at the service.

# summer 2013 schedule of events

**June 13-15-** REACH Middle School Mission Trip

**June 17-20-**VBS

**June 24-** 9 AM-3 PM-Dollywood Splash Country

**June 25-** 6:30 PM-8:30 PM- Pool Night at the Seeley's

**June 27-29-** GO 3.0 Senior High Mission Trip to Huntsville, AL

**July 8-** 9 AM-12 PM- Mission Monday work at FPC Harriman

**July 10-** Hangout at Andy and Micki's house

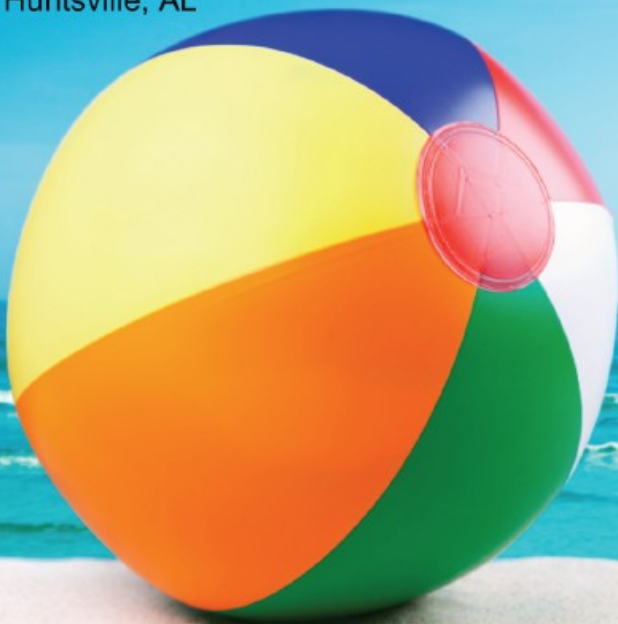
**July 16-20-** Triennium 2013

**July 24-** Pool Night at the Sheldon's

**August 1-4-** Ground Zero (6-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

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## Mark Your Calendars Now for these BIG Events!

June 14-16 REACH Middle School Mission Trip Cost-\$100

June 16-21 Summer Youth Getaway at Maryville College is an exciting five day retreat aimed to help you stretch your spirit and strengthen your confidence. Contact Will for details. (For rising 10th, 11th and 12th grade students.)

June 25-29 Holston Conference Assembly Middle & High School event-TBD Cost-Early Registration: \$185, Regular Registration: \$205

June 27-29- GO High School Mission Trip to Huntsville, AL. Cost- \$80

August 1-4-Ground Zero @ Hornes Creek in Cleveland, TN Cost-\$100



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June 17-20- VBS

July 2- Theology on Tap

July 14- Lake Day at Camp P 4 PM-9 PM

July 22- Smokies' Game 7:15 PM

July 30- Andy Avel & Micki Anderson's house for a cookout and relaxing.

August 17- FPC Harriman Love Kitchen



## Transitions Fellowship

### Summer's Here...

And that means that many of our regularly scheduled activities go on summer schedules, or they may even take the summer off!

Adult choir, children's choir, and handbells do not have summer practice sessions scheduled.

Bethel Arts Ministry operates on an abbreviated summer schedule, also.

Watch your Sunday bulletins for information about when regular scheduling resumes.

## 2013 Big Tent

August 1-3 in Louisville KY



Under one roof, **the 2013 Big Tent will combine 10 national Presbyterian conferences and a single theme: "Placing God's First Things First"** (Matt. 6:33-34). It will take place **August 1-3 at the Kentucky International Convention Center** and nearby hotels in downtown Louisville.

**All are welcome!** This event is for those who are new to Presbyterian conferences and organizations, as well as for members and previous attendees of one or more of the ten partner conferences and organizations.

Compassion, Peace, and Justice Conference  
Evangelism and Church Growth Conference  
Healthy Ministry Conference  
National Elders Conference  
National Multicultural Church Conference  
Presbyterian Communicators Network Conference  
Racial Ethnic and Immigrant Ministries Convocation  
Seminary Support Network Conference  
Theology, Worship, and Education Conference  
World Mission Conference

And those who don't just want to affiliate with one conference will have the opportunity to **choose activities from any of the conferences** to, in effect, create your own conference!

For more information, go to the  
Presbytery of East Tennessee website:

[www/presbyteryeasttn.org](http://www/presbyteryeasttn.org)

## 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
George Warlick	Room 101

#### 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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#### Brakebill Nursing Home 5837 Lyons View Pike Knoxville 37919

Anne Smith	Room 416-B
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*Our*  
**Church  
Family**

## June Birthdays

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

**In Need of Prayer:** Jennie Morris, George Warlick, Janet Gasparetti, Bill & Marianne Shadden, Anneke Oonk, Molly Cooper, Rev. Dick & Marge Hettrick, Jean & Don Dice, Harold and Martha Underwood (*Anita Richmond's parents*), Becky Grant (*Larry Strickling's niece*), Dianne Swinler (*Brenda Strickling's sister*), Linda Gerth

## Cards and Letters

Dear Bethel Congregation,

You are a wonderful congregation, brought together by faith, and united by your truly practicing that faith. We have only belonged to the church for 2 ½ years. Last year we were missing in action due to my medical issues. All the while you continued your prayers for us both. After the funeral you came with food continuing to follow the path that Jesus has shown us. I have never belonged to a church that practiced their belief like Bethel does. I will be a life long member. I couldn't imagine belonging to any other church. When I am at Bethel I am home. Love & prayers, Janet Gasparetti and family.

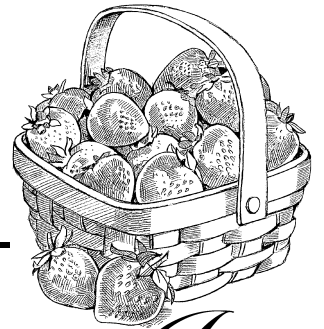


Jimmy Walker, Laura Walker's grand-son and a member of the National Guard, left Saturday (5/25) for training in Texas to prepare for deployment to Afghanistan. Please remember him in your prayers.

**Don't  
Forget!  
June 9th  
Bethel's  
195th and  
Dick  
Hettrick's  
50th!**



# June 2013



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<b>Weekly Events:</b> Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club—Adults: Mon. 10-Noon & Mon 6:30-8:30 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						
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2 Faith Team 12:15 Ginny Warlick Memorial 3:30 PM	3 Finance Team 6:15 PM	4	5	6	7	8  Jerry Morris Memorial Noon
9 Anniversaries Bethel's 195th - Dick Hettrick's 50th	10	11	12	13	14  REACH Middle School Mission Trip	15
16 H.O.M.E. Food Offering	17  Bethel/KUMC VBS: 5:30-8:00 PM each evening. "Following in Jesus' Footsteps" in KUMC Fellowship Hall	18	19 Property 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	20	21 Concert w/ Dianne Griffith 7 PM	22
Summer Youth Getaway at Maryville College for rising 10th, 11th, & 12th grade students.						
23  Session 8:00 AM	24	25	26	27  GO High School Mission Trip to Huntsville, AL	28	29
30 Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15 5th Sunday Worship @ MCCRX	<b>Summer Schedules:</b> Adult Choir, Children's Choir, and Handbell Choirs do not practice during the summer months. Ignote/Fusion and Transitions Youth and Young Adult ministries are on summer schedules. See pages 4 and 5 for details. Other committees and activities may also cancel activities; check with team chairpersons for updates.					