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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

Summer is upon us. School is out, vacations are planned and many of us are registered for camp. I want to encourage you to think of one more camp or vacation to add to your summer schedule: BIG TENT. Big Tent is the PCUSA family reunion of sorts that happens every other year. At this gathering of Presbyterians, there are no votes taken, only fellowship, study and worship shared with one another.

Worship is always excellent. Fellowship is heavenly as you run into old friends and meet new ones. The workshops and study sessions are stimulating for personal spiritual growth as well as enriching for congregational formation. There are displays of all things Presbyterian and a few things that aren't. There are fair trade booths and advocacy groups as well as lots of fun giveaways from the different offices of the PCUSA. You will learn more about the mission of the church as well as educational

offerings and financial investment opportunities.

The workshop choices are nearly endless and run the gamut from new PCUSA Sunday School curriculum to the mission initiatives around education and poverty eradication. Interests from earth care to human trafficking are represented. There are opportunities to learn about what mission coworkers are doing around the world as well as how to encourage generous giving in a congregation. If you can think of it, I bet there is a workshop on it at Big Tent.

You can find all the workshop information as well as the general information at www.pcusa.org. Here are the basics: dates: Thur, July 30 – Sat, Aug 1; cost for commuters (which includes the program, parking and meals) is \$295 for adults; if you want to stay at UT then the cost is \$395. First child is \$150 for ages 6 and up; \$100 for 5 and under. Additional children in each family are \$75

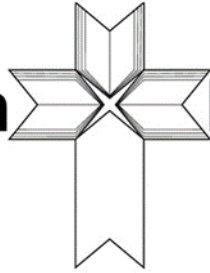
each. The cost for children is completely inclusive of program, lodging and meals. (And our own John Knox staff will be leading the children's program.)

If you aren't sure you want to participate in workshops, but still want to participate in some way, sign up to be a volunteer – let Wendy or Will know and they will pass your name along. If you want to go but the cost is a barrier, let Wendy know. Bethel has scholarship money available to help. Also, if you have never been to Big Tent, the Presbytery Peacemaking Committee may also have scholarship funds left.

Here's the crucial information: the deadline to register for Big Tent is Friday, June 19. After that deadline, the cost increases, so please register by June 19. I hope many of you will take advantage of having a denominational gathering so close to us and be at that family reunion July 30 – Aug 1.

Grace and peace, Wendy

Christian Formation



VBS

June 15-18

Clean Water for All God's Children is this year's VBS theme. Registration opens on May 8th. Registration forms will be available online and at the church office. You can contact Eric Windhausen at ewpromtestguy@hotmail.com or Will Purushotham at will-puru22@gmail.com for more information.

If you are too busy to teach or volunteer for the week, donations of items needed for the VBS program will be available soon.

Coming Soon:

June 5 @ 8:30 PM We will kickoff our summer movie series with *Big Hero 6* on the back patio. Bring a comfortable chair and join us for this great film. The runtime for *Big Hero 6* is 1 hour and 42 minutes.

Big Hero 6 is an action-packed comedy-adventure about the special bond that develops between Baymax, a plus-sized inflatable robot, and prodigy Hiro Hamada. When a devastating event befalls the city of San Fransokyo and catapults Hiro into the midst of danger, he turns to Baymax and his close friends adrenaline junkie Go Go Tomago, neatnik Wasabi, chemistry whiz Honey Lemon and fanboy Fred for help. They are determined to uncover the mystery of the villain wrecking their city. Hiro transforms his friends into a band of high-tech heroes called "Big Hero 6."

July 22 @ 6:30 PM-8:30 PM Children's Fellowship Event

Pool & Pizza party at Melanie Sherrod's house.

Learn More About Guatemala

Last week the group that will go to Guatemala in June watched the documentary *A Precarious Peace - God & Guatemala*. Afterwards group members agreed that other members and friends of Bethel might find this DVD informative. Anyone who is interested can join the Sunday School class that meets in the Barber Library at 9:30 on Sundays 5/31 and 6/7 to view and discuss this provocative DVD. Study guides for it can be found on the table in the library. Karen Schall, a member of the group visiting Guatemala, will lead the discussion.

Library Sunday School Class -

Reflections on Health Care

With teacher Mark Banker away from Sunday 6/21 to Sunday 7/12, the Library Sunday School class will break from its normal reading/discussion regimen and engage in a "mini-course" devoted to religious dimensions of our nation's ongoing debate over health care. Class members and health care professionals Cyndi Fowler, Elaine Steele and Susan Garner will lead the discussions.

Join them 9:30 each Sunday in the Barber Library.

