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# The Open Door

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## Dear Friends,

There has been much talk in the media and around dinner tables to be sure about racism in the past few months. From Paula Deen's language choice to the Cheerio's commercial to the verdict in the George Zimmerman trial, we have been nudged into the conversation about race in this country again. It is ironic given that we have a President who has dark skin, but not unbelievable.

In the Brief Statement of Faith, we Presbyterians affirm our faith stating, "In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people to live as one community." Clearly we understand that racism - both individual and institutional - is contrary to God's vision for all of life. It is contrary to how we as Christians understand our calling to live with walls broken down, to

know that there is no longer Jew or Greek or slave or free or male or female but all are one in Christ Jesus our Lord. We know that racism is contrary to God's vision and our calling, and yet we see it rearing its ugly head again in these days.

All of us are made equally in the image of God. All of us are loved by God. For all of us God sent Jesus to show us another way - a more excellent way of love, justice and peace. As Christians we are called to live into the walls broken down by Jesus as we examine our own hearts for racism that crept in unconsciously and we are called to challenge racism wherever we see or hear it. Most importantly as Christians we are called to live without fear and to love all people, including those who may yet be blind to their own racism.

As a community of faith and as individual followers of Christ let us continue to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God even as we speak out against racism both individual and institutional. This side of the fulfilled Kingdom, there is still work to be done, but each one of us by our words and deeds can make a difference - a positive difference here and now for all of God's children.

Grace and peace,  
Wendy





## Bethel Equal Exchange Club

The Bethel Equal Exchange Club is a fair trade wholesale buying club originating with Bethel members. When you buy fair trade items you are using your voice to support safe social and environmental standards in the production of food. Fair trade purchases guarantee a just wage to the small farmer and support a sustainable and diverse food system throughout the world.

During our first order period of August 4 – 11 the club will offer coffee, tea, and olive oil by the case. You may order less than a case, but the club must order by the case. If we do not have enough orders to fill a case, the order will not be placed until someone adds to it to complete the case. A case is 6 units of coffee/tea or 12 bottles of olive oil. All orders are pre-sold at the wholesale prices. Neither the club nor the church makes any profit on the sales, but Equal Exchange will make small donations to the Presbyterian Hunger Ministry for each item sold through the club. Our next order period will be in October when we hope to offer chocolate.

Orders can be placed on Sundays- August 4<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup> – or by calling either Anita Richmond (865-376-1437) or Carol Brown (865-376-7171). And if you just want to ask a question, Anita or Carol will be glad to help you.



## It is that time of year again

where you can make a difference! Fall Festival prep time. Go through your garage or basement, and bring in those items you no longer need. Go through the recipe books or look at Pinterest on the internet for items you could make for the Bake Sale! The festival will be on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm, and will host a fellowship breakfast, a silent auction, our youth-sponsored yard sale (done jointly with KUMC), live music, a marketplace of baked goods and hand crafted items, kids games, horse rides, a petting zoo, book sales, and food from our café. The proceeds of the Fall Festival will go toward Mobile Meals on Wheels, Michael Dunn, and Roane County Co-operative Ministries. We are in need of items for the Silent Auction and the Marketplace. Your items can be brought in to the church office. If you have items for the yard sale and need assistance with delivery, please call the church office. We need everyone to participate to make this our best year ever! Our community needs it!!

## Bell choir will resume

Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. right after Labor Day weekend. We welcome any and all who would like to ring with us. Our goal is to perform each month with special music for the holidays. We would like the membership to grow to 11 to make a complete choir to play a wider variety of selections. Parents of younger students who read music and would like to participate, please contact Jackie at church or by calling 423-371-3489. I would like to have kids participate in playing the chimes at the beginning of the service. Playing the bells could become your new hobby. Make the commitment to join us and have fun!



## Thanks from the Property Committee

Continuing thanks are due the hardy folks who have faithfully taken care of the grass (one can begin to call it that!). These folks include: Jim Schall, Brian Shelby, Troop 101 scouts, Larry Hood, and Frank Harris. Tell these guys "thanks" when you next see them.

## Study Team

The immigration class will extend two additional weeks - August 4 & 11 - in order for participants to watch and discuss the 2007 documentary *Morristown*. Produced by Appalshop, this film explores how globalization has tied together and affected the East Tennessee community of Morristown and communities on the US-Mexican border, most notably Ciudad Juarez - across the border from El Paso, TX.

Mark Banker's Sunday School will resume its regular routine on 8/18, when Bill Fowler and I begin leading a discussion of Jürgen Moltman's *Jesus Christ for Today's World*.

## End of Summer Pool Party

All children are invited to an end of summer pool party at Melanie Sherrod's house on Sunday, Aug 11 3-5pm. Parents are asked to stay to help supervise their children in the pool. Come celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of school. For more information talk with Wendy Neff or a member of the study team.

## Triennium Report

Every three years, more than five thousand youth and adult volunteers attend an event known as Presbyterian Youth Triennium. This amazing experience lasts for several days and consists of daily worship services, bible study and discussion in small groups, and other activities ranging from drum circles and games to crafts and group storytelling. One night, we even watched a recent documentary in order to think about the ways in which we are all connected.

More than just a chance to get out of the house, Triennium forges lasting connections among youth who are travelling together from the same region and will meet again through service or similar retreats. The event is especially memorable because individuals from entirely different locations on the globe and completely unique perspectives have the opportunity to grow close as a small group. My small group covered bible passages such as Psalms 46:8, "Come, behold the works

of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth," and John 10:18, "No man taketh it [my life] from me, but I lay it down of myself." We talked about the indefinable identity of God and how we could make a difference in the world. For me, the most meaningful part of Triennium was communion and worship on Thursday night. The verse that usually accompanies communion, "I am the Bread of Life," was read, but an undeniably uncommon sermon followed. We listened to three stories: graffiti as the documentation of a young boy and his journey, the dramatic naming of the multinational speaker, and finally the feeding of the five thousand. The feeding of the five thousand was particularly striking. Here we were, five thousand young people who had walked a long way from across campus and had gathered for worship on a huge hill. In the same way that the original five thousand listened to Jesus preach and then shared a meal together, our five thousand praised God with song before taking part in communion.

(Submitted by Julie Coen)

## This Month:

Tennessee Valley Theater  
184 West Jackson Avenue / Spring City, TN / 423-365-7529

The comedy, *THOSE CRAZY LADIES* in the *HOUSE* on the *CORNER*, will be performed on Friday & Saturday, August 16 & 17 at 7:30; Sunday, August 18 at 2; Friday & Saturday, August 23 & 24 at 7:30; Sunday, August 25 at 2:00.

*What do you do when you have three geriatric sisters as patients and all they want to do is sit at home and talk to one another all at the same time? You move another person in with them! But Dr. Lomax and the new housemate have a secret. Things get complicated, especially with Christmas around the corner, when the nephew shows up with his sinister plan.*

Bethel, come and see who the actress is who plays the craziest sister. (Hint: Her initials are DG and she is VERY TALL).

Tickets: \$10.00; Students: \$8.00; Group Discount (15+ reservations required) \$1.00 off.

# igniteFUSION KINGSTON

Summer vacation is slowly coming to a close but there are still a lot of activities coming up at Ignite/Fusion Kingston. Go to the Bethel website, the Ignite/Fusion Facebook page or check email for up to the minute activity information.

**August 6-** We need your help to serve refreshments at Band Camp!! We will meet in the KUMC parking lot to prep at 9:30 AM. We will be back to the church at 10:45 AM

**August 11-** No Ignition (Prepare yourself to be in a state of mourning for school to start.)

**August 16-17-** Seven Hour Slam & Welcome 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Event!!!  
**Parents, we need your help!**  
**Contact Will for more information.**

What is the Seven Hour Slam? You can still select two tracks. Do you want to relax? The relaxed track is for you! You can enjoy time with your friends and r-e-l-a-x!

Is adventure more your style? We will have a lot going on for adventurous types! The fun starts at 7 PM and lasts until 2 AM. Transportation will be provided home to all students unless arranged otherwise. **You must fill out a new health form for this event! The old health forms have expired.** Watch Facebook, email and the website for prices and updates on the event.

**August 18-** 5 PM Parent Meeting in the KUMC Fellowship Hall.

We will discuss the following:

Food Coordination Volunteers  
Parent Volunteers (rotating schedule)  
Distribute 2013-2014 calendar  
Distribute 2013-2014 health forms.  
Review new policy regarding behavior covenants.

**5:45 PM-** Ignition: Move: Lake Day at the Preston's house. Watch email and Facebook for more information.

**August 21-** Bethel Family Dinner and Sonic for ice cream. Dinner will be at 6:30 in the Bethel Fellowship Hall and we will be finished at 8 PM.

**August 25-**  
5 PM- WordSearch in the Bethel Youth Suite  
6 PM- Ignition: Pool Night (Location TBA)

**August 27-** RCHS Breakfast Club at 7:30 AM at McDonalds. Contact Will if you need a ride.

**August 28-** Midway Breakfast Club: Meet at 6:45 AM in the old Waves Café parking lot.



## We need your help!

The Garden is located behind Bethel. All of the vegetables we grow, will go directly to Hands of Mercy after they are harvested.

We need volunteers on a weekly basis to water and weed.

