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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

May is a month of celebrations and milestones. There are graduations, end of year parties, recitals, final ball games, crossing over ceremonies for scouts, the start of summer with Memorial Day and not least of all, Mother's Day. This year for Mother's Day we have the opportunity to buy cards for our Mothers, or daughters or grandmothers or friends even and support the Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother's Day Project that is part of the alleviating poverty initiative of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

The Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother's Day Project supports life-changing activities with Global Partner churches of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The funds generated from the cards

and donations throughout the year will provide support for programs that directly impact the health and well-being of women and children. Such programs include: prenatal and essential obstetric services, health and hygiene education, fistula repair surgery, trauma healing and psychosocial support, early-childhood health and nutrition programs, primary and pre-primary education, and food security.

Being able to honor the women in our lives as well as impact for good the lives of women and children in the world is a way to proclaim our Easter Faith. The Mother's Day Project cards will be available by Sunday, May 4 for a donation. There

is not a set amount. Any amount donated will benefit the project. Checks can be made to Bethel with "mother's day project" in the memo line.

I am always looking for ways to observe holidays and celebrate milestones that also provide a way to witness to our Easter faith. This Mother's Day project is a wonderful opportunity and way to do that. I hope you will consider supporting this project that makes a difference in the lives of many people – mothers far away and mothers near.

*Grace and peace,
Wendy*



This year's Mother/Daughter luncheon will be on Saturday, May 10, at noon at Adelaide's Restaurant (formerly Pennybaker's) in Kingston. **ALL** ladies from Bethel and KUMC and their friends are invited to share in this time of celebration and fellowship.

Please call the church office or e-mail Susan for reservations by Tuesday, May 6, at the latest. We will order from the menu.



We will honor our **High School and College Graduates** at our Fellowship Supper on May 21.

High School graduates are:

Julie Coen, Jon Dailey, Paul Jackson and Corey Preston.

College graduates are: Ellen Dailey, Master's from UTK; Caleb Sherrod, Bachelor's from UTK;

Orlando Vanegas, Bachelor's from Lee University.

Congratulations to all these fine young people. We are very proud of them.

Wholesale Club

We'll be taking Equal Exchange orders on Sunday, May 4th & 11th.

The wholesale club must order by the case to receive the wholesale price. We have several standard items, which you may purchase by individual amounts. If we can't make a full case on the standard items, we will notify you and refund your money. Other items must be ordered by the case. You can view all items available at www.equalexchange.com.

Call Carol Brown, 865-376-7171, to get the wholesale prices. **STANDARD ITEMS FOR MAY:** Coffee – Drip or Whole Bean – 6 bags/case

Love Buzz or Breakfast Blend :

\$6.40 / bag

Organic Decaf :

\$7.40 / bag

Extra Virgin Olive Oil :

500 ml bottle

\$10.75 / bottle – 12 bottles / case

Baking Cocoa:

\$5.00 / 6oz can – 6 cans / case

Summer rules for chocolate orders:

You must order a full case

There is a \$10 insulated shipping charge that will be shared by all chocolate orders.

Chocolate bars:

\$30 / case of 12 bars

Chocolate chips:

\$43.20 / case of 12 bags

Chocolate minis:

\$24 for a box of about 150

Candy Bars:

\$24 for a case of 24.

Support small-scale farmers, a just food system and a healthier



Learning Opportunity

Liz Singley has a used set of "The Great Courses" History of Christian Theology, 36 thirty-minute lectures on CD plus a supplemental booklet, which Liz has found extremely concise, listenable and informative. She would like to make it available for loan to anyone interested. If you'd like to know more, please contact Liz Singley for a more details or a link to their website.



Remember
the Church
in Your Will

The **Generosity Team** invites you to join us in our continuing series of "Legacy Giving". Mr. Robert Hay, Jr. from the Presbyterian Foundation will present a program on Monday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. The program will last approximately one hour and light refreshments will be served. Mark your calendar and watch for more details. (Rumor has it that this presentation will be followed by one of our ever-popular book swaps!)

New member Loffin Gerberding

Loffin grew up in Kingston, graduating from Roane County High School and then Tennessee Technological University. He earned a B.S. in Business and a Masters and ED.S. in Education, all at Tennessee Tech.

Loffin was a youth minister for 6 months at Youngs Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian in Kingston. Then he went back to school to be a Math teacher after which he got a job at Roane County High School.

He was raised Catholic and has been a member of several Protestant denominations including Baptist, Methodist, and Christian.

As a child he attended Bethel with Vic and Nancy King, his uncle and aunt, but more recently he was invited to Bethel by his fiancé Linda Choate.

Loffin's sons are Jackson (7) and Jeremy (6).

He enjoys outdoor activities and playing with his boys.



New members Carrie and Robert Vickers, and Jacob Simpson

Carrie lived in Livonia Michigan until she was 12 and then moved to Lockport, Illinois. She attended Joliet Junior College working toward a degree in Special Education. She had to leave early to care for her son Jacob when he was diagnosed with Autism.

Robert grew up in Romeoville IL. He has a degree from Joliet Junior College in Computer System Information Networking.

Jacob Simpson grew up in Lockport, IL and he is currently attending Roane State Community College.

Carrie was secretary to the President of Zausa Homes and his attorney. After that she was Assistant Store Manager for Walmart. Robert has worked in a steel mill, a few warehouses, and is currently employed with Support.com. Their children include Jonathon Matthew Simpson 21, Jacob Tyler Simpson 20, Amber Renae Vickers 17. No grandchildren yet!

Carrie enjoys reading, gardening and writing. She loves camping. Robert enjoys gaming, salt water fish aquariums, and camping. Jacob enjoys gaming and art.

Handbell Choir

We have so much to be thankful for in participating in worship. What a joy to have a dedicated team who also has fun adding music to the service. Our thanks to regular members who practice weekly and to those who step in whenever we need them. Mary Hook, Anne Horner, Amy Coen, Peggy Sheppard, Charlie Coen, Lyric Rivera, Dianne Griffith, Maria Vanegas, Brian Shelby, Howard Gerth, Bob Jones, Liz Singley, and Jeremiah Jacks...we thank you for your talent and willingness to share music with the Bethel family. We have another selection chosen for May before we rest for the summer.

Jeremiah has suggested bells play with a hymn or two during the summer. Anyone interested can contact him or Jackie Rylander. Any of us can show you how to play so you can spread the joy!

We are also still looking for kids to chime the hour before services. You just have to count to 11!!!!

—Jackie Rylander

Dear friends,

I will be having foot surgery in June, and have been told by the surgeon that I will need to be prepared to be unable to play for two months. Anne Horner and Amy Coen will be playing for the services in my absence.

During the summer months, the choir takes a holiday, and we fill as many services as possible with other types of musical offerings--instrumentalists, soloists, and small ensembles. I am asking for anyone who is willing to provide music for any Sunday from June 15 to August 17 to please sign up for a specific service so that I can give Anne and Amy the list before I leave. If the music requires keyboard accompaniment, the accompaniment will need to be provided as early as possible. Amy will play on June 22nd and July 6th and Anne will play for the other services.

Please let me know if you are willing to volunteer to play and/or sing for one of our services. I will put a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the gathering area, or you may email me at mhhook@comcast.net or call me at 256-0829.

Thank you for your help, and a special thanks to Amy and Anne.

—Mary Hook

Appreciation from the Landscape Committee:

1. To Jane Walsh for applying to the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). Bethel's landscape is now certified by the NWF as a Wildlife Habitat – March 2014.
2. To Daniel Palmer, other members of Boy Scout Troop 101, and some adults for weeding, mulching, and installing plant markers on April 5, 2014. This work was Daniel's Eagle Scout project.
3. To Jim Schall for building our compost bin – April 2014.
4. To Orlando Vanegas and his friend Axil for building the block retaining wall on the lake side of the compost bin – April 2014.
5. To Orlando Vanegas for two grape vines that he planted at the swing – April 2014. Orlando is also going to build a grape arbor over the swing.
6. To Jim Schall and Gary Griffith for reassembling the little church – April 2014. For those of you who are new to Bethel, the little church was in our children's play area before the 2009 moving of the main church building and renovations. The little church had been stored at Danny and Tammy Holloway's home.
7. To Joni Morgan for the beautiful driftwood that she brought from her home – April 2014.
8. To Will Purushotham for planting the vegetable garden and the blueberries - April 2014. Produce is given to Hands of Mercy food pantry.
9. To Charlie King for mowing the grass.
10. To people who attend Bethel and to those who come by and express joy at seeing Bethel's landscape.

Our General Fund Giving & Summary of Expenses

Updated 3/31/14

	Actual	Budgeted	% of Budget
Operating Income	\$54,599.58	\$273,581.00	19.96%
Operating Expenses	<u>\$70,420.22</u>	\$273,581.00	25.74%
Shortage	-\$15,820.64		

A Look at our Mortgage Debt

Updated 3/31/14

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

YTD 3/31/14

Gifts, Pledges &
Building Use Income \$19,810.00

Monthly Payments		Balance
PILP	\$5,700.87	\$804,180.15
PET Loan	450.00	80,564.24
Other Bldg. Loan	<u>833.30</u>	<u>46,396.27</u>
	\$6,984.17	\$931,141.27

Expenses \$20,952.51
Excess / (deficit) -\$1,142.51

The excess goes to our mortgage reserve account to cover any future deficits. Our goal is to have a 6 months reserve.

Transitions Fellowship

May 4- Lunch after church.

Meet in the Bethel parking lot at 12:15 to go out for lunch.

May 6- Chapters 3 & 4 of Jesus, the Bible and homosexuality.

May 16- Dinner and a movie???
Details coming soon!

May 20- Chapters 5 & 6 of Jesus, the Bible and homosexuality.

Upcoming Events

June 3- No Fellowship (Youth at Montreat)

The summer calendar will be released soon!

Young adults, the milkshake brigade is making its rounds. Are you fading at 3 PM during class or work? The brigade will bring you a FREE milkshake wherever you are. Contact Will for details.



Woot, woot!! School is almost out! We have a lot of great things happening at BPYM this summer! Thanks for all of your help with Youth Sunday! We are gearing up for an awesome summer so join us when you can!

April 29-May 2- I will be at a conference in New Jersey. Contact Wendy if you have an emergency.

May 3- Youth Sunday practice at 10 AM in the sanctuary.

May 4-Youth Sunday

6 PM- Pizza and a movie!

May 11- No Youth. Spend time with a special woman who has made a difference in your life.

May 16-RCHS Graduation

May 18-Back by popular demand!!! Faith Stories! Join us for stories from our church member's faith at 6 PM.

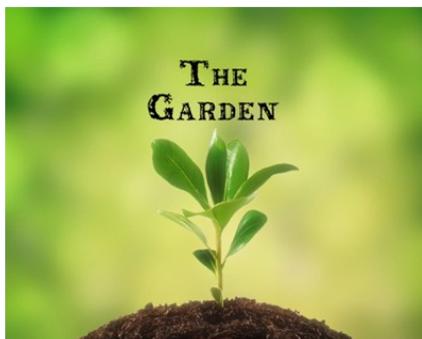
May 21- Fellowship Dinner at Bethel at 6:30 PM.

May 25- No Youth Gathering. Celebrate Memorial Day with your family!

The summer activities calendar will be released May 11th!



The Garden needs your help. We are looking for volunteers to help weed, water and maintain The Garden. Sign ups are available in the Gathering Area. Contact Will if you have questions.



It is time to register for summer camp at John Knox. Scholarship and registration is available from Will in the church office. You can also register for camp at : www.johnknoxcenter.org.

What makes Camp John Knox so special?

Everything! From the crazy games we play to the campfire songs, Camp John Knox gives campers a chance to explore their faith, take safe risks, and gain confidence through success.

What do we do at Camp John Knox?