Please keep the Guatemala mission team in your prayers. The team departs for Guatemala on June 20 and returns on June 27.

Oops! Have we Forgotten Something?

Goodness gracious! There is a lot happening at Bethel. Just finished a successful yard sale to raise funds for our planned mission trip to Guatemala this summer, a successful Ladies Luncheon, service to others at Save Our Saturdays (SOS), Love Kitchen, Hands of Mercy, support for CASA, and that is just what comes to mind as I sit in front of the computer this Sunday afternoon. Were I to refer to the narrative budget, I could expand way beyond the above. Bethel is a church looking outward, where there are needs, doing, I think, what Christ tells us to do as Christians. As Pastor Wendy describes us we are a boat sailing upon the waters, going where the winds of need dictate.

We have so many blessings. As a community, we genuinely like one another, despite our diversity on many fronts; we have a caring and nurturing Pastor who leads by example from the front; we have a music worship program of a quality well beyond our modest size; we are working hard to find ways to knit our generations together to learn from one another; we have dedicated lay leadership; and on and on. But you know, sometimes in this hustle and bustle of doing good things we forget that it takes resources to sustain our ministries...utilities, repairs, mortgages, salaries, program costs, and our obligations to the larger church—all the things so well outlined in the narrative budget. Have we just

been too busy with our programs that we have overlooked taking care of our home base? We typically need to remind ourselves of our obligations to the church during the summer, but its only April, and our giving is lagging in an unsustainable fashion. Lets all take a moment and review what we said as a matter of faith budgeting what we would do and catch up... reflect, and step up to catch up with our contributions to Bethel. Those of us who can might consider taking an extra step so that we can bring our routine giving into line with what is needed to sustain and grow our programs...because the winds of need won't stop blowing and Bethel needs to be sailing up front to meet those needs.

Frank Harris for the
Generosity Team

The bell ringers are closing the cases and folding tables, stands and music for the summer. We have become better friends and are happy in sharing music with you all. We will be joining the choir in a pot luck after church on Sunday, June 28 at the home of Jackie Rylander. Change to your casual clothes and be ready to canoe, kayak, swim, play badminton, or enjoy the view! Members bring spouses, lawn chairs and a dish to share. Thanks to all who have participated and come join in the fun!

Coming Up:

The TN **Polk Salad Festival** will be held on June 6th from 10-4 at the Riverfont Park in Harri-man. Several of our Bethel folks are involved with Family Promise of Roane County and will be manning a booth at the festival. The will be providing information and home-baked goodies. Please stop by the booth to say hello and find out more about this group. If you'd like to help out by baking a batch of cookies, please contact Jan Rybka for more details. See you at the festival!

Dames at Sea, the campy Broadway show that spoofed the Hollywood musicals of the 1930s opens in Spring City at the Tennessee Valley Theater in June.

Dianne Griffith makes her directorial debut, and also appears as the temperamental Broadway diva, *Mona*.

Ruby (played by Bernadette Peters on Broadway) joins the theater troupe as they prepare for opening night, and meets Dick, a sailor who also has ambitions as a songwriter. Disaster strikes and the show has to open on the deck of a battleship that just happens to be passing by.

Great songs, great dancing, and great actors delivering lines that will have you laughing in your seats.

June 12- 14 & June 19-21.
Friday and Saturday show times are 7:30 and Sunday show times are at 2:00.
Admission is \$12.00. Group discount (15+ reservations required) \$1 off. [423-365-7529](tel:423-365-7529)



Bethel Presbyterian Youth Ministry

No Sunday night youth activities in June or July. We will restart Sunday nights in August.

Watch for information about helping with VBS.

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June 15 - 18 @ 6 PM- 8:30 PM
Clean Water for All of God's Children

No Fellowship Dinner

June 20 – 27 Mission trip to Guatemala. Please keep the team in your prayers.

July 1 @ 6 PM Swim Night at Melanie Sherrod's house

Do you need community service hours?

An informational booth associated with the amphitheater that will be built on the slope behind Bethel will be setup at the July 4th celebration in Kingston. Volunteers are needed to sit at the booth and pass out information. The times are listed below.

Friday, July 3 12 PM - 3 PM

Saturday, July 4 10 AM - 10:30

You only have to work a one-hour shift. You can work more if you need the hours. Let me know if you are interested.

July 4 Have a safe and fun 4th!

July 20 @ 12 noon Monday Munchies & Mission Monday We will build traveler's bags that will provide food, water and toiletries to people passing through Kingston.

July 24 @ 8:30 PM Movie Night on the back patio. (Watch for more information in the weekly worship bulletin.)

July 25 @ 2 PM Lake Day at Camp P (The Purushotham's house in Kingston)

July 27-29 Watch for information about serving refreshments at Band Camp during the last week in July.

August 2 No Youth meeting

August 9 @ 6 PM Youth Gathering

August 14-15 Seven Hour Slam & Welcome 6th Graders Event!! More information coming soon!

The fun starts at 7 PM and lasts until 2 AM. Transportation will be provided home to all students unless arranged otherwise. **You must fill out a new health form for this event! The old health forms have expired.**

August 19 @ 6:30 PM Bethel Family Dinner and movie night.

Coming Soon in September

September 13 Rafting on the Ocoee This is a preliminary date. Watch your email for more details. **Price TBA**

Watch for information about the Fall Festival, Middle School Fall Retreat and more!!!

In the community...

Amber Jacks would like to share with you some important events coming up during the next several weeks that you may want to participate in or refer someone to. All information and questions on the events can be referred to the Mid-East Community Action Agency Senior Services Department at 865-354-0450, ext. 228.

Take Charge of Your Diabetes Class – Free, 6-week, diabetes self-management class begins on Tuesday May 26th and continues until June 30th each Tuesday from 3-5 PM at the UT Extension Office located in Harri-man. Pre-registration required.

AARP Smart Driver Course – June 8th and 9th, 2015 at Harri-man United Methodist Church, 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon each day. Cost: \$15.00 AARP member, \$20.00 non-member. Pre-registration required.

SENIOR DAY AT THE SMOKIES – Wednesday June 10th join us at the Smokies Baseball Park for a 12:00 Noon games against the Birmingham Barons. Three different ticket packages to choose from (\$10.00 - \$18.00). **Fundraiser for Round About Roane.** Tickets sold through Mid-East Senior Services to receive the package pricing. For seniors and their families to enjoy!

ROUND ABOUT ROANE FUNDRAISER: JUNE 15TH: BBQ LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER AT JAMESTOWNE ASSISTED LIVING SPONSORED BY **ROANE COUNTY LEADERSHIP CLASS OF 2015.** PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING A TICKET TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT AND ENJOY A WONDERFUL LUNCH AT THE SAME TIME!

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Powerful Tools for Caregivers – Self-care program for unpaid family caregivers. Free, 6-week session, 2.5 hours each week. July 29, 2015 – September 2, 2015 each Wednesday. Pre-registration required. Contact the Mid-East Community Action Agency Senior Services Department at 865-354-0450, ext. 228.

Interested in ROUND ABOUT ROANE? Consider joining the planning committee that meets each month on the 1st Thursday at The Bridge at Rockwood at 11:30 A.M. All are welcome! Round About Roane will be a volunteer, door-through-door, assisted transportation program for seniors in Roane County to essential trips within the county.

We can always use your help in The Garden. You can weed, water or harvest the produce that is grown. A rain gauge has been installed as well, so that we can keep up with the amount of water The Garden receives. Contact Will for more information!



Partnering With KARM

The church has enrolled in a partnership opportunity with Knox Area Rescue Ministries (KARM). The program is called Corners of Your Field. This program encourages attendees of our church to be intentional about selecting their gently used household items for donation to KARM Stores. The stores then return a portion of the value of these items in the form of gift cards to our church to help those directly in your care.

How does Corners of Your Field help our church?

Corners of Your Field provides a practical way to meet the Biblical mandate of caring for the hurting and homeless, and gives you a plan to do so. Corners of Your Field puts resources, beginning with gift cards* to KARM Stores, in the hands of every partner church. We recognize you know the needs of your community better than we do and want to equip you to make a difference.

- Since enrolling in this partnership Bethel has received \$70 in gift cards and one "25% off any purchase" coupon which were donated to Roane County Cooperative Ministries for distribution

How does this partnership work, practically?

The process is quite simple.

Individuals or families donate their gently used items to KARM Stores.

The KARM Stores employee serving them will ask the name of your church.

Quarterly, your church will receive gift cards to KARM Stores that can be given to anyone who comes to your church in need. And, donors are still able to take advantage of the tax-deduction with every gift to KARM Stores.

Sunset Gap Support

We continue to collect items for Sunset Gap Thrift Store here at the church. Clothing and small household items are needed year round. New and gently used items are always welcome. Baby items and children's clothing are always in high demand. Items for Sunset Gap can be placed in the Sunset Gap closet here at the church anytime. Inquire in the office if you require an acknowledgement of donation letter for tax purposes.

Amphitheater – Memorial and Honorary Sidewalk

The Amphitheater Team is selling bricks to raise money to build an amphitheater on the TVA land behind Bethel (a small portion of the land is owned by Bethel.)

Line the walkway to the proposed amphitheater with an engraved brick to express gratitude, honor a loved one, show your business's support of the amphitheater or simply leave a lasting legacy in the community. Below is the cost for a brick.

- \$50.00 donation: Brick will be 4" X 8", maximum of 3 lines, 13 characters/spaces per line
- \$100.00 donation: Brick will be 8" X 8", maximum of 6 lines, 13 characters/spaces per line
- \$150.00 donation: Logo Brick will be 8" X 8"

For additional information about the amphitheater, please visit the website at www.kingstonamphitheater.org You can also contact Cathy McDowell 376-7616

Welcome!

A heartfelt welcome is extended to our newest member, Susan Garner. Susan shares the following information about herself:



After growing up in the beautiful Sequatchie Valley in Dunlap, TN, I attended Middle Tennessee State University. After earning both undergraduate and graduate degrees, I came to Roane County in 1974 to begin my career at Roane State Community College. I taught a variety of health, physical education and wellness courses and also worked as the coordinator of academic advisement and as the dean of students.

I am certified as a Healing Touch practitioner and am trained as a hospice volunteer. I enjoy learning and am a student of the Enneagram. I enjoy traveling, reading, aqua aerobics and spending time with my family. I am married to Bobby and our son is Matthew. My greatest joys are my grandchildren Reese and Tate.

—Susan

Notes and Letters

Thank you, Bethel Family, for your thoughts and prayers for Bill.

Home Health Care is still coming and the Physical Therapist is pleased with Bill's progress. We shall appreciate your continued prayers.

Love you all,

Marianne and Bill

Memorials for May

In memory of Rev. Dick Hettrick from:

Mark and Kathy Banker
1st Presbyterian Church, Rockwood
Melanie Sherrod
Gary and Dianne Griffith
Marge Hettrick
Chuck and Robinette Garner

In memory of Rev. Marc Sherrod from:

Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Teresa Hetrick from:

Liz Singley

In memory of Don Dice from:

The Dice Family
Tom and Jane Pickel

Swap Shop

Trailer for Sale:

My brother who lives in NC, has a Big Tex trailer for sale - price \$2,950.00. A tool box and spare tire are included. The trailer was purchased new for \$4,000. The trailer is 7 x 10 and can be used to haul bikes, etc. I saw the trailer, and it is in excellent "like new" condition - it has been kept under cover and I did not see any rust. There is a full width extender that pulls out for loading.

Contact Cathy McDowell: 376-7616

**Birthdays for June**

- 2 Carol Brown
- 3 Maria Gasparetti
- 4 Susan Garner
- 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
Charlotte Knies
- 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

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Helen Roostee who joined the Church Triumphant on Friday, May 22. *Jesus said, Because I live, you also shall live." (John 14:19)*

Cards may be sent to her daughter:

Jo & Michael Schreiber
967 Myrtle Ave.
Chico, CA 95926

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Movie Night 8:30 PM	6 Polk Salad Festival in Harriman
7	8	9	10	11	12 Dames at Sea at TVT begins its run	13
14 Session 12:15	15	16	17	18	19	20 Guatemala Mission trip through 6/27
VBS—Clean Water for All God's Children 6:30-8:30 PM each evening / joint with KUMC / at KUMC						
21 Hands of Mercy Food Offering Study Team Serve Team	22	23	24	25	26	27
Guatemala Mission Trip continues through June 27th. Please keep this group in your prayers.						
28	29	30	Each week: <i>Bethel Arts Ministry: Adults: Mon. 10-Noon & Mon 6:30-8:30 PM</i> <i>Taoist Tai Chi: Tues. 6-7:30 PM, Sat. 9-10:30 AM</i> <i>There will be NO Fellowship supper this month due to VBS</i> <i>Check the weekly bulletin for other summer scheduling changes.</i>			

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living

Jamestowne 851 Lawnville Road, Kingston 37763
 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

NHC Place - Farragut 120 Cavette Hill Lane, Knoxville 37934
 Jean Dice Room 234

The Lantern 155 Morning Pointe Drive, Lenoir City 37772
 Ruth Ann Ludwig Room 102

Appalachian Christian Village
 Tauno Maki ACV-Sherwood 2-1 Oak St, Johnson City 37601

Prayer

Reminders:

Nelda Toon, Sam & Peggy Sheppard,
 Molly Cooper (*Chris Badger's daughter*),
 Dianne Swinler (*Brenda Strickling's sister*),
 Harold and Martha Underwood (*Anita Richmond's parents*)