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

## Coming Soon!!!

- Rafting on the Ocoee (Watch for details on Facebook and email)

-BINGO at Wellington Place

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

## Transitions Fellowship

### August Calendar:

**August 11-** Lunch after church. Meet in the KUMC parking lot for lunch at 12 PM.

**August 17-**FPC Harriman, Love Kitchen. We will meet at 3 PM to start preparing the food and head to FPC at 4:15.

**August 27-**Chillax @ 7 PM. Meet in the KUMC parking lot. Leave work at work and your troubles at home.

### Coming Soon!!!

### Young Adult Fall Retreat

### New Fall Study



### August Birthdays

- 4 Steve Jacks
- 7 Jeremiah Jacks
- 8 Brenda Bunch
- 10 Treavor Cribbs
- Joan Pharis
- 15 Jason Brown
- 17 Adam Brown
- Margaret Murr
- 19 Glenna Shields
- Cody Browning
- 20 James Condon
- 21 Amy Coen
- 22 Rachel Cutts
- 24 Sue Muecke
- 25 Jon King
- Frederick Morgan
- 26 Julie Coen
- Jan Parker

### Memorials

In memory of Jerry Morris from:

Donald and Patricia Coffey  
Dan and Cathy McDowell  
Martha A. Henry  
Dick Evans and Celia Simon

In memory of Ginny Warlick from:

Joey and Debbie Varnes  
Stan and Deidre Williams  
Dan and Cathy McDowell  
Lucy Webb  
Terry and Charity Robbins  
Anne Horner

### Cards and Letters:

Thank You.

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and concerns for Bill and me. We appreciate your prayers, calls, hugs, cards, visits and e-mails and feel blessed to have such a wonderful and caring church family. We miss you a lot.  
In Christian Love,  
Marianne and Bill

### 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
Lil 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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#### In Need of Prayer:

James & Marlene Woodard, Bill Shenk, Bill & Marianne Shadden, Anneke Oonk, Molly Cooper, Jean & Don Dice, Harold and Martha Underwood (*Anita Richmond's parents*), Becky Grant (*Larry Strickling's niece*), Dianne Swinler (*Brenda Strickling's sister*).



## News from CASA



**CASA**  
Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN

**CASA OF THE NINTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**Contact Us**

PO Box 541  
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**Loudon County Justice Center**  
865-988-2311

**Morgan County Courthouse**  
423-539-5550

**Roane County Courthouse**  
865-717-4186

July 9, 2013

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What a nice surprise! A check for \$446.22 from Bethel Presbyterian in today's mail! I understand that this money is from a special Pentecost offering, a portion of which is designated for an agency serving at-risk children.

We are grateful to the members of Bethel for their continuing confidence in CASA and its work for abused and neglected children. You have been faithful supporters for many years in many ways. This fall, you will once again allow us to hold our training class for new advocates in your facilities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brent Sigmon  
Program Director

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a specially-trained volunteer, appointed by a juvenile court judge to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children. CASA volunteers receive a thorough screening and 30 hours of pre-service training before being assigned to a case by the judge. Once assigned, they interview all parties to the case in a quest to learn the circumstances and needs of the children. They report their findings and recommendations to the court and work with service providers to ensure that the children get the services they need.

Nationally, the CASA movement has a 35 year history of assisting the courts toward a goal of safe and permanent homes for all children. Locally, CASA volunteers have served the abused children of Roane County since 2001. They do good work. Hard work. Rewarding work. But their numbers are small and they can only serve a portion of the children whose cases come before the juvenile court. More volunteers are needed.

CASA volunteers make a difference. You can make a difference. The next training class is now being formed. For more information, email [info@casaninth.org](mailto:info@casaninth.org) or call 865-717-4186.

## Welcome New Members Chuck and Robinette Garner

Chuck and Robinette come to us from West Hills Presbyterian Church in Harriman, and were members of Harriman 1st Presbyterian before that. This January, they will have lived in Harriman for 39 years. Before that, they lived in Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Colorado, and Kentucky.

During his career, Chuck was with Burlington Factory, then Kayser Roth, and then Vanity Fair. He used to play golf, but does not play much now. Robinette says she loves being a member of the 100 year old Harriman Drama Club, which is more of a book club now but likes to recognize its long history as a drama club. She said she used to play bridge.

They have 4 grandsons, 2 in North Carolina, and 2 that grew up in Rockwood but are in college now. They really enjoy them and are proud of them.



<b>Weekly Events:</b> 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: resumes on Sept. 6th Ignite/Fusion: Sundays and Wednesdays; check page 4 for times Note: Some committees and activities are still on summer schedule. Check your weekly bulletins for dates and times.				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>  Faith Team 12:15	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Photo Group 10 AM
<b>11</b>  Kids: End-of-Summer Pool Party at the Sherrods 3-5 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Youth: 7-Hour Slam/ Welcome 6th graders	<b>17</b>  Transitions: Love Kitchen at FPC Harri- man 3 PM
<b>18</b>  Session 8 AM  <i>School Kickoff Breakfast 9:30 AM</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  TN Valley Theater (see p. 3 for details)	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>  Serve Team 12:15 PM Study Team 12:15 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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