

"Through Jesus,
therefore, let us
continually offer to
God a sacrifice of praise —
the fruit of lips that confess his name."

Hebrews 13:15, NIV

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The Open Door

November 2014

Dear Friends,

We have had a very full and exciting year so far at Bethel. This year has seen changes in staff and programming that have benefitted our ministry and mission in amazing ways. Teams have been faithfully discerning what God is calling us to do and Session has been faithfully steering our sailboat in the direction God is leading us. Already we have a great course set for next year that includes another congregational retreat, Montreat for the youth, a mission trip to Guatemala along with a Pancake Supper, Lenten studies and service opportunities, and worship that continues to nurture and challenge us all.

We are part of a legacy of faith here at Bethel. This church has been faithfully serving in this place for nearly 200 years. There are many deeply rooted traditions that carry us along the centuries and there are ever new possibilities that

capture our imaginations and thus our ministry. The foundation built in 1818 is literally still with us in the labyrinth and pathway that is next to it. It is an amazing image on our property to see those original foundation bricks first used to hold up the church building, now used to guide our feet along the path of faith formation as we wind through the labyrinth or walk the pathway to the porch to sit in awe of God's creation. The new and the old ever faithfully held together.

Just as those first members contributed those first bricks, each of us in sharing our gifts and talents contributes our brick to the pathway of faith at Bethel. So as we near the end of one church liturgical year and prepare to begin another with Advent, it is a good time to reflect on the gifts we have been given and called to share at Bethel, knowing that all of us

matter no matter if we think our gifts, our bricks, are large or small, all of them together create a strong pathway of faith.

Commit to being part of the great witness of this community of faith at Bethel and join us on Commitment Sunday, Nov 16, as we bring our commitments of time and talent and present them to God in worship. If you aren't able to be in worship on Nov 16, you can still make your commitment by returning the forms you will receive in the mail.

Through God's providence and grace we have much to share and much to contribute. I look forward to this new year in ministry and mission together, excited and hopeful for the plans we have made and the new possibilities that will emerge. I am grateful to be walking this pathway of faith with you.

*Grace and peace,
Wendy*

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 9 immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear the Nominating Committee's Report and vote on the nominees for the Session (4) & Board of Trustees (1). All church members should plan to attend.

Alternative Christmas Market

Bethel's Annual Alternative Christmas Market will be Sunday, Nov 16. The ever popular olive wood gifts from Pal Craft Aid will be available as will opportunities to buy "gifts" from Heifer as well as local ministries. Come, shop, support artisans, buy fair trade and give gifts that make a difference in the lives of people around the world.



Generosity Team

Fall is here and colors are emerging. In the church calendar, this time of year also coincides with our reflection with what we have done in the past year as Christians and what we will be doing in the next year to further the work and missions of Bethel. This year our theme is based on the *Church's One Foundation*. Wendy's letter on the cover of this OPEN DOOR explains more.

To celebrate a new season of commitment, the Generosity Team will be giving or sending out a packet of information. Inside this packet you will find a letter from Wendy, a copy of the Opportunity catalog, a copy of 2014 Narrative Budget, a commitment "brick" card and a blank envelope. There are packets for adult members, young adults, and children. These packets will be in the Gathering Area beginning on November 2. We urge you to pick them up on the November 2nd or 9th. After the 9th any

packet not picked up will be sent to members by mail. What do you do with the information in the packet? We ask you to read the material and prayerfully review and evaluate your relationship with Bethel Presbyterian Church and its mission and ministry. How can you help build the foundation of Bethel with your time, talents, and financial resources? Then fill out the brick card and seal it inside the envelope on which you have written your name and address. During the service on Commitment Sunday, November 16th, a portion of the service will be dedicated to members of the congregation placing their sealed envelopes into the model of Bethel. You will be adding your brick to the foundation and future ministries of Bethel. No one but you will see the content of your sealed envelope. The envelope will be mailed back to you in mid-2015. If you aren't going to be at the service on the 16th, you can send or drop off your envelope at the office.

Christmas Baskets & Angel Tree

If you have been waiting to hear that the time has come to donate toward Christmas baskets, wait no longer. The time has come. Donations are welcome! Christmas baskets will be distributed at Hanging of the Greens on Dec 7. Also watch for the Angel tree to go up the second week of November. Those gifts will need to be wrapped and returned to the church by Sunday, Nov 30.

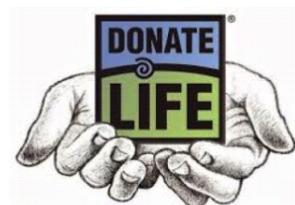
Friday, November 14, 2014 to Sunday, November 16, 2014

is National Donor Sabbath.

During this time, members of faith communities focus on the life-affirming gifts of hope passed to others by organ, eye, tissue, marrow and blood donors.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), "recognizes the life-giving benefits of organ and tissue donation, and thereby encourages all Christians to become organ and tissue donors as a part of their ministry to others ..." (*Minutes of the*

195th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) (Louisville: Office of the General Assembly, 1983), 97, 846)



Give thanks. Give life.

The need is great. Thank you for remembering.

H.O.M.E. Food Collection

For the month of November our focus items will be **personal grooming items** (Soap, shampoo, toothbrushes & toothpaste, shaving needs). These items plus 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, November 16th. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry and helping to provide needed items to families in our community.

Desserts, Anyone?

As a part of our ongoing ministry to inmates at the Morgan County Prison, we have been asked to provide desserts for approximately 160 inmates for their annual Christmas Dinner on December 1st. If you can help out, please contact Karen Schall and let her know what you can bring.

Advent Workshop

You will want to be at Bethel on Nov 23 at 4pm for the Advent Workshop. Young and old will gather to create a variety of art pieces to be used each Sunday of Advent. We will be working with a variety of mediums and Micki Anderson will be ably leading us in the fun. Come create with us and then watch each Sunday of Advent as your pieces are used in worship. Everyone is welcome!

Save the Date!!!

Join us December 7 for the Hanging of the Greens celebration from 3 PM until 8 PM. We will spend the afternoon and



Deck the Halls

evening decorating and preparing the church for the Advent season. We will also be distributing Christmas Baskets and gifts.

All activities will start at 3 p.m. and will include; decorating the church building, craft activities for children and adults in the Fellowship Hall, gifts and Christmas basket distribution in the Gathering Area and the outdoor Nativity will be set up outside. A sandwich and soup meal will be provided and cupcakes for dessert. The evening will end with a worship service to start the Advent season.

Intergenerational Advent Study

Join us during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 A.M. for our intergenerational Advent study in the Fellowship Hall. Children, youth and adults are invited as we take time during the busy season to be still, reflect and ponder the meaning of Advent. There will be discussion, activities and more! This study will start on Sunday, November 30 and end on Sunday, December 21.

Coming Soon!!!

The Bethel Family Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, February 7th through Sunday, February 8th of 2015. We hope that you can join us at John Knox for relaxation and renewal. The retreat will consist of three sessions of study and discussion, free time, fellowship and worship. Childcare will be provided. In regards to housing, there will be a variety of choices. We will have handicap and singles lodging available in the dorm facility. Each dorm room houses four people and will cost \$50 for the weekend. Families can choose to stay in a cabin by themselves or join another family. The cabins house eight people and will cost \$90 for the

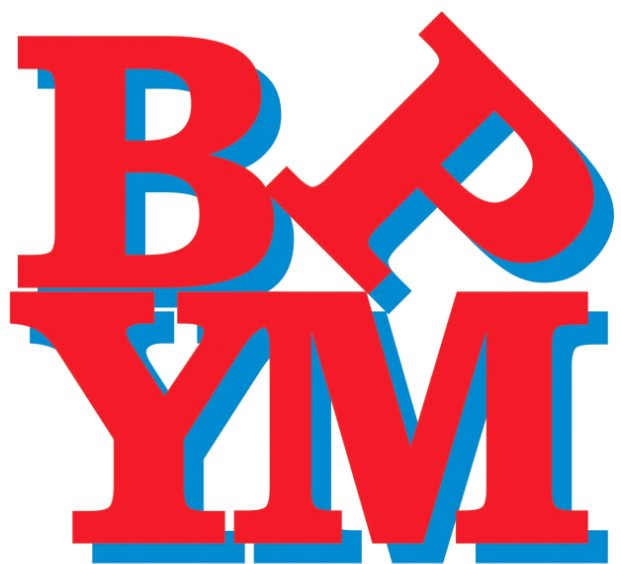


weekend. If you would like to stay in your bed at home and commute, the cost is \$23. Food costs per person are listed below.

- \$23 (11 years & up)
- \$11.50 (5-10 years old)
- Free (under 5 years old)
- \$23 (only staying for meals & sessions)

More information will be available soon.

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Bethel Presbyterian
Youth Ministry

November is here!
Cooler weather, turkey,
and the
start of Advent!

November:

November 2 Box of Questions @ 6 PM

November 9 Box of Questions Bring yours! Meet at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

November 9th is also Buddy's Race for the Cure. I know some of you might be participating in the race but Youth will meet at 6 PM.

November 10 Breakfast Club for Midway students. Meet at 6:45 AM at Handee Burger.

November 11 Breakfast Club for RCHS & Cherokee students. Meet at 6:45 AM at Handee Burger.

November 16 Final night of Box of Questions

November 23 Advent **Workshop** (Bring your famliiy)

November 27 Turkey Day!!!

Upcoming Events:

December 7- Hanging of the Greens (Watch your emails and text messages for more information)

December 14-Christmas Party: More information to come.

And...Caroling, Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army and more!!! **Stay tuned!!!**

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Our General Fund Giving & Summary of Expenses

Updated 9/30/14

	Actual	Budgeted	% of Budget
Operating Income	\$184,496.08	\$273,581.00	67.44%
Operating Expenses	<u>\$199,469.44</u>	\$273,581.00	72.91%
Shortage	-\$14,973.36		

Something to Celebrate - Look how close we are to dropping below \$900,000!

Updated 9/30/14

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

	YTD	
	9/30/14	
Gifts, Pledges & Building Use Income	\$56,198.50	
<u>Monthly Payments</u>		<u>Balance</u>
PILP 5,700.87		785,602.82
PET Loan 450.00		77,864.24
Other		
Bldg Ln <u>833.30</u>		<u>41,396.90</u>
6,984.17		904,863.96
Expenses	<u>31,750.89</u>	
Excess/(Deficit)	<u>\$24,447.61</u>	



The excess goes to our mortgage reserve account to cover any future deficits. Our goal is have a 6 months reserve.
Our current reserve is just over 3 months.

2015 Mission Trip to Guatemala



The Service Team is excited to announce that the session approved a mission trip to Guatemala in 2015. Adults and youth at least 15 years old are invited to be a part of the group that will travel June 20 -27, 2015. We will be working with the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America, CEDEPCA, a PCUSA global partner and the organization recommended by our mission co-worker, Amanda Craft. CEDEPCA is an institution that works to transform lives and realities by offering education, accompaniment, and safe reflection spaces to women and men of diverse Christian traditions and communities.

Our Bethel group will participate in the Intercultural Encounters Program of CEDEPCA. Intercultural Encounters is a program that designs and facilitates experiences of encounter, reflection, dialogue and mutual service between people of the United States and Canada with Central American communities in search of a more just, tolerant and equitable world. Specifically our group will be learning about the factors in Guatemala that influence immigration to the US and learn how to be advocates for peace and justice in that context.

If you are interested and would like to go, please talk to Wendy or Will.



Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

The Bridge at Rockwood

Dick Hettrick Room 221

Jamestowne

851 Lawnville Road,
Kingston 37763

Ruth Ann Ludwig Room 308
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

Remember in Prayer

Marge & Rev. Dick Hettrick,,
Jan Parker,
Jim & Mary B Hines,
Molly Cooper (*Chris Badger's daughter*),
Dianne Swinler
Brenda Strickling's sister),
Harold and Martha Underwood (*Anita Richmond's parents*).



In memory of Anne Smith from:
David M. Trundle
Dick Evans and Celia Simon

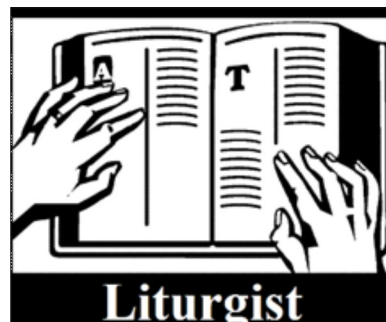
In memory of Mac Robbins from:
Margaret J. Halsey
Dick Evans and Celia Simon

In memory of Marnie Shields from:
Tom and Jane Pickel
Dick Evans and Celia Simon

In memory of Marc Sherrod from:
Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Teresa Hettrick from:
Liz Singley

Liturgist Sign Ups



If you are interested in serving as a liturgist, please sign up in the white binder outside the sanctuary in the Gathering Area on the date that best works for you. Signing up in advance is welcomed and encouraged. Thank you for sharing your gifts in this way

Birthdays for November



- 1 Josh Brown
Diego Vanegas
- 2 Jack McNew
- 3 Julie Hart
Helen Roostee
- 9 Chelsea Richmond
- 10 Nancy Landers
- 11 Lyric Rivera
- 12 Leonard Kirby
- 13 Charlie King
- 16 Eyan Choate
- 20 Bill Shadden
- 21 Brian Shelby
- 25 Jimmy Walker
- 28 Andy Avel
- 29 Cyndi Fowler
Bryson Turnbill





November

Weekly Events: 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 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 / check page 4 for times and events						1
2 Communion Sunday Faith Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Congrega- tional Meeting after worship	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Commitment Sunday HOMEIOffering Alternative Christmas Mar- ket Session 12:15	17	18	19 Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Sup- per 6:30	20	21	22
23 Advent Workshop 4:00	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day / Office Closed	28	29
30 Advent Study begins 9:30 Angel Tree gifts due today						

Looking Ahead: Hanging of the Greens and Distribution of Christmas Baskets, Sunday, December 7th beginning at 3:00