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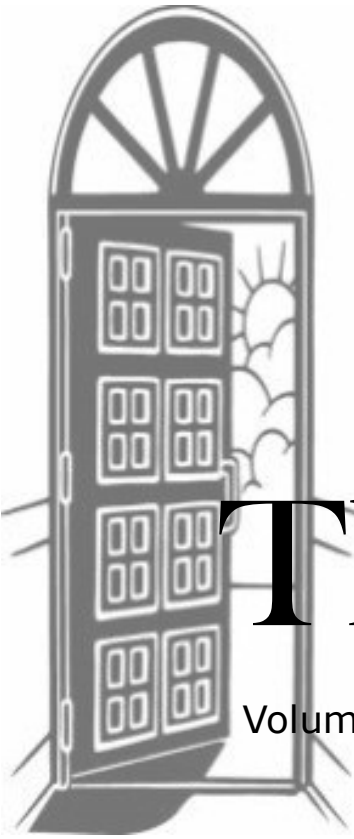
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# The Open Door

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## Dear Friends,

As many of you know, Will Purushotham, our Director of Christian Formation for nearly two years, resigned in August to be able to spend more time with his growing family. His last day was Aug 16. We will miss Will and his family and we pray God's blessing upon them in the coming months and years. So our New Christian Education Year is beginning in a time of transition, but one that is already bearing fruit.

Many adults have offered their help with children and youth programming particularly during this transition. Thank you to each of you! Because of this response, the traditional favorites will continue and several new oppor-

tunities for fellowship and formation have been added to the Christian Formation program calendar. Watch closely over the next few weeks and months to see all that is happening.

We will continue conversations around immigration advocacy and renew conversations about overcoming racism. Mark Banker's Sunday School class will continue looking at Reading the Bible in conflict as they study some cases of church conflict throughout the ages. A new Youth Bible study begins Wed, Sept 16 at 5:30. This will be a monthly study held the hour before fellowship supper each week. It will meet in the Youth room on the third floor.

Fall Festival is coming up, and on Sept 13 children age 3 years -5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet with Marge Hettrick and Viviana Vanegas to make items for the marketplace. Parents will meet at that same time with Wendy to discuss children's formation programs at Bethel. The John Knox Center Family Picnic (Sept 20) and Bethel's Church Picnic (Sept 27) will provide lots of good fellowship and food time together.

There's a lot going on this month, so mark your calendar for the fun, formation and worship coming up. You'll be glad you did!

**Grace and Peace,**  
**Wendy**

# Christian Formation

## Picnic Time at Bethel

WHO: Church family and friends

WHAT: Bethel Church Picnic

WHEN: September 27<sup>th</sup> @

3:00 P.M. for games/activities,  
5:00 P.M. meal begins

WHERE: Marge Hettrick's home

Meal will include fried chicken, potato salad, and baked beans. The congregation is asked to bring finger-food desserts. Additionally, please bring chairs and drinks for you and your family.

The children and youth will enjoy a bouncy house, as well as Frisbee fun, industrial blocks and tinker toys! Please plan on joining us for this afternoon of fun and fellowship.



Bethel's Digital Art (Photography) group will meet on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the library. We'll be sharing recent black-and-white photos and discussing a list of possible activities for the fall months. If we have enough interest, we will prepare an exhibit of black-and-white photos to share with the congregation. If you have photos you'd like to share, please bring them, or email a digital file, to Alf Rybka at [alf.fred.rybka@gmail.com](mailto:alf.fred.rybka@gmail.com). See you September 12!

## Children and their parents

are invited September 13 4-6pm for food and fun and conversation in the Bethel Fellowship Hall. Children will make items to sell at the Fall Festival and parents will join in a conversation about formation ministries for children and families. Please bring a kid friendly appetizer for the Appetizer dinner that will follow the craft/conversation time. Drinks will be provided.

## Presbytery Fall Middle School Retreat –

Sept 25-27 at JKC. This is a great event with middle school youth from all over the Presbytery. Rev. Mark Curtis, pastor at Lake Forest PC in Knoxville is the keynote speaker. Deadline to register is Sept 6. Talk to Wendy for more information and to register.

## John Knox Center Family Picnic –



Sept 20  
1pm – 5pm;  
Join with Presbyterian families from Bethel and churches across the Presbytery for food, activities and worship. You can fly like a squirrel on the ropes course, shoot like Merida at the archery range, and/or enjoy an end of season canoe ride on the lake. It is a great place to relax, play, practice photography and simply enjoy creation. Cost is \$10 per person; children under 10 are free with a paying adult. All ages are welcome, families are encouraged!

**Ocoee Rafting Trip** Sept 13 for youth ages 12 and up and interested adults. We will leave the church at 12:30 and return around 8pm. Cost is \$30 per person. See the bulletin board for more information. Deadline to register is Sept 6. Talk to Susan or Wendy for more information.



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## Fair Trade Wholesale Club

Orders: 9/1 - 9/13

Delivery about 9/20



Equal Exchange is a business organized as a worker cooperative, purchasing products from small farmer cooperatives. A worker cooperative differs from traditional business in that the workers are the owners of the business. Rodney North at Equal Exchange says they go out and hire the money to finance production instead of the money investors hiring the workers to do production. You can learn more about the Equal Exchange Coop at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3J6PZpwamE>.

