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Dear Friends,

We are leaving the season of light in Epiphany and moving into the season of Lent. Lent is the time we reflect on our life in Christ, not to have the worst confirmed about us but to have the best of ourselves liberated. Both our worship during these next weeks and our personal spiritual formation are more somber, more reflective as we remember the weeks and months leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and death.

We will not sing Gloria or Hallelujah in worship, not because there are times we should not praise God but because there are times for us to learn different language of praise and adoration. There are times for us to learn what it looks like to be in relationship to God when the floor

crashes underneath us, when our world spins all out of control. Life is a mixture of hallelujahs and laments. Lent gives us time to learn what a life of faith in lament looks like.

In worship we will reflect on those long dialogues Jesus has with a variety of people in the Gospel of John – Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well, the Man born Blind, the Raising of Lazarus. In the Lenten study we will reflect on and discuss together Forgiveness and its many facets. Save our Saturdays again provides us opportunities to live out our faith making a difference for those in our community.

I invite you to join this journey during Lent, as we reflect on both our personal

and communal life with Christ not to have our worst confirmed but to our best liberated as we seek to love and serve God as we love and serve one another.

*Grace and peace,
Wendy*

Coming This Month:

Lenten Bible Study on Forgiveness led by Wendy Neff
Sundays, Mar 9-April 6 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome.

March Heart of Christianity Schedule

We had a great time worshipping, praying, learning and having fun together at John Knox for our Bethel family retreat. We have covered a lot of information but you can join us on Sunday, March 9th for Session 7, the heart of practice. The Family Dinner has been moved to March 26th due to Spring Break and we will have our eighth and final session of the Heart of Christianity after dinner. We will discuss heart and house and have a closing discussion of what we have learned. We hope you can join us as we complete our study in March.

5:00-5:10- Gather with music and prayer

5:10-5:30- Cross generational table conversations/Questions on each table

5:35-6:00- Age/Ability conversations

3yrs- 5th grade will do music for 10 minutes and study for 15.

Youth & adults will do study for 25 minutes

6:00-6:30- Dinner

3/9- **Session 7**-Heart of Practice- Kids will lead worship and prayer

3/26- **Session 8**-Heart and House

What are we taking away?

SOS (Save Our Saturdays)

During Lent, we have several group work-days to donate our time.

March 8 - painting at Michael Dunn group home, plus yard work

April 5 - John Knox Center - shoreline clean-up (they provide plastic bags; we bring gloves and our own lunches)

April 12 - Love Kitchen Rockwood - see Marge Hettrick for what food you can cook and bring.

Bethel's Photo Group

will not have a separate meeting in March. Members are encouraged to take part in the workday at Michael Dunn Center — and cameras are welcome, too!

Critical Global Initiative: Poverty Alleviation

Quality Education for 100,001 Children

"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday." Isaiah 58:10

The elimination of poverty is the greatest challenge facing the world today and a pre-requisite for sustainable global development. Following Christ's command to serve the least of these, World Mission of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has chosen to address the underlying causes of

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A Class for Family Caregivers
Wednesdays,
March 5 – April 9, 2014
1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Mid-East Community Action
Agency
2415 N. Gateway Avenue
Suite B
Rockwood, TN 37854

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational program designed to help unpaid family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. You will benefit from this class whether you are helping a parent, spouse, friend, someone who lives at home, in a nursing home, or across the country.

Class Leaders are Kyra Clements and Amber Jacks. The Powerful Tools national website www.powerfultoolsforcaregivers.org, or the local Family Caregiver Services website www.familycaregiver.net provides additional information on **Powerful Tools for Caregivers.**

This class series meets once a week for six weeks. There is no fee for the class. A Caregiver Helpbook will be provided to participants. **Class size is strictly limited and Pre-Registration is Required.**

Property Team Report (March 2014)

The property team is discussing rekeying the exterior doors to the church facility. Once our plan is in place and a time for the change-over to occur, we will announce in the bulletin and during morning service the time for exchanging keys. Susan will be the "KEY" person and would be available during regular office hours. The change over should occur sometime in mid March. Watch for the announcement.

An enlightening note concerning our Earth Care program is the installation of motion detection light switches for all nine rest rooms (did you know we had nine rest rooms?) Our switches not only turn the lights but also the exhaust fans which exhaust our modified air into uninsulated spaces. With the motion detection switches not only will we insure lights are off when not in use but the hidden saving is reduction of heating and cooling losses.

Transitions Fellowship

Are you looking for something fun to do in the Kingston area? Come join the Transitions Fellowship! We meet in the Bethel Youth Suite or a fellowship members' home every other Tuesday for dinner and a study.

March 4- Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner @ 6 PM

March 5- Ash Wednesday worship at 6 PM.

March 7- Ice Bears Game

We will leave the church parking lot at 5 PM. We will be meeting the FPC Knoxville young adult ministry for appetizers and pizza in downtown Knoxville. We will then head over to the Civic Coliseum for the game. Bring \$3 for pizza and \$15 for your ticket.

March 9- 5 PM-6: 30 PM Heart of Christianity Session (Heart of Practice)

5:00-5:10- Gather with music and prayer;

5:10-5:25- cross-generational able conversations/Questions on each table.

