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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

We are midway through the Season of Lent; midway through our Lenten study on racism, midway through our time to contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. But we have two Save Our Saturdays coming up this month. March 12 we will gather at Bethel to clean up the shoreline near the church. This idea came from one of our very own children who asked if we could do this for SOS! March 19 we will shift gears a bit for SOS and take a field trip to the Green McAdoo Cultural Museum in Clinton. The field trip follows up on the racism study and is a chance to learn some of our local history. Watch the calendar and announcements for times.

The end of this month brings Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, lots of opportunities to engage in Jesus' passion and reflect on what that means for our lives today. Holy Week also affords us the opportunity for a Hanging-of-the-Greens-like morning with our children and youth since school will be out for Spring break. Look for more information about this Holy Week activity for children and youth.

2016 Summer Mission Trip plans are in the works. Tentatively we will go to the border between Mexico and AZ/TX June 11-18. We will work with PCUSA mission co-

workers, reconnect with peacemaker Joca in Agua Prieta, Mexico, learn more about Café Justo, participate in a service project and hear about PCUSA efforts to combat human trafficking at the border. This trip is open to all ages. We are still working on final costs, so watch announcements for more information. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in the mission trip.

As we approach Holy Week, may your Lenten journey be a fruitful one.

Grace and peace,
Wendy

Save Our Saturdays:

We're continuing our Lenten tradition: Instead of giving up something, we are trying to give of ourselves.

Here are the scheduled March Saturdays:

Mar 12 - SOS: lakeshore clean-up at the church 9:30am

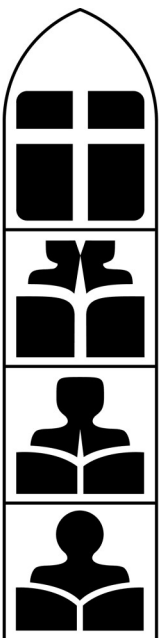
Mar 19 - SOS: Green McAdoo Cultural Center 2-4

Women's BIBLE STUDY

Helpmates, Harlots & Heroes

This Bible Study led by Rev. Neff will meet

Thursday, Mar. 10 & 24 from
10:30 – Noon in the library
Child care available - \$5.00



INTER- GENERATIONAL LENTEN STUDY

Understanding
Racism
(and what we can
do about it)
Continuing on
March 6, 13
3:30 - 5 PM
in the Fellowship
Hall

**Learn
&
Grow**



SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Through this longstanding, ecumenical effort, Presbyterians share God's love by supporting these ministries:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:
recovery from natural or
human-caused disasters

Presbyterian Hunger Program:
food to the hungry and programs that alleviate root causes of poverty

Self-Development of People:
working to alleviate poverty & injustice through projects the communities own and directly benefit from.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received during worship on Easter Sunday, March 27.

The bell choir has started a new program of teaching techniques of reading music and playing the bells.

Our new members are enjoying one-on-one with more experienced members of the choir coaching them. We still have openings. If you are interested, come and join us on Wednesday evenings at 6 in the music room.



HANDBELL PERFORMANCE

Kids — Mark Your Calendars!

March 20 - Children's Fellowship Event at Party Zone in Harri-man 3pm

Holy Week Events

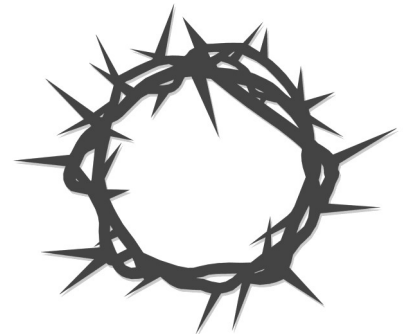
March 20 Palm Sunday



March 24 - Maundy Thursday at KUMC 7pm



March 25 - Good Friday at Bethel 7pm



March 27 - Sunrise (TBA),
Breakfast following; egg
hunt at 9:30am,

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Birthdays for March

- 2 Dianne Griffith
Bina Kirby
Jean Young
- 3 Duie Swicegood
- 4 Mark Preston
- 5 Hailey Choate
Vic King
Dan McDowell
Robert Winsbro
- 8 Charlie Coen
- 9 Kathy Banker
- 12 Janna Brown
- 13 Linda Choate
Gary Griffith
- 14 Travis Brown
Shawn Hart
- 15 Will Jackson
- 17 Hayden Jacks
- 19 Marge Hettrick
- 26 Justin Murr
- 27 Greg Murr
- 28 Peggy Sheppard
- 29 Nancy King
- 30 Sherry Paris
Viviana Vanegas



Prayer Requests

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes
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 Street
Johnson City 37601

At Home:
Marianne & Bill Shadden,
Jean & Bill Plummer,
Edith Miles,
Molly Cooper (*Chris Badger's daughter*),
Harold & Martha Underwood
(*Anita Richmond's parents*).



memorials & gifts

February Memorials

In memory of Sam Davis from:

Jim and Mary B. Hines
Jeff and Sherry Paris
Frank and Marilyn Harris
Gary Lemasters
Phil and Jane Walsh

