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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support and prayers for the 10 of us who went to Guatemala in June. I think I can speak for all of us when I say it was a transformative experience. We learned much about the country, the people and their many challenges. We learned about the factors affecting immigration as well as the precarious life of migrants. We are definitely more aware of the complexities and look forward to sharing our understandings with the whole congregation as well as the Kingston community in the months to come.

While in Guatemala, we were able to meet a family with a special needs child and help them begin a building a fence around their house that will keep their child safe and secure near the house. We were

only able to build one of the four walls. When we returned and shared the need to raise the rest of the money so the family could complete the project, Bethel received a gift for the entire amount! That means the wall will be completed very soon. The organization working with the family was overwhelmed with such generosity and the family is very grateful.

It has been amazing to see God's hand at work in all of our plans as well as in all the things that happened which weren't planned. I look forward to see what else God will do through us as we look to develop partnership in Guatemala but also as we use our experience to make a difference here in Kingston and in the USA.

Personally, I want to thank you for your support of my recent studies. I began my Doctor of

Ministry program in July and enjoyed being back in the academic environment. I am very excited about pursuing this degree and deeply appreciate your encouragement as I do so.

Thank you also for a great birthday celebration. Your cards and greetings made the day extra special. Each of you are a gift to me – I am grateful to serve in your midst.

Grace and peace,
Wendy

Sunday, Aug 2: Mission Sunday

We are excited to have some mission co-workers as well as others who work with or through the PCUSA. They will share with us particularly about issues of immigration and Central America. So be here on Aug 2 during Sunday School to get an update on the child migrant border situation and learn more about the family detention centers. During worship we will be updated on the ministry happening particularly in Guatemala and Mexico and then you can join us for lunch following worship when you get to ask your questions of our guests.

Special Adult Sunday School Class

Aug 9-30: Reading the Bible in Conflict

Wendy will lead a study where we will learn how to faithfully read the Bible in the midst of conflict. There is much going on in our world and church today around which we disagree. The good news is we can faithfully disagree with one another. Come for this four week study that will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30 to read the Bible together, especially those texts on which we disagree. The first class will begin following the Christian Formation Breakfast.

Christian Formation Sunday

is fast approaching! Please join us for breakfast on Sunday, August 9th, at 9:30, and help us kick off the new school year and promote any children who are moving up to new Sunday School classes.

Fair Trade Products Available in the Church Office

These items are available for as long as they last at the club's wholesale price:

Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips (10 oz) - \$3.60

Chamomile Tea (12 bags) - \$2.75

Milk Chocolate with Hint of Hazelnut Candy Bar - \$2.50

Love Buzz Whole Bean Coffee - \$6.40

Breakfast Blend Whole Bean Coffee - \$6.40

Cafe Salvador Drip Coffee - \$5.92

K-Cup Breakfast Blend Coffee (12 cups) - \$7.50

Your purchase supports the ministry of just food practices though out the world and provides a living wage for those people producing and supplying these products.



Christian Formation

August 2 Mission Sunday

Teresa Wagner from the Immigration Office of the PCUSA will be joining us in Sunday School and worship. We will have a congregational lunch following worship.

No youth gathering

August 9 Christin Formation Sunday @ 9:30 AM. Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

August 19 @ 6:30 PM Bethel Family Dinner

Coming Soon in September

September 13 Join us for a trip down the Ocoee River. This is a preliminary date. Watch your email for more details. **Price TBA**

Bethel Fall Festival



Watch for details in your worship bulletin and email.

Church Vision Statement

The Session recently updated the church vision statement. This statement is used to guide our ministry and mission. The mission statement is included as well. Let us know which parts resonate with you.

Mission statement:

To nurture spiritual growth through worship, Christian formation, service to others and fellowship throughout the community.

Vision Statement

Worship is a corporate experience where all participate in the whole service. Worship nurtures spiritual growth through preaching that is both comforting and challenging and music that is inspiring. It reminds us who we are and to whom we belong.

Christian Formation engages all in creative and theologically sound education. We use our head, hearts and hands in learning throughout the liturgical year.

In service to others we reach out and are transformed. We meet community needs while building relationships with our neighbors. We are stewards of creation, mindful of our relationship to the world.

Spiritual growth is nurtured through fellowship especially at intergenerational events. We grow together as a church family knowing what it means to belong to God and one another as we share, study, worship and play together.

Environmental Opportunity!

It is that time of year again! The Stihl Tour des Trees fundraiser for urban tree research and education will be cycling from Orlando to Miami (561 miles!) the last week of October. If you are willing to support TREES and ME, the direct link to my fundraiser website is: <https://www.crowdrise.com/STDTTeamSouthernChapter2015/fundraiser/melaniesherrod>

If you prefer to mail your check, the address is: TREE FUND, 552 S. Washington Street, Suite 109, Naperville, IL 60540. Please specify your support is for Melanie Sherrod with the Southern Chapter. Each cyclist must raise \$3,500.00 to participate in the ride and all fund raising goes to the TREE FUND. The tour is supported by Stihl chainsaw company, volunteers and several tree companies such as Davey and Bartlett. The Stihl Tour des Trees website is informative if you are interested in more details.

Many thanks in advance for your support for our environment and for supporting my venture.

—Melanie Sherrod



Swap Shop

Looking for an occasional house-sitter/pet-sitter. Prefer to have someone reliable who can live at my house for a few days from time to time. Will be three dogs and a cat. (And fill the birdfeeders, of course!) I live about 15 minutes north of Kingston. If you know of anyone who might be interested and available, please have them call Joni Morgan at 617-4353 to discuss terms, or they can e-mail me at jpmorgan06@comcast.net.

If anyone lost a portable drill at the church, let Susan know and we'll get it back to you."
—Andy Avel (292-4284)

There is a small variety of magnolia called "Little Gem" growing beside the church offices. There is some concern that eventually the roots of this tree may get into the church foundation. The tree is free, but the new owner would be responsible for moving the tree. Can anyone give this tree a new home? Please contact Cathy McDowell. (376-7616)

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.
Gary Griffith (376-7507)

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Bethel Presbyterian Youth Ministry

Summer vacation is slowly coming to a close ☺ I hope that you have had a great summer. I am sure you are looking forward to seeing your friends again. There are plenty of activities going on at Bethel Presbyterian Youth Ministry so come join us when you can.

August 2 Mission Sunday

Teresa Wagner from the Immigration Office of the PCUSA will be joining us in Sunday School and worship. We will have a congregational lunch following worship.

No youth gathering

August 9 @ 9:30 Christian Formation Sunday We will eat breakfast together and then head to Sunday School.

@ 6 PM Youth Gathering

August 14-15 Seven Hour Slam & Welcome 6th Graders Event!! You get to plan the evening!

Do you want to eat ice cream sundaes?

Go to Knoxville for Laser Tag?

Watch a movie on the back patio?

Send me your ideas!

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.

August 24 First Breakfast Club of the year!!! We will meet at Handee Burger at 6:45 AM.

August 30 Deadline to register for the Fall Middle School Retreat at CJK.

Coming Soon in September

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

September 25-27 Middle School Fall Retreat at John Knox. The cost is \$80.

We need volunteers on a weekly basis to water, weed and work with the



compost pile. You can also receive community service hours by working in The Garden.

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Our General Fund Giving & Summary of Expenses -

Second Quarter, 2015

Updated 6/30/15

	Actual	Budgeted	% of Budget
Operating Income	\$107,918.82	\$280,645.00	38.45%
Operating Expenses	<u>\$128,309.75</u>	\$280,645.00	45.72%
Shortage	-\$20,390.93		

Debt Reduction, Second Quarter, 2015

Updated 6/30/15

YTD 6/30/15

Gifts, Pledges

& Building Use Income \$32,908.63

Monthly Payments

PILP 5,700.87

PET Loan 450.00

Other Bldg Ln 833.30

6,984.17

Balance

749,228.88

73,814.24

33,896.93

856,940.05

6 mos. Payments = Ex-
pense 41,905.02

-\$8,996.39

Year-to-Date



memorials & gifts

Birthdays for August

- 3 Alf Rybka
- 4 Steve Jacks
- 7 Jeremiah Jacks
- 9 Pablo Crocker
- 10 Treavor Cribbs
Joan Pharis
- 15 Jason Brown
- 17 Margaret Murr
Gabriel Pierce
- 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 memory of Homer Clevenger
from:

C.S. and Peggy Cook
Douglas and Kathryn
Dahlhauser
Pat and Rae Baldwin
Robert and Carolyn
Henderson
Bill and Bobbie Martin

In memory of Dot, Gene and
Larry Pierce from:
Kathy Pierce

In memory of Helen Roostee
from:
Ruth Ann Ludwig

In memory of Don Dice from:
Bill and Bobbie Martin

In memory of Marc Sher-
rod from:
Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Rev. Dick Hettrick
from:
Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of the Henleys from:
Anita J. Nerhus

In memory of Nelda Toon from:
Kathy Pierce
Bill and Bobbie Martin
Larry and Danell Martin
Terry and Charity Robbins
Cindy Martin
Frank and Marilyn Harris
Bill and Betty Ulrich
Andy Holloway
Tom and Jane Pickel Robert

and Susan Garner
Jim and Karen Schall
Dick and Nancy Maynard
Melanie Sherrod
Jill Mc Master
Kenneth and Rose Bullock
Katherine Outlaw
Paula Johnson
Michael and Tamara Koch
Bill and Marianne Shadden
Ronald Thompson
Denise Thompson
Patrick and Jennifer Langhorn
Peter and Donna Heid
Jeff and Sherry Paris
Don and Una Coffman
Liz Singley
Max and Cristy Martin
The Barnard Family
Martin and Laurie Ballard
Freeman and Gwendolyn
Smith
Joe and Amy Coen
Paul and Helen Patterson
Jerry Toon
Nancy Taylor



Prayer Reminders

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

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

August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Last Day of Big Tent
2 Mission Sunday SS: 9:30 Worship: 11:00 Luncheon: 12:00	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Christian Formation Sunday 9:30 AM	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Session 12:15	17	18	19 Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	20	21	22
23 Study Team 12:15 Serve Team 12:15	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Youth: Deadline to register for Middle School Retreat @ CJK Prison Ministry @MCCX	31	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 Adult Spanish: Tues. 6-6:45 PM Bethel Youth Ministry: Sundays and Wednesdays; check page 4 for times				