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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

Summer is nearly here and with it comes vacations and travel and time away. For many of our youth it will mean Montreat Youth Conference for the first time and a return mission trip to Huntsville. For many of our children, summer means John Knox Camp and VBS. For our retirees it may mean time with grandchildren and for parents with kids at home, it may mean a week without kids. Whatever summer means for you, I hope you enjoy it.

This summer for the PCUSA means a General Assembly (GA) meeting in Detroit, Michigan June 14-21. This is a biennial meeting where Presbyterians from all over the country gather for worship and business. Committees meet to hear reports and discern action on overtures. The whole body gathers to elect a new moderator and hear committee reports and act on them. The GA commissioners are joined by ecumenical and global partners, advisory delegates of youth and seminary students, and

many of our mission co-workers from around the globe.

In addition to the business before the GA, Young Adult Volunteers in Mission will be commissioned for their year of service, new mission co-workers will be commissioned for their new posts, greetings will be brought from interfaith partners, seminaries will host gatherings, churches seeking pastors and pastors seeking churches to serve will get together face to face. Relationships will be made, old friendships renewed and in some ways it will be like a giant family reunion.

Those are the good and wonderful things about General Assembly. There will also be difficult decisions made – decisions discerned with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. There will be those in the church thrilled with the decisions that are made and there will be some who are disappointed by those same decisions. So it has always been. There will be headlines in national and local papers that only hint at the

whole story of what happened at GA. There will be tweets and FB posts a plenty as well as more blogs than any one person could read.

Even now, commissioners and delegates are preparing for their service at GA. Myself and Jeff Paris are among them from our presbytery along with Rev. Miki Vanderbilt, Mrs. Brenda Hooper and Mr. Daniel Terpstra, youth advisory delegate. And so I ask your prayers for us and all the others who are preparing for GA, who are reading and praying, planning to leave families for a week. Pray also for the GA staff who coordinate this giant meeting and for the mid-council staff who will be present offering support. Indeed pray for the whole of the PCUSA in this GA year.

I look forward to sharing my experience with you all when I return. You can follow the GA and learn more about the business in front of it at www.pcusa.org.

Grace and peace, Wendy

Save the Dates! VBS is just around the corner. This year we're continuing the theme we used last year. We'll be joining hands with our friends at KUMC to host Marketplace 29 A.D., where we'll have the opportunity to learn about life in Jesus' time. Classes will be for pre-school, K-1, grades 2-3, and 4-6

MARKET- PLACE 29 A.D.

Dates: June 16-19 (Mon.-Thurs.) in Bethel's fellowship hall

Times: Dinner is at 5:30; classes from 6-8 pm

You may register your children, grandchildren, and neighborhood kids in advance or at the door. (Helpful hint: there's less confusion if they are registered in advance!)

Eric Windhausen is still looking for a few good people to help get ready for VBS; tentative plans call for meeting to assemble crafts, etc., in the evenings on June 2, 3, 4, & 5. Please come along if you can help. The work is light and the fellowship is terrific!



Also in the month of June:

Young Adults from around the Presbytery will gather at Bethel on June 14th at noon for a day to relax and have fun. We will have burgers and sides. All you need to bring is a beverage.

Hands of Mercy Food Collection

For the month of June our focus foods are Soup / Crackers. These and other non-perishable food items can be brought in throughout the month and placed in the HOME collection basket in the Gathering Area. Our in-worship collection will be Sunday, June 15th.

The Bethel Film Festival starts on Friday, June 20 at 8:30 P.M.

Watch for details in the weekly bulletin regarding the movie we will watch and other details.

Our second feature of the Bethel Film Festival will be July 11 at 9 PM.

Children's Pool Party:

The next Children's Fellowship Event will be June 22 at Melanie Sherrod's pool from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. All children are invited to this event. Bring \$2 for pizza and be ready to have a great time!

The Summer Reading Program will be starting at the Kingston Library soon. Keep this activity in mind for your children and grandchildren.

The library has also received a lunch grant to serve a Summer Food Program on Thursdays & Fridays starting in June. This is open to all children, but is especially important to children who receive free or reduced price lunches during the school year.

This year's theme is SCIENCE!!

Come join the fun this June with guests, experiments, and prizes!

June 4th / 1:00 PM

See the Amazing Barry Mitchell

June 11th / 1:00 PM

Come to the City Park to make your own SLIME!

June 18th / 2:00 PM

See the Science Guy

June 25th 1:00 PM

See experiments that you could do at home

Children of all ages are welcome free of charge.

For more information call Kingston Library at 376-9905

Opportunity for Service

Do you love Cheerios? If so, here's a quick and easy way to help out our beginning readers: Current boxes of Cheerios contain one of six different free, bilingual books for children. If you save them and pass them along to Viviana Vanegas, they can be used in her Spanish classes for elementary-age students. Thanks to Marge Hettrick for passing this tip along. For more information about this program, go to cheerios.com/cheeronreading.

The Open Door

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Bethell's Compost Bin

The Flower Ministry ladies thank Jim Schall and his team for building the nice compost bin behind the Garden area. Also, thanks to Cathy McDowell who oversaw the building of the retainer wall so that no one would fall down the hill while putting materials into the bin.

Our new compost bin was built specifically to be used for Bethel's yard, gardens, kitchen, and flower ministry. "Spent" flowers from the Sanctuary and Gathering Area must be removed on a weekly basis before new arrangements can be constructed. In the past we have taken the wilted/dead flowers home. What a thrill that we no longer have to do this!

We ask that members refrain from bringing items from their yards for our bin. One load of leaves from a yard would fill the compost bin and render it unusable for the duration.

caring for
GOD'S
earth

Below is a list of items which can be composted:
Wilted/dead flowers
Yard vegetation
Any old fruits/vegetables, such as banana peels, potato skins, apple cores/peels, grapefruit and melon rinds, etc. However, any melon rinds must be cut into small pieces; ALWAYS cover or bury fruits/veggies with dirt after placing into bin.
Crushed egg shells
Coffee grounds and tea leaves/bags

Below are things which can NOT be composted:
Absolutely NO meat or any meat products or fat, grease, oil
NO tree branches, sticks, leaves and dead shrubs (No woody items)
NO pine cones and pine needles
No plastic bags, string, rubber bands, etc.
Woody items/pine cones take years to decompose; pine cones/needles are too acidic.

Periodically, top soil or dirt will be added to speed up decomposing of materials.

Thank you for your co-operation.
The Flower Ministry

Oklahoma!

*Oh, What a Beautiful Morning /
The Surrey with the Fringe on
Top / People Will Say We're in
Love / Oklahoma!*

Come and hear all these beautiful tunes, plus others in the classic Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, **OKLAHOMA!**
Dianne Griffith stars as Aunt Eller

Tennessee Valley Theater

184 West Jackson Avenue
Spring City, TN

June 13-22

Friday and Saturday night performances at 7:30 P. M.
Sunday afternoon performances at 2:00 P. M.
1-423-365-7529
Tickets: 12.00; Student: 10.00
Group discount (15+ reservations required) \$1.00 off

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Wayne Hensley, beloved husband of Mary Ann, who joined the Church Triumphant on May 5, 2014. Mary Ann Hensley previously served as the organist at Bethel. Please remember the family in your prayers. Cards may be sent to:
Mary Ann Hensley
345 Monticello
Drive
Lenoir City,
TN 37771



Memorials were received in the month of May for:

In memory of Marc Sherrod from
Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Charles W. Pickel from
Tom and Jane Pickel

In memory of Mrs. Page from
Dave and Nancy Braski
Gary and Dianne Griffith

In memory of Ginny Warlick from
Jennifer L. Warlick

memorials
& gifts

The community of Bethel Presbyterian Church extends our deepest sympathy to Liz Singley and her extended family on the death of Liz's aunt, Anne Goslin. Please remember the family, especially Liz and her cousin, Susan, in your prayers.

summer 2014 activities

June 1-7 Montreat

June 11-Swimming at Melanie Sherrod's house

June 12-14 REACH (Middle School Mission Trip)

June 26-28 GO 4.0 (High School Mission Trip)

July 16-Gathering at Andy and Micki's house

July 31- August 3- Ground Zero

Seniors-Watch for details regarding our Senior day at Camp P.



Youth Calendar for June/July

2014 transitions fellowship summer activities

June 3- No Fellowship

June 17-Gathering at William & Virginia Fowler's house and recognition of our college graduates.


July 1-Movie (Saved!)

July 12- Lake day at Will's house.

July 29- Gathering at Jennie Morris's house.

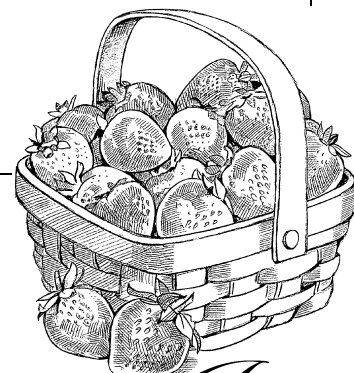


Transitions Fellowship Calendar for June/July

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Communion Sunday Faith Team 12:15						June
Youth Retreat at Montreat, NC June 1-7						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pentecost Sunday			Youth: Swim- ming @ Sher- rod's		Oklahoma! @TN Valley Theater Thru June 22	Photo Gp. @ 10 AM Young Adults Gathering @ Bethel @Noon General As- sembly Begins
					Middle School Mission Trip	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
HOME Offering General Assembly in Detroit	General Assembly in Detroit VBS 5:30-8 PM	General Assembly in Detroit Transitions Gathering VBS 5:30-8 PM	General Assembly in Detroit VBS 5:30-8 PM	General Assembly in Detroit VBS 5:30-8 PM	General Assembly in Detroit Bethel Film Festival 8:30 PM	General Assembly in Detroit
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Children's Pool Party 5 PM						
				High School Mission Trip		
29	30	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 Yoga: Thursdays 5:30 PM 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: check page 4 for times				
Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15 5th Sunday Worship 6:30 @ MCCX						

Birthdays for June:

2: Carol Brown / 3: Maria Gasparetti / 4: Louise Pickel / 5: Dick Maynard / 8: Kaylee Brown / 9: Kelly Shadden Maddux, Tauno Maki, Susannah Morgan / 10: Danny Holloway / 12: Doug Brown, George Warlick / 14: Mike McElhinney / 15: Ellen Dailey, Jesse Richmond, Jordan Sherrod, Nelda Toon / 18: Linda Jones / 19: Linda Brown / 22: Wayne Jackson, Sr., Willie Mae Meers, John Parkinson / 24: John Richmond / 25: Dave Braski, Chuck Garner / 27: Micki Anderson / 28: Marilyn Harris / 29: Kerry Hyder



June