5:35-6:00- Age/Ability conversations (Youth & adults will do study for 25 minutes.)

6:00-6:30- Dinner

March 11- Fellowship in the Bethel Youth Suite at 7 PM.

March 15- Save Our Saturdays: Join us as we serve different ministries around Roane County.

March 22- Save Our Saturdays. Check your email for times and places.

March 25- Fellowship in the Bethel Youth Suite at 7 PM.

March 26- Bethel Family Dinner and Heart of Christianity study at 6:30 PM

March 29- Save Our Saturday at the Michael Dunn Center.

Bethel, It's not early to put the following on your calendar:

A Gilbert and Sullivan Revue . Or A Matter of Hats

Presented by
The Westminster Players
Westminster Presbyterian
Church
6500 Northshore Drive
Knoxville, TN
Church Phone (865) 584-3957

Performance Dates:
Friday and Saturday, April 25
and 26 at 8:00 P. M.
Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 P. M.

Dianne Griffith will be singing and performing in the show.

March Birthdays

- 2 Dianne Griffith
- Bina Kirby
- Jean Young
- 3 Duie Swicegood
- 4 Mark Preston
- 5 Hailey Choate
- Vic King
- Dan McDowell
- Robert Winsbro
- 8 Charlie Coen
- 9 Kathy Banker
- 12 Janna Brown
- 13 Linda Choate
- Gary Griffith
- 14 Travis Brown
- Shawn Hart
- 15 Will Jackson
- 17 Hayden Jacks
- 19 Marge Hettrick
- 20 Janet Gasparetti
- 26 Justin Murr
- 27 Greg Murr
- 28 Peggy Sheppard
- 29 Nancy King
- 30 Sherry Paris
- Viviana Vanegas





March madness is here! Everything is super busy as we move through Lent and into Easter. Come join us at Youth and other great activities planned!

February 28-March 3- Senior High Youth Summit.

March 4

4:00 PM-We will be decorating the Fellowship Hall for the Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast.

5:00 PM-We will need help cooking and serving the food for the pancake dinner.

March 5- Ash Wednesday Service at 6 PM

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March 10- Breakfast Club with Midway students. We will meet at the Handee Burger in Kingston at 6:45 AM. Transportation will be provided to school.

March 15- Save our Saturdays start. Our church will be serving in our community every Saturday during Lent. Watch for information in the weekly bulletin and emails.

March 16- Our mission team will be commissioned during the 11 AM service!

March 16-21- Spring Break!!!

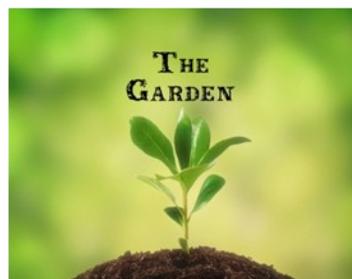


Spring Break mission trip to Asheville, NC. We will be working with the Asheville Youth Mission.

March 22- Save our Saturdays (SOS)

March 26- Bethel Family Dinner & Heart of Christianity Study (watch your email for times and details.)

March 29- Save our Saturday @ Michael Dunn Center



Save the Date!!! April 6th
We will be starting to work on The Garden and we will need your help!

(Poverty Alleviation; continued from page 2)
poverty as one of three critical global issues for the church. Recognizing the scope of the challenge, the focus will be on causes that particularly impact women and children. The initial poverty alleviation campaign of the World Mission community of mission practice will emphasize access to quality education.

Specifically, the goal of the World Mission Poverty Campaign will be "Quality education for 100,001 children by the year 2020." Education promotes human development, and basic literacy is a gateway skill that empowers the poor to emerge from poverty. Extensive research has shown that a quality education (regardless of gender, wealth, location, ethnicity, or language) is the best pathway out of poverty.

Nearly 59 million school-age children are not enrolled in school for a variety of reasons. For a majority of the world's children, academic learning is neither occurring at the expected pace, nor supplying the essential life-skills to succeed. We want to be a part of the solution for these children through our commitment and involvement, offering them a future and hope.

We will join together with partners throughout the U.S. and globally: to support early childhood learning and development opportunities; to strengthen access to quality basic primary and secondary education; to build the communities capacity to support schools; to improve the training and resourcing of teachers at all levels; to make school environments more "girl-friendly"; and to promote functional literacy programs.

Go to www.pcusa.org/worldmission to learn more.

Watch future Open Door publications for information about the other critical global initiatives of the PCUSA as well as ways we can join the efforts right here at Bethel.



Weekly Events: 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						1 Youth Summit in Gatlinburg Feb. 28- March 3
2 Communion Sunday	3	4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 6 PM	5 Ash Wednes- day Service 6 PM	6	7 World Day of Prayer	8 Save our Satur- days / Michael Dunn Ctr.
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins Heart of Christi- anity Series 5 PM	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Commissioning of Mission Team H.O.M.E. offering Session 12:15	17	18	19	20	21	22
Spring Break Mission Trip to Asheville, North Carolina						
23	24	25	26 Property 5:30 PM Fellowship 5:30 PM Family Supper/ Heart of Christian- ity 6:30 PM	27	28	29
30 Study Team 12:15 Serve Team 12:15	31					