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# The Open Door

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## Dear Friends,

What a lovely Advent and Christmas we experienced at Bethel! And now we find ourselves in the middle of Epiphany. What you may ask? Epiphany? I thought that was just a day, not a season. Well, let me explain. Epiphany is a day – Jan 6 to be exact. It marks the end of Christmastide, the end of those 12 days of Christmas. Often we think of Epiphany as the Sunday or the day we remember the Magi who come to visit Jesus and bring him gifts, the ones who followed the star. We do most often celebrate the arrival of the Magi on that day. However, the days between Christmastide and Lent are also the season of Epiphany. "The word "epiphany" means "appearance" or "manifestation" of God and

has roots in the words for sunrise and dawn. Eastern Christianity emphasizes Jesus' baptism and his first miracle during Epiphany. Western Christianity chose to accent Jesus as the Light of the World. What East and West share in common however, is Epiphany's celebration of Jesus' manifestation to the whole world.

In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and the arising Light in darkness, stability amid chaos, assurance amid anxiety for the whole creation. Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God's true Light. This timeless mystery of the incarnation, God in flesh, leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God's gift of

grace and salvation for all persons. " - taken from *Liturgical Year*

So now you know we are in the season of Epiphany – a season of learning more deeply what it means to shine the light of Christ, a season of growing more rooted in that very Light, a season of sharing and shining our lights in a world that is often dark. Join us on this Epiphany journey as worship, study, pray and eat together throughout this season and particularly for our Epiphany celebration. The celebration of Epiphany originally scheduled for Jan 5 but canceled due to weather has been rescheduled for Sunday, Feb 9 6:30pm at Dick Evan's and Celia Simon's farm. Bring finger foods to share – cookies and cider will be provided.

*Grace and peace, Wendy*



### The Bethel Family Retreat will be here soon!

We want to encourage you to join us for a time to escape to Camp John Knox for relaxation and renewal. The retreat will consist of three sessions of study and discussion based on the book *The Heart of Christianity*, free time, fellowship and worship. Childcare will be provided. You can contact Wendy or Will in the church office for more information.

#### **When is the retreat?**

February 15-16

#### **Where is it?**

Camp John Knox

#### **How much is it and what is the schedule?**

Refer to the registration forms and schedules in the Gathering Area.

**Scholarships are available and childcare will be provided.**



## Family Promise®

Building communities, strengthening lives.

### Providing Solutions for Homeless Families

Homelessness is a real, multifaceted problem, that isn't always about the people you see on the street. Far too often, it affects families with children. In many cases, they are able to stay for short periods with family and friends, but they have no home of their own. In fact, almost 41% of the U.S. homeless are family units. 60% are children and 50% of the children are 5 years old or younger. The average age of a child in the Family Promise program is 9 years old.

Family Promise is a 501(c)3 non-profit, non-denominational organization, which is committed to helping families achieve lasting independence, beginning with a network of host congregations that provide short-term shelter.

Families spend one week at a time in each of the host churches, moving on to a new church each Sunday. Guests typically arrive at 5:30 on Sunday, have dinner and spend the night in the church, leaving by 9AM the next morning for appointments, jobs or the Day Center. A Day Center (also known as the Family Promise Office) has been located in Rockwood for the developing Roane County Chapter. Day Centers have telephone, fax, internet and computer access and provide a "home-base" for the day's activities.

Eligible homeless families are comprised of at least one child and the adult(s) (over 18 years of age) parenting the child. Adults must pass a background screening process before entering the program. Untreated/active illegal substance use, violent criminal history, and sexual offender status are among the conditions that would disqualify one for inclusion in the program.

Alf and Jan Rybka have been involved recently in the formation of a Roane County Chapter. Wendy has been active in developing host churches, as well, prior to coming to us. The Service Team requests that the Bethel congregation prayerfully consider whether or not this is a collaborative mission which God is calling Bethel to participate in as a congregation. This could be a transformative experience not only for those homeless families in need, but also for us as a congregation and as individuals.

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## Welcome, Crocker Family!

The Crockers moved to Kingston on September 2, 2012 from Chiquimula, Guatemala. Their family members are Erick, Nidia, Pablo Andres (13), Pedro Pablo (10), and Stephanie Sofia (5). Erick and Nidia both work at Mike's Body Shop in Midtown. In their spare time, they like to walk and go to open spaces to play with the children in Summer and Spring, but to stay inside during colder weather. They say they are thankful to all of us for the way we received them.

## Changes for 2014

January 1<sup>st</sup> saw some changes in our custodial staff. After 11+ years of faithful service (October 7, 2002 – December 31, 2013), John Carter retired. We celebrated his retirement with a presentation and reception on December 28, 2013. Thanks, John. Enjoy a well earned retirement.

Our new custodian is Charlie King. Charlie is certainly no stranger as he is the son of Vic and Nancy King, father of Jolie and Callahan, and partner of Mary-Kathryn Willett. Before joining Bethel, Charlie worked with the Tennessee Department of Forestry. Charlie's hours are Monday through Friday from 9 to 3.

Welcome Charlie! We look forward to working with you for many years to come.

The Generosity Team presentation on legacy scheduled for Saturday, February 8, has been cancelled. We will look forward to rescheduling Mr. Hay's presentation for the spring. We will let you know the date as soon as possible. Thanks.

## What Can a Cookie Do?

As **Girl Scouting** finishes up celebrating 100 years serving girls, locals troops are gearing up for the **cookie sale**. Along with past favorites (Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, Dulce de Leche, and Thank U Berry Munch cranberry), the newest cookie, Savannah Smiles, will be available to **order until early February**. This year's theme is "What can a cookie do?" as girl scouts in Roane County troops learn how to run a cookie business at the local level. You can also purchase a box of cookies for **residents of Kingston's assisted living facilities Jamestowne and Wellington** as part of the **Gift of Caring** program. Troop 20846 is continuing to raise money for a special shopping cart for the food pantry plus a science field trip. Please call Julie at 376-9033 for more details. All the cookies freeze well.

## Help Wanted?

Chelsea Richmond would like everyone to know about her excellent dog walking and dog sitting services. She charges \$10 a walk, \$25 for the day and \$30 for house sitting. Several folks at Bethel use her services and are great fans. If you've got a vacation coming up, talk to Chelsea!



## Hymn Sing

On Wednesday evening, February 19th, following Bethel's Fellowship Supper, we will meet in the sanctuary for an hour or so of hymn singing. Some of you enjoy selections which are not in the more recent hymnals. If you let Mary Hook know the titles of your favorites which are NOT in the hymnal we currently use, she will try to find them and have copies available for everyone. You can leave the info in Mary's mailbox in the church office, or send it to the church by email. Singing is good therapy for the body and the soul! Hope to see you there.

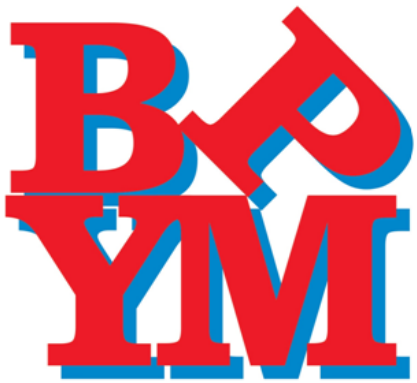
## Eagle Scout Court of Honor

honoring

Jonathan Thomas Dailey  
Sunday, February 2, 2014  
Bethel Presbyterian Church  
2 p.m. EST



**HOME Food Collection** Thank you to everyone who contributed food for our Jan. HOME collection. Our Feb. focus will be **Boxed Macaroni & Cheese**. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry and helping feed hungry folks in our community.



Bethel Presbyterian  
Youth Ministry

Get ready for  
February! We have a lot  
going on so watch email, texts  
and the weekly bulletin for  
more information. Come join us  
for all of the great activities we  
have planned!

**February 2-**  
**3 BIG need-to-know items for  
this day!**

**1)** Deadline for Montreat  
**2)** Souper Bowl Day of Caring  
Help us help our neighbors in  
need. We will be collecting  
money that will go to the Roane  
County Cooperative Ministries  
Garden Grant Program after  
the 11 AM service.  
**3)** Super Bowl Party!!  
We will leave the KUMC parking  
lot at 5 PM to head to the  
Brown's house (1146 Circle  
Drive). Girls bring snacks and  
guys bring drinks. Pizza will be  
provided and we will leave af-  
ter the half time show. Parents,  
we will need your help to trans-  
port youth.

**February 9-** Family Retreat  
Deadline. Contact Will for schol-  
arship information.

**5:00 PM-** We will head to Dick  
Evans' and Celia Simon's farm  
to help prepare the bonfire for  
the Epiphany service. Remem-  
ber to dress warm!

**February 10-** Midway Breakfast  
Club!! We will meet at the Han-  
dee Burger at 7 AM.

**February 11-** RCHS & CMS  
Breakfast Club!! We will meet at  
7 AM at Mc Donald's.

**February 14-** Happy Valentines  
Day!!!

**February 15-16-** Bethel Family  
Retreat  
Join us for an escape to Camp  
John Knox for relaxation and  
renewal. The retreat will consist  
of three sessions of study and  
discussion based on the book,  
free time, fellowship and wor-  
ship. We have scholarships so  
talk to Will ASAP.

**February 19-** Join us for the Be-  
thel Family Dinner at 6:30 PM  
and a time to sing after the  
meal.

**February 23-** 5 PM-6: 30 PM  
Heart of Christianity Session  
We have been asked to lead  
singing and a prayer at the be-  
ginning of the session. Think of  
two songs you would like to sing  
with the congregation.

**February 28-March 2-** Youth  
Summit in Gatlinburg!!! Watch  
your email for departure times,  
etc.

## Upcoming Events

**March 4-** Shrove Tuesday pan-  
cake dinner

**March 5-** Ash Wednesday wor-  
ship

**March 16-22-** Spring Break  
Do you have any plans for  
Spring Break? Join us for a mis-  
sion trip to Asheville, NC.



Join us for a multi-generational  
mission trip. Everyone is wel-  
come to join the Bethel Youth  
Ministry for a mission trip to the  
Asheville Youth Mission in Ashe-  
ville, NC and doing the follow-  
ing:

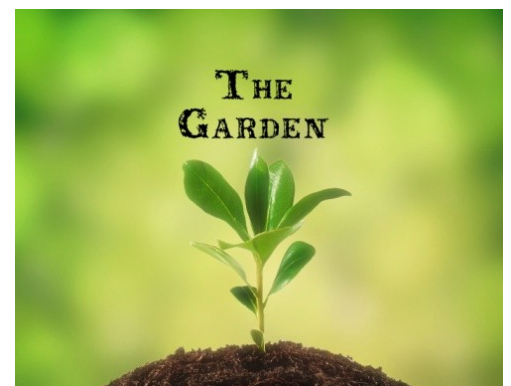
- Physical labor
- Visiting local residents
- Playing games with kids.
- Sharing a meal with the home-  
less.

Simply, we will all be experienc-  
ing what it means to be Christ's  
hands and feet in the world.

**The cost is FREE!!**

## Remember to save the date!!!

We will start work on the  
Garden on April 6!!!





## Community Events of Interest

From time to time our members share information with us regarding events and organizations that they are involved with. Usually the information is contained in a flyer, which we are happy to share in this newsletter. However, this month, we are blessed with an abundance of good information, so much that we don't have space to print it all!

Here's our solution: We'll print a brief blurb about each one below, along with the contact information for each event. If you get the email version of this newsletter, we'll run each flyer at the end of the newsletter, after the calendar page. You can also go to our website: [www.bethelpcusa.org](http://www.bethelpcusa.org), click on the link to the newsletter, and see the flyers there.

Without further ado, here are the brief descriptions of the various flyers:

### Secure Document Destruction

Tired of it taking forever to shred your documents? Michael Dunn Center offers document shredding service. Interested?

See the flyer or contact Melanie Harmon at (865) 376-1337 ext. 230.



Amber Jacks sends word of The Heart of Caring Day of Pampering, which will be held on Feb. 13 from 9-10:30 AM at First Baptist Church in Kingston. This event is for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. For more information, see the flyer or call 865/354-3366 ext. 105.



Dear Bethel Friends.

Did you see the news report just last a week ago about the teenager in Anderson Co who was saved because the school had, and knew how to use, a portable defibrillator?

Even before this event, the Rotary Club of Hariman was planning a "Heart-to-Heart Dance," a father-daughter event to raise funds to provide portable defibrillators in all Roane Co high schools. For more information, see the flyer or call 865/376-9848.

"An event for all ages - Daughters from 1 to 92 are welcome!"

This is year one of what we hope will be an annual event. The club is committed to the community; it is committed to providing this medical technology to the county schools.

Thanks for your consideration.

Jill McMaster

P.S. – FYI: Bethel has an AED located just outside of the restroom in the gathering area!