Bethel's Wholesale Club will be taking Equal Exchange orders from September 1st – September 13<sup>th</sup>. You can place an order Sunday morning on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> or you can contact Carol Brown, either by phone (865-376-7171) or through e-mail ([carolduckbrown@gmail.com](mailto:carolduckbrown@gmail.com)). Payment can either be made at the time of the order or dropped off at the church office before September 13<sup>th</sup>. Standard items can be ordered by the individual bottle, bag, or box.



HANDBELLS

### STANDARD ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil – 500 ml (\$11.95 / bottle)

Coffee -

Love Buzz or Breakfast Blend (\$6.40 / bag) Drip or Whole Bean

Organic Decaf (\$7.40 / bag) Drip or Whole Bean

Cafe Salvador - (\$5.92 / bag) (Drip Only)

K-Cups - Breakfast Blend or Unwind Decaf (\$7/50 / box of 12 cups)

Baking cocoa - 8 oz can (\$5.00 / can)

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

Dark Chocolate or Milk Chocolate minis – 150 minis (\$24 / 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.

Bells will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9 at 6pm in the music room. Come and join us for fun and fellowship to prepare our monthly contribution to worship. Come early to claim a spot. Bring a friend or 2 to make fun for you both.

If you have never played bells, you'll never learn any younger! We all help each other. Practice counting to 6 and lifting 2 pound weights so you are in tune for September 9. Newbies welcome!

## Steel Magnolias

There's just nothing like the excitement of starting a new show. Apart from the fact that it's fun to get up on stage and become another person, there's the nervousness of learning lines and movement, as well as the anticipation of laughter and applause. It's a heady mixture to be sure. We do it because it's fun, and so for just a few hours, we can forget about the troubles of our every day. Just like Melonie Carideo says, "My Arts Center is a time just for me."

[Steel Magnolias](#), directed by G. David Brown, stars tried and true favorites Melonie Carideo and Sarah Philpott, as well as ACT new comers Lacey Starkey, Lori Fritts, Joy Merckson, and Dianne Griffith\*. New comer, Joy Merckson says, "I love The Arts Center because I can be creative."

The audience can get in on the fun, too! Reserve your tickets today for Opening Night Dinner Theatre, Thursday September 17. Tickets for Dinner Theatre are \$25 each and the doors open at 6pm. Other show dates are Friday to Saturday September 18-19 and Thursday to Saturday September 24-26 at 7:30pm, and a Sunday Matinee at 2pm on September 20. Tickets for these shows are \$12 adult and \$8 student.

\*(Playing the curmudgeon (of course!) Oiufer Boudreaux)

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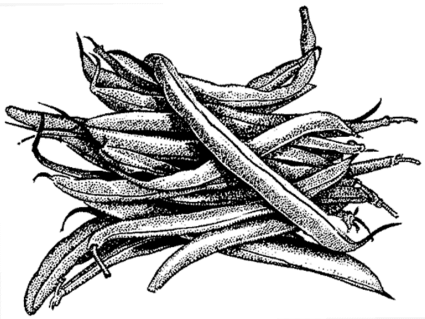
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[grams@athensartscouncil.org](mailto:grams@athensartscouncil.org)

[423 745 8781](tel:4237458781)

## HOME Food Collection

Non-perishable food items can be brought in through-out the month and placed in the HOME collection basket in the Gathering Area. Our September focus foods will be **Canned Fruit / Applesauce**. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry and helping feed hungry folks in our community.



### Wanted: Diligent Souls to Water Baby Veggies Mon-Thurs

I hope to soon have a day job Mon-Thurs, so I'm looking for volunteers to lightly water our young lettuces and soon-to-be-sown greens and turnips each day we don't have significant rain. In addition, the tomatoes, bush beans, and pole beans are still bearing and will need picking for donation to HOME. If you have a few minutes to help in the garden Mon-Thurs, please contact me at [zi-ply123@gmail.com](mailto:zi-ply123@gmail.com) or 865-274-3550, or pass a message to me via Susan and we'll work up a schedule. Also, if anyone has experience growing autumn turnips in this warm climate, I'd love to pick your brain. THANK YOU! – Liz Singley

## This 'n That:

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://](https://www.crowdrise.com/STDTTeamSouthernChapter2015/fundraiser/melaniesherrod)

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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 deadline to pledge your support is SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>. 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

## Missing:

Missing bake dish: Corelle Lite; it's an oblong dish (white of course) in the 2 or 3 quart size. It's Jan Rybka's and is missing after it was left in the kitchen for her a few weeks ago. If you've seen it please contact Dianne Griffith or Jan Rybka.

## Want to Learn More about our Faith?

Liz Singley has the following Great Courses, on audio CD with course booklet(s) available for extended loan. If you prefer, she can supply them in MP3 format for your iPod or other MP3 device.

Lost Christianities: Christian Scriptures and the Battles Over Authentication (24 lectures of 31 min. each), Professor Bart D. Ehrman Ph.D., M.Div., UNC Chapel Hill, release year unk.

History of Christianity in the Reformation Era (36 lectures of 30 min. each), Professor Brad S. Gregory Ph.D., Notre Dame, 2001.

Visit the Great Courses website for course detailed information and customer reviews. Contact Liz at: 865-274-3550 or [zi-ply123@gmail.com](mailto:zi-ply123@gmail.com)

## Power of Self Esteem Course

A course in discovering true self esteem is to be presented at Bethel Presbyterian Church starting in September. The course, called The Power of Self Esteem, is designed to present modern methods of cognitive psychology to address the barriers that people encounter in their efforts to fulfill their purposes and goals

The course is presented under the auspices of the "More to Life" organization by Dr. James Condon, Professor Emeritus from Roane State.

Free preview sessions for the course will be presented on Sept 3rd and 10th. The course will be presented in 6 successive Thursdays starting on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30. The cost for the 6 week course is \$125 which includes materials - DVDs and written material.



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## Birthdays for September

3 Liam Choate

Tammy Holloway

4 Shara Cross

Lisa Pickel

6 Kathy Francis

10 Dick Evans

Bobbie Martin

12 Amber Jacks

Jacob Murr

14 Laura Dailey

Eli Jacks

15 Sue Jones

16 Jackie Rylander

18 Corey Preston

20 Pat Harvey

24 Grayson Pierce

27 Frank Harris

Dianne Russell

Bill Shenk

29 Chris Guy

April Jackson

Jeanette McElhinney

30 Marianne Shadden

## Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

### Jamestowne

Sophie Simon

George Warlick

851 Lawnville Road, Kingston 37763

Room 302

Room 313

### Wellington Place

Jack & Sue Muecke

1098 Bradford Way, Kingston 37763

Room 206

### Atchley TN State Veterans' Home

Jan Parker

1 Veterans Way, Knoxville 37931

### NHC Place - Farragut

Jean Dice

120 Cavette Hill Lane, Knoxville 37934

Room 234

### The Lantern

Ruth Ann Ludwig

155 Morning Pointe Drive, Lenoir City 37772

Room 102

### Appalachian Christian Village

Tauno Maki

ACV-Sherwood 2-1 Oak St, Johnson City 37601

Bill & Marianne Shadden, Sam & Peggy Sheppard, Thomas Anderson  
(Linda Preston's father), Molly Cooper (Chris Badger's daughter),  
Dianne Swinler (Brenda Strickling's sister), Harold and Martha Under-  
wood (Anita Richmond's parents).



# Prayer Requests

# memorials & gifts

In memory of Don Dice from:

Lucy Webb

In memory of Nelda Toon from:

Lucy Webb

Ken and Malinda Yager

Clay and Nancy Landers

Larry and Betty Walker

Cal and Nancy Harper

Eva Todd

Dick Evans and Celia Simon

Jack and Georgia Josey

In memory of Rev. Dick Hettrick  
from

Mark and Kathy Banker

Dick Evans and Celia Simon

In memory of Rev. Marc Sherrod  
from

Mark and Kathy Banker

## World Communion Sunday and the Peacemaking Offering

Save the date for Oct 4 – we will receive the peacemaking offering in worship and we will host the International Peacemaker, a pastor from Iran that evening at 6pm. More details to come. Bethel's portion (25%) of the peacemaking offering will go to CEDEPCA – the organization in Guatemala that hosted our group this past summer. CEDEPCA is an educational 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 General Fund Giving & Summary of Expenses**

Updated 7/31/15

	Actual	Budgeted	% of Budget
Operating Income	\$126,290.38	\$280,645.00	45.00%
Operating Expenses	<u>\$154,120.76</u>	\$280,645.00	54.92%
Shortage	-\$27,830.38		

**Debt Reduction**

Updated 7/31/15

YTD 7/31/15

Gifts, Pledges & Building Use	Income	\$36,490.90
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Monthly Payments

PILP	5,700.87
PET Loan	450.00
Other Bldg Ln	<u>833.30</u>
	6,984.17

Balance

744,744.92
73,364.24
<u>33,063.60</u>
851,172.76

7 mos. Payments =	Expense	48,889.19
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Shortage of income to expenses	-\$12,398.29
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Year-to-Date



# September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 TN Ten Book Club 10 AM	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Holiday / Office Closed  No BAM	8	9 Bell Choir Rehearsal resumes 6 PM	10	11	12 Photo Group 10 AM
13 Ocoee Rafting Trip for Youth 12:30 PM Kids' Activity 4-6 PM	14	15	16 Youth Bible Study 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	17	18 <div>Presbytery Middle School Fall Retreat @ Camp John Knox</div>	19
20 H.O.M.E. Offering Session 12:15 Family Picnic at Camp John Knox	21 Generosity Team 7 PM	22	23	24	25	26
27 Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15 Church Picnic 3 PM	28	29	30	<b>Each Week:</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 Wed. 5-5:45 Adult Spanish: Wed. 6-6:45 Bell Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:00 PM Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM		