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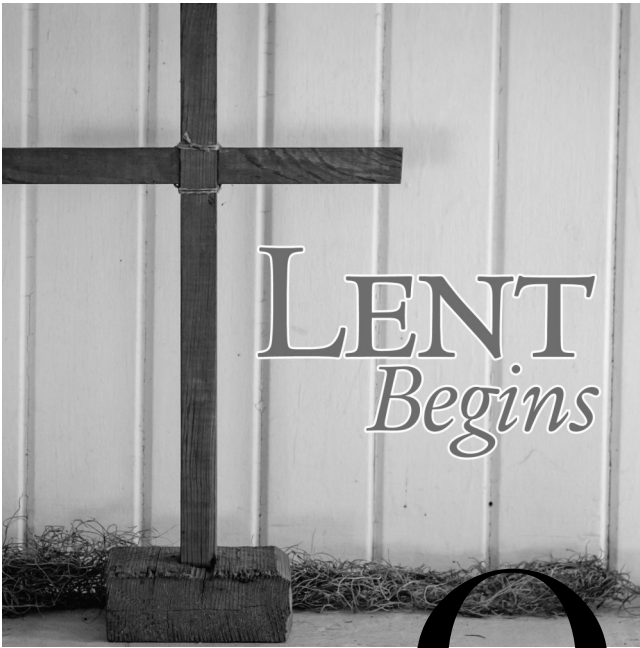
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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

The first week of February brings Lent this year. We kick off the Season with Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Feb 9. We will gather at 6:30pm to enjoy pancakes and activities related to this day that we eat up all the yummy stuff before the penitential season of Lent begins. If you like flipping pancakes then come at 5pm and we'll hand you a spatula! The Ash Wednesday worship services follows on Feb 10 at 7pm. This will be a joint service with KUMC held at Bethel. Make plans now to start the season of Lent with worship and a reminder that we need God.

This year will we have an Intergenerational Lenten Study focusing on Understanding Racism and what we can do about it. The study begins Sun, Feb 21 from 3:30 to 5pm. It continues

Mar 6 and 13 at the same time. I hope you will join us and bring friends if you like. In addition to Lent being a time of study and reflection, it is also a time of service. Once again this year we will offer opportunities to serve the local community through Save Our Saturdays. These will most likely be in March, but watch the announcements for more information.

We will conclude February with our annual meeting on Sunday, Feb 28. Following worship we will gather in the fellowship hall for lunch and reports on 2015 as well as a look into 2016. One sneak peak of information was that due to your generous support and teams' very good stewardship, we finished the year a little bit in the black. That is good news given

our concerns late summer, so Thank You!

As we move from the light of Epiphany into the more somber reflection of Lent, reflect and consider the ways that your lights haven't been as bright as they could be. Then trust that you are loved by a God who has forgiven us all our shortcomings and showered us with grace such that the Holy Spirit will breath on our little lights and make them bright again. With such knowledge we can enter into a season of Lent reflective and prayerful, seeking God's direction and peace. I look forward to journeying with you.

Grace and Peace,
Wendy

Session News

The Session Retreat that was scheduled for Saturday, January 23 was canceled because of the weather. The Session will do some things by electronic mail before the February 21 Session Meeting. January and February Session Highlights will appear in the March Open Door.

Handbell Choir

Bell Choir will be rehearsing again starting Wednesday, February 3. We are welcoming new members and welcoming the opportunity to share the techniques to learning to read music and play bells. With this invitation comes the explanation that with our choir being small in numbers, our opportunity for joyful participation in Sunday services is put on hold. Join us, bring a friend, and make the Bells a choir again.

New Class Offering

On Sunday 2/7, we will begin a new book: *The Dignity of Difference: How to Avoid the "Clash of Civilizations"* by Jonathan Sacks. A British rabbi and provocative thinker, Sacks offers insights from religion into the many controversial dimensions of the issue of diversity. Used copies are available at an affordable price on Amazon and other on line locations. Newcomers are always welcome to our discussions - 9:30 each Sunday in the Barber Library. Contact Mark Banker at 376-2118
OR Mark.Banker@WebbSchool.org if you have questions or need assistance in securing a copy.

Father Daughter Dance

The Harriman Rotary Club's 3rd annual Father Daughter Dance will be Saturday, 6 February from 6-8 pm. The dance has

been so popular that this year it has moved to a larger venue -- the Roane State Community College Student Lounge. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the Animal Medical Center of Harriman & Kingston, Griffin Insurance, Kingston, Active Family & Sports Chiropractic, Kingston; or contact the Harriman Rotary Club on Facebook or HarrimanRotary-Club@gmail.com. PROCEEDS FROM THE DANCE will be shared among: Michael Dunn Center/ Early Intervention Program, Roane Imagination Library and RSCC Foundation.



Inquirer's Class

If you are interested in learning more about the PCUSA and Bethel particularly, join us for the second session of the Inquirer's Class Feb 7 from 2-4pm in the Church Library. Anyone interested in becoming a member of Bethel is particularly encouraged to attend but those long term members who want a refresher course in Presbyterianism 101 are equally welcome.

Contact Rev. Wendy Neff for more information

A Note from the Fellowship Team:

A table has been set up in the Fellowship Hall with pots and pans and other cooking utensils left behind after Fellowship Dinners and other Bethel events. Please check to see if any of these items belong to you. The table will be set up for another week and then items not claimed will be discarded or donated to Sunset Gap. Thanks!

John Knox Center Summer Camp 2016 begins on June 5th. The schedule is available now at:

<http://www.johnknoxcenter.org/page.asp?p=summer%20camp>

HOME Food Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed food for our Jan. HOME collection. 36 jars of Peanut Butter & 25 jars of Jelly + 10 assorted foods were collected. Our Feb. focus will be Boxed Macaroni & Cheese. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry and helping feed hungry folks in our community.



Honorariums and Memorials for December and January

Honorariums:

In honor of Chris and Chelsea Shirk's marriage from

Dave and Nancy Braski

In honor of Nancy Beth Gerberding from

Vic and Nancy King

In honor of M.F. and Wanda Carter from

McCord Carter

Memorials:

In memory of Jacob Murr from
Liz Singley

Gary and Dianne Griffith

Melanie Sherrod

In memory of Rev. Marc Sherrod from

Mark and Kathy Banker

Andrew and Patsy Buchanan

G. Wilson and Chris Lowry

In memory of Rev. Dick Hettrick from

Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Jacken Hunt and Mac Robbins from

Terry and Charity Robbins

In memory of Sophie Simon from
Frank and Marilyn Harris

Tom and Jane Pickel

Liz Singley

Gary and Dianne Griffith

Melanie Sherrod

Terry and Charity Robbins

In memory of Sam Davis from
Liz Singley

Dave and Nancy Braski

In memory of Joe Zirkle from
Charles and Cathy Cardwell

Nancy McClellan

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Jamestowne

851 Lawnville Road, Kingston 37763

George Warlick Room 313

Wellington Place

1098 Bradford Way, Kingston 37763

Chris Badger Room 107

Jack & Sue Muecke Room 206

TN Veterans' Home

1 Veterans Way, Knoxville 37931

Jan Parker

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

Marianne & Bill Shadden,

Jean & Bill Plummer,

Janet Gasparetti, Edith Miles,

Chris Badger,

Molly Cooper (*Chris Badger's daughter*),

Harold & Martha Underwood (*Anita Richmond's parents*).



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rebecca Shelby
- 4 Bonnie Anderson
Mark Banker
- 5 Jon Rybka
- 8 Brenda Strickling
- 14 Pedro Crocker
- 15 Callahan King
- 17 Mary B. Hines
- 18 Sarah Dungan
Liz Singley
- 19 Melanie Sherrod
- 23 Phil Walsh
- 24 Karen Schall
- 27 Jennifer Choate
Deb Hyder

*Three Rivers Amphitheater
Benefit Concert*

*Featuring
The Mt. LeConte Jug Band*



**Sunday, February 21st
3 pm
Kingston Community Center
Patton Ferry Road
Just off Hwy 70**



Donations Accepted

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February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Youth Bible Study 5:30 Handbell Choir Practice Re-sumes 6:00	4 Ten 10 Book Group 10 AM	5	6 Harriman Rotary Club Father/Daughter Dance
7 Souper Bowl Offering Communion Faith Team 12:15 Inquirers' Class 2 PM Super Bowl Party for Youth 6:00	8 Finance Team 6:00 PM	9 Shrove Tuesday Dinner 6:30	10 Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM at Bethel	11 Womens' Bible Study 10:30 AM	12	13
14	15	16	17 Youth Bible Study 5:30 PM Property Team 5:30 PM Fellowship Team 5:30 PM Fellowship Supper 6:30 PM	18	19	20 Presbytery Meeting
21 Session 12:15 Three Rivers Benefit 3 PM Intergenerational Lenten Study 3:30	22 Generosity Team 7 PM	23	24 Youth Bible Study 5:30 PM	25 Womens' Bible Study 10:30 AM	26	27
28 Annual meeting after worship	29	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, Beginners Fri. 10 AM; Sat. 9-10:30 AM Bell Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:00 PM Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM				