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# The Open Door

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## Dear Friends,

The Easter Season is upon us which means it is also time to receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. I wanted to share with you about a ministry in New Orleans that brings together all the OGHs partners in one area so that you can see the incredible impact your offering makes. The following comes from the PCUSA website.

### Three groups a charm for Delta-based initiative

"Faith in Jesus is why I'm involved in this new initiative. It's not a social program, it's a gospel program, the way I look it." Joseph Johnson, a member of Self-Development of People (SDOP), challenges you to dream big—for all God's people. "Jesus told the church, 'you feed them, you take care of people, you respond to people, you interact with people, you find ways to change lives and ultimately the world,'" he says.

Johnson is part of a new initiative focused on the New Orleans/Delta region. It brings together members of SDOP, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program—all of which are already working within the region on other projects—to more effectively

help families still suffering nearly a decade after Hurricane Katrina devastated the area.

"We wanted to do something with long-term impact and move from disaster to development," Cynthia White, coordinator of SDOP, says. "Eventually, development means that people are going to do it for themselves," says Johnson. "Our projects will give people alternatives to their situation, whatever that might be. This will at, the very least, give people a fighting chance to change their lives for the better."

The initiative is still in its beginning days, but the three ministry areas, all part of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and all supported through One Great Hour of Sharing, are meeting with community-based partners in the region to identify what is still needed. "We're not partnering with third parties," Johnson says. "These are community-driven projects made up of people who are actually there."

The question "what could this project be?" will be answered in the coming months by those partners and by your support of One Great Hour of

Sharing. "There are amazing things we could do," says White. "The people could have access to affordable housing, decent and nutritious food, economic development opportunities, and affordable health care." "We'll have a variety of ways that we're addressing all the areas of need," Johnson adds. "We'll be partnering with different community-based groups to address each of those concerns and do it effectively. That's our goal."

The three ministry areas have partnered before for work in West Africa. They were so successful that the 221st General Assembly (2014) commended their efforts and committed the church to develop more opportunities to do the same. "The church said, 'We like collaboration and we like the programs working together rather than in silos,'" says Johnson. "I'm hoping by doing this we not only effect change in New Orleans, but also affect the giving, because this is what the church has said it wants."

**Please give generously to support these important ministries of the church as we meet needs and witness to our faith in the Resurrected Christ.**

*Grace and peace, Wendy*

# Preparing FOR Easter

## Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Maundy  
Thursday  
7pm at Bethel  
Presbyterian  
Church



Good  
Friday  
7pm at KUMC



Easter Sunrise 6:45am at  
Bethel with breakfast to follow  
Egg Hunt for children at 9:30am  
Worship in the Sanctuary at  
11am

The bell choir will be join-  
ing the vocal choir for Easter.  
Many thanks to our loyal ringers  
who make this joyous day a cel-  
ebration in sound!

## Save Our Saturdays

April 4 - River clean-up at John  
Knox Center 10 am till 2 pm

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

## Inquirer's Class

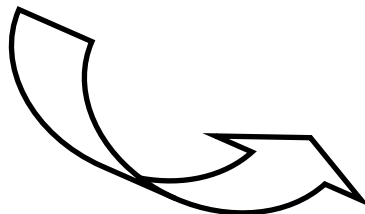
The Inquirer's Class has  
been rescheduled for Thursday,  
April 9 and 16 at 6:30 in the  
church library. Everyone is wel-  
come to attend and learn for  
the first time about the Presby-  
terian Church or get a bit of a  
refresher. Anyone interested in  
joining Bethel is especially en-  
couraged to come. Contact  
Wendy for more information.

## From the Fellowship and Study Teams

Graduation time is fast ap-  
proaching and the Fellowship  
and Study teams are planning  
to honor our graduating seniors  
at the May Fellowship Supper. If  
you have a senior graduating  
from high school or college this  
spring please call the office and  
let Will Purushotham know. We  
want to be sure we don't over-  
look anyone!

## Opportunities in April

Please note the following op-  
portunities coming up in  
April. For more information and  
pre-registration please contact  
the Mid-East CAA Senior Ser-  
vices Department at 354-0450,  
ext. 228. There are slots still  
available in each class.



## AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> / 12:00 PM –  
4:00 PM each day  
Rockwood Community Center  
Instructor: Diana Davis  
Cost: \$15.00 AARP members /  
\$20.00 Non-AARP members  
Pre-register with Mid-East Com-  
munity Action Agency at 354-  
0450, ext. 228

Learn updated rules of the  
road, how to adjust to age re-  
lated physical changes in your  
driving, how to avoid accidents,  
etc. When you complete the  
course you will receive a certifi-  
cate that may entitle you to a  
reduction in your automobile  
insurance.

## POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIV- ERS TRAINING

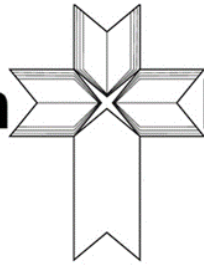
Free, 6-week educational op-  
portunity for family caregivers  
Each Wednesday beginning  
April 8<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM –  
3:00 PM  
Mid-East Community Action  
Agency  
Instructors: Kyra Clements and  
Amber Jacks  
Pre-registration required at Mid-  
East Community Action Agency  
at 354-0450, ext. 228

Participants will learn how to  
manage their stress, improve  
their health, learn how to com-  
municate more effectively,  
learn how to access local re-  
sources, how to deal with guilt,  
depression, and anger effec-  
tively, and how to solve some of  
the problems common to all  
caregivers. The support group is  
conducted in an environment  
of strict confidentiality. This pro-  
gram is for anyone who is an  
informal family caregiver.

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## Christian Formation



**April 2** Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM at Bethel

**April 3** Good Friday service at 7 PM at KUMC

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

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

Sunrise Service @ **6:45 AM** on the back patio of Bethel. (Breakfast to follow)

@ **8:45 AM** We will need to hide Easter eggs at the Bethel cemetery.

@ **9:30 AM** Egg Hunt at the Bethel cemetery.

**April 12 @ 11 AM** Youth Sunday

**April 15 @ 6:30 PM** Fellowship Supper

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

**Work in The Garden starts this month! Watch the weekly worship insert for details!**



## memorials & gifts

In honor of Ruth Ann Ludwig from:  
Jonathan Moore

In memory of Rev. Dick Hettrick from:  
Bob and Mary Jane Bowman  
Jill McMaster  
Judith M. Berry  
Pamela Jenkins-Lamb  
Tom and Jane Pickel  
Jim and Mary B. Hines  
Catherine Beals  
Steven A. Williams  
Frank and Marilyn Harris  
Andrew Holloway  
Chris Badger  
Dave and Helen Stevenson  
Mark and Kathy Banker  
Lucy Webb  
Arthur and Mary Ann Hensley  
Liz Singley

In memory of Marc Sherrod from:  
Mark and Kathy Banker

### Starting fresh. a new Beginners Class for Tai Chi

Join us:  
Saturday April 11, 2015 (if you can't make it then, start the 18<sup>th</sup>)  
9:00 to 10:30  
Bethel Fellowship Hall

The Taoist Tai Chi Society methods incorporate stretching and turning into a improve the health of body, mind, and spirit.

The movements can contribute to:

Reduced tension,  
Improved circulation and balance, and  
Increased strength and flexibility, and  
Lots of smiles and laughter.

The movements can be adapted to any age, level of fitness, or state of health.





Spring is in the air! We only have nine weeks until school gets out! It is getting warmer and there is a lot going at Youth. Join us for all of the great activities happening this month. We have Easter, Youth Sunday practice, and more!

**April 1 @ 5:30 PM** Youth Sunday practice

**April 2** Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM at Bethel

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**April 6 @ 6:45 AM** Breakfast Club at the Handee Burger in Kingston

**April 8 @ 5:30 PM** Youth Sunday practice

**April 11 @ 10 AM** Youth Sunday practice in the Sanctuary.

**April 12 @ 11 AM** Youth Sunday

**Bowling & Breakfast @ 5:30 PM**  
Depart for Oak Ridge Bowling Center then eat at IHOP in Oak Ridge.

**April 15 @ 6:30 PM** Fellowship Supper

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

**April 19** We will start work in The Garden at 6 PM and then head over to Sonic for some food.

#### COMING IN MAY

**May 3 @ 6 PM** Pizza and a movie!

**May 10** No Youth

Spend time with a special woman who has made a difference in your life.  
o Sonic for some food.



- 3 Amanda Purushotham
- 4 Laura Windhausen
- 6 Mary Kathryn Willett
- 9 Bill Sides
- 10 Cathy McDowell
- 12 Sophie Simon
- 17 Chuck Brumley
- 19 Clay Landers  
Sheryl Stadnik
- 22 Dolores Sandmel
- 23 Sofie Crocker
- 27 Sarah Applegate  
David Choate  
Joni Morgan
- 28 Nancy Braski
- 30 Previn Griffith Langham

#### Please remember

the following church members and friends who may be experiencing illness or are in nursing homes:

Jean & Don Dice, Tauno Maki, Ruth Ann Ludwig, George Warlick, Jack and Sue Muecke, Sophie Simon, Jan Parker, Molly Cooper (*Chris Badger's daughter*), Dianne Swinler (*Brenda Strickling's sister*), Harold and Martha Underwood (*Anita Richmond's parents*).

# APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  Maundy Thursday Worship at Bethel 7 PM	<b>3</b>  Good Friday Worship at KUMC 7 PM	<b>4</b>  SOS at John Knox Center 10 AM
<b>5</b> Easter Sunrise Service 6:45 AM Egg Hunt 9:45 Worship 11:00	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Inquirers' Class 6:30 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Tai Chi Beginners' Class 9:00 AM
<b>12</b>  Youth Sunday	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	<b>16</b>  Inquirers' Class 6:30 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Guatemala Trip Yard Sale
<b>19</b>  HOME Food Offering Session 12:15	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		