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And another attachment:

If you missed the presentation on Family Promise at January's fellowship supper, you can view a summary of the important points. It's at the end of the email version of this newsletter, or you can access it online by going to Bethel's website:

[www.bethelpcusa.org](http://www.bethelpcusa.org), clicking on the link to the newsletter, and scrolling to the end of the newsletter.



Want to get your newsletter via email? Contact the church office or email Karen Schall (schallk@highland.net) to get your name added to the list.

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## Recent memorials and honorariums:

In honor of Mac Robbins by  
Terry and Charity Robbins  
In memory of Marge Maki from:  
Bill and Marianne Shadden  
James W. Charles III  
In memory of Marc Sherrod  
from:  
Mark and Kathy Banker  
In memory of Fred and Wanda  
Carter from:  
McCord Carter  
In memory of Jerry Morris from:  
Earl and Bobbie Wilson



**In Need of Prayer:** Rev. Bill Shenk, Bill & Marianne Shadden, Mariana Oonk, Bill Plummer, Betty Ulrich, Jimmy Walker (*returning from Afghanistan*), Molly Cooper (*Chris Badger's daughter*), Harold and Martha Underwood (*Anita Richmond's parents*), Dianne Swinler (*Brenda Strickling's sister*), A.C. Miller (*co-worker of Gary Lemasters*).

## Cards and Letters:

Dear Bethel Family,  
Bill and I want to thank you very much for your get-well wishes, prayers, cards and concerns and especially for Wendy's visits in the hospital and at home. We appreciate all of you very much.  
The highlight of this Christmas Season, besides the birth of baby Jesus, was the visit of the carolers who sang many of the precious Christmas hymns we love so much. Thank you Wendy, Joni, Susie, Brian, Chelsea, Isaac, Joli and Rebecca. You were awesome.  
Bill is doing a little better with no hospital visits this year. Please continue keeping us in your prayers. Love you all.  
— Bill and Marianne Shadden

## Celebrating a



## February Birthdays:

- 2 Rebecca Shelby
- 4 Bonnie Anderson  
Mark Banker
- 5 Jon Rybka
- 6 Anne Smith
- 8 Brenda Strickling
- 14 Pedro Crocker
- 15 Callahan King
- 17 Mary B. Hines
- 18 Sarah Dungan  
Liz Singley
- 19 Melanie Sherrod
- 23 Phil Walsh
- 24 Karen Schall
- 27 Jennifer Choate  
Deb Hyder

## Prayer Reminders Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

<b>Jamestowne</b>	<b>851 Lawnville Road, Kingston 37763</b>
Dick Hettrick .....	Room 102
Louise Pickel .....	Room 209
Mac Robbins .....	Room 305
Sophie Simon .....	Room 302
George Warlick .....	Room 313
<b>Wellington Place</b>	<b>1098 Bradford Way, Kingston 37763</b>
Jack & Sue Muecke .....	Room 206
<b>Brakebill Nursing Home</b>	<b>5837 Lyons View Pike, Knoxville 37919</b>
Anne Smith .....	Room 416-B
<b>Atchley TN State Veterans' Home</b>	<b>1 Veterans Way, Knoxville 37931</b>
Jan Parker .....	Room 230

# February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Weekly Events:</b> 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 Bethel Youth Ministry: Sundays and Wednesdays; check page 4 for times						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Souper Bowl Day of Caring Eagle Ceremony for Jon Dailey 2:00 Inquirers Class 4-5:30	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Inquirers Class 4-5:30 Epiphany Celebration 6:30 @ Evans/ Simon's	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Heart of Caring 9 AM @ First Baptist, Kingston	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Bethel Family Retreat @ Camp John Knox
<b>16</b> Hands of Mercy Offering	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Team 5:30 Fellowship Sup- per 6:30 Hymn Sing fol- lowing supper	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Rotary Heart-to- -Heart Father/ Daughter Dance 6:30 @ Michael Dunn Center
<b>23</b> Study Team 12:15 Serve Team 12:15 Heart of Christi- anity Series 5-6:30	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	



## **Work Programs**

### **SECURE DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION**

Tired of it taking forever to shred your documents using a small shredder and cutting fingers when trying to unjam it? Have a small business or a relative's estate you are in charge of? Michael Dunn Center Work Programs will destroy your records safely, securely and confidentially.

Bring them to our convenient location at 609 Gallaher Road in Kingston, Tennessee Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4 pm or make an appointment. We will unload your vehicle.

Price is \$3.50 for a standard size plastic grocery bag or a box of comparable size.

One bag or 100. The quantity doesn't matter.  
Watch your documents being shredded.  
A Certificate of Destruction is provided.



*For more information, call (865) 376-1337 extension 230 or contact [melanie.harmon@michaeldunncenter.org](mailto:melanie.harmon@michaeldunncenter.org).*



# THE HEART OF CARING

Day of  
Pampering

*To be held at the  
First Baptist Church in  
Kingston*

DATE: 02/13/14

TIME: 9:00AM–10:30AM

Enter the church through  
the Atrium Doors located  
across from Citizen's Bank  
—look for red balloons.



- ♦ Manicures
- ♦ Chair Massage
- ♦ Refreshments
- ♦ Door Prizes
- ♦ Space is limited, call soon!

This day is being planned especially for individuals who care for someone suffering from dementia, Alzheimer or other disease. If needed, please ask about activities for the person you care for that will be available onsite while you enjoy the day!

To Register: contact Kathy Parks

Sponsored by: The Bridge at Rockwood  
and Amedisys Home Health

Phone: 865-354-3366  
Extension 105

Email:  
admission.rockwd@shccs.com  
Or  
cherry.brown@amedisys.com



Harriman Rotary Club  
*presents*

*Father  
Daughter  
Dance*

*Heart-to-Heart  
Dance*

*Fundraising event to benefit  
installation of portable defibrillators  
for sporting events in high schools of  
Roane County*

When:  
Saturday  
February 22nd  
6:30-8:30pm

Where:  
Michael Dunn  
Center  
Community  
Room

Tickets  
\$10 per  
person



*An event for all ages  
Daughters from 1 to 92 are welcome!  
Refreshments will be served  
One complimentary photo included  
Additional photos available for purchase*

Michael Dunn Center is located at  
629 Gallaher Rd, Kingston TN  
Contact Harriman Rotary Club on Facebook or  
Marti Hands, PR Chair at 865-376-9848



## TYPICAL HOST WEEK

During the week there are approximately 50 slots for volunteers. Some congregations have a different member for each slot; others have volunteers take on multiple roles. Volunteers come from the host and support congregations and are assigned duties by the *Volunteer Coordinators*—members of the host congregation who oversee the week.

### **Sunday:**

▶ A Network truck or van arrives in the afternoon with bedding and the families' personal belongings to be set up in designated space.

▶ Guest families arrive at the Host congregation Sunday evening. The rooms for the families and the common area have been set up prior to the arrival.



### **Each night of hosting:**

▶ Families settle in, relax and meet the coordinators and the evening volunteers. At 6:00 PM dinner is served family style. Guests and volunteers share the meal together. Families are responsible for their children and help with clean up and chores.

▶ After dinner, volunteers fellowship with families. Hosts and their families play games, help with homework, watch videos, or just talk.

▶ Food for lunch is available in the kitchen area and

parents make sack lunches for their families for the following day.

▶ Adults turn in around 10:00 PM; children at appropriate earlier bedtimes. Wake up is around 6:00 AM. 2 Volunteers will spend the night at the congregation.





► Breakfast is served around 6:30 AM during the week; typically cereal and other convenient foods. The Network van picks the families up at 7:00 AM.

### **During the day (Families are not at the congregation):**



► The Driver takes guests to the Day Center. From there, children will go to school and the parents to their jobs. In the afternoon the reverse is done.

► If the parents do not have a job, they work with the Director at the Day Center to seek employment, housing, and other resources to help them regain their independence. The Day Center has bathrooms with showers and other necessities to prepare for the day.

► Everyone returns to the Host Congregation around 5:30 PM and the cycle repeats.



### **Saturday:**

► On Saturday the families can sleep in and enjoy a hot breakfast (pancakes or bacon and eggs). If the congregation has an activity and all the families agree they can participate. If not the families go back to the Day Center and do what families typically do on weekends—see friends and relatives, take children to activities, etc.

### **The next Sunday:**



► On Sunday the families are packed up and out of the facilities prior to Sunday services. They are taken to the Day Center for the day until it is time to move on to the next congregation. Families that want to attend services will usually do so at their own congregations; some may choose to worship at a host congregation.

...and the next host congregation begins its week.