

The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

Arise and let your light shine – Epiphany is here! In these dark days of January, we can easily see even the faintest light flickering. So lift your lights of hope and peace for the world to see. Continue to let everyone know that Jesus, the Light of the World, has come. There are many small ways to do this everyday, and the Presbytery of East Tennessee has invited us to join with other Presbyterians to shine our lights together on MLK, Jr Day.

Those who would like to join with other Presbyterians in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade on Mon, Jan 18 will gather at Bethel by 8:15am that morning and carpool together to First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville where we will ride in church vans to the parade site. Following the Parade, we will have lunch together in Knoxville on our way back to Kingston.

The walk is an easy, non physically taxing one, so everyone is welcome: children, youth and adults. Please let me know if you will join us that day as we shine our lights in Knoxville!

On another note, I will begin my second DMin course in January. This is a hybrid course which means I will be at Columbia in class Jan 4-8 but the remainder of the class will be on-line through Feb 12. During the weeks after Jan 8, I will take each Monday as a study day to read and write for the online portion of the class each week. So I will be in the office Tue – Thur from Jan 11-Feb 12 and studying at home on Mondays. Thank you for your support and understanding as I undertake these DMin studies.

May your Epiphany be bright!

Grace and peace, Wendy

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Each Week: 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 Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM					1 Tai Chi for Beginners 10 AM	2
3 Communion Sunday Faith Team 12:15	4	5	6	7 10 Ten Book Club 10 AM	8 Tai Chi for Beginners 10 AM	9
10 Installation and Ordination of Elders	11 Finance Team 6:00 PM	12	13	14 Women's Bible Study 10 AM	15 Tai Chi for Beginners 10 AM	16
17 Hands of Mercy Offering	18 MLK Parade: meet @ Bethel at 8:15	19	20 Youth Bible Study 5:30 Fellowship Team 5:30 PM Property 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	21	22 Tai Chi for Beginners 10 AM	23 Session Retreat
24 Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15 Movie Night 4 PM	25 Generosity Team 7 PM	26	27 Youth Bible Study 5:30	28 Women's Bible Study 10 AM	29 Tai Chi for Beginners 10 AM	30
31 Prison Team 5th Sunday Worship						

Prayer Requests:

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes Jamestowne 851 Lawnville Road, Kingston 37763 George Warlick Wellington Place 098 Bradford Way, Kingston 37763	Room 313
Jack & Sue Muecke TN Veterans' Home 1 Veterans Way, Knoxville 37931 Jan Parker The Lantern Pointe Drive, Lenoir City 37772	Room 206
Ruth Ann Ludwig Appalachian Christian Village Tauno Maki ACV-Sherwood 2-1 Oak St, Johnson City 37601	Room 102

At Home:

Janet Gasparetti, Chris Badger, Margaret & Greg Murr,
Molly Cooper (*Chris Badger's daughter*), Dianne Swinler
(*Brenda Strickling's sister*), Harold & Martha Underwood
(*Anita Richmond's parents*).

Birthdays:

2nd: Thomas McGill / 8th: Paul Stadnik / 9th: Matt Hines,
Marlene Woodard / 15th: Jennie Morris / 16th: Tollie
Banker, Isaac Shelby / 19th: Ryan Preston / 21: Henry Co-
en,
River Phillips / 22nd: Laura Walker / 24th: Anita Richmond /
25th: Joan Davis, Katie Dungan / 26th: Pat Hale, Jolie
King /
28th: Ken Dungan / 29th: Jacob Simpson

A Note from Jackie Rylander:

I think we can safely say we miss having the Bell Choir make a significant contribution to Bethel's music department. We are not rehearsing in January in hope of starting a new roster in February. Happy New Year!

Prison Ministry:

Bethel's prison ministry team has long been involved in doing what we can to bring the love of God and a little bit of hope to inmates at the Morgan County Correctional Complex. If you have ever wondered if you would like to be involved, there is an opportunity coming up to find out more. There will be an orientation session at the prison on Monday, January 11 at 6 PM. Contact Karen Schall at schallk@highland.net or 423-369-2955 if you'd like to attend.