Hiking, canoeing, swimming, arts & crafts, campfires, and hands on nature classes are just the beginning! Each day at camp holds opportunities to learn new skills, explore God's creation, build friendships that last a life time, and make thousands of memories. At the end of a busy day, gather around a campfire and worship as the sun sets across the lake.

How old do I have to be to come to Camp John Knox?

Camp John Knox offers something for everyone. With everything from Day Camp for the youngest campers (4-10 years old) to Adventure Camps for older kids, we have something for all ages.



Prayer Reminders

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Jamestowne

851 Lawnville Road, Kingston
37763

Dick Hettrick	Room 102
Louise Pickel	Room 209
Mac Robbins	Room 305
Sophie Simon	Room 302
George Warlick	Room 313

Wellington Place

1098 Bradford Way, Kingston
37763

Jack & Sue Muecke Room 206

Brakebill Nursing Home

5837 Lyons View Pike, Knoxville
37919

Anne Smith Room 416-B

Atchley TN State Veterans' Home

1 Veterans Way, Knoxville 37931

Jan Parker



In Need of Prayer: Robinette Garner, Jim Hines, Anne Smith, Molly Cooper (*Chris Badger's daughter*), Harold and Martha Underwood (*Anita Richmond's parents*), Dianne Swinler (*Brenda Strickling's sister*).

The community of Bethel Presbyterian Church extend their deepest sympathy to Sheryl & Paul Stadnik and their extended family on the death of Sheryl's father on Monday, April 14 in St. Louis MO.



Birthdays for May

- 2 Jennifer Vandever
- 4 Bram Hyder
- 5 Jane Pickel
- 6 Joe Coen
Doris Ann Parkinson
- 7 Samantha Rybka
- 8 Nidia Crocker
Mike Skinner
- 9 Rachel Dailey Gallaher
- 10 Nancy Maynard
- 11 Erick Crocker
- 12 Celia Simon
- 16 Jim Hines
- 18 Linda Gerth
- 19 Maggie Dungan
Marnie Shields
- 20 John Carter
Loffin Gerberding
- 21 Carolyn Gilliam
Ron Thompson
- 24 Ruth Ann Ludwig
Marianna Oonk
- 26 Mark Patton
Larry Strickling
Jane Walsh
- 28 Jackson Gerberding
Robert Vickers
- 29 Donald Cross
- 30 Julie Bunch Barber
Karen Hart
- 31 Vernon Law

Dear Bethel,

Thank you so much for your gift to our family. I miss James, my soul mate and love of my life. He made me a better woman. He loved this church. Thanks for being part of our family.

221st General

Assembly

June 14 - 21, 2014 -

Detroit Michigan

The 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be held from June 14 to 21, 2014 at the COBO Center in downtown Detroit, Michigan. This biennial meeting brings together commissioners and advisory delegates from all 172 presbyteries, as well as other delegates and observers from around the world.



Upcoming

General Assembly

If you want to learn a bit more about some of the major subjects to come before the PCUSA General Assembly at its meeting in June, come to the GA Preparation Class May 4, 11, and 18 during the Sunday School hour. The Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Topics to be covered are Marriage, Israel and Palestine, and Immigration reform in the USA. Wendy Neff will lead the class sharing history of these subjects within the church as well as the current business of the General Assembly. As is normally the case, the business before the General Assembly dovetails with many of the issues currently facing our nation and our world. Come and learn more!



May 2014

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 Adult 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 5 for times				1	2	3 Youth Sunday Practice 10 AM
4 GA Prep Class 9:30 AM Youth Sunday RCHS Spring Band Concert 2 PM	5 "Legacy Giving" Presentation 7 PM	6	7	8	9	10 Mother/Daughter Luncheon 12:00
11 GA Prep Class 9:30 AM Communion Sunday	12	13	14	15	16 RCHS Graduation 8 PM	17
18 GA Prep Class 9:30 AM H.O.M.E. Ofering Session 12:15	19	20	21 Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	22	23	24
25 Serve Team 12:15 PM Study Team 12:15 PM	26	27	28	29	30	31

Looking Ahead: VBS June 16-19