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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

It is the time for vacations, sandy beaches, mountain hikes, week-long church camps, youth mission trips, extended time with extended family, long drives, airplane rides, and maybe for the really lucky ones – train trips. Summer is the time for some rest, renewal, reading catch up. It is time to slow down, take it a bit easier than the rest of the year. At least for children and youth and hopefully for some grown-ups too.

Even at the church once we get beyond June and VBS, life slows a bit for July. But we don't shut down at Bethel. Sunday School is still on – with exciting topics for children, youth and adults. July Fellowship supper will extra delicious with recipes including garden fresh veggies and fruits. We are blessed in worship by the

talents and gifts of our members and friends who share with us while the choir takes a break.

Behind the scenes, even in July, the worker bees are quietly planning for August and the kickoff of the program year once again. The movers and shakers are preparing for new events while keeping up the annual ones like Fall Festival. And the grounds crew is working every week – watering, weeding, mowing, and maintaining the beauty that surrounds us.

Bethel is an exciting place of ministry and mission – year round. Looking for a way to contribute this summer? You are welcome to help in the garden: harvesting, weeding, watering are regular jobs to ensure a bountiful harvest for Hands of Mercy. The Fall Festival group will begin its plans – contact Micki Anderson to

share with her how you can help. Extra hearts and hands are welcome with the Children's Church program – talk with Jan Rybka about getting involved there. We gather for worship every Sunday and welcome veteran and new liturgists alike - sign up in the Gathering Area to help me lead worship. A Sunset Gap trip is around the corner, watch announcements and come along to help. And of course financial gifts are welcome and enable us to support community mission like Roane County Cooperative Ministries as well as farther afield ministries like Grace School in Kenya.

So as you travel and rest this summer may you indeed be renewed. May you discover anew gifts and passions that will bring joy to your life. And may you be as excited about being part of the ministry and mission of Bethel as I am. Thanks be to God for this generous community of faith, making a difference here and beyond!

Grace and peace, Wendy



Immigration Policy Reform

Immigration is complicated and the media often highlight short sound bites and controversial viewpoints, which contributes to misinformation and inaccuracies. The confusion and misinformation surrounding immigration can serve to discourage us from looking at this area of U.S. policy. Nonetheless, it is vitally important that we understand what the law is and how it affects families and communities. Immigrants, both documented and undocumented, are members of the body of Christ and local communities. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has issued policy statements that recognize when part of the body suffers, we all suffer with it.

All four Sundays in July Rev. Neff will lead a class on the PCUSA Perspective on Immigration Reform in the library at 9:30 AM.

Mark Banker's Sunday School class will not meet in July. The members of his class and others interested in learning about the Presbyterian Church's stand on immigration issues are invited to attend this timely class.

Bethel's Landscape

Jill McMaster asked the Landscape Committee a question: "What is the special designation Bethel has for its landscaping"?

There was no special designation for Bethel's landscape, but after back and forth e-mail's between Landscape Committee members the name **Bethel's Sanctuary Gardens** was chosen as the title. The word **sanctuary** was chosen because it reflects our commitment to a sustainable environment for nature and people. Sanctuary can mean a place of refuge, safety, or a nature reserve. The word **gardens** reflects that the Bethel landscape is composed of different gardens. Several of our gardens were planted and are maintained by husband/wife teams; other areas were planted and are maintained by a Bethel lady. Ducks lay eggs in several of the gardens, and we have birds nesting. Our gardens are a work in progress.

You may remember that in 2009 there was red dirt in all the garden areas when we got back in our space after renovations. The Landscape Committee expresses appreciation to the congregation for their patience as we have developed the gardens. All the gardens have really multiplied since 2009. We often hear praise from Bethel and non-Bethel people.

The Landscape Committee expresses thanks to Frank Harris for helping to control the Bermuda grass and the weeds and to the all the Bethel people who

mow the grass. Thanks to Jim Schall for building the little bridge between Bethel's parking lot and the apartment complex.

Fellowship Team

The Fellowship Team hosted a luncheon to honor Rev. Dick Hettrick on Sunday, June 9, to celebrate 50 years of his ordination to ministry. The meal also celebrated Bethel's 195th birthday and leads to the 200th celebration of the organization of Bethel Presbyterian Church. Thank you to Nelda Toon for orchestrating the delicious menu! Thanks also to Marilyn Harris for her contacts to those who made the Jell-O salads. Some contributors were familiar with the recipe and some newer Bethel members were introduced to the *Bethel Always* cookbook. Thank you to Jane Pickel for coordinating desserts...and to those cake bakers for a sweet selection of treats! Bethel is blessed with wonderful cooks!! We appreciate Joan Davis, Nancy Braski, and Jane Walsh who provided the beautiful seasonal flowers for the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Jim Schall set-up tables and chairs to accommodate guests and many hands served and assisted to complete kitchen duties. Thank-you to all who contributed and attended the meal to share in this joyous occasion!!

A monthly Fellowship Supper will be hosted at Bethel in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 17, at 6:30. Come enjoy this pot luck meal and share your garden delights and summer desserts!

Save the Date: Sunday, September 29, Annual Bethel Picnic!! More information coming soon!

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Generosity Team

A look at our Mortgage Debt
Updated 5/31/13

Help us stay on track by making your contribution to "Building Fund."

YTD 5/31/13

Gifts & Pledges

\$42,393.26

Monthly Payments

PILP	5,700.87
PET Loan	450.00
Other Bldg. Ln.	<u>833.30</u>
	6,984.17

Expenses

\$34,920.85

Excess/(Deficit)

\$ 7,472.41

The excess goes to our mortgage reserve account to cover any future Deficits. Our goal is to have a 6 months reserve. We currently have about 3 months.

AARP Drivers Safety Training Program

Are you in need of a re-fresher course on driving? Want to update your rules of the road? Is it time for you to update your training? If the answer is "yes", then this program is for you.

Join us on Wednesday and Thursday, July 31st and August 1st at the Roane County United Way building located at 2735 Roane State Hwy. in Harriman from 12:00 Noon – 4:00 P.M. each day.



During the 8-hour course you will learn to adjust to age related physical changes, reduce your incident of violations and accidents, and update your driving skills and rules of the road all in a stress-free environment.

Cost of the class will be \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14.00 for non-members to cover the cost of the materials. Refreshments will be provided.

Please call Mid-East Community Action Agency Senior Services to pre-register at 354-0450 ext. 228.

Hands of Mercy Food Collection

For the month of July our focus foods are peanut butter and jelly.



Additional food items can also be brought in through-out 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.

Looking Ahead:

August 18th is Sunday School Promotion Sunday. Join us for breakfast and see what's in store for the new year.

A Note from the Green Team:

As you finish your spring/summer plantings and don't know what to do with those empty containers remember that Lowe's will take back and recycle everything to do with plants. This includes the large plant trays, all sizes and colors of pots and those pesky little 3-, 4- and 6-packs. Most of our local nurseries and greenhouses will take back and reuse the larger trays.

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Wow!! We had a great time on our mission trip to Huntsville, AL. We spent time working in a community garden, bowling, watching a movie, eating together and taking time to relax in a water park. Thank you for your support of our youth ministry and mission.

What is the Garden?

The Garden is located behind Bethel. We will be growing different vegetables that will go directly to Hands of Mercy after they are harvested.

We need volunteers on a weekly basis to water, weed and work with the compost pile.



August 1-4- Ground Zero- Go to the Bethel website for all of the information related to Ground Zero! The cost is \$100! There are scholarships available! Contact Will for more information.

There will be a \$25 late fee charged if you sign up after the deadline. Scholarship assistance will not be available after the deadline.

In July:

July 8- Mission Monday at FPC Harriman: Wear long pants, sturdy shoes, and bring bug spray and sunscreen. We will go out for a fast food lunch after we finish our work. We will leave the KUMC parking lot at 9 AM and return at 1:00 PM.

July 10- Swim night at Andy Avel and Micki Anderson's house. We will swim, grill out, and play games and more. Watch email and Facebook for times.

July 16-20- Youth Triennium at Purdue University. Keep Andrew Layne, Julie Coen, Will Purushotham and other youth and adults from around the Presbytery who will be traveling to this major event.

July 24- Pool Night & Pizza at the Sheldon's house. We will leave the church at 6:00 PM and return at 8:30 PM

In August:

-Seven Hour Slam (Welcome to our new sixth graders)
-2013-2014 Activities Calendar
-Sunday night Wordsearch at 5 PM and 6 PM Dinner and Ignition.

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



RICE BOWLS
FILL BOWL > FIGHT HUNGER

Remember to always check Facebook, the Bethel website, email and the text tree for up to date information on activities.

Transitions Fellowship

July 2- Theology on Tap- Join us for an evening of casual conversation and fellowship at a local pub.

July 14- Lake Day at Will's (Watch Facebook and email for details)

July 22- Smokies Game!!! The cost is \$8.50 per ticket. We will leave the church at 5:30 PM.

July 30- Swim/Chillax night at Andy Avel and Micki Anderson's house. We will swim, grill out and relax. Watch email and Facebook for times.

August 17- FPC Harriman Love Kitchen: Join us to fix a meal for the less fortunate in our area. We will start prepping dinner at 3 PM in the Bethel kitchen and leave at 4:15 for FPC Harriman.

Memorials and Honorariums:

In honor of Clay and Nancy Landers from:

Bill and Betty Ulrich

In honor of Rev. Dick Hettrick from:

Corita E. Swanson

Memorials:

In memory of Marc Sherrod from

Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Hugh Simon from

Sophie Simon

In memory of Deborah T. Baird and Justus N. Baird from

A.J. Ries and E.N. Baskin
Salpi Adrouney

In memory of Don Gasparetti from

Gary and Dianne Griffith
Jim and Karen Schall
Frank and Marilyn Harris

In memory of George and Aline Terry from

Starl and JoAnn Moore

In memory of Dot Pierce and E.E. Pierce from

D.E. Pierce and K.M. Pierce

In memory of Jerry Morris from

Bill and Betty Ulrich
Jim and Karen Schall
Frank and Marilyn Harris
Bill and Marianne Shadden
Gary and Marcia Piipponen
Jim and Mary B. Hines
Tom and Jane Pickel
Ruth Ann Ludwig
Melanie Sherrod

In memory of Ginny Warlick from

Ruth Ann Ludwig
Willie M. Meers
Roy L. Clark
Gary and Dianne Griffith
Eileen Kolman
Bill and Betty Ulrich
Dr. and Mrs Charles H. Warlick
Mr. and Mrs. George C. Warlick IV, Biff, Cynthia and Melissa
Tom and Jane Pickel
D. E. and K.M. Pierce
Jim and Karen Schall
Dick Evans and Celia Simon
Jill McMaster
Bill and Marianne Shadden
Ernest and Sarah Timmons
Frank and Marilyn Harris
Melanie Sherrod
Larry and Brenda Strickling
University of Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns

We Get Letters...

4/23/13

Hi to all my friends in Kingston. I continue to get older (83 next month) and slower! I use a cane now – my balance is my problem, and arthritis. I am glad I live close to my family. I have a helper (home health) twice a week.

I'm slowly getting acquainted with my neighbors and I go to the Christian Church – no Presbyterian church in Smithville. I will always be a Presbyterian!

Willie Mae Meers

If you would like to correspond with Willie her address is:

Willie Mae Meers

509 Bay Side Court

Smithville, MO 64089

Here's the Recipe:

Marketplace Ice Cream (from VBS)

2/3 cup milk

2 TBSP evaporated milk

1-1/2 TBSP sugar

1/4 tsp. vanilla

- Stir ingredients together
- Pour into a quart-sized Zip-lock bag; seal the bag.
- Place 1/2 cup rock salt and crushed ice in a gallon-sized Ziplock bag.
- Now put the quart size bag inside the larger bag. Seal the gallon-size bag.
- Hand the bag back and forth to a friend. (hold the top of the bag — the bottom gets cold.
- In about five minutes your ice cream will be ready to eat! Yum-m-m-m!

(Recipe serves 2)

Thanks to Nancy Maynard for sharing this recipe ! 😊😊😊

Cards and Letters...

(the following are excerpts):

June 17, 2013

Moderator of the Session

Bethel Presbyterian Church...

...At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to tell you and the Session of Bethel...how much Bethel Arts Ministry means to me and give credit where credit is due. Shortly after BAM was formed a friend and family member informed me of its beginnings and invited me to join the group....What I found was truly an Arts Ministry...an atmosphere that promotes spiritual and artistic growth....

...Ms. Micki Anderson has outstanding capabilities both artistically and educationally and she has provided a wonderful learning atmosphere supported by Bethel...Micki is a wonderful person, she is a very creative artist and she is the perfect mentor for me ...

...This is simply a commendation by a BAM participant to let you know how very much I appreciate Bethel Presbyterian Church, BAM and Ms. Anderson for all the opportunities and pleasure that has been given to me by your church's action for as long as I have been an active member of BAM. Thank you so very much for Bethel's support of BAM and also for Micki's time, effort and patience. I commend both the church and Ms. Anderson.

Sincerely appreciative,
Diana W. Davis

Dear Bethel Members and Friends,

Since 1982, when Gene Banker, Mark's Dad, came to visit Jerry at the KOA camp ground on Watts Bar, Jerry and I have experienced the love and fellowship of this unique and incredibly loving congregation. To name a few, there was Katy Banker who had us to "sup" her great soup meals, Dick Hettrick helped Jerry with his second building project by "shooting the grade" for the "out building" foundation, our neighbor down the road Gary Griffith helped Jerry demolish a cabin and reconstruct it at our farm and the Pickels talked with Jerry about football, and we came to fellowship suppers and we listened to the word of God in this historic building.

We celebrated the Christening of our youngest granddaughter, Jennifer in this sanctuary. It was a public announcement that as a family we would share our faith in Christ with her and with this church family. The wonderful years, following this event, were filled with the youth producing Christmas pageants, picnics at the Hettricks, youth auctions to vie for famous cakes, old time song feasts, and hundreds of worship services that filled our hearts with the messages in the Bible regarding love and how to love, helping and how to help, and serving as the Lord Jesus taught us to serve.

The services for Easter sunrise were always uniquely special. Blessed with the setting of water we could think about Jesus calming the waters and how he calms our fears, the peace of water at sunrise brought inward peace to us knowing He was there, and the sunrise over the hilltops told us that there was the promise of another day if we only believe.

I will share, that in the middle of the night, while Jerry laid waiting for the sunrise, he talked to God and told Him he was ready to go. It was a private conversation and he probably thought I was asleep in my recliner. Jerry was private about his faith and never prayed in public, he was even short on words for blessings at meals and became emotional, when thanking or expressing anything personal out loud in front of a group. Many of youth that he coached have expressed that he taught them by example to be true to high principles. He respected the worth of others, and although he was a serious competitor, was fair and appreciated the effort of all who played the game.


June 8, 2013, Bethel members and our family and friends, celebrated the life of Jerry and his belief that so as new birth brings happiness in the form of a child, that new birth brings happiness from a life well lived in the arms of God.

Our family thanks you all for the nurturing, the loving, the outward deeds of cards food and phone calls, during Jerry's final days of his journey. No words are adequate, but please know that all of you are loved and appreciated by Teri, Leslie, Mitchell, Leigh, and Jennifer (daughters and grandchildren.)

God Bless You All is wished sincerely from me.

Jennie Morris

Remember: Many committees and groups are on summer schedule in the month of July. Be sure to check your bulletins for up-to-date meeting information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2	3	4 July 4th Holiday Office is Closed	5	6
7 Faith Team 12:15	8	9	10	11	12	13 Photo Group 10 AM Love Kitchen/ Rockwood 5 PM
14	15	16	17 Property 5:30 Fellowship Sup- per 6:30	18	19	20
		Youth Triennium in Purdue, Indiana				
21 H.O.M.E Food Offering	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Study Team 12:15 Serve Team 12:15	29	30	31 AARP Driver Safety Course— Roane County United Way			
				Sundays in July: Study on Immigration Reform; 9:45 AM in the library. All classes welcome.		

- 1 William B. Patton
- 2 Doug Choate
Anneke Oonk
- 5 Fern Stackpole
Paul Wayne Jackson, Jr.
- 6 Amy Evans Rourke
Ellen Evans Kellogg
- 9 Erma Shesler
Lucy Webb



- 11 Bill Martin
Susan Cutts
Orlando Vanegas, Sr.
- 16 Jack Muecke
- 17 Edith Miles
- 18 Charles Pickel
- 19 Wendy Neff
- 20 Veronica Kirby
Darrell Guy

- 21 Dan Hyder
Janet Kornegay
- 22 Anne Sides
Jeff Paris
- 27 Mandy Knies
- 28 Jonathan Dailey
- 29 Lisa Rusher
- 31 Cathy Allen

Birthdays!