In memory of Joe Zirkle from
Alan and Linda Guy

In memory of Rev. Marc Sherrod from:

Jim and Mary B. Hines
Mark and Kathy Banker

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

In memory of Janet Gasparetti from:

Tom and Jane Pickel
Gary and Dianne Griffith
Jeff and Sherry Paris
Frank and Marilyn Harris

Session Highlights - January & February 2016

1. Catherine J. McDowell (Cathy) was approved as the Clerk of Session for 2016
2. Linda Brown was approved as Bethel's Disbursements Treasurer for 2016.
3. Vic King, Linda Brown, and Sherry Paris were approved as Signers on Bethel's bank/credit union accounts.
4. Karen Schall was approved as the 2016 Commissioner to Presbytery meetings.
5. Donald Adam and Amanda Knies requested baptism for their daughter, Charlotte. This special event is scheduled for Sunday February 28.
6. The session adopted the Guidelines for Communication document for 2016. The basic guidelines in this document have been adopted by the session each year since 2002. The guidelines assist elders with: 1) Communication in preparation for session meetings, 2) Communication with each other at session meetings, 3) Communication with the congregation.
7. The session usually meets on the third Sunday of each month at 12:15 p.m.

The session minutes are stored in the church office. These minutes are open for anyone to read or research a topic, but please do this in the church office. Thank you.

Cathy McDowell



Family Promise of Roane County Spring Yard Sale

Hello! Please remember as you are spring cleaning or just reorganizing some spaces in your home - Family Promise will have its First Annual Rummage Sale in April... we are firming up the dates. Please hold on to your items until the week before. All monies raised will go toward our goal of raising enough money to open this year!!

We are at 11 Host Churches (!) and 4 Support Churches (!) We have our own van and our leased Day House! We are almost there folks. Fundraising will be an ongoing process with this program. We are ready to get the doors open and help homeless children and their families begin that journey to a permanent home.

Remember we need to raise money with this sale. Clean used clothing will be accepted. Any cash donations are accepted, working vehicles, appliances, etc. If you need items transported or have other questions, please contact Jan or Alf Rybka at 882-8836, 310-8836 or jgrybka@hotmail.com.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Jan Rybka



At Morgan County Correctional Complex (as with all prisons) we have inmates who are indigent. This means they cannot work and have no family/friends sending them money or all their money is taken to pay court fees and/or other assessed fees by TDOC. The Chaplain relies upon donated hygiene items and postage stamps to be able to meet this need.

Bethel members have long provided some of these items in "goody bags" that we prepare at Christmas time; however, the need is year-round and we have now been told that we can donate these things throughout the year. We have set up a collection box in the Resource Room. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please put them in the Resource Room and mark them for prison ministry.

The following items are on the "acceptable" list:

- Deodorant (must be stick/solid, no roll-on, no alcohol)
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes
- Body Lotion
- Shaving Cream (must be in a tube)
- Soap (bar or body wash)
- Toothpaste.

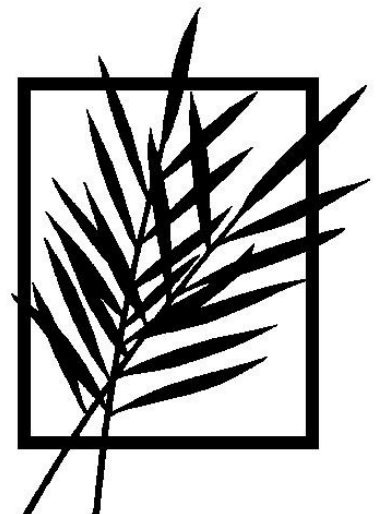
Also please note: Indigent inmates are permitted to receive one hygiene pack per month. So bear in mind that "trial or small travel" sized products will NOT be sufficient to last a month.



Welcome (Back) to New Members Chuck and Brenda Bunch!



Chuck and Brenda were previously members at Bethel and transferred their membership to Cedar Springs when Brenda worked there. Now that she is retired, they have "come home" to Bethel.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 10 Ten Book Club 10 AM	4	5
6 Faith Team 12:15 Service Team 12:15 Lenten Study 3:30	7	8	9	10 Women's Bible Study 10 AM	11	12 SOS: Lakeshore Cleanup 9:30
13 Lenten Study 3:30	14 Finance Team 6 PM	15	16 Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	17	18	19 SOS: Green McAdoo Cultural Center 2-4 PM
20 Hands of Mercy Offering Session 12:15 Children's Fellowship Event 3 PM	21	22	23	24 Women's Bible Study 10 AM Maundy Thursday Worship @KUMC 7 PM	25 Good Friday Worship @Bethel 7 PM	26
27 Easter Sunrise Service; Breakfast following Egg Hunt 9:30 Worship 11 AM	28 Generosity Team 7 PM	29	30	31		

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, Fri. 10-11:30 AM, Sat. 9-10:30 AM

Bell Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:00 PM

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM

Youth Bible Study: Wednesdays 5:30 PM

Kids' Special Lenten Workshop:
Thursday, March 24
10 AM til Noon