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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

There is so much pain and strife, so much uncertainty and sadness in the world right now. This prayer was offered by our denominational leaders and I offer it to you. May it give us hope, move us to act, and ground us in faith. *Let us pray:*

God of light we praise you for the wonder and glory of this world and the many blessings we have received. Still, at times the darkness is like a night and it feels you have hidden your face from your people. The most vulnerable and innocent among us seem to be hemmed in by violence and conflict. This week we realized that no place is safe—not home, not a 2,000-mile trek through rainforests and deserts, not 30,000 feet up. Yet, we profess that you know all things, count the hair on our heads, and know our rising and our sitting. How can this be?

God we are saddened by the news reports of people taken

too soon from this world and we shake our head with disbelief when we see the bodies of children carrying the ravages of war. It seems as though the only ones in the crosshairs of violence are those with no power, little to gain, and much to lose. They pay with the thing you hold most precious, the very breath you breathed into our lungs.

May your Spirit of peace and wisdom descend on the Middle East. May the words and actions of Abram haunt the leaders of Palestine and Israel. May they rescue one another, become great nations, and bless all peoples on earth. Protect the innocent and send prophets among them and their leaders to find a just resolution.
Grant this through Christ our Lord

Wars rage on the ground, the sea, and in the air in the Ukraine, Somalia, Syria, Iraq,

and many other places. Families mourn the loss of loved ones and are robbed of hope for a future for their children. Help us see the painful reality that conflict zones cannot be contained. Comfort the grieving and burden the rest of us with this senseless loss of life. Open the way for aid agencies and those offering relief, give them courage and resources to ease the immediate suffering they encounter.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Walk with children fleeing homes terrorized by gang violence, crushing poverty, and drug wars. We know they carry a singular hope, to have abundant life that you have promised us. The journey is fraught with danger and uncertainty.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Break our hearts Holy God by the reality that faces so many of your people. Let the scales fall from our eyes so that we may...

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see how our own choices and passive acceptance of U.S. and international policies contribute to unrest and injustice.

Grant this through Christ our Lord

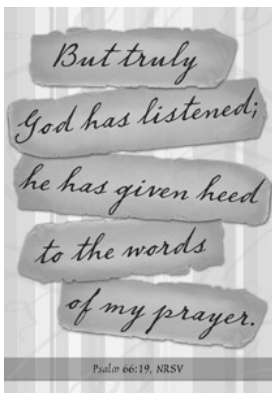
God grant us the grace and courage to work for all these things that we pray. Help turn sadness into righteous anger and action. May we know your ways, and beat our weapons of destruction into instruments of reconciliation and creation. It is an honor to be agents of your peace so that this world will know and confess your name.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

**Grace and peace,
Wendy**

Save the date...

We are planning an intergenerational trip to the Center for Human & Civil Rights in Atlanta, GA. We would leave Bethel in the morning, go to the Center, eat lunch and return in the late afternoon. Tentative date is Thursday, August 7. You can go to the following website to learn more. There are one or two spaces left on the bus, so check with Will Purushotham if you'd like to go along.



H.O.M.E. Food Collection

For the month of August our focus foods are oatmeal / cereal. These and other additional food items can be brought in through-out the month and placed in the HOME collection basket in the Gathering Area. Our in-worship collection will take place on Sunday, Aug. 17. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry and helping to feed hungry families in our community.



The Russians are Coming!

On Friday, Aug. 8 at 8:30 PM we will conclude our Bethel Family Film Festival with the 1960's comedy, **The Russians are coming! The Russians are coming!** The film depicts the chaos which ensues during the [Cold War](#) when a [Soviet submarine](#) accidentally runs aground on a small [New England](#) island. The film stars [Carl Reiner](#), [Eva Marie Saint](#), [Alan Arkin](#), [Brian Keith](#), & [Jonathan Winters](#).



Rally Day is scheduled for August 10th. This is the Sunday that we promote children and youth to their new grade in Sunday School. Join us for a great morning of a light breakfast and fellowship at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. More information will be announced soon.

New Adult Class begins Aug 10

Pastor Wendy will lead a class on [Reading the Bible](#). Anyone interested in learning more about the Reformed approach to reading the Bible, gaining a few more Bible study skills and generally learning more about Scripture is welcome to join this four week class. The class will meet Aug 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

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 the new and improved AARP Smart Driver Course is for you.

Join us on Monday and Tuesday, August 18th and 19th, 2014 at the Kingston Community Center located at 1004 Bradford Way, Kingston 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 vehicle insurance rates. Cost of the class will be \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members to cover the cost of the materials. Refreshments will be provided.

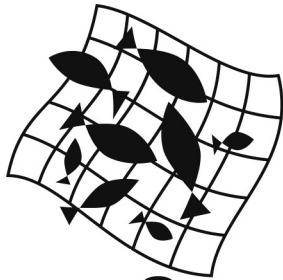
Please call Mid-East Community Action Agency Senior Services to pre-register at 354-0450 ext. 228.

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Coming in September!!!

In September we will offer a new Sunday school class called Feasting on the Word. This is a new curriculum that uses the Revised Common Lectionary. The RCL, as it is commonly known, is set up for the church/liturgical year. You will notice that each week before the sermon there is a reading from the Hebrew Bible, a Psalm, a reading from the Epistles, and a Gospel reading. This is the lectionary text.



Sunday School NEW CLASS OFFERING

Our new adult class as well as the youth and children will be able to follow along with one of the lectionary texts for each Sunday. The class time will have readings, discussions and activities. The Sunday morning worship and sermon will connect everything that was talked about in Sunday school.

Families can take time during their week to discuss what they heard and learned during the previous Sunday school and worship.



Equal Exchange & Bethel's Wholesale Club

Equal Exchange is a worker-owned cooperative that has been leading the authentic Fair Trade movement and creating big change since 1986. They believe in a fair and honest trade system that empowers both farmers and consumers. With our help, they are creating a more equitable, democratic, and sustainable world.

When you purchase Equal Exchange items through the Bethel Wholesale Club you can feel good knowing that every single one of your purchases directly benefits and strengthens the hardworking people and communities that produce the products. In the last 9 months 24 club members have purchased about \$3,400 of coffee, chocolate, and olive oil. The next order period will be during the first two weeks of September and if you order, you automatically join the club. Also, the club has a few extra standard items left from our July order so contact Carol Brown, 865-376-7171, if you run out of coffee or olive oil before September.

Bethel Fall Festival 2014

Mark your calendars! The time is upon us again to host the Bethel Fall Festival 2014. The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday September 20, 2014 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. The festival will be open to the community, presenting live music, a marketplace with baked goods, honey, & hand crafted items, games for kids, a book fair, a petting zoo, and food from our fellowship breakfast and café lunch. The proceeds of the Fall Festival will go to Mid-East Senior Nutrition Program (Mobile Meals), Michael Dunn, and the Second Harvest Backpack Program. We are in need of items for the Marketplace (baked goods, arts and crafts, and select silent auction items) and volunteer workers for the bake sale and various other assignments. You will see other mentions of the festival in the church bulletin and postings around the church that will identify volunteer positions for assistance that need to be filled. The Volunteer Sign-up Sheet will be on the community table in the Gathering Area with more detail. Donated items for the Marketplace Silent Auction should be brought to the church office by 12 noon on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Baked goods can be delivered up to the day of the festival. Everyone is asked to participate to make this our best year ever!! All of us are blessed with abundance by God's grace and this is a wonderful opportunity to give back to Him and put a smile on Jesus' heart. Thank you for all of your support.



School is back in session! Where did the summer go? There are plenty of activities going on at Bethel Presbyterian Youth Ministry.

August 9-Senior Day at Camp P! Graduated Seniors, come to Will's house for a day of relaxation and fun. There will be basketball, tennis, volleyball, lake time, burgers and more! The fun starts at 11:30 AM.

August 12- Take Time Worship with Terrie Winkle. 7 PM in the Bethel Sanctuary

August (Date TBA) -We need your help to serve refreshments at Band Camp!! We will meet in the KUMC parking lot to prep at 9:30 AM. We will be back to the church at 10:45 AM

August 17-Lake Day (Watch for more information coming soon.)

August 18-Midway Breakfast Club at 6:45 AM at Handee Burger

August 19- RCHS & Cherokee Breakfast Club at McDonald's 7:30 AM

August 20-Bethel Family Dinner at 6:30 and movie night.

Coming Soon in September

September 7- BINGO at Wellington Place; we will leave the KUMC parking lot at 6:15 and play BINGO with the residents and return at 7:45 PM.

September 14-Rafting on the Ocoee \$32

September 20- Fall Festival! We need your help with this great event! We will need help selling breakfast items, lunch and dinner. The money raised supports local ministries.

September 21-No Youth
September 26-28- Middle School Fall Retreat at Camp John Knox



What is the Garden?

The Garden is located behind Bethel. We need volunteers on a weekly basis to water, weed and work with the compost pile.

Transitions Fellowship

Transitions Fellowship is open to anyone ages 18-?. Join us for food, fellowship and fun! We meet on the third floor at Bethel or a fellowship member's home for food and study every other Tuesday night and we are always looking for ministry opportunities within our community.

August 12- Take Time Worship with Terrie Winkle. 7 PM in the Bethel Sanctuary

August 17- Lunch after Church! We will leave at 12:15 after church and return around 2 PM.

August 23- We are considering making an intergenerational trip to the Center for Human & Civil Rights in Atlanta, GA. Our departure time is 8 AM from the Bethel parking lot, head to Atlanta and return in the late afternoon. Let me know if you are interested.

August 26- Fellowship at Bethel; 7 PM.

August 27-Chillax @ 1:30 PM. Meet in the Bethel parking lot. Leave work at work and your troubles at home.

Coming Soon!!!

Young Adult Fall Retreat
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Our General Fund Giving & Summary of Expenses

Updated 6/30/14

	Actual	Budgeted	\$ of Budget
Operating Income	\$129,709.05	\$273,581.00	47.41%
Operating Expenses	<u>\$137,756.07</u>	\$273,581.00	50.35%
Shortage	-\$8,047.02		

A look at our Mortgage Debt

Updated 3/31/14

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

	YTD 6/30/14
Gifts, Pledges & Building Use Income	\$34,852.50

Monthly Payments	Balance
PILP	5,700.87
PET Loan	450.00
Other Bldg Ln	<u>833.30</u>
	6,984.17
	<u>918,800.20</u>

Expenses	<u>\$47,719.45</u>
Excess/(Deficit)	<u>-\$12,866.95</u>

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

Gifts have been recieved in memory of Anne Smith from:

Tom and Jane Pickel
Lee and Melanie Peterson
Fay Adams
D. Warren, Katherine and
Tarwater Smith

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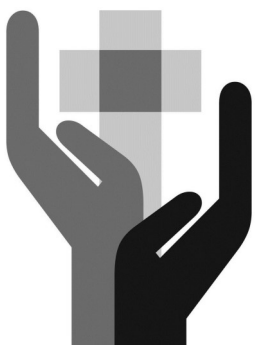
The Generosity Team

continues to be excited about the resources of the Presbyterian Foundation. We hope that you have been able to attend one of the programs presented by our ministry relations officer, Robert Hay, Jr. At our last seminar in the spring, Mr. Hay focused on personal wills and faith legacies. Only 39% of Americans have a will. Estate planning offers Presbyterians the opportunity to make an enduring statement of faith. He reminded us that even a small asset can be turned into a gift which support your choices in eternity. His discussion enlightened us to titling from an estate, life insurance beneficiary options and gifting real estate & non-traditional assets (ex. Art/coin collections, business interests, etc.). He discussed at length endowment funds, charitable gift funds and various trust options.

Watch your Sunday bulletin for an opportunity to participate in an upcoming workshop on estate planning and preparing your personal will. Whether you choose to include charitable giving in your estate or not, this workshop will be helpful to all. We have some great resources to work with that have been provided by the Presbyterian Foundation folks.

If you would like to know more about your options in charitable giving, please contact Robert. He would be glad to answer your questions regarding your gift options.

Robert Hay, Jr.
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Ministry Relations Officer
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Prayer Requests

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Jamestowne

**851 Lawnville Road,
Kingston 37763**

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

Wellington Place

**1098 Bradford Way,
Kingston 37763**

Jack & Sue Muecke Room 206

Atchley TN State Veterans' Home

1 Veterans Way, Knoxville 37931

Jan Parker

At home:

Don Dice, Marnie Shields,
Jim & Mary B Hines, Lois (*friend of Linda Preston*), Molly Cooper (*Chris Badger's daughter*), Dianne Swinler (*Brenda Strickling's sister*), Harold and Martha Underwood (*Anita Richmond's parents*).

Cards and Letters

A Thank You card from the Jackson Family:

With our true appreciation for your warmth and thoughtfulness. Thanks to our church family for their love and support of our son Paul Jackson, Jr. We never new people cared that much. Love, Paul Sr., April, Paul Jr., and Will Jackson.

Two Notes from Corey Preston:

Dear Bethel Family,
Thank you for the picture frame. I have placed on the top of my desk down-stairs. Every time I look at the diploma it reminds me of all the friends and memories I make during my years in high school. I appreciate your generosity. Love, Corey

Someone gave me \$20.00 graduation money. It was in a red card. No one signed their name on the card, so I can't send them a thank you note. Whoever was nice enough to give me this money; I truly appreciate it. I am saving it to go toward books for my fall semester at Roane State.
Sincerely, Corey Preston



August Birthdays:

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|----|-------------------|
| 3 | Alf Rybka |
| 4 | Steve Jacks |
| 7 | Jeremiah Jacks |
| 9 | Pablo Crocker |
| 10 | Treavor Cribbs |
| | Joan Pharis |
| 15 | Jason Brown |
| 17 | Margaret Murr |
| 20 | James Condon |
| 21 | Amy Coen |
| 22 | Rachel Cutts |
| 24 | Sue Muecke |
| 25 | Frederick Morgan |
| 26 | Julie Coen |
| | Jan Parker |
| 29 | Jeremy Gerberding |
| 31 | Carolyn Tulley |

In memoriam

With gratitude to God for the gift of her life, we mourn the passing of our sister in Christ, Addie "Mac" Robbins.
December 1, 1912 – July 24, 2014

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy and love to Terry, Charity, Brandi and all of their extended family in this time of sorrow.

Please remember the family in your prayers.

A funeral service is planned for Saturday, August 2 1:00 PM at Bethel.

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Immigration Forum on the Unaccompanied Children at the Border—Sunday, August 3 Pastor Wendy will share with us how the PCUSA is involved in this immigration/ refugee crisis and together we will brainstorm how we at Bethel can be involved in a positive way. Come Sunday, Aug 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the FH for this timely conversation.					1	2
3 Communion Sunday Faith Team 12:15 Special Dinner 6:00	4	5	6	7 Trip to Civil & Human Rights Museum in At- lanta	8 Film Festival 8:30 PM	9 Digital Arts Group 10 AM
10 Rally Day 9:30	11	12 Transitions: Take Time Worship 7 PM	13	14	15	16
17 H.O.M.E. Food Offering Session 12:15	18	19	20 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Study Team 12:15 Serve Team 12:15 5th Sunday Worship 6:30	Weekly Happenings: 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 Yoga: Thurs. 5:30-7:15 Scouts: Boy Scouts 7:00, Cub Scouts Tues. 6:30 Bethel Youth Ministry: Sundays and Wednesdays; check page 4 for times					