

# Bethel Presbyterian Church

203 S. Kentucky Street  
Kingston, TN 37763

To Contact Us:

Phone: 865.376.6340

Fax: 865.376.6390



# The Open Door

Volume 12, No. 3

March 2015

## Dear Friends,

What a couple of weeks it has been in East Tennessee! We are into the second week of Lent yet for most of us it hardly feels like it. Weather caused us to cancel our Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, Ash Wednesday Worship Service and worship on the First Sunday of Lent. If you are feeling like it's difficult to journey in Lent when we never really started the journey, I encourage you to read Psalm 51 as a family/personal devotion then remind yourself of the words we hear on Ash Wednesday, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Hopefully that will give you the start you need to be on this Lenten journey.

Lent is a time for reflection about the ways that we have or have not faithfully lived into the covenant God made with us. It is a time to honestly look at the ways we missed the mark and could do better. It is a time to confess, repent, learn to

live more faithfully. Lent is a time to have the best in us affirmed so that we can witness more fully to the transforming love of God.

We will be preparing once again to receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday. This offering supports the ministries of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self Development of People. These ministries make a huge difference the lives of many near and far. There will be calendars available in the Gathering Area for you to take and use in your daily devotion that will help you understand the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering even as you contribute toward it.

May this Lenten Journey be a faithful one for us all.

**Grace and peace,  
Wendy**



The group going to Guatemala in June is getting ready through orientations and some language training. On Sunday, March 29, the entire congregation has the opportunity to learn more about Guatemala from our own Mark Banker. Mark will share some history and background after we have shared an authentic Guatemalan meal of chicken and pork tacos prepared by our own Viviana Vanegas and Nidia Crocker. I am assured by the cooks that the tacos are not spicy! Mark your calendar now to stay after worship on Mar 29, eat great food and learn more about Guatemala, and support those going on the mission trip.

## SOS (Save Our Saturdays)

Service Opportunities for Lent  
 February 28 - Love Kitchen  
 Rockwood 5 pm --contact  
 Marge Hettrick for what food  
 you need to bring  
 March 14 - Paint bathrooms,  
 etc. at Michael Dunn group  
 home 10 am till 2 pm  
 March 28 - Carpet Removal  
 at Family Promise House 10  
 am till 2 pm  
 April 4 - River clean-up at  
 John Knox Center 10 am till  
 2 pm

Questions? Contact Celia  
 Simon 865-603-0307 (text or  
 voice) or [celiatn@gmail.com](mailto:celiatn@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

**April 2** Maundy Thursday

**April 3** Good Friday

**April 5** Easter!!! Our Savior is  
 risen!

Sunrise Service

Easter Breakfast to fol-  
 low

All children are invited to  
 participate in an egg hunt at  
 the Bethel cemetery More  
 details will be coming soon.

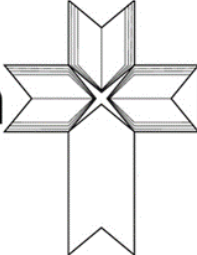
**April 12** Youth Sunday!!!

**April 18** Guatemala Yard  
 Sale Fundraiser (We still need  
 your help, even if you are not  
 going on the trip.)

We will soon be starting to  
 work on *The Garden* and we  
 will need your help!

# The Open Door

## Christian Formation



Adult Sunday School: The  
 "Library Class" will begin dis-  
 cussing James Martin's *Jesus*  
 - A Pilgrimage on March 8

*"James Martin's riveting new  
 meditation on Jesus is one of  
 the best books I've read in  
 years—on any subject. Jesus  
 is a love letter to the first cen-  
 tury radical Martin has de-  
 voted his life to following.  
 Bravo, Father Martin, for writ-  
 ing a must-read."* (Mary Karr,  
 author of *Lit*)

*"Do we really need yet an-  
 other book about Jesus? If  
 the book is this one, the an-  
 swer is yes, we do. Jim Mar-  
 tin's approach to a well  
 picked-over subject is  
 unique and original, and it  
 will net the reader a glimpse  
 into the Nazarene not availa-  
 ble elsewhere."* (Harvey Cox,  
 Hollis Research Professor of  
 Divinity, Harvard Divinity  
 School)

As always we welcome any-  
 one and everyone! They  
 can contact me - 376-2118  
 OR

[Mark\\_banker@Webbschool.org](mailto:Mark_banker@Webbschool.org)  
 - if they have any ques-  
 tions. We meet at 9:30 in the  
 Barber Library.

*Please note that the Inter-  
 generational Study has been  
 cancelled during the month  
 of March. We will keep you  
 updated about scheduling  
 our next intergenerational  
 study.*

**March 4 @ 6:30 pm** Guate-  
 mala Mission Trip meeting

**March 14 10 am - 2 pm** Paint  
 bathrooms, etc. at a Michael  
 Dunn group home.

**March 15 @ 12 pm** Annual  
 meeting and lunch. Pro-  
 ceeds from lunch will support  
 the Guatemala mission trip.

No evening activities! Have a  
 safe Spring Break!

**March 16-20** Spring Break

**March 18 @ 6:30 pm** Fellow-  
 ship Supper

**March 28 10 am - 2 pm** Car-  
 pet Removal at Family Prom-  
 ise House

**March 29 (Palm Sunday)**

**@ 12 pm** Viviana Vanegas &  
 Nidia Crocker will prepare a  
 congregational meal. Pro-  
 ceeds will support the Gua-  
 temala mission trip.

**April 4 10 am - 2 pm** River  
 cleanup at John Knox Cen-  
 ter

# The Open Door

## Serve Team: IS ALL FAIR TRADE THE SAME?

Someone recently asked, "Are the fair trade items in the grocery store the same as the fair trade items we buy through Equal Exchange?" The short answer is--- It's complicated.



Fair Trade started with individual companies called Alternative Trade Organizations (ATOs), who made a commitment to work directly with indigenous peoples and to market their products directly to consumers. ATOs were able to pay farmers substantially more while offering a competitive product. They challenged the existing trade models that favored large plantations, agri-business, and multinational organizations. Equal Exchange, an early ATO, was established in 1986 as a worker owned democratic cooperative.

In 1997, with the growth of the ATO companies, the Fairtrade Labeling Organization (FLO) was formed. In 2003 the FLO created two divisions. The first, FLO International, sets the

standards, which are developed and reviewed by members, producers, traders, and external experts. The second division, FLO-CERT, operates independently from any other interests and certifies products as meeting the standards set by the FLO-International.

Until 2011, you could be sure that a product labeled as Fair Trade was certified through FLO-CERT and met all the standards established by FLO. In 2011, TransFair USA left the FLO organization, becoming Fair Trade USA. The internationally agreed upon standards for use of the fair trade label have not existed since 2011.

Equal Exchange receives fair trade certification from FLO and from the Institute from Market Ecology (IMO). In addition, they are members of the Fair Trade Federation, an organization that promotes greater justice in the global economic system.

To be continued... What do the different labels mean?

## Equal Exchange Wholesale Club

Orders: 3/1 – 3/15

Delivery about 3/22

The Equal Exchange Wholesale Club will be taking orders from March 1 – March 15. You can place an order Sunday morning on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> or you contact can Carol Brown, either by phone (865-376-7171) or through e-mail ([carolduckbrown@gmail.com](mailto:carolduckbrown@gmail.com)). Payment is due at the time an order is placed.



March standard Items which may be individually purchased include:

- Coffee - Drip or Whole Bean Love Buzz or Breakfast Blend (\$6.40 / bag)
- Cafe Salvador - (\$5.92 / bag) (Drip Only)
- Organic Decaf (\$7.40 / bag)
- K-Cups - Breakfast Blend or Unwind Decaf (\$7/50 / box of 12 cups)\
- Extra Virgin Olive Oil - \$11.95 / bottle)
- Baking cocoa - 8 oz can (\$5.00 / can)
- Hot chocolate mix - 12 oz can (\$5.00 / can)

**For Easter:** Organic Dark Chocolate Eggs (about 18 in a decorative box (\$4.75/ box)

Other items are available but must be ordered by the case. A digital copy of the wholesale catalog is available. Contact Carol to receive a copy.

## Swap Shop:

Approximately 40 pieces of stem ware, various sizes - free.  
Cathy 373-7616

Has your Bethel cookbook come apart because the plastic spine has broken? It is a great cookbook and I hated for it not to be usable so I bought some plastic combs (the part that holds the pages together.) I will put yours back together if needed, since I had to buy 50 combs and Bethel had the necessary machine. Give it to me at church or leave it on the table in the office. Make sure you have all the parts, and it would be nice if they are in order.



March madness is here! Basketball, Spring Break and warmer weather (hopefully) make this a great time of year! Join us when you can.

**Please note that the Intergenerational Study has been cancelled during the month of March. We will keep you updated about scheduling our next intergenerational study.**

**March 1 @ 6 pm** Youth Sunday planning (Don't worry, we will have fun too.)

**March 4 @ 6:30 pm** Guatemala Mission Trip meeting

**March 8 @ 6 pm** Youth Sunday planning (Don't worry, we will have fun too.)

**March 10 @ 6:45 am** Breakfast Club at Handee Burger (Everyone)

**March 14 10 am - 2 pm Save our Saturdays** Paint bathrooms, etc. at a Michael Dunn group home

**March 15 @ 12 pm** Annual meeting and lunch (Fundraising Meal for the Guatemala mission trip.)

**No evening activities! Have a safe Spring Break!**

**March 16-20** Spring Break

**March 18 @ 6:30 pm** Fellowship Supper

**March 22 @ 6 pm** Youth Sunday planning & activities (Don't worry, we will have fun too.)

**March 25 @ 6 pm** Youth Sunday

practice **March 28 10 am - 2 pm Save our Saturdays** Carpet Removal at Family Promise House

**March 29** (Palm Sunday)

**@ 12 pm** Viviana Vanegas & Nidia Crocker will prepare a congregational meal. Proceeds will support the Guatemala mission trip.

**@ 6 pm** Youth Sunday planning

### Upcoming Events

**April 2** Maundy Thursday

**April 3** Good Friday

**April 4 10 am - 2 pm Save our Saturdays** River cleanup at John Knox Center

**April 5** Easter!!! Our Savior is risen!

Sunrise Service location TBA

Easter Breakfast time & location TBA

*All children are invited to participate in an egg hunt at the Bethel cemetery more details will be coming soon.*

**April 12** Youth Sunday!!! (More details coming soon!)

**April 18** Guatemala Yard Sale Fundraiser (We still need your help, even if you are not going on the trip.)

**We will be starting to work on The Garden and we will need your help**

Bethel Bells will soon become better known in the community by performing 3 compositions at the Princess Theatre on May 2. Jeremiah Jacks will be directing his choices for the program. You are welcome to join our group if

you would like to participate. We are rehearsing on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. for this event.



# The Open Door

## memorials & gifts

In honor of Boyd Smith, Emily Smith and Sara Smith from Robert and Linda Smith

In memory of:  
Joan Thomson  
Teresa Hettrick  
Sue Carter  
Betty Shenk from:  
Bill and Marianne Shadden

In memory of Doris Ann Parkinson from:  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Skinner  
Mike Skinner  
Thomas F. Parkinson  
Martha P. Craddock  
Jean P. Blackston  
Bill and Marianne Shadden  
Dave and Helen Stevenson

In memory of Anne Smith from:  
Robert and Linda Smith

In memory of M.F. and Wanda Carter from:  
McCord Carter

In memory of Marc Sherrod from:  
G. Wilson and Chris Lowry  
Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Rev. Dick Hettrick from:  
Mark and Kathy Banker  
Mike and Jeanette McElhinney  
Ruth Ann Ludwig  
Joe and Amy Coen  
Dave and Nancy Braski  
E. Stephen Bell and RoseAnne Hartman Bell  
Drs. Tracy and Lani Lyman-Henley  
Larry and Brenda Strickling



# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Communion Sunday	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Guatemala Mission Trip Mtg. 6:30	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> New Adult study begins 9:45 in the library	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> SOS—Michael Dunn Center 10-2
<b>15</b> 12:15 Congregational Meeting & Lunch	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Fellowship & Property Comms. 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Spring Break</b>						
<b>22</b> Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> SOS— Family Promise 10-2
<b>29</b> Palm Sunday  12:15 Taco Lunch & Guatemala Talk 5th Sunday Worship @ MCCX	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Weekly Events:</b> 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 Adult Spanish: Tues. 6-6:45 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			

## Birthdays for March

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

## Looking Ahead:

**April 2** Maundy Thursday / **April 3** Good Friday / **April 4 10 am - 2 pm** Save our Saturdays River cleanup at John Knox Center / **April 5** Easter!!! Our Savior is risen!