



If we live by the
SPIRIT,
let us also keep
in step with the
SPIRIT.
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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering we received on Easter Sunday. As many of you know one of the denominational ministries that the offering supports is Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). PDA has been very busy since Easter providing support for the people of Japan and Ecuador who both experienced massive earthquakes on April 16, Japan having also experienced one on April 14. In Ecuador alone over half a million people have been affected by the quake which has killed hundreds, injured thousands and left hundreds of thousands homeless.

PDA in partnership with Action by Churches Together, or ACT, is supporting 6,000 people in Ecuador with food, water, sanitation, hygiene, psychosocial support and non-food items. In both Ecuador and Japan, PDA will stay long after the initial trauma to accompany people as they seek to rebuild their lives.

One example of the long term support PDA offers is in Syria where work with displaced persons and refugees has been ongoing since the Syrian civil war began in March of 2011. PDA has partnered with ACT as well as provided direct assistance to our sister church, the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon who are also working to support displaced persons in Syria as well as refugees in Lebanon.

Nationally, PDA has been involved in the Flint Water crisis since January of 2016. Working in partnership with the Presbytery there, PDA provided emergency water supplies including filters, offered community education on lead poisoning awareness and treatment, provided spiritual care and reconciliation, helped identify and reach at risk families, and supported local Presbyterian churches as they test for and remediate lead contamination in the churches.

These are just some of the projects your offering dollars help support through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. PDA is a tangible way we live out our Easter Faith to love and support one another. It is a strong witness to our faith in Christ as we come alongside people in traumatic times offering both physical and spiritual care.

You can learn more about PDA as well as the many other ministries and mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) at www.pcusa.org. Thank you again for your generous support of these ministries.

Grace and peace,
Wendy

Supporting Small Farmers and Fair Trade:



The Bethel Fair Trade Wholesale Club will be taking orders for Equal Exchange products from May 1st through May 15th. Order forms can be completed on Sunday morning in the gathering area on May 1st and May 15th. You can also e-mail your order to Carol Brown (carolduckbrown@gmail.com).

Amber Jacks shares this information about the upcoming Caring and Coping



Conference - An Overview of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias coming to Roane Medical Center on Wednesday, May 4th from 8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. Sponsored by Alzheimer's Tennessee.

Please see Amber Jacks for Information on how to register, as well as the speakers for the conference.

Always excellent information and a way to network for the person caring for a loved-one with Alzheimer's or just for informational purposes as well.

Registration is still open. You may register by filling out the coupon on the flyer, or online at www.alzTennessee.org



There are TWO new Taoist Tai Chi beginners' classes coming up. Want to sleep in on Saturday morning? Join us on Friday morning.

Classes start:
Friday May 13th, 10:00 – 11:30, and
Saturday May 14th 10:00 – 11:30
Bethel Fellowship Hall
Can't make it either of those days? Come the next week!

The Taoist Tai Chi Society methods incorporate stretching and turning into a sequence of movements that improve the health of body, mind, and spirit. The movements can contribute to:

- Reduced tension,
- improved circulation and balance, and
- increased strength and flexibility.

The movements can be adapted to any age, level of fitness, or state of health. And, it's fun!

Thank you all so very much for your support, prayers, kind words, cards, and delicious food offered to all our family during Mother's illness and following her death. She loved her Bethel Family always holding it and the church the highest on her list. We all are blessed to have one another during tough times. Thank you again and blessings to you all
The Family of Ruth Ann Ludwig

VBS 2016: Journeys of Paul

VBS will be a one-day event on June 25. We will meet at the church and set sail to learn more about Paul's missionary work throughout Asia. This will be fun day of hands on learning as we take advantage of our lakeside location to actually get on boats like Paul did and move from city to city (or dock to dock in our case). Due to the nature of this event (need for boats, life jackets, adequate adult supervision, etc..) pre-registration is required for children to participate in VBS this year.

Registration Forms are available in the Gathering Area and must be turned in to the office by June 1. Children not yet in Kindergarten must be accompanied by a responsible adult in order to join the journey. Youth and parents of older children are also welcome and encouraged to participate. Anyone participating will need to pre-register. We look forward to this fun adventure on the seas as we journey with Paul and each other.

Roane Choral Society

presents ***On the Road Again***, a concert of songs about America. Familiar songs include "I Left my Heart in San Francisco", "The Yellow Rose of Texas", "My Old Kentucky Home" and tunes from John Denver and the Beach Boys, and many more. Concert time is 3:00, May 14th at the Princess Theatre in Harri-man. This will be the last time that Eugene Hattaway directs RCS as he is retiring at the end of this season, so come out, enjoy the music, and say good-bye to Eugene.

April 17, 2016 Session Highlights

- 1) Elder Windhausen did the devotion.
- 2) A letter was received from Omar Chang and Amanda Craft of Presbyterian Border Region Outreach expressing appreciation for the partnerships [like Bethel] that they share to make the Border work and ministry happen.
- 3) A letter was received from the Presbyterian Mission Agency stating that the 221st General Assembly affirmed a bold goal for Special Offerings of \$20 million a year by 2020.
- 4) A letter was received from John Leitnaker [Director of Roane County Cooperative Ministries (RCCM)] expressing appreciation to Bethel for ongoing support and for the recent

donation to help fund the 2016 Garden Grants. RCCM was only able to do the Garden Grants

- this year because of Bethel's support.
- 5) Written or oral reports were received from the Session Teams.
- 6) The new Form of Government for PC(USA) churches became effective on July 10, 2011. Everything in the former Book of Order is still represented except for Chapter 7. Each session had to develop/adopt something that will guide the church's work. Rev. Neff, Frank Harris, Andy Avel, and others spent many hours working on Bethel's Manual of Operations – recommendations for the Manual came from PC(USA). Bethel's Manual initially contained 109 pages and was adopted by the session February 16, 2014. At the April 17, 2016 Session Meeting,

the session reviewed Bethel's Manual of Operations and many updates were suggested. These updates will be done by Rev. Neff and verified by the Clerk of Session.

7) The next Presbytery meeting is Tuesday, May 17 at John Knox Center. Rev. Neff and Commissioner Karen Schall will be attending and can vote. Anyone else is welcomed to attend, but you cannot vote.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be May 15 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, Clerk

Our General Fund Giving & Summary of Expenses

Updated 3/31/16

	Actual	Budgeted	% of Budget
Operating Income	\$54,420.70	\$59,124.96	92.04%
Operating Expenses	<u>\$57,562.13</u>	\$59,100.03	97.40%
	-\$3,141.43		

Debt Reduction

3/31/2016

Gifts, Pledges
& Building Use

YTD 3/31/16

<u>Monthly Payments</u>	Income	\$12,725.00	
PILP			
PET Loan			<u>Balance</u>
Other Bldg Ln		5,700.87	717,642.68
		450.00	69,764.24
		<u>833.30</u>	<u>26,396.96</u>
2 months payments		6,984.17	813,803.88
Shortage of income to expenses	Expense	20,952.51	
		-\$8,227.51	

Mission Trip 2016

We are headed to the Border for Fall Break! You are invited to be part of an intergenerational mission trip to visit with our ministry partners on the Border Oct 8-15. The cost is approximately \$1500 per person which covers airfare, transportation, lodging and food. We will visit with border ministries in Douglas, AZ/Agua Prieta, Mexico and El Paso, TX/Cuidad Juarez, Mexico to learn more about immigration along the border including human trafficking and visit successful ministries that are providing for meaningful work in Mexico allowing some migrants to stay in their country. There will be a service project component to the trip as well.

Deadline to sign up for the trip is May 31 with a \$250 deposit due June 15. We will plan for fundraisers to help pay for the remainder of the cost. Please talk with Wendy for more information.

Environmental Opportunity in Memory of Marc Sherrod

The Stihl Tour des Trees bicycle ride to support the TREE FUND will be October 9-15th making a loop through the Carolinas beginning and ending at Charlotte, NC. I will be riding my bicycle with my sister 560 miles in one week. The TREE FUND (www.treefund.org) supports urban tree research and education and each rider raises \$3,500 to participate. All donations go to the TREE FUND for tree research; the direct expenses of the TOUR are covered by sponsors such as Stihl Chain Saw Company and others.

I will ride this year in memory of Marc. (For those of you who are new to Bethel, Marc Sherrod was the pastor from 2001 until his death in 2009 from thyroid cancer). The tour will actually go through Sanford, NC where he spent his teenage years growing up. My tree family will plant a tree at the Sanford library in memory of Marc. This venue was chosen because Marc always had a book in his hand. This will be a very special

occasion for me personally and for my family. You are invited to Sanford, NC on October 12th to be a part of this dedication and to meet my tree family. Although I started riding the tours after Marc died, I know he would have been my greatest supporter of this endeavor.

I would not be able to meet my fund raising goals without all the generous donations from Bethel Presbyterians! I am so appreciative and think about you many times as I am pedaling up a steep hill and wondering WHY DO I DO THIS? I am a firm believer that God trusted us with the care of his creation and this is one way we can make a difference. Donations may be mailed to: TREE Fund, 552 S. Washington Street, Suite 109, Naperville, IL 60540. Note on the check it is for "Melanie Sherrod STDT2016". Or give the check to me and I will gladly mail it. You can also donate online: <https://www.crowdrise.com/STDTteamsouthernchapter2016/fundraiser/melaniesherrod>

Thank you very much.
Melanie Sherod

"It takes a village to raise a child." This African proverb was evident in the recent Holy Week activity for our Bethel children. On the Thursday before Easter, they spent the morning learning about the events of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing through Easter morning. Ten children worked on a variety of hands-on activities that enriched their understanding of all the happenings of that fateful week.

And coincidentally, there were (at least) ten adults who contributed their time and talents to make this happen! We had block cutters, painters, nail cutters, bakers, story tellers, crafters, supply gatherers, event leaders, and helpers, just to name a few. Thanks to all you "villagers" for stepping up and doing your part to make the day a success.

And a note to those who weren't able to take part – we will be having other events in the future with lots of opportunities to share your unique gifts. As you can see from the list above, there are many ways to help out. Not everyone has to feel called to be a teacher – the Bethel "village" is made up of musicians, crafters, carpenters, storytellers, and folks whose gifts haven't even been identified yet! We look forward to seeing how God plans to use you!

The Open Door

It's a little bit late...but if you get your newsletter early (before May 1st) you might want to catch Movie Madness at the Princess Theater and check out the RCHS Band Wind Ensemble.



MovieTimes

MINIONS	PG	12:30 PM	\$10 per ticket
WAR ROOM	PG	4:00 PM	\$10 per ticket
STAR WARS	PG13	7:30 PM	\$10 per ticket
THE FORCE AWAKENS		All Access Movie Pass	\$25.00



Special performance by the RCHS Band Wind Ensemble at 3:00pm.
Admission to this performance is FREE!

Disney CHARACTER MEET & GREET 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Come to the Princess Theatre and meet Cinderella & Prince Charming, Belle, Snow White, The Incredibles, Minions, & MORE! All kids dressed as a Disney character, Superhero, or Minion, and with the purchase of a Minion movie ticket, will be entered to win one of these great door prizes: (DRAWING @ 12:30pm)
2 DOLLYWOOD Tickets, 4 Party Zone Tickets, \$20 Gift Card to Build-A-Bear, & MORE!

Tickets Sold at Door. Call 865-250-4655 for GROUP Sales & More Info.

HOME Food Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed food for our April HOME collection. 29 packages of pasta, 21 jars of sauce, and 14 assorted foods were collected. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry and helping feed hungry folks in our community.

For the month of May our focus foods are **canned meat (tuna, chicken, Spam)**. These and other non-perishable food items can be brought in throughout the month and placed in the HOME collection basket in the Gathering Area.

Our in-worship collection will be Sunday, May 15th.

LADIES OF THE CHURCH ANNUAL MOTHER - DAUGHTER EVENT

All Ladies of Bethel Presbyterian Church and Kingston United Methodist Church are invited to attend the Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Noon to be held in the Bethel Fellowship Hall.



We will enjoy a catered lunch and fellowship.
The cost is \$7.00 per person.
Deadline to register is Friday, April 29th

Birthdays for May

- 2 Jennifer Vandever
- 4 Bram Hyder
- 5 Jane Pickel
- 6 Joe Coen
- 7 Samantha Rybka
- 8 Nidia Crocker
Mike Skinner
- 9 Rachel Dailey Gallaher
- 10 Nancy Maynard
- 11 Erick Crocker
- 12 Celia Simon
- 16 Jim Hines
- 18 Linda Gerth
- 19 Maggie Dungan
- 20 John Carter
Loftin Gerberding
- 21 Ron Thompson

memorials & gifts



Assisted Living and Nursing
Homes:
Wellington Place
1098 Bradford Way,
Kingston 37763
Chris Badger Room 107
TN Veterans' Home
1 Veterans Way,
Knoxville, 37931
Jan Parker
Cornerstone Village-North
2-1 Oak St.,
Johnson City, TN
Tauno Maki

At Home:
Phil Walsh,
Marianne & Bill Shadden;
Larry Strickling;
Molly Cooper (*Chris Badger's
daughter*);
Harold & Martha Underwood
(*Anita Richmond's parents*).

