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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

At Big Tent in early August, I learned of the three Critical Global Initiatives (CGI) recently launched by the World Mission agency of the Presbyterian Church USA. I share briefly with you here about these initiatives and encourage you to go online to www.pcusa.org to find out more. Certainly at Bethel in the weeks and months to come, we will be learning more about the initiatives and how we can participate in them.

The CGIs came out of discussions with our partners particularly in the global South. They are: poverty reduction, evangelism, and reconciliation in cultures of violence. Each CGI has a goal to get started. Global mission and our partners hope to begin to reduce poverty through education, particularly education of girls. We know that education helps families do better, especially if the mother is educated.

The goal is to provide quality education for 100,001 children in the US and around the world by 2020. The second CGI, evangelism, has a goal of supporting our global partners in the raising up of a new generation of pastors with skills that help grow the church and bring healing to the world. And lastly the reconciliation CGI has a goal of eliminating violence against girls and women the world over.

The World Mission agency seeks to organize hundreds of PC (USA) congregations around each of these three challenges and thereby meet the goals that have been set. And so I wonder how God is calling us at Bethel to engage these Critical Global Initiatives. I encourage you to pray about that with me, ponder, discern and keep your eyes and ears and hearts open to hear God speak and show us the way.

To help us in our discernment, we are excited to have Amanda Craft and Omar Chan with us at Bethel on Sunday, Sept 8. Amanda and Omar are mission co-workers in Guatemala and Mexico. They will share with us during Sunday School at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall as well as in worship at 11am in the sanctuary. Be sure to be there to hear about the work they are doing, how they will be engaging the CGIs and how we might partner with them.

It is an exciting time to be a Presbyterian – together with God, we will change the world making it a better place for all.

Grace and peace,
Wendy

Bethel Buyers Club Update



The Service Team wishes to extend thanks and appreciation to Carol Brown, Anita Richmond, and everyone who bought coffee, tea, or olive oil in our inaugural effort with the Bethel Equal Exchange Buyers Club. The initial order was successful beyond expectations and we appreciate everyone who had a part in this new endeavor. Thanks, too, as always, to Wendy for her vision and foresight in suggesting the club. According to Carol, "The Equal Exchange representative, Molly Zeff, said that our buying club's first order was phenomenal. She said many churches don't purchase that much in one year. She asked the size of our church and when I told her we had about 140 people worshipping every month, she was even more impressed." Molly also called Wendy to express her amazement at our order and her appreciation of our congregation's support of the Equal Exchange mission.

We look forward to growing and expanding the program, which is one small effort towards promoting fair trade worldwide. We see it as a win-win opportunity, allowing us to support small farmers across the world, while buying their products at wholesale prices. Once again, the Bethel congregation has risen to the occasion in support of a very worthwhile cause!



Bell Choir starts Wednesday, September 4 @ 6 pm. Come and join us for an hour of making music. Come early so you can choose your bells! New ringers are welcome.



Mark your calendars!

Bethel's annual church picnic will be held at the Hettrick's home on Sunday afternoon, September 29th. More details will be coming later. Stay tuned!

Band Fruit Sales

The Roane County High School Band will be selling FRUIT FROM FLORIDA starting September 13 until October 8. Delivery of the fruit will be Tuesday, December 3. The Band is raising money to buy uniforms, maintain those mellaphones, and support game-day operations. Please see Charlie, Jon, Lyric, Julie, Maria, Corey for more details.

Forever Young/ Health Information Fair

Please join The Home Option, Mid-East Community Action Agency, and the Kingston Community Center on Thursday, September 26, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. for the **Forever Young Health and Information Fair**.

Area senior and health service providers will be on hand to answer questions about in-home options for care, senior activities, caregiver support, disease specific information as well as numerous health screening opportunities onsite.

Door prizes will be given away throughout the event and refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Mid-East Senior Services at 354-0450 ext. 228.



The date for the Fall Festival 2013 is Saturday, October 12, and it will be here before we know it! Please start gathering up your Yard Sale items and bring them in. We will store them in the old KUMC parsonage. Also, please complete (or start) your crafts to donate for the Market Place. The proceeds support great missions in Roane County. Thank you for your contributions.

AARP Driver Safety Training Program

Are you in need of a refresher 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 Tuesday and Wednesday, September 10th and 11th at the Roane County United Way building located at 2735 Roane State Hwy. in Harri-man 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. Graduates of the class receive a certificate that may entitle them to a reduction in the vehicle insurance rates.

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.

YOU CAN HELP HANDS of MERCY



For the month of September our focus will be canned fruits. These and other additional food items can be brought in throughout the month and placed in the H.O.M.E. collection basket in the Gathering Area. Our in-worship collection will take place on Sunday, September 15.

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

A note of thanks...

Many thanks to all who supported me as I rode in the Tour des Trees by giving donations to the TREE FUND in support of tree research and education. My sister, Beth, and I rode 562 miles from Niagra Falls to Toronto Island with 98 other cyclists. All 98 cyclists had a safe ride with no major injuries even though we rode in rain a couple days and on very rough roads at times. The scenery was beautiful (when I dared look up from the road or the bike in front of me) and the weather perfect (when not raining!). We crossed in and out of Canada several times on our bicycles with no major border problems. Thank you for your donations, positive comments and encouragement during my ride for trees...TREES ARE GOOD!!

September Birthdays

- 1 Elaine Parker
- 2 Evelyn Waldrup
- 3 Tammy Holloway
Lily Lowery
- 4 Lisa Pickel
Shara Cross
- 6 Betty Foy
Kathy Francis
- 7 Laura Thomas
- 10 Bobbie Martin
- 12 Marilyn Gaffin
Jacob Murr
Amber Jacks
- 14 Laura Dailey
- 15 Sue Jones
- 18 Betty Ulrich
Corey Preston
- 20 Pat Harvey
- 25 Frank Kornegay
- 27 Frank Harris
Dianne Russell
Bill Shenk
- 29 Jeanette McElhinney
Chris Guy
- 30 Marianne Shadden

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Football season is here and cooler weather is on the way! September will be busy with Ignition, Ocoee rafting and more. Join us for all of the great activities coming up this month!

This Month

Middle School Fall Retreat



Rafting On the Ocoee

IGNITION

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September 2013

1 Communion Sunday	2 Labor Day Holi- day	3	4 Handbell Practice Resumes	5	6	7
8 Mission Co- workers Amanda Craft & Omar Chan	9	10 AARP Driver Safety Program Noon @ RC United Way Bldg.	11 AARP Driver Safety Program Noon @ RC United Way Bldg.	12	13	14
15 Session 8 AM H.O.M.E. Food Collection	16	17	18 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	19	20	21
22 Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15	23	24	25	26 Forever Young Health & Infor- mation Fair @ Community Center 10 AM	27	28
29 5th Sunday Worship w/ KUMC Bethel Picnic @ the Hettricks'	30	Weekly Events: Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club—Adults: Mon. 10-Noon & Mon 6:30-8:30 PM 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 Ignite/Fusion: Sundays and Wednesdays. See page 4 for times.				