To my Bethel Family

I am half-way through my chemo treatments. Yay! It is tough but thanks to all of you, I can manage. You guys are the sweetest, most loving, most considerate and generous friends a person can have. Thank you all for your prayers, cards, food, Bill-sitting, visiting, driving and encouragements.

I appreciate you so very much.

Love you, Marianne

In memory of Jack Muecke
from:

Tom and Jane Pickel
Frank and Marilyn Harris
Dick Evans and Celia Simon
Terry and Charity Robbins

In memory of Janet Gasparetti
from
Kimberly Yates

In memory of Sophie Simon from
M. Geraldine Wallick

In memory of George Warlick
from
Dick Evans and Celia Simon

In memory of Sam Davis from
Melanie Sherrod

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

In memory of Ruth Ann Ludwig
from:

Terry and Charity Robbins
M. Geraldine Wallick
Dick Evans and Celia Simon
Bill and Marianne Shadden
Frank and Marilyn Harris
Melanie Sherrod
Larry and Brenda Strickling
Don, Kathy and Jan Pierce
Robert and Lynn Spires
Jim and Karen Schall
Gary and Dianne Griffith
Gary and Betty Ridgway
Jim and Judy Devine
James and Cathy McDowell
Tom and Jane Pickel
Don and Helen Kettenbeil
Bill and Betty Ulrich
Gene and Jeanette Bales
Mark and Kathy Banker
Chuck and Robinette Garner

Appreciation to Micki Anderson and Andy Avel

Micki and Andy have been part of our church family since March of 2009. They have shared so much of their time and personal talents with us, from musical performances to wood working – and so many things in between.

I want to especially highlight Micki's leadership of Bethel Arts Ministry (BAM), where I have been able to see the incredible art and craft talents that Micki possesses. Micki is certified in Art Education, with many years of teaching experience. BAM had its beginning in April of 2010 with the purpose of creating an art/craft program for adults and children at Bethel and in the community. Micki initially led the children's arts/craft class, and Rev. Craig led the adult class. Beginning in June 2010, Micki also became the leader of the adult class. The children's class is no longer meeting. An adult Monday morning and evening class has continued with about 30 adults involved – approximately half are from Bethel and half from the community.

Micki, through her weekly classes at Bethel, has taught stained glass, pottery, oil and watercolor painting, glass fusing, copper enameling, etc. I have been part of the class since the beginning. I am not an artist by any stretch of the imagination, but I have learned so much in Micki's class. I have gained new confidence to try craft ventures that I had no experience with. The class has afforded me the opportunity to make many new lasting friendships. BAM is a true Blessing in my life – it gives me a few hours to relax in what is otherwise an extremely busy life.

Thank you Micki and Andy for enriching my life and the life of many others in more ways that you will ever know. You both will truly be so missed when you move to another town.

BAM adult classes will continue under the leadership of Diana Davis. Thank you, Diana, for stepping up to be the new leader so that the BAM opportunities can continue. Sincerely, Cathy McDowell

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday Faith Team 12:15 Confirmation Class 5:30	2	3	4 Caring & Coping Confer- ence at Roane Medical Center	5 10 Ten Book Group 10 AM	6 No Tai Chi Class	7 Mother/ Daughter Luncheon 12:00
8 Senior Youth Sunday Confirmation Class 5:30	9 Finance Team 6 PM	10	11	12 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	13 New Tai Chi for Beginners 10 AM	14 New Tai Chi for Beginners 10 AM Photo Group 10 AM Roane Choral 3 PM
15 Pentecost Sunday H.O.M.E. Offering Session 12:15 Confirmation Class 5:30	16	17 Presbytery Meets at Camp John Knox	18 Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Called Session 5:30 Fellowship Sup- per 6:30	19	20	21
22 Confirmands received Study Team 12:15 Serve Team	23 Generosity Group 7 PM	24	25	26 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	27	28
29 Prison Ministry Worship at MCCX	30	31 Deadline for Mission Trip Signup VBS deadline is June 1st	Don't Forget! <i>Fellowship Supper on Wednesday, May 18 Please join us in congratulating our graduating seniors.</i>			

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

Youth Bible Study 5:30 Wednesday

Bell Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:00